



Donors and friends of the Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarship gathered for a luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on March 9.

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Removing Roadblocks

Aspiring nurses receive scholarships in honor of Harriet H. Fatzinger.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Amina Amisi of Falls Church and Ashley French of Great Falls are second-year nursing students at Northern Virginia Community College, each expecting to graduate with completed Associate's degrees in May this year.

Amisi has been accepted by the George Washington University, to begin work this fall on her Bachelor's degree, and eventually wants to work in the operating room on open-heart surgeries.

"It's the nurse who sews you back up," Amisi

said, "not the doctor."

French plans to begin her career as a Registered Nurse over the summer and start her Bachelor's degree in fall of 2017.

Both of these aspiring young women said their goals wouldn't be within reach without help from the Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarship. This year's awards were presented during a luncheon at the Mount Vernon Inn on George Washington's estate, March 9.

"Finances have always been a roadblock to pursuing nursing education," said French, who had to drop out after one semester of previous coursework in Roanoke because she couldn't afford it any longer.

"This has just made that path so much more attainable," she said. "Now I can focus much more on school, and back off on work."

Amisi reflected on the experience that inspired her to become a nurse in the first place, watching other nurses work with her daughter back in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"It touched my heart," she said, seeing the way they cared for her daughter, even though they were strangers.

"You don't know me," Amisi said to the donors and friends of the scholarship foundation, "but care enough to invest in my life."

Each partial scholarship is worth \$1,200, Fatzinger said.

Amisi said the relief of financial stress also means a lot to her, is inspiring her to do bet-

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Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) congratulates Harriet Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholar Ashley French (left) of Great Falls.

Real Food for Kids' Culinary Challenge

11 teams of students compete in school food competition.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Eleven teams of middle and high school students competed in the fourth annual Real Food for Kids' Culinary Challenge on Saturday, March 12 at Robinson Secondary School. Students from six middle schools, four culinary academies, and one high school competed by preparing the most nutritious and delicious school snacks, breakfast and lunch menu items.

The event included six expert-led workshops on food writing, promotion and photography, family meal planning and school gardening. There was also a breakfast discussion that addressed the future of school food by Rodney

Taylor, the new Food and Nutrition Services director in Fairfax County and a pioneer in the farm-to-school movement, and Loudoun County's Food and Nutrition Services director Dr. Becky Bays, who also served as judges.

It also included celebrity judges Marjorie Meek Bradley, a Top Chef finalist; Aviva Goldfarb of "Six O'Clock Scramble" books; chef Kate Sherwood of the Center for Science in the Public Interest; and Bonnie Benwick, deputy food editor of The Washington Post, who focused on "Food is Hot." Scoring for the students was broken down by 20 percent presentation; 40 percent taste; 30 percent adaptability to school lunches; and 10

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PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE GAZETTE

The team from Carl Sandburg Middle School in Alexandria prepared Pumpkin Pie Yogurt Parfaits. From left are Annabella Mason, Michiko Magnant and Meghan Green. Brendan Green and Winnie Mikulski, also seventh graders at CSMS, assisted with product development and testing. Students were inspired by their love of pumpkin pie, created a well-balanced snack under 200 calories, and prepared it for the public to sample during the RFFK Culinary Challenge and Expo. All students are Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America members at CSMS. Heather Jones, CSMS Family and Consumer Sciences teacher and Chef Paul Magnant are advisers to the team.

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Mamma's Kitchen Expands with EVOO at Mamma's Market

Staying rooted in Mount Vernon.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Marianna Johnnides was raised here in the Mount Vernon area, educated here — from Waynewood Elementary School through West Potomac High School — and for the last seven years, has owned and run Mamma's Kitchen restaurant here on Fordson Road.

"I believe in this area," Johnnides said. "Hybla Valley, why not? This is our home base, it's where I grew up. I like the small, local community. There's a sense of familiarity."

In May 2015, Johnnides further proved her commitment to doing business in the community, as well as her goal to "upgrade" it, by expanding her Greek, Italian and American cuisine restaurant to a market next door that sells Extra Virgin Olive Oil, balsamic vinaigrette, organic honey, flavored salts and dried herbs.

Johnnides acknowledges a store like her EVOO at Mamma's Market is a stark contrast to the abundance of car title loan businesses along the Richmond Highway corridor, that it caters to a higher price point lifestyle. She sees the distinction as



Patty Damiani of the Fort Hunt area (left) and Ransha Ahmed of Alexandria sample and discuss some of the flavored balsamic vinaigrettes at EVOO at Mamma's Market.



The classic gyro, baked pasta and pizza with dough made daily from scratch are staples of the lunch menu at Mamma's Kitchen on Fordson Road.

an opportunity to set an example for other businesses.

"If I can be in this location for this long with my restaurant, I'm doing something right," Johnnides said.

"People shouldn't be scared to put places like this in this location. You're able to pull people, this market should prove that."

Johnnides said she had a strong first winter holiday season at EVOO, already seeing return customers since the early summer opening. The shop's array of oils and vinaigrettes "fused" with crushed and pureed ingredients including blackberry, lemon, vanilla, pear, chocolate, jalapeño and espresso performed well as

gifts, she said.

The shop and restaurant owner's family originally came from the Cyprus area where olive oil was the foundation of all her mother's cooking.

Once in the United States, her father worked in the restaurant business in Old Town Alexandria.

Johnnides' philosophy for the Mamma's Kitchen restaurant was simple and a continuation of her mother's traditions: "Cook like I'm cooking at my house." That means a focus on fresh ingredients, grilled meats and plenty of Extra Virgin Olive Oil.

Along the way, Johnnides began bottling some of the house dressings and sauces for sale, as well as offering cooking demonstrations with ingredients used in Mamma's Kitchen. By September, 2014, she began considering an extension of the restaurant to make more room for that developing business. By the beginning of the following

summer, EVOO was a reality.

A major component of the new space is a large open kitchen at the back of the store, bounded by a half-moon bar and stools. Johnnides uses the area to host public and private cooking classes and tastings.

The space allows Johnnides to promote another family and cultural tradition: the lifestyle of cooking together.

The final class in EVOO at Mamma's Market March schedule is "Date Night Made Easy" on March 19 from 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$60 per person. Menu includes Rosemary Lemon Chicken, Broccolini and Bulgar Wheat Pilaf. For more information or to register, call 703-660-6300.

Mamma's Kitchen and EVOO at Mamma's Market are located at 7601 and 7609 Fordson Road in Alexandria, respectively. For more information visit mammaskitchenva.com and EVOO at Mamma's Market on Facebook.

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Mission: Promoting Peace 22 students or student groups receive the Student Peace Award, for their efforts to promote peace.



PHOTO BY REEM NADEEM/THE GAZETTE

Student Peace Award recipients gather after the ceremony.

BY REEM NADEEM
THE GAZETTE

With causes ranging from anti-bullying efforts to human trafficking awareness to interfaith dialogue, students in Fairfax County were recognized for their peacemaking efforts at the 11th Annual Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County on March 13.

Students and student groups in any of 29 Fairfax County Public high schools, as well as three private high schools, were eligible for nomination. This year, 22 students or student groups received the Student Peace Award, for their efforts to promote peace.

"As one of their counselors said, these are people who not only looked for opportunities to do good things, they went out and created the opportunities. So many, many of these students have gone and created their own organizations and their own clubs to help whatever the issue is they wanted to work on," organizer Margaret Fisher said.

George Mason University Professor Al Fuertes, who travels to areas affected by war

and natural disaster, congratulated the recipients and spoke about his personal and professional experiences with fostering peace. Students received awards for a variety of peacemaking activities, however.

"As long as a student's contribution is something for peacemaking or nonviolent resolution of conflict, the schools could decide for themselves what that meant, because we didn't want to limit their thinking, and there's just millions of ways you can make peace either in your life, or in your school, or the greater community or the world as a whole," Fisher said.

EACH HIGH SCHOOL is responsible for selecting students to receive the recognition. Club leaders or counselors make recommendations and some schools allow students to self-select. Recipients of the award were informed in December so that they could include the recognition on college applications.

Because the awards are given to high school juniors and seniors, the Student

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Student Peace Award Recipients Praised

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Peace Awards program aims to give students another achievement to strive for, in addition to academics and athletics.

“What we want to do is find a way to promote peace, that’s the only goal of this is to promote peace. We thought that encouraging young people to find projects that do that would be worth doing and we wanted to get the word peace into the conversation in schools,” Fisher said.

In addition to rewarding good student behavior, The Awards also aim to promote nonviolent solutions within the community, which in turn can spread globally, according to planner Paul Murphy.

“We need to reward positive behaviors. And to get people thinking in problem solving modes, not just whenever there’s a problem in the world, to think that it requires a military solution, but beginning with our communities, expanding nationwide and

then internationally.” Murphy said. “I think it’s very important for people to see that there are alternatives to violence, and these kids are beginning to show it at a very young age and we want to encourage them.”

Once nominated for the award, recipients were guided through the process by representatives. Nancy James, who has served as a representative for several years, said she was assigned to work with senior Laith Abuhajja of the Islamic Saudi Academy, who was recognized for his interfaith efforts and volunteer work. Representatives wrote biographies which were read while students received their awards.

As the award program has grown, so has its importance to families of nominees. Luis Urbina drove from North Carolina to attend the ceremony for his daughter and award recipient, Renata Urbina Dela Flor, a senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

“We talked and she mentioned some stuff,

Sarah Hobbs, senior, Quander Road School, Alexandria

“I made a video about mental health awareness last summer and my school nominated me for this award. Well, Fairfax County actually sought grant proposals at the end of last year to make a video about mental health awareness.”



Sarah Hobbs

but it’s good to see that it’s a lot more than what she said. You know, she’s very humble so it’s nice to see something like an award,” Urbina said.

RECIPIENTS were awarded \$250 as well as \$100 to be donated to an organization of their choice. However, according to organizer Nancy Davis, the monetary reward is not the most valuable gift.

Trevor Christensen, senior, Mount Vernon High School

“I was nominated for this Peace Award, it was for helping another student who was being bullied. I brought him to my counselor, and I believe she was the one who made the recommendation. I have a natural knack to sort of assist others. For instance I’m in the Army National Guard, it’s kind of a calling of mine to protect and help others.”



Trevor Christensen

“I love to see the families’ expressions,” Davis said. “The families are just so happy to see their children recognized for this type of work. It’s not the athletic field — which is important too — and the monetary gift isn’t great but I think it’s wonderful seeing the parents so proud.”

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Free Cab Rides. Thursday, March 17, 4 p.m. through Friday, March 18, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI (8294) and receive a free (up to a \$30 fare) safe way home. AT&T wireless customers can dial #WRAP for the same service. Visit www.soberride.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 17

“**March Madness.**” 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Band offers a toe-tapping evening filled with marches at its annual “March Madness” concert. Free admission. Visit www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacHS/ for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Boater Safety Class. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Highway. Recreational Boater Training, sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary meets Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. mandatory boating education requirements. Receive a textbook, laminated wallet card, certificate, free

membership in BoatUS, discount coupon for West Marine safety supplies, and a number of Coast Guard reference materials. \$40 or \$60 for two sharing the book. Contact Jean Ponton at 703-362-7079 or herpomp79@yahoo.com. Visit wow.uscgaux.info/?unit=054-25-08.

SUNDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 20-27

- Easter Services.** St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Call 703-360-4220 for more.
- ❖ Palm Sunday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner, Thursday, March 24, 6-8 p.m.
- ❖ Good Friday Service, Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ Easter Vigil Celebration, Saturday, March 26 at 8 p.m.
- ❖ Easter Sunday, March 27 at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Sunrise Easter Service. 7 a.m. at the Circle in front of George Washington’s Historic Mount Vernon. Join the Mt. Vernon Rotary Club and Boy Scout Troop 993 for a Sunrise Easter Service. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Rotary Club. Usher Services provided by Boy Scout Troop 993. There will be limited seating provided, please bring lawn chairs. The event will be followed by a pancake breakfast hosted by Troop 993.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Coffee Social. 11 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Mount Vernon At Home hosts a coffee social with information on Village life, membership and volunteering. Free. RSVP to 703-303-4060 or info@mountvernonathome.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

NEXUS 2016 Conference. 1-9 p.m. at Fairfax County Schools, Virginia Hills Center, 6500 Diana Lane, Alexandria. NEXUS 2016 Conference: Succeeding Together and Celebrating Partnerships is sponsored by the Advisory Board of the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health Center whose mission focuses on the mental health of children, youth and their families. The conference brings together the community with professionals to focus on coordinated systems of mental health care and court services available for children and youth, and includes a NIH/NIDA speaker describing the impact of drugs on the adolescent brain. Free and open to the public. Includes a complimentary Roy Rogers

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 1-2

Children’s Consignment Sale. Friday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Make some extra cash by selling children’s outgrown (but in good condition) clothes, equipment/toys, and maternity wear while helping other parents outfit their growing children. Sellers receive 60 percent of the sales price (seller determined) and the UMW receives 40 percent to support local and national charities. Donations also welcome. Call 703-329-9327 or email CUMC.UMW.CCS@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

Meet a Police Officer. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. A Fairfax County Police officer will speak at the MOMS Club of Alexandria South monthly meeting. Children of all ages are welcome at the meeting. MOMS Club of Alexandria South serves at-home parents as well as parents who work part-time or have home-based businesses and who reside in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307. Free. Email Southalexmoms@yahoo.com or visit southalexandriamomscub.wes.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Car “Boot” Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. St. Luke’s is hosting a British style car boot sale. It is similar to a yard sale but items are sold from the trunk or “boot” of the car. Sellers: \$20 to rent a parking spot. Free to attend, open to the public. Contact Dawn McMillin at mcmillin23@cox.net pr 703-780-9418.

THURSDAY/APRIL 14

Economic Outlook 2016. 8-11:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Current information on trends in the local economy will be presented by experts in economics, real estate, and local development. Economic Outlook 2016 is a joint event of the Chamber and Southeast Fairfax Development Corp. \$35 per person until March 31, \$45 after. Buffet breakfast and Exhibit Hall at 8 a.m., program runs from 9-11:30 a.m. Visit mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

Potomac Watershed Cleanup. 9 a.m. Join in

the annual regional watershed cleanup with more than 500 sites across the watershed. For details on cleanup sites, visit www.fergusonfoundation.org.

MONDAY/MAY 2

Scholarship Application Deadline. Midnight. Applications are now available for the 2016 Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Scholarships. Graduating seniors planning to pursue further education in a business related field are encouraged to apply for a \$2,000 local scholarship. Students may apply online at www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html or call 703-360-6925 to request an application.

ONGOING

The Mount Vernon Estate has released “The Winter Patriots,” a video presentation about George Washington crossing the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776. Buy the film for \$4.99 or rent for \$2.99 at mountvernon.org/winterpatriots.

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss “Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?” Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.

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

Alzheimer’s Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer’s, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer’s journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer’s Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

Training Courses. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification. Classes range from \$90-\$110. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass.

OBITUARY

Mary Helen Graham

Mary Helen Graham, 88, of Alexandria, died March 7, 2016 at the Envoy Nursing Facility.

She is survived by three children: James Elliott, Lewis Elliott, Shirley Elliott Garvin; 10 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Randall Funeral Home is in charge of the funeral services which will be held Friday, March 18, at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Viewing hours will be 10-11 a.m. with the service beginning at 11 a.m.

Burial will be at Snowden Memorial Cemetery, Alexandria.

Schools Seek FEMA Relief Funds

Winter Storm Jonas, Snowmageddon, Snowpocalypse 2.0 — no matter what it's called, the county-crippling January 2016 blizzard cost Fairfax County Public Schools \$7.2 million to pay for employee overtime compensation, additional contractors and equipment rental.

At the March 10 regular meeting of the School Board, Superintendent Karen Garza said the school system will be applying for Federal Emergency Management Agency relief funds to reimburse that total.

"We'll see what happens," Garza said, pointing out that it's uncertain how much the agency might hand out. "It may take some time, but that's good news. We'll continue to monitor that."

Schools are eligible to submit for relief funds, as well as counties, towns or cities and certain non-profit organizations. If FEMA determines the costs are eligible, the agency could reimburse three-quarters of the expenses, with the Commonwealth of Virginia kicking in another 12 percent.

Fairfax County Director of Public Affairs Tony Castrilli said the preliminary estimated costs from the blizzard for Fairfax County, the town of Herndon and public schools is \$19.5 million, according to the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management.

"This was the most expensive snow event in the county due in part to large expenses relating to snow removal activities," Castrilli said in an email.



Garza

If FEMA determines the submitted costs eligible for reimbursement, it would be welcome, if not immediate, assistance for the Fairfax County government and school system whose budgets are at odds with one another: Garza's FY2017 budget featuring no additional cuts to programs or services, and notable increases to teacher compensation sits underfunded by roughly \$68 million from the advertised county transfer.

"The good thing about that," Springfield District School Board Member Elizabeth Schultz said about the potential FEMA reimbursement, "hopefully that'll give a little bit of breathing room to the other side."

At the March 10 meeting, the School Board unanimously approved revenue and expenditure adjustments from the Third Quarter Budget Review of FY2016 — including the snow removal costs.

Coming out of the review, the school system ended up with \$5.3 million in available funds, a result of \$2.8 million in increased revenue and \$2.5 million in decreased disbursements in the school operating fund.

Nothing will be done with those additional funds until the FY 2016 Final Budget Review, when the School Board may need them to cover one-time costs or the obligations for the beginning balance for FY 2018.

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Dr. Glen Fatzinger (left) and Northern Virginia Community College President Dr. Scott Ralls (right) present Ashley French (center left) and Amina Amisi (center right) with the 2016 Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarships.

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TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Removing Roadblocks

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ter as a student and eventually be a better nurse.”
“I appreciate what other people are doing for me,” she said. “Much has been given, so I also can give back.”

Fatzinger’s husband Dr. Glenn Fatzinger, a Mount Vernon resident and adjunct professor at Northern Virginia Community College, said jokingly that his late wife would’ve been embarrassed by the large gathering.

“She was a quiet person,” Dr. Fatzinger said. “She always wanted to be a nurse, but was a late bloomer; she had a lot in common with our community college students.”

According to Dr. Fatzinger, the scholarship foundation has awarded \$70,000 to aspiring nursing students so far.

Northern Virginia Community College President Dr. Scott Ralls helped Dr. Fatzinger present the scholarships.

“Students at community college have such remarkable stories,” he said, “heroic stories, American dream stories.”

During the program, Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) commended the people in the room for caring deeply about each other in the community and about health.

“We’re trying to make a difference in all our lives by giving a hand up to the next generation,” Storck said, “and little bit of money goes a long way.”

For more information or to make a tax-deductible donation to the Northern Virginia Community College Educational Foundation, visit www.nvcc.edu/foundation.

Students in Culinary Challenge

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percent team organization.

“Today is such an exciting event because it demonstrates our community commitment to providing healthy food to every child,” said Megan McLaughlin, Braddock School Board representative. “I am so proud of the Real Food for Kids organization for their leadership and advocacy in this area.”

Their powerful voice has inspired our school system to make real and substantive improvements to our school meals.”

“The whole point of it is to encourage kids to participate in healthier cooking and foods that are in school. We’re trying to encourage kids to help change school food and to live a more active lifestyle,” said Diana Nash, Real Food for Kids event coordinator.

“This year we decided to open it up for middle schoolers and high schoolers. I’m really impressed with the level of skill and preparation of the teams today,” said Jenny Hein, executive director of Real Food for Kids.

An awards ceremony at the end included \$200 scholarships, \$50 gift cards to Sur La Table, a \$500 raffle award to Williams-Sonoma, gift certificate to Earl’s Kitchen & Bar for six people, cookbooks and a Veggetti Spiralizer, among other gifts. All participating students left with their own gift bags.

Founded in 2011, Real Food For Kids works in collaboration with partners to increase the quantities of healthful foods in school systems and develop programs that educate students and their families on making healthier lifestyle choices. See www.realfoodforkids.org.

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The team from West Potomac High School in Alexandria prepared Breakfast Quesadillas with Mango Salsa. From left are Xiomara Rosales, Brianna Wilson and Charlotte Shannon, members of the Gourmet Foods class at West Potomac High School. The students participating in the high school division were challenged to prepare a “grab-n-go” breakfast between 450 and 550 calories that included whole grain, protein, and fruit. Teacher/advisors for the team are Kelley Kennedy and Elizabeth Christensen.

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OPINION

Homelessness on Its Way Out in Fairfax

Homelessness should be rare, brief and non-recurring;
776 fewer homeless individuals in 2016 than in 2008.

Homelessness is down in Fairfax County in every major category, a fact confirmed on Jan. 28, 2016, the annual Point in Time Count. There were 145 fewer individuals homeless than the Point In Time Count a year earlier, 138 of those in families, and seven fewer homeless individuals. There also were no families in overflow motels, and no families were unsheltered in the 2016 count.

EDITORIAL Sixty-four percent of the 577 family members who were literally homeless on Jan. 28, 2016 were in transitional housing, with the rest in emergency shelter. There were vacancies in emergency shelters for families and in domestic violence shelters; no families were unsheltered.

"This trend is beautiful," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. "The things we're doing are making a difference."

In 2008, the Fairfax County established the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness with a plan to end homelessness within 10 years.

"Seeing the numbers decrease in so many different areas is encouraging after working on the 10 year plan," said Dean Klein, director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness. Since 2008, the number of people who are literally homeless on the day of the Point in Time Count has decreased by 776 individuals. "Since 2008 there has been a 42 percent reduction in the number of people counted as homeless,

from 1,835 people in 2008 to 1,059 in 2016," Klein reported to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, March 14.

Julie Maltzman, manager of Continuum of Care, reported the details to the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness on Monday afternoon.

A coordinated effort among partners, more housing options and flexible funding helped to get formerly homeless families into more viable housing with appropriate services, said Joe Meyer, executive director of Shelter House. More public awareness around homelessness is also making a difference, Meyer said.

Still, 341 children under the age of 18 were among those literally homeless in this year's Point in Time Count, 32 percent of all homeless.

Eighty percent (190 people) of the adults in homeless families were female; 66 percent of adults (155) in homeless families were employed; a slight increase from 62 percent in 2015.

Twelve percent (21) of families were considered "youth households," with all family members under 25 years old.

Single adults made up 46 percent of all homeless people counted, a total of 482. Forty-two percent (202 people) of single adults who were homeless suffered from serious mental illness and/or substance abuse, a 13 percent decrease from last year. Many had chronic health problems and/or physical disabilities as well.

Thirty percent (146 people) were experiencing chronic homelessness. This is a significant decrease from last year when 42 percent (203 people) were experiencing chronic homelessness.

Among the factors helping to reduce homelessness, Maltzman said: the adoption of a Housing First approach; increased homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing efforts; prioritizing housing for individuals with the longest history of homelessness and highest vulnerability; additional permanent supportive housing for singles experiencing chronic homelessness; focus on housing veterans including use of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers; new permanent housing opportunities for families with children.

To find out more, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/>

Support the effort to end homelessness by contributing to the Build a Village campaign found there as well.

Support the nonprofit partners working to end homelessness, including FACETS, Cornerstones, New Hope Housing, Northern Virginia Family Services, Shelter House, United Community Ministries, Good Shepherd Housing, Alternative House, Homestretch, Pathways Homes and others.

— MARY KIMM

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Some Final Thoughts on the Budget

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



The General Assembly has adjourned sine die, from the Latin "without day," meaning without assigning a next day for this session. However, we will meet again on April 20 for the reconvene session where we will spend a day voting on whether or not to sustain the Governor's vetoes. We can expect at least 20 vetoes, which is a good thing since some of the bills we passed deserve no less.

COMMENTARY The most important legislation was the biennial budget, for which I voted. It passed the General Assembly 91-8. This final \$105 billion budget was a bipartisan effort on our spending priorities hashed out between the Senate and General Assembly last week and passed late Friday evening, our 59th and final day of session, my first as your delegate representing the 44th District.

Politics is the art of the possible and requires much compromise, where it is unlikely that everyone will be happy with the final product. This was the case with this budget and

though I am disappointed that we couldn't find a way to include an expansion of Medicaid to provide life-saving health care for the approximately 400,000 Virginians that need it, the budget includes much that will strengthen our economy, protect our environment and support quality public education at all levels.

It includes a 2 percent raise this year for teachers and state workers, \$200 million in new funding for K-12 with fewer strings attached in how schools can spend it, provides \$114 million to colleges and universities to mitigate the need for tuition increases, \$48 million for undergraduate financial aid, and a 2.5 percent increase for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), something I am proud to say I worked successfully to get included in the budget.

Despite literally thousands of bills that we debated, amended, or ended up defeating or passing by until next year, we did pass 774 bills for the Governor to review and either sign into law or veto. As of this writing, the Governor has acted on 326 bills.

It was a busy session for all of the delegates and especially for me, as a I had to get up to speed quickly as a freshman legislator on the busy Courts of Justice Committee. More bills went through this committee than any other. I also served on two of its subcommittees, Civil

and Ethics, as well as serving on the Committee for Counties, Cities and Towns and one of its two subcommittees.

While we were in session, the Governor vetoed four bills which we successfully voted to sustain on party lines, with all 34 Democrats voting to sustain. 67 votes are necessary to override a veto, and the Republican majority is one vote shy of that necessary margin.

HB 516, known in the media as the "Beloved" bill for Toni Morrison's novel of the same name that sparked the patron's interest in drafting the bill, is one of the many the governor will most likely veto. It would make Virginia the only state to require schools to notify parents of instructional material with "sexually explicit content." It passed 76-21 though I voted against.

The governor vetoed a bill I wrote about extensively last week in this column regarding extending tax credits to the coal industry — a waste of taxpayer money in my opinion. Better to spend that money for sustainable development and renewable energy, like solar, to provide employment to replace those coal mining jobs lost due to cheaper energy.

Also, I voted against a bill that would allow the state to use the electric chair for executions if lethal injection drugs are unavailable, SEE THOUGHTS, PAGE 9

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OPINION

Thoughts on the Budget

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and I will urge the governor to veto it. I don't want us to bring back the electric chair.

My colleagues across the aisle rejected the governor's effort to amend a bill that would grant near-automatic concealed-carry rights for those who take out protective orders in order to escape domestic violence.

I respectfully do not subscribe to the narrative that concealed-carry makes anyone more safe. I expect that McAuliffe will also veto this bill.

On mostly party lines we passed a measure to "protect" religious groups from government-imposed penalties over their views on same-sex marriage. The Constitution

already protects against government persecution of people of faith. This bill, if law, would give license to discriminate against the LGBT community and is clearly unconstitutional. I am sure the Governor will also veto this, and he has plenty of votes to sustain his veto.

The legislative session may be over, but I continue to represent the citizens of the 44th district and look forward to continue serve you an honor and responsibility I do not take lightly. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance. Thank you. And, you can follow me on twitter and Facebook @KrizekforVa for more up-to-date information.

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meets the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m. at Gartlan Center 8119 Holland Road.

United Community Ministries seeks volunteers to act as food pantry assistants, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office admin/data entry, community outreach, ESL teachers and co-teachers, and teacher aides. Visit www.ucmagency.org/volunteer-at-ucm.html.

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‘Do You Keep a Gun in Your Home?’

Starting conversations about gun safety can help prevent play date tragedies.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Starting the conversation felt awkward. After all, she didn’t want to offend another parent. It also felt necessary, because putting her 5-year-old son in harm’s way was not an option. After procrastinating, role-playing and even discussing it with a therapist, Sara Hayes finally initiated the dialogue. Before scheduling a play date, she wanted to know if the families of her son’s friends owned guns.

“My son had started making friends in kindergarten and of course I wanted him to have playmates and go on play dates,” said Hayes. “But I had this fear of him being in someone’s house where there was a gun that he could get his hands on.”

Statistics from the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence indicate that one out of three homes in the United States with children have guns and almost 1.7 million children live in a home with a gun that is unlocked and loaded. Child development experts say that because many children are naturally curious, the odds of a child finding and playing with a gun that is relatively accessible are high. Even if a parent has never thought to ask about guns in a home or finds the topic too uncomfortable to raise, the conversation is vital to helping parents make decisions about safety, because simply telling a child to stay away from a gun is not enough to change that child’s behavior.

“Each family needs to decide what information they would like to know. Parents should be aware that children’s judgment alone is not a reliable security measure,” said Bethesda, Md.-based child psychologist Stacie Isenberg, Psy.D. “Way too often curi-

osity wins over judgment.”

A study by a researcher at Eckerd College showed that educating preschool children about the potential dangers of guns didn’t prevent them from playing with guns. In writing about her findings, Marjorie Hardy, Ph.D., explained, “... We brought a police officer to a class of 60 children and he told them: ‘Don’t touch guns — they’re dangerous. If you see a gun, leave the area. Go tell an adult.’”

After the officer’s presentation, the children could repeat what they’d been taught to do when they saw a gun. “But when we left them alone with disarmed guns, they picked them up and shot everything in sight,” she wrote.

Officer Roger Henriquez of the Fairfax County Police Department, Franconia District Station says that parents might consider asking a parent before a play date: “How many guns do you own, and how do you keep them stored?” “Do you have a lock box or other safety features ... like trigger locks?” “Do you take your kids to a firing range?”

Such questions will help parents gather information to determine whether their child’s playmates’ parents share their views on gun safety and storage, since parenting philosophies run the gamut from lax to strict where guns are concerned. “Some parents take their kids to a firing range and other kids are told nothing except ‘Stay away from this box,’” said Henriquez.

Starting such conversations can be fraught with anxiety, and many parents are reticent to broach the subject, especially with friends. “It’s uncomfortable to talk honestly with other parents about issues such as guns because they are so politically divisive,” said Amy L. Best, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Sociol-

ogy and Anthropology at George Mason University in Fairfax. “It’s also difficult to ask other parents questions that may be taken as a judgment on [their] parenting.”

To increase the chance of a smooth and amicable conversation, Best suggests that bringing up questions about possible firearms and their storage should happen well before a play date, rather than when a child is dropped off at a friend’s house.

“A parent can begin with letting the hosting parent know if your child has any allergies,” said Best. “This can be followed by ‘I just wanted to make sure if you have guns at home, they are secured in a lock box.’”

A straightforward approach is an essential part of initiating these conversations. “It is important to be honest about your concerns,” said Isenberg. “Parents can tell the other family that prior to a play date at a new home, they always inquire as to the presence of guns.”

The statistics, say child researchers, bear out the importance of overcoming initial

Tips

The Center to Prevent Youth Violence has created a resource for parents who want to inquire if there are firearms where their children play. They offer these tips, which might make it easier to open a dialogue:

❖ **Ask with other questions.** Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone’s house — such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.

❖ **Use the facts.** Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That is why you are asking — you just want to make sure that your child is safe.

❖ **Don’t be confrontational.** Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment.

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discomfort about a potentially controversial conversation. “I think most parents support firearm safety, if that means keeping children safe,” said Best.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Rasheika Gregory was recognized as a Hurricane Scholar Athlete in a recent ceremony at Louisburg College (Louisburg, N.C.).

Ryland Copeland of Alexandria has graduated from DeSales University (Center Valley, Pa.) with an MPA, Physician Assistant.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students at 22 schools have won regional awards in the 2016 Scholastic Writing Awards Competition. FCPS students won 26 regional Gold Key awards, 51 Silver Key awards, and 66 Honorable Mentions. **Lily Ginsberg** of West Potomac High School earned a Silver Key for flash fiction. Honorable Mentions also went to **Ginsberg** and **Madison Harden** of West Potomac High School. The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is a 93-year old program of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Winners will be honored at a ceremony in March at the Gala Theater in Washington, D.C.

Fort Hunt Elementary School third grader **Eliza Froemke** received a perfect score in the first of

three meets for this year’s WordMasters Challenge. The WordMasters Challenge is a national vocabulary competition involving nearly 150,000 students annually. Competing in the Blue Division of the WordMasters Challenge, **Eliza** earned a perfect score of 20 in the recent meet. Nationally, only 19 third graders achieved a perfect score.

Wentworth Military Academy and College (Lexington, Mo.) has named **Nasser Yasin** to the fall 2015 president’s list.

Kelsey Noggle graduated from The University of Findlay (Findlay, Ohio) in December 2015. Noggle received a degree of doctor of physical therapy.

Ashley Deck, Margaret Heltzel, Andrew Hohman, Cameron Pattisall, and Christopher Walter made the fall 2015 dean’s list at Ohio University (Athens, Ohio).

Mohanad Kurdi was named to the fall 2015 dean’s list at The University of Findlay (Findlay, Ohio).

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OPINION

New Funds for the 36th

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The last week of the 2016 General Assembly session brought a flurry of activity on some of our most difficult bills, along with approval of a state budget. In this column, I will detail highlights in the final budget affecting our area. Next week, I will report on other important budget items. In the near future, I will cover some of the more important legislation that we considered and the fight over the state Supreme Court. I will also let you know about my eight bills the Governor has signed or are awaiting his signature.

The legislature approved a final budget, including two of my amendments. First, I advocated for an additional \$100,000 to fund the Virginia Star Program which provides refurbished computers to low-income, public school students.

Prince William County's public schools are using this program extensively in the U.S. 1 corridor. The final budget includes my complete request.

The new budget provides significant new funding for K-12 education over the biennium: Fairfax County, \$87 million; Prince William County, \$93 million; and Stafford County, \$24 million. Given that our local schools are hundreds of millions per year

behind, it is now up to local governments to fund their share.

Second, my proposal to boost appropriations to fund court-appointed attorneys passed. Virginia pays \$120 per district court misdemeanor and between \$445 and \$1,235 for felonies, depending on whether they are "non-serious" or punishable by more than 20 years.

Lawyers can apply for waivers from these fees, but the court runs out of money every year in the spring. The General Assembly approved an additional \$900,000 over the biennium. In jurisdictions that do not have public defender offices, such as Prince William County, these funds are critical to meet our Constitutional obligation to provide counsel to low-income people. This is the first increase in appropriations since the waiver system was adopted.

We also approved \$7.5 million in funding for Phase I improvements for Widewater State Park in Stafford County. This will provide the only public water access to the Potomac River in Stafford County along with event facilities and ultimately campgrounds and cabins. I was pleased to help Del. Mark Dudenhefer who has been working on this for years.

My biggest disappointment was the failure to expand Medicaid, a change that could bring the state \$40.5 million in federal funds per year, 800 jobs and healthcare to about 10,000 people in the 36th District. Sadly, politics continues to hold this up.

It is an honor to serve you in Richmond. Please email me your feedback at scott@scottsuovell.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions under "Get Involved."

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a volunteer to maintain a fish aquarium upkeep and instructors for the following classes: Basic Guitar, Italian, Pottery and Ballroom Dance. Call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults for more.

Mount Vernon At Home is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers to assist older adults aging in place in their

homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores, home technology and more. No minimum number of volunteer hours required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.

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

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

ONGOING

March150 Exhibition. Through March 20, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The two-week exhibition will feature more than to 150 square panels created by more than 100 regional artists, nearly 30 of whom are affiliated with the Torpedo Factory. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

McMurry Artist Showcase. Through March 23, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive. The gallery will feature the stylized landscape paintings of local artist, Richard McMurry. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net for more.

Art Exhibit: “Contradictions.” Through March 26, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Working in the medium of encaustic Julia Dzikiewicz paints, prints and constructs three-dimensional objects with bold colors embedding crystals, pearls or even metals. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit: “March Melee.” Through March 27, 12-6 p.m. Thursday, 12-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 12-6 p.m. Sunday at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This exhibit features artists’ “boldest and wackiest art.” Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/shows.

Woodlawn Needlework Exhibition & Sale. Through March 31, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. The show will feature both contemporary and traditional needlework. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org for more.

All City High School Visual Art Exhibition. Through April 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Convergence presents the “Alexandria City High School Art Exhibit,” a joint effort between Bishop Ireton High School, Episcopal High School, St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, and T.C. Williams High School. In an effort to recognize and encourage the creative pursuits of visual art students from across the city, art teachers from each of the four schools have collaborated in what they hope will be an annual event. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

Art Exhibit: “Art into Fashion/ Fashion into Art.” Through April 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fiber artists explore art inspired by fashion designers and fashionable wearables inspired by artists. Free. Visit **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.****Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.****Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.****Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.****Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** for more.

DASH for the STASH. Through May 15. Learn about investing with DASH for the STASH, an investor education contest hosted by the Alexandria Library. Read four game posters at any Alexandria Library location, get a quiz question related to each, and submit your answers to have a chance at winning a \$1,000 retirement investment. Game posters are on display at all Alexandria Library locations. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-

746-1751.

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.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com 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 Goldsmith 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



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Grammy-nominated Jenny Oaks Baker headlines “Lushness & Lyrical,” a program of classics telling tales of fancy, fairness and fantasy with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra on April 2-3. Tickets are \$20-80, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth. Visit www.alexsym.org.

parking lot at the park’s entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

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

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

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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.

THURSDAY/MARCH 17

Campagna Center Toast to Fashion. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. For almost two decades, The Campagna Center has ushered in spring with its annual Toast to Fashion. In addition to a runway fashion show, attendees will enjoy a marketplace offering jewelry, accessories, cosmetics, bags, home décor and more. Tickets are \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door. Visit www.campagnacenter.org for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MARCH 17-18

Women’s Golf Meeting. 2-4 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre Drive. The Greendale Women’s Golf Association (GWGA), an 18-hole league that plays once a week on Thursday mornings is meeting with current members and potential new members

ENTERTAINMENT

Easter Services

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

Kids' Pre-Holy Week Service. 5:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Holy Week through music, movement and stories. Attendees begin by waving palms as they enter Jerusalem, find a room for a Last Supper, wash feet, visit the cross, and end with the empty tomb. Free. Contact Elizabeth Rees at staidansalexandria@gmail.com or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Sunrise Easter Service. 7 a.m. at George Washington's Historic Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Usher Services provided by Boy Scout Troop 993. Free. Call 571-212-2444.



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to discuss the upcoming golf season. Free. Visit www.gwgl.wordpress.com for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 18

March 150 Exhibition Art Party. 7-10 p.m. at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The two-week exhibition will feature more than 150 square panels created by more than 100 regional artists, nearly 30 of whom are affiliated with the Torpedo Factory. During the Art Party, work is priced at \$100. Guests have an opportunity to mingle with other art enthusiasts and meet many of the artists who have contributed to the show. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dance to live music provided by the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

Organ Recital. 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary invites the community to an organ recital by Marilyn Keiser. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel for more.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1427 Braddock Road. The 14 Stations of the Cross will be prayed in a musical setting for choir and organ by Franz Liszt. The Adult Choir will sing with Ann Carney, organist. Free. 703-998-6100 ext. 103 for more.

Bottle Rockets. 8:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. St. Louis based Bottle Rockets recently released a new album South Broadway Athletic Club. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 17-20

Spring Book Sale. 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. All books are \$3 or less, unless specifically marked: Hardbacks, paperbacks, children's books and audio-visual items. All genres. \$5 Bag Sale on Sunday. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.beatleyfriends.org.

MARCH 17-APRIL 24

Georgia Nassikas: "Oils and Encaustics." Thursday, Friday, Sunday 12-4 p.m., Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. In her wax and oil paintings, artist Georgia Nassikas

explores the intersection of the abstract and the representational. She focuses on the elemental lines, shapes, and colors at the core of nature. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

History Symposium: Downton Abbey. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This event is made up of four sessions; "History Lesson at Downton Abbey" presented by Debbie Waugh, "Night of Terror" presented by Kathleen Pablo, "Downton Fashion: Two Dresses, Two Eras" presents by Caroline Hottenstein, and "Memorable Downton Moments." Also find tea, a Titanic-era exhibit, and more. Tickets are \$56 for residents, \$71 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Program on Plant Propagation. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The program will cover the basics of how to start seeds and transplant seedlings, make stem and leaf cuttings, divide plants and use air layering to propagate difficult-to-root plants. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

West Potomac Drumline Show. 2-7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. The West Potomac Band is hosting a USBands Indoor Drumline and Winterguard Competition. There will be more than 19 different units performing. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.wolverineband.com.

Classical Music Concert. 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum - Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Andreas Ioannides, John Urban, Sasha Beresovsky, Mathilde Handelsman, and Elias Dagher perform works by Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Chopin, Liszt, Debussy, Kosenko. Tickets are \$35 in advance; \$20 students & seniors; \$40 at the door. Visit www.pianistsforsoldiers.eventbrite.com for more.

Family Woodcock Walk. 6:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his courtship dance and flight. \$6 for residents of Fairfax County, \$8 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Singalong Concert. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Celebrate the release of "Rise Again: A Group Singing Songbook" with musicians Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer, Tom Paxton, Annie Patterson and Peter Blood, and

Be Steadwell. Tickets are \$20-25. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.
Best Bib and Tucker Ball. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society presents the Best Bib & Tucker Ball with a Mardi Gras theme. Dance to Doc Scantlin's orchestra and songstress Chou Chou. Eat New Orleans-inspired cuisine featuring oyster bar and drinks. Tickets are \$150. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

SUNDAY/MARCH 20

Tom Teasley. 7-8:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Teasley's sound is informed by his multiple tours as a cultural envoy for the U.S. Department of State. Performing with more than a dozen instruments from Africa, India, the Middle East, and Asia, he merges digital technology with ancient instruments to create music that spans cultures and time. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/teasley for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 21

Silly Hat Making Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The workshop fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members, plus a \$5 supply fee. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 22

Managing and Maintaining the Vegetable Garden. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. The program, offered by Master Gardeners of Arlington/Alexandria, the second in a series for new gardeners, will emphasize best management practices for a healthy garden. Topics will include the importance of pollinators and other beneficial insects and how to identify them; how crop rotation and intercropping can help control the challenges of garden pests; how to identify diseases and weeds; and how to maximize harvests with space-saving techniques. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join the Alexandria Historical Society for a lecture by Michael Lisicky, author of "Woodward & Lothrop: A Store Worthy of the Nation's Capital." Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org



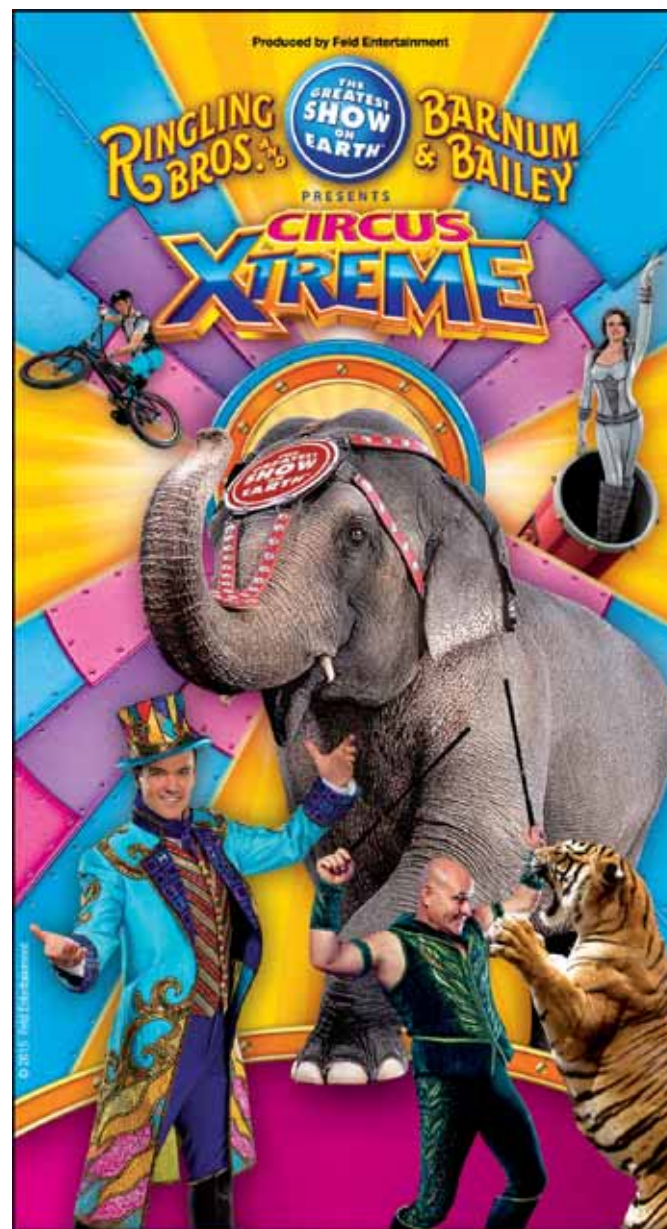
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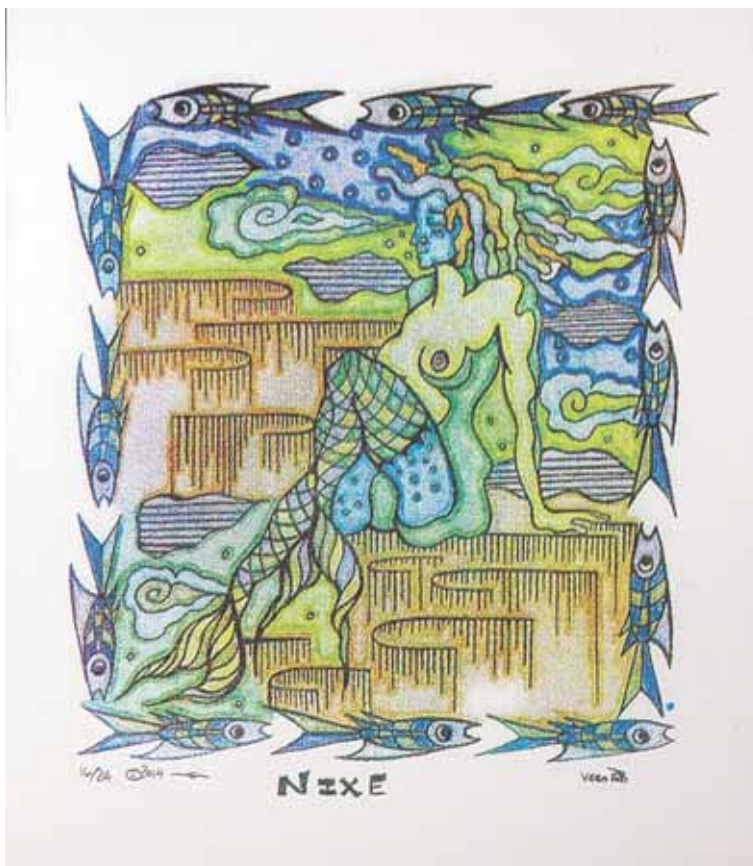
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ENTERTAINMENT



The "Creatures from the Sea" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans will run through May 1. Pictured here: "Nixe" by Veronica Barker Barzel. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

for more.
Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. DJ Dabe Murphy provides recorder music from the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and more. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Book Signing: "Steps to the Promised Land." 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Gregg Riley, an inspirational speaker, author and retired U.S. Army Colonel will read from and sign copies of his new book "Steps to the Promised Land." Free. Call 703-746-1702.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 24-26

Book and Art Sale. 1-5 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The Chapel has art, nonfiction hardcovers, and children's books. Hollin Hall has fiction, paperbacks, cookbooks, travel, and more. On Saturday, books in the Chapel are half price and books in Hollin Hall are \$5 per bag. Visit www.mvuc.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 25-27

Easter Egg Hunt. 3 p.m. on Friday; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday; 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. the museum's garden will be filled with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Easter eggs. Other activities include games, crafts, refreshments, stickers, temporary tattoos, and photos with the Easter Bunny. Every participating child will receive an Easter Egg, and each egg hunt session has two prize eggs. All children of elementary school age or younger (ages 0-12 years) are eligible to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Older children and adults may participate in other activities. Advance tickets are \$12 for ages 0-12, and \$5 for all others. Visit

www.leefendallhouse.org.
Guided Tour: "The Mercy Walk." 2:30 p.m. at Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King St. Walk the same streets as the Green family and all of your favorite characters from "Mercy Street." Based on the PBS series, "Mercy Street," Alexandria's "The Mercy Walk" tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for Alexandria and what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. This tour includes stops at the former Marshall House, the Confederate Statue, James Green's furniture factory and the only portion of the Mansion House Hotel still standing today. Tickets are \$7-13. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Woodlawn Appraisal Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Meet with one of two expert textile appraisers, Newbie Richardson of Past Crafts LLC or Sarah Hill of Curzon Antiques and see what your item might be worth. Slots are available for appraisal for \$20 per item. General admission tickets are available for \$15. Call 703-570-6903 for more.

Sketch Hike: Spring Ephemerals.

10 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler for a hike focusing on spring wildflowers and learn sketching techniques to enhance your observation skills. \$7 for residents of Fairfax County, \$9 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Tune Into Nature News.

4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Get in-depth reporting out in the field about the latest eco-updates throughout Huntley's habitats. \$7 for residents of Fairfax County, \$9 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Lecture: Preserving Our Textile Heritage. 5 p.m. at Woodlawn Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond

Highway. Join Costume and Textile Specialist Newbie Richardson for a lively and discussion of how to preserve new or old family heirlooms. Guests are invited to bring something for the question and answer section. Tickets are \$27.24. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/preserving-our-textile-heritage-a-lecture-and-demonstration-by-newbie-richardson-tickets-22499982052.

Evening Woodcock Walk. 6:45 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Listen for the call of the male woodcock and hopefully see his courtship dance and flight. \$6 for residents of Fairfax County, \$8 for non-residents. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 28

#FreshAlexandria. 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Agenda: Alexandria presents "#FreshAlexandria: Eating Local and Growing Your Own" with Pamela Hess, executive director of Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture; Dean Norton, director of horticulture at Mount Vernon; and Fred Sachs, proprietor of Grapewood Farm. Tickets are \$32-47 for members, \$37-42 for nonmembers. Call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Craft Supply Swap. 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Bring in your unwanted crafts supplies and abandoned projects and pick up something that's new to you. Swap items may be dropped off at the Information desk in advance. Free. Call 703-746-1769 or email jshea@alexandria.lib.va.us.

Lecture: "Beyond the Call of Duty." 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join Chris Foard MSN, RN, for an in depth lecture on the diverse practices of male and female Civil War nurses. Discussion includes an important but largely neglected aspect of Civil War nursing—roles and responsibilities of nurses in relation to current practices of today. Lecture is based on historical analysis from letters, documents, books and diaries from The Foard Collection of Civil War Nursing. Admission is \$10. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Music at Mount Vernon. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "Music at Mount Vernon" is a three-part series designed to educate through music. Tickets are \$175 for all three events, \$125 for members and supporters. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30

CryBaby Art Studio. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Learn simple art techniques and exercise your creativity with your baby by your side. Tickets are \$20. Contact 703-944-4381 or info@metamorphosisaec.com, or visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes.

THURSDAY/MARCH 31

Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. 7:30 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary invites the community to a concert. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

Reception: All City High School Visual Art Exhibition. 7-9 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Convergence presents

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 1-2

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Buy or sell children's clothes.

Free to attend. Call 703-329-9327.

APRIL 1-MAY 1

Exhibit: "Creatures from the Sea." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans interpret real and imagined "Creatures from the Sea." Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

Children's Cherry Blossom Festival. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Visitors can hear a story, try their hand at origami and chopsticks,

paint a Japanese style lantern, and seek out beautiful cherry trees on a cherry tree hunt. Admission is free, craft tickets are \$10 each. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

UCM Spring Gala. 6 p.m. at the United States Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. United Community Ministries will host a "Viva Las Vegas" themed benefit. Tickets are \$175. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

Magi-Whirl 2016. 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. This five-act magic show will benefit the Bishop Ireton Theatre Department. Tickets are \$17, \$15 for students 14 and under and seniors 65 and over, \$55 for a family pack of

four, and free for military in uniform. Visit www.familymagicshow.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 2-3

Lushness & Lyrical. 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Jenny Oaks Baker headlines a program of classics telling tales of fancy, fairies and fantasy. Tickets are \$20-80, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth. Visit www.alexsym.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool

games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/APRIL 9

Transforming Lives Gala. 6-11 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services holds its annual fundraiser featuring silent auctions, cocktails, dinner and more. Tickets are \$200. Visit www.goodhousing.org for more.

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SPORTS

West Potomac Baseball to Face West Springfield

The West Potomac baseball team is scheduled to open the 2016 season on the road against West Springfield at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17.

The Wolverines finished with a 12-8 record in 2015, including 8-4 in Conference 7, but suffered a season-ending loss to South County in the conference tournament.

Senior slugger/pitcher Jamie Sara and junior shortstop/pitcher Luke Belanger are among West Potomac's top returning players.

The Wolverines' first home game is against rival Mount Vernon at noon on Saturday, March 19.

Mount Vernon Baseball Beats Falls Church

The Mount Vernon baseball team won its season opener against Falls Church, 5-1, on Monday. The Majors were scheduled to face Park View on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline.

Mount Vernon is scheduled to open Conference 7 play with a home game against Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17.

The Majors will travel to face rival West

Potomac at noon on Saturday.

West Potomac Softball to Host Robinson

The West Potomac softball team's home opener is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 18 against Robinson.

Senior third baseman Raven Williams is among the Wolverines' top returners.

The Wolverines opened on the road against Westfield on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline.

MV Softball to Play 5 Games at Hayfield

The Mount Vernon softball team is scheduled to play five games in four days at Hayfield Secondary School.

The majors will play a doubleheader on Saturday, taking on Oakton at 5 p.m. and Hayfield at 7 p.m. Mount Vernon will play two more games on Monday, facing Chantilly at 3 p.m. and Annandale at 5 p.m. The Majors conclude with a game against Woodson at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 22.

West Potomac Boys' Soccer Wins Opener

The defending Conference 7 champion West Potomac boys' soccer team defeated Falls Church 2-0 on March 14. The Wolverines hosted Lee on Wednesday, after The



Luke Belanger, seen last season, and the West Potomac baseball team will open the 2016 season against West Springfield on Thursday.

Gazette's deadline.

West Potomac will host West Springfield at 7:15 p.m. on March 31.

MV Boys' Soccer To Face George Mason

The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team will travel to face George Mason at 7:30 p.m.

College Scholarships Offered

United Community Ministries (UCM), in partnership with global research and development organization Battelle, has announced the Battelle-UCM Scholarship program for 2016. The scholarship application is available for download at www.ucmagency.org, with a submission deadline of April 1.

The college scholarships are in the amount of up to \$2,000 per student for graduating seniors at Mount Vernon High School, West Potomac High School, and Bryant Alternative High School. Funded by a gift from Battelle, applicants must be planning to major in STEM studies (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), in

on Thursday, March 17.

The Majors opened the season with a 3-2 loss to Edison on Monday. Mount Vernon faced Briar Woods on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline.

West Potomac Lax t To Face West Springfield

The West Potomac lacrosse teams will face West Springfield on Thursday. The boys' team will host the Spartans at 7:15 p.m. and the girls' team will travel to West Springfield for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Mount Vernon Lax To Face Woodson

The Mount Vernon boys' lacrosse team will travel to face Woodson at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. The girls' team will host the Cavaliers at 7:30.

FHYAA Lax Openings

Several registration programs are open at www.FortHuntLax.org for the spring season of Fort Hunt Youth Lacrosse. League play registration is still open for girls in third through eighth grade. Local play registration is still open for boys and girls in first through third grades.

There is an intro "Scoop" program for younger children. New players are welcome at all age groups with "entry level" teams. No body checking play for boys younger than 11 or girls any age.

FHYL serves girls and boys in elementary and middle school who reside in the Fairfax County portion of Alexandria (including Fort Belvoir).



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Top State Honors

The Alexandria-based George Washington Chapter of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) was recognized as the Best Very Large Chapter in Virginia for 2014-2015 during the 126th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Society, SAR (VASSAR), held in Richmond on Feb. 19-21. The Sons of the American Revolution is a fraternal society organized in 1889 for the male lineal descendants of patriots who served in or supported the goals of freedom and independence in the American Revolution. The George Washington Chapter meets on the second Saturday of every month (except for June, July and August) at the Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. At the April meeting, Dr. Donald Binder, the Rector of Pohick Episcopal Church in Lorton, will be speaking on the relationship between the church and Revolutionary leaders George Washington and George Mason. For more information about chapter events and activities, and for questions regarding membership, contact the Chapter Secretary at sargw.secretary@gmail.com. The chapter's website can be found at www.gwsar.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

FROM PAGE 10

Logan Franks, majoring in history, was named to the fall 2015 president's list at Georgia Southern University (Statesboro, Ga.).

Carly Mandell, a graduate of West Potomac High School, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The College of Wooster (Wooster, Ohio).

Sara Sanders, of Alexandria, was named to the

preparation for a career in this expanding field.

Applicants must meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria and provide a copy of their Pell Grant application for the 2016 academic year. The graduating seniors must be U.S. citizens or otherwise legally eligible to work and study in the United States, planning to enroll full- or part-time in Fall 2016 as a first-year student at an accredited college or university, and seeking a two-year or four-year degree in STEM studies.

Scholarship candidates must demonstrate leadership, confidence in dealing with challenges, commitment to goals/tasks, and active participation in community service.

fall 2015 dean's list at Creighton University (Omaha, Neb.). Sanders is a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Alexandria-area residents **Dustin Hess**, B.S., early childhood education; and **Andrew Rosnick**, B.A., communication arts graduated from Salisbury University (Salisbury, Md.).

Dawit Tsigie, of Alexandria, was named to the Cornell College (Mount Vernon, Iowa) dean's list for the fall 2015 semester. Tsigie earned honors.

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Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the Office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Request for Proposals No. 00000575, Parking Citation Processing and Court Liaison Services

Closing Date and Time: May 13, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference on March 23, 2016, 10:30 AM prevailing local time, 301 King Street, City Hall, Room 1101, Sister Cities Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-03-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Internet Service.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-03-01 Internet Service will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, April 8, 2016. 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 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPs website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPs web site. No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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OBITUARY BERTRAM ALLAN KNITTER

Of Alexandria, Virginia passed away on March 4, 2016.

Bert was the devoted and loving husband of Brenda and father of Zachary.

A memorial service will take place at Saint Luke's Church on Ft. Hunt Road in Alexandria, VA

on Saturday March 19 at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Georgetown University School of Medicine Anatomical Donation Program or Capital Caring Hospice.

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OBITUARY



Michael Dearaway, 36, of Woodstock, passed away Tuesday, March 8th, surrounded by loved ones in his home.

He graduated from Thomas Edison High School. Michael is survived by his wife, Jennifer Torres Fuentes; his son, Michael Antonio Dearaway; his mother, Janice Carol Standridge; his father, Edward Raymond Dearaway; his step mother, Genevieve Dearaway; his sister, Amanda Dearaway-Freeze; his brother, Kristopher Alexander Standridge; a niece; two nephews and many Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Michael's dear friend, Reverend Michael Crabill will be officiating the services.

A visitation will be open to friends and family on Friday evening, March 11th, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, March 12th, at Dellinger Funeral Home in Woodstock. Burial will follow at the Massanutten Cemetery.

A reception for close family and friends will be held at his sister's home to celebrate his life following the burial service.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Michael's memory to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Winchester, VA 22601.

Online condolences may be left at www.dellingerfuneralhome.com

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

This notice is required by State law. The City Council has authorized a proposed real estate tax rate for advertising purposes of \$1.07 3 per \$100 of assessed value. The tax rate may not exceed \$1.073, it could be less, and it will not be set until May 5, 2016.

The City of Alexandria proposes to increase the current property tax levies.

1. Assessment Increase: Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments for new construction, or improvement to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.29 percent.
2. Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment: The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$1.020 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. Effective Rate Increase: The City of Alexandria proposes to advertise a tax rate of \$1.073 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the advertised tax rate would be \$0.053 per \$100, or a 5.23 percent increase. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase." Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.
4. Proposed Total Budget Increase: Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Alexandria (including the General Fund and all Special Revenue grant funds and other sources) will exceed last year's by 1.0 percent.
5. The City proposes to continue an additional tax rate of \$0.20 per \$100 for all properties that have been classified in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District.

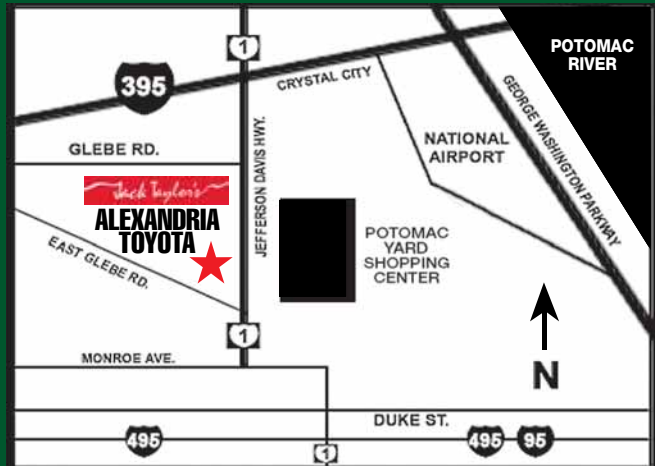
A public hearing on the effective increase will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., at the City Council Chamber of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The hearing shall be open to the public. The governing body shall provide persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present oral testimony within such reasonable time limits as shall be determined by the governing body.

All persons wishing to speak to this issue may contact the City Clerk and Clerk of Council located on the second floor, Room 2300, City Hall, or may appear and be heard after completing a Speakers form before Council.

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements, or who require language translation services to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703-746-4550. We request that you provide a 5 day notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

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