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After the bill-signing Gov. McAuliffe meets with Toddy Puller (center), who previously served the 36th Virginia Senate district, and other Virginia General Assembly members.

New Center Named for Pullers

McAuliffe announces site for new Puller Veterans Care Center.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) said he's working on making Virginia the most veteran-friendly state in America. Though the Commonwealth, he said, is the first and only one to have "functionally ended veteran homelessness," it still has one of the lowest ratios of available care centers to number of veterans in the country.

Seven years ago, he and the General Assembly started the process of increasing the number of

care centers to serve Virginia's around 800,000 veterans.

In 2015, they authorized a new veterans care center. Tired of waiting for assistance from the federal government, McAuliffe said, this year Virginia is moving forward on its own with building a pair of new centers.

"Talk is over, talk is cheap," McAuliffe said, "we now have action."

McAuliffe visited American Legion Post 176 in Springfield on June 1 to sign House Bill 477, which allows for \$29.3 million in bonds plus financing costs for constructing veterans care centers in Northern Virginia and the Hampton Roads areas.

The Northern Virginia location, he announced, would be built on the Vint Hill Farm area, land donated by Fauquier County.

The 120-bed facility will be named in honor of
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Gov. McAuliffe visits with American Legion Post 176 members (from left) Floyd Cline, Charlie Buettner, Sr., and Tony Dzerski.

Officers Train With Fire & Rescue

First responders share skills for life-saving in a "hot zone."

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Two menacing Dodge Charger sedans come to a stop, a dark silver one in front of the other, all black with gold lettering that reads Herndon Police.

Officers from the cruiser get out, and begin barking commands at the driver of the suspicious car in front. Two men quickly emerge from the silver charger, turn and begin firing at the officers. The officers return fire, dropping both of the men.

The officers begin to check on the men, bringing over a backpack full of emergency medical supplies including tourniquets and chest dressings. Once the "hot zone" scene is secure, the simulation is over and it's another group's turn.

The entire Town of Herndon Police Department has been undergoing emergency medical training from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue, which also serves

Herndon.

Overall, officers went through four training sessions, including the May 26 exercises held at the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Academy in Fairfax which were open to the media.

"Time is life," Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Lt Bruce Stark said to a group of Herndon officers. "You've got to stop the bleeding."

The main goal of the training was to teach officers additional life-saving skills so they can better prevent themselves, victims or suspects from dying from a traumatic injury before emergency medical professionals can get to the scene.

Uncontrolled hemorrhage is a leading cause of death for police officers, Stark said.

Herndon police spokesperson Jane Ross said the department hasn't lost any officers in the last few years, but did have six officer injuries in 2015.

Herndon Chief of Police Maggie
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Technician Kerri Bouse from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station 1 in Penn Daw demonstrates applying a tourniquet on Technician Matt Rife from Station 13 in Dunn Loring.

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Successfully Re-routed Quander Road School graduates took different paths, reached the same goal.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Quander Road School Principal Joe Thompson is actually fond of the iPhone intelligence Siri chirping “re-routing” during route guidance.

In his remarks to the 12 graduating seniors at the school for students with mental health and behavioral challenges, Thompson used Siri to congratulate them on reaching their goal.

“Each of you has taken a completely different way to get here,” he said at the June 7 ceremony held in the school’s gymnasium. “Now, it’s second nature for us.”

Students at Quander come from their base schools around Fairfax County for a more intimate and specialized learning environment. With a support staff of nurses, counselors and teachers, the stu-

dents are offered an opportunity to work through their challenges and in some cases return to their base school.

“It’s completely therapeutic in nature,” said United States and Virginia government teacher Dr. George Deneault. “The kids need and deserve to be here.”

With just a fraction of the graduates of a larger base school, the Quander ceremony was able to be much more personal.

Members of the faculty put together a “Minute Memories” film of the graduates that included baby and childhood pictures, as well as some footage from graduation rehearsal.

Then, as a courtesy for photo-hungry parents, siblings and guardians, each graduate paused on the stage after receiving their diploma while school counselor Adrian Williams read a closing statement written by the student.

VIEWPOINTS

What advice do you have for next year’s seniors?

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THE GAZETTE

Kevin Cedillos plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study business.
“Stop thinking about what other people think. Motivation is everything. I came from nothing. You can always do something about it, no matter what.”



Derrick Copelin plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study accounting.
“Finish school. It doesn’t matter if it’s hard, you’ve got to keep trying.”



Karla Escoto-Pavon plans to attend the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School.
“Don’t get distracted by drama, keep going. The ending is way better.”



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Quander Road School graduate Sarah Hobbs (center) leaves the stage after receiving her diploma. Hobbs tied for having the highest graduating grade point average in the class and received the Faculty Award, in addition to earlier this year receiving a Fairfax County Peace Award for her independent film raising awareness of mental health issues.



Quander Road School Principal Joe Thompson gives graduation remarks on the theme of “rerouting.”



Quander Road School Principal Joe Thompson (left) grants a diploma to Brianna Ventura (right), who tied with Sarah Hobbs for the highest grade point average in the class — 3.8.



Quander Road School teacher Dr. George Deneault (left) recognizes the retirement of U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Jeffrey Caler (right) after 24 years of service. Caler has led the Partnership in Education mentoring program between Quander and the Coast Guard.



Quander Road School faculty member Eushama Randolph-Golidy sings the National Anthem at the school’s June 7 graduation ceremony.

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Fairfax County Secondary Six Year Plan

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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2017 through 2022. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

NEWS



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Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Technician Matt Rife demonstrates removing an injured officer (Technician Kerri Bouse) from a vehicle.

First Responders Share Skills

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DeBoard cited national and international events where police were the victims of attacks. She said she wants her department to "try and stay ahead of this."

"Officers take it for granted with medical care so close to us," DeBoard said. "This allows us to take care of more effectively."

Lt Steve Thompson with DeBoard's department agreed with the chief that in the context of people having great access to weapons, "It's a good thing to do this," learning more first response techniques for trauma.

"We're not performing surgery out there," Thompson said. "You do what we can to stop bleeding. Keep it simple when under stress is the best way to go. Your fine motor skills start to deteriorate."

Herndon Senior Police Officer Denise Randles appreciated the hands-on aspect of the training, which included life-like mannequins. The 180-pound human figures were controlled by an operator and capable of making sounds, simulating breathing, bleeding and losing appendages.

"It gets us exposed to it," Randles said, acknowledging that experiencing shock when working with

a trauma victim makes it hard to stay focused. One of the goals of the training was to make the scenarios more life-like, so officers would "already have the image," said Randles.

"Nothing is by the book," she said.



Each of the Town of Herndon's 55 sworn officers will now be equipped with a backpack containing supplies to help them provide life-saving care to themselves or others before emergency medical technicians can get on the scene.

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Central America, World War II and Korean War veteran Gen. Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller, his son Lt. Lewis B. Puller, Jr., a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart-winner, and Lewis’ wife Toddy.

Toddy Puller entered the General Assembly in 1991 as a delegate, then became a senator representing the 36th district in 1999. She has brought numerous veteran-focused pieces of legislation forward, including special veteran court dockets and last year’s move for two new care centers.

Before McAuliffe’s announcement, Puller said she had no idea her name was going to be on the new facility.

“I’m very proud for it to include my father-in-law and husband,” she said after the ceremony, “not just one Puller.”

In her remarks, Puller said the new veterans care center should help veterans to get to a place where they can find employment and direction in their lives, saving themselves from homelessness.

“The Vietnam era I grew up in was 50 years ago,”

Puller said. “I don’t want our country and its people to forget about our veterans ever again. They need to be emulated and copied.”

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) said the Pullers were “so deserving” of the naming honor. “That family ... everyone has done so much to promote the military and Marine corps in particular. It’s very appropriate.” The Virginia Department of Veterans Services will manage both the new centers, which will each offer services including long and short-term treatment, physical rehabilitation and other mental health treatment.

Commissioner John L. Newby II from Veterans Services said the total appropriation for the two centers is \$96 million, and that the state has already gotten on the list to be reimbursed by the federal government. That isn’t guaranteed, however.

Regardless, American Legion Post 176 member Floyd Cline of Springfield is happy about the new care center. “A lot at our post could use a close-by veterans care center,” he said. “With this center, it will be a lot easier.”



John C. Harvey, Jr. (right), Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs, introduces Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) June 1 at American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.

Virginia General Assembly House Majority Leader Kirk Cox said it’s “very, very gratifying” to finally get to build two new veterans care centers in Virginia.

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CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were provided by the Mount Vernon Police District.

SEX OFFENSE: On Thursday, June 2, at about 6:44 p.m. patrol officers at the Mount Vernon Police station received a report of a sex offense. The parent of the 6-year-old victim reported that an adult man had exposed himself to her son while he was in the playground the previous day sometime in

the late afternoon. The playground is located in an apartment complex near the 6500 block of Tower Drive. The victim did not require medical attention. The suspect was described as white with brown hair. Anyone with information about this event or a similar event to contact Fairfax County Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text “TIP187” plus a message to CRIMES/

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Belated Recognition for a Spy Alexandria resident honored at her funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

BY MICHAEL McMORROW
THE GAZETTE

Many are the unseen heroes and heroines living among us, most masked by their own modesty. One died early this year: Stephanie Czech Rader.

Born to immigrants and living in New York State, she grew up submerged in the family's Polish language and culture. She was "different" from most of her peers in Poughkeepsie, and it often showed. But something special drew the attention of a teacher who became a mentor and guided her into college. Then known as Stephanie Czech, she was a 1937 chemistry graduate of Cornell University.

Females in the workplace those days faced many hurdles. Those with a diploma in the sciences from a top-notch university were not spared. Stephanie Czech found jobs, not as a chemist but as a librarian and a researcher in a company to be renamed Texaco. At the outbreak of war, she was an early enlistee of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, which became the Women's Army Corps. Personal traits and advanced education led to an officer's commission and she rose to rank of captain as World War II was ending.

By then, however, the Office of Strategic Services, the OSS, had taken notice. The "hot" war closed, but the "Cold War" was beginning. The country's former ally, the Soviet Union, was a growing adversary, especially in and for the string of countries forming Eastern Europe. One of those countries was Poland.

As predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency, the OSS was in need of informa-



Stephanie Czech Rader joined William Rader in Arlington's Section 11, Grave 11-614-B.

tion about Soviet troops and Polish secret police activities. Fluent in Polish and in tune with all aspects of the culture, Stephanie Czech became a spy. She was the only person with the right skills at the right time in the right place. Duty called. She answered.

Working out of the U. S. Embassy in Warsaw, Stephanie Czech criss-crossed Poland and Germany using the cover story of a search for lost family members. She gathered vital information and carried intelligence documents and messages. Under suspicion only once, she never was caught by the Soviets or their eastern bloc partners. Upon discharge with rank of major, her personnel records were marked "secret" and filed away. They included her superiors' recommendations for the Legion of Merit which had not been approved.

William Rader and Stephanie Czech married in 1946. He began service in the Army Air Corps and was recognized several times for bravery in action against Japan and Germany and for leadership during and after the war. William Rader continued serving in the Air Force during the era of the Strategic Air Command and retired a Brigadier General in 1968. Beside him all those years, Stephanie Rader, to all appearances, was the typical wife of a senior military officer. Upon his retirement, the couple made their home in Alexandria for the next four decades and William Rader became a businessman. He died in 2003 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Stephanie Rader remained in their home surrounded by friends accumulated over the years. They, and everyone else, were stunned when her military personnel file was declassified and reviewed by veterans in the OSS Society. The recommendations for award of the Legion of Merit

that lay dormant for 70 years established that she truly earned the award based on "exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services."

NEWSPAPER STORIES, personal interviews, photographs and other publicity followed the opening of her file. Stephanie Rader died in January of this year at age 100 and her story, to that point, has become common knowledge. Only the final chapter of events on Wednesday, June 1 of this year, need be added.

Moments before 0900 hours, a flag-draped casket was gently carried into the Old Post Chapel of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. The service was a private time for family and close friends. After a while, the remains of Stephanie Czech Rader were brought out and taken in hand by a score or more of perfectly polished, uniformed personnel who would participate in the ceremonies underway.

The warm and windless day was perfect for bidding a final farewell to anyone, but somehow it seemed more than appropriate for the brave. At the waiting grave covered by green carpeting, no birdsong could be heard. It was as though the creatures had conspired not to sing on such a solemn occasion. Then, quietly at first but growing louder with each step, the beat of a single drum announced approach of the cortege.

The United States Army Band, a firing team of seven enlisted members of "D" Company, 3rd Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard), a color guard with the Army Flag capped by nearly 200 campaign streamers of wars old and on-going, six white horses carrying three side-riders and drawing a caisson bearing the flag-covered box with the remains of Stephanie Czech Rader drew nearer.

For the 60 people who gathered to pay respect, the formalities were over in minutes: A mournful hymn and "America the Beautiful" from the band, three sharp volleys by the firing team, "taps" by the bugler beside a tree some distance away, the military chaplain's recitals echoing "ashes to ashes, dust to dust," and presentation of the tri-corned flag.

Soldiers left their positions and reformed to follow the single drumbeat that had heralded their arrival. One lonely bell sounded the hour of 10 from a carillon dedicated with the words "While these bells ring, safely rest. Freedom lives."

William and Stephanie Rader had no children, and living relatives were quite distant. For that reason, the recipient of the folded flag that had covered her casket was a close friend, who also serves as executor of Stephanie Rader's estate: Kenneth Elder. When asked about a repository for the flag, Elder's daughter responded, "No decision has been made, yet."

A presentation was made of the too-long deferred Legion of Merit awarded to Stephanie Rader posthumously.

Stephanie Czech Rader joined William Rader in Arlington's Section 11, Grave 11-614-B. Their marker reflects a rare case of both spouses being highly honored for their independent acts of bravery. They are in the best of company. Beside nearby headstones lie the likes of "Delbert James 29th Division June 8, 1944 Normandy, France" and "Alan Bowen Grimes Ohio Philippine Scouts World War II November 6, 1942" and many more of the nation's heroes and heroines, known and unknown.



The Old Post Chapel of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall





Supporting UCM Food Pantry

Thanks to community members, volunteers, and all of the members of Union Branch 567 of the National Association of Letter Carriers, United Community Ministries received more than 9,100 pounds of food donations from this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 9. UCM volunteers helping that day at the Huntington Area Post Office are (from left) Tim Howard, Bishop Ireton sophomore Henry Somerville, Letter Carrier Chauntele Brown, and Craig Lewis with his neighbor Rita Green. UCM has volunteer openings for all ages and skill sets. To register for a volunteer orientation, visit www.ucmagency.org or email Emily Griffin, volunteer coordinator, at emily.griffin@ucmagency.org.

OBITUARY

Edwin Harrison Shelton

Edwin Harrison Shelton, 90, of Alexandria, died on Tuesday, May 24, 2016. He was born in Piney River, Va. on July 25, 1925 and raised in Nelson County with his family. Edwin was one of four boys that include John, Samuel, and Benjamin and three girls, Frances, Rose and Ann born to his late father Samuel Walton Shelton and his late mother Virginia Ruth Hill Shelton. He was lovingly called "Buddy" by family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Ann Rutledge Regan Shelton.



Regan Shelton of Daly City, Calif., and Tracie Shelton-Farmer of Radford, Va. He is also survived by his daughter-in-law Carol Shelton of Manassas, Va. and three sons-in-law: Nicholas Geleta of Manassas Va., Mack Farmer of Radford, Va. and Brian Galway of Alpharetta, Ga. Edwin was also blessed with five grandchildren: Gena Shelton Osborn, Natalie Geleta, Nicholas Geleta, Nina Geleta, Mackenzie Farmer and one great grandson, Andrew Osborn.

After Ann's death, he went to live with his daughter Gayle and her family in Manassas, Va. for four years. For the last 12 years his son, Brent Regan Shelton, has been his primary caretaker. The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to Brent for the extraordinary 24/7 care, personal sacrifice and immense love he consistently provided to their father. The family is grateful to Adrienne Castillo of Daly City, Calif. for all her assistance and support to both Brent and Dad for so many years.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 4, 2016 at Byrum-Parr Funeral Home officiated by the Rev. Edward Childress. Burial with military honors by American Legion Post #16 followed the service with interment at Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery, Roseland, Va.

Edwin served his country during World War II where he was deployed in the European theatre as a member of the Army Signal Corps during 1944 and 1945. After the war he worked for the railroad as an electrician and eventually retired as foreman of the U.S. Capital Power Plant in Washington, D.C.

He also served for many years as a deacon for Woodlawn Baptist Church in Alexandria. He was nicknamed "Buddy" because he was a friend to everyone he met.

He is survived by one brother, John L. Shelton of Roseland, Va. and five children: Gary Edwin Shelton of Manassas, Va., Gayle Ann Shelton Geleta of Manassas, Va., Sherry Grace Shelton of Alpharetta, Ga., Brent



Bronze Medal

The George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented the Bronze JROTC Medal to Cadet Xavier Kimes, a junior at West Potomac High School, at the JROTC "Dining In" May 27 in the school cafeteria. During the event, Kimes was promoted to Cadet Major and appointed to serve as Battalion Executive Officer during the 2016-2017 school year.



On Patrol

Lt. j.g. Jennifer Jones, from Alexandria mans a watch station aboard USS Donald Cook (DDG 75) April 3. Donald Cook, an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer, forward deployed to Rota, Spain is conducting a routine patrol in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe.

Police Seeks Public's Help

Police are asking for the public's assistance in identifying and locating a female who may have information regarding the homicide that occurred on Friday, May 20, around 2:20 a.m. in the 6000 block of Richmond Highway.



The female was seen in the parking lot prior to the incident. She was described as black, with a light complexion and almond-shaped eyes.

If anyone recognizes this person, or if has any information about this crime, contact Detective Jeremy Hinson at 703-246-7825 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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Value of Early Childhood Education

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



Last Sunday I was honored to emcee an event celebrating the 30th anniversary of United Community Ministries' (UCM) Early Childhood Learning Center. I was moved by the testimony of many of the parents about how much UCM's educational program helped give their now college-educated children important early socialization and educational skills.

Mountains of research indicate that the largest determining factor in a student's later academic success is whether or not a child has access to quality early childhood education programs. Unfortunately, many Virginians and 44th district residents will never benefit from early childhood education programs because it is an expense which individual families must foot themselves, exacerbating the income and access gap between the haves and have-nots.

Virginia provides about 14 to 19 percent more for each low-income student than for other students. However, a June 2 Commonwealth Institute report noted that this figure is not as impressive as it might sound. Virginia's support for low-income students is lower than

the 29 percent boost provided on average by states with this support, and is well behind some states that spend almost twice as much for each low-income student. It can cost two to two-and-a-half times as much to help low-income students reach similar levels of performance as students from wealthier families.

Fairfax County has a Free and Reduced Meals student population that alone would qualify it as the fourth largest school population in Virginia, and statewide, this population accounts for four out of every 10 students.

We should thank the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for making the best of the limited resources it receives from the state for early childhood education, and making it a dedicated line item in the budget, but the Commonwealth needs to do more for its low-income students through funding universal early childhood education.

One area of bipartisan consensus with my colleagues across the aisle is for the Commonwealth to ensure equality of opportunity rather than equality of outcome. Under this shared philosophy, it becomes apparent that it is long past due for Virginia to fund universal early

childhood education. Even West Virginia has a universal Pre-K program.

The Commonwealth Institute reported that the National Bureau of Economic Research found higher graduation rates and adult earnings for low-income students after an increase in state spending. The study found that a 20 percent increase in per-pupil spending for low-income students across the 12-year period would increase graduation rates by 23 percentage points and would result in 25 percent higher earnings as an adult. This translates to a larger base for state income tax revenues that could fund other Commonwealth priorities down the road. We simply cannot continue to leave children behind because their parents struggle to be able to pay for early childhood education. Providing the necessary funding for universal access to early education initiatives from which low-income students and families can benefit will make a far greater investment in our state's future. To put it simply, investing in our children's early learning is critical. Funding early childhood education not only provides a strong foundation for our children's academic and professional careers, it is also a fiscally sound policy for the future of our Commonwealth.

Feel free to contact my office at delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Not More Rebates?

To the Editor:

John Knight's letter ["Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget"] in the June 2-8 issue of the Gazette made a case for a school tax "rebate" to senior property owners.

His stated argument is that since elderly residents don't have children in the school system, they should get a financial break.

Since having no children in the system is the criterion, can we assume he would support cutting a rebate check for singles without children? Who knows whether they will ever use the system in these uncertain times? How about for families that send their children to private schools, don't they deserve a little break, too? And why, when you get right down to it, should businesses — that obviously don't put little ones into classrooms — not be entitled to a smidgen of property tax forgiveness?

Why pay for something you don't use? Pay for play! This thoughtful argument has potential application to a broad range of other areas of public policy, too. If I have health insurance, shouldn't I get a rebate for that share of my taxes that goes to pay for public health services? Shouldn't get a

modest re-deposit to my account to compensate me for the cost of maintaining the county parks I don't use.

I have never had a house burn down — not even once — and yet I'm expected to pay my full part of the taxes that fund Fairfax County Fire? How is that fair?

And just you wait until Mr. Knight starts in on figuring out which parts of the Commonwealth and Federal budgets don't apply him.

We'll all be rolling in rebates!

But, of course, the world doesn't work the way he suggests it should. The same seniors whose real estate values have climbed over the years because of the quality of life — and the caliber of the public

institutions — in Fairfax County, have a continuing obligation to pay to sustain that quality. The Fairfax County school system existed for their children because previous generations funded it. Having received the

benefits, trying to duck the responsibility to keep the lights on for future generations is downright churlish.

Of course, getting that rebate is possible for those that really want to cash out. All it involves is selling and moving. Away.

Kyle Olson
Alexandria



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More planes, more noise.

Conversation-Stopping

To the Editor:

If you think you are hearing more aircraft overhead, you are correct. The Mount Vernon Estate area is now directly under a major flight path for jets arriving to Reagan National. The aircraft now fly overhead at conversation-stopping sound levels. This is a new development and makes outdoor relaxing and entertaining miserable. The number of flights is high. On two recent sample days, May 22 and 23, 146 and 143 flights, respectively, took the route over our neighborhood according to the Airport Authority's flight tracking site (<http://webtrak5.bksv.com/dca>). Many of the flights came over almost continuously at 2 minute intervals. The flights also generate jet exhaust and particulate matter.

If you are also irritated by this, you can register a complaint with the Airport at <http://www.flyreagan.com/dca/reagan-national-submit-noise-complaint>.

If enough of us do, we might get some action.

Julianne Owens
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CRIME

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tigante, the man resisted arrest. Once detained, further investigation revealed he was in possession of PCP, marijuana, and other drug paraphernalia. A 31-year-old Woodbridge man was arrested, taken to the adult detention center, and charged with possession with intent to distribute PCP, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, distributing within 1000 feet of a school, and driving on suspended license.

ROBBERY/BREAKING AND ENTERING/ ASSAULT/ARREST: 7200 block of Fordson Road, June 1, 11:35 p.m. Officers responded to a report of a man who had entered an apartment, assaulted the victims inside, and took property, which he destroyed. He then fled and officers were able to make contact with him. A search incident to arrest yielded a handgun in the suspect's vehicle. A 24-year-old Alexandria man was arrested, taken to the adult detention center, and charged with robbery, burglary, destruction of property, and three counts of assault. The victims did not require medical attention. It appears that the victims and the arrestee were known to each other prior to this event

JUNE 3-5 LARCENIES

- 2900 block of Arlington Drive, beer from business
- 1500 block of Belle View Boulevard, tip jar from business
- 2500 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
- 7700 block of Inversham Drive, license plate from vehicle
- 6000 block of Richmond Highway, radio from vehicle
- 6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 7700 block of Richmond Highway, license plate from vehicle
- 6500 block of Tower Drive, jewelry from resi-

- dence
- JUNE 3 LARCENIES**
- 3100 block of Furman Lane, property from residence.
- JUNE 2 LARCENIES**
- 2900 block of East Side Drive, speakers from vehicle
- 7900 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from vehicle
- JUNE 1 LARCENIES**
- 1800 block of Belle View Boulevard, wiper from vehicle
- 6300 block of Columbia Pike, license plate from vehicle
- 9000 block of Greylock Street, jewelry from residence
- 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, merchandise from business
- 6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 6300 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business
- 6600 block of Richmond Highway, packages from residence
- 7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 7600 block of Richmond Highway, shoes from business
- 7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 7900 block of Richmond Highway, phone from residence
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Creating Low Maintenance Outdoor Oasis this Summer

Simple ideas for enjoying outdoor space and reducing yard work.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Warm weather and sunshine offer opportunities for spending time relaxing and entertaining outside. Local landscaping gurus offer suggestions for creating a low maintenance backyard that will allow for more time spent enjoying it and less time taking care of it.

Building an outdoor room or patio means less foliage to maintain and more space for entertaining. "It's low maintenance because if you have a patio with pavers you only need to spend a half hour once or twice a year maintaining it," said David Watkins, general manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Falls Church.

"You need to sweep more sand in and take care of any weeds that come up between the stones. When the ground freezes and thaws, you'll get movement in the ground, which might cause two or three of the pav-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER

Drought-tolerant plants are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established.

ers to heave up. All you'll need to do in that case is pull up, break up and smooth out the base material and lay them back down."

When creating a patio, using a stone that will stand up to the elements and ensure wear and tear is a key consideration. "Blue-

stone is durable and more high-end, but it's going to last forever," said Dianne Duvall of American Plant in Bethesda, Maryland. "Another option is manufactured paving blocks that will mimic the look of cobblestone or brick and create a uniform look. It's important that it be permeable so that water will soak through rather than pooling up or running off."

Furniture and accessories made of high quality, durable fabrics and other materials can add to the low maintenance appeal of patios and outdoor rooms, says Philip Smith, design consultant with Offenbachers, an outdoor furniture and accessories company with showrooms in Springfield and Fairfax. "Sky's the limit when it comes to color ... the season is full of vibrant pops and soothing undertones sure to please every style and preference," he said. "It is proving to be a very organic and lovely extension of the season's interior design trends."

When selecting low-maintenance plants, says Watkins, look for woody ornamental varieties such as boxwoods, hydrangeas and azaleas, which are aesthetically appealing and require little care once established. "You'll fertilize them in the fall and prune them after they finish blooming, and for most of these plants that's all the mainte-

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Outdoor Oasis

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nance you'll need to do," he said. "Once a plant is established you'll probably only need to water them two or three times throughout summer, during at time when we are without rain for a couple of weeks."

Coneflowers and other native plants require little care, while adding potted plants to a landscape adds variety while preserving a yard's low-maintenance appeal. "If you have patios, you have to have potted plants, it's like putting curtains on a window," said Watkins.

He recommends adding water-absorbing crystals called Moisture

Mizer, which retain and then release water when the soil becomes dry. "It helps potted plants retain moisture because as the soil dries up, it releases moisture and can cut your watering down tremendously," said Watkins.

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Adding hostas or other ground cover plants can decrease pesky weeds and cut down on yard work. "Try to plant with landscaping that covers the whole plant bed," said Watkins. "If you layer a ground covering plant it adds texture, color and height difference and fills

in a plant bed. After 2-3 years the whole ground is covered, and the amount of mulch that you need to spend on the yard each year becomes less and less."

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Memorial Day Jazz Festival

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The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities held a Memorial Day Jazz Festival at the Lee Center in Alexandria. Local bands such as the Nitehawks and the U.S. Navy Band Commodores performed a variety of music and food trucks catered to audiences outside the venue. Visit AlexandriaVA.gov/Recreation for a calendar of upcoming events.

Summer Living In Old Town

Trends and tips to keep cool.

BY AMY RUTHERFORD
OWNER OF RED BARN MERCANTILE

Summer living is easy except when it's not. Trying to beat the heat of a Virginia summer sometimes feels like an effort in futility. This year it doesn't have to be. The latest trends are guaranteed to make your summer as cool — literally and figuratively — as possible.

FROM THE OLD TOWN BOUTIQUE DISTRICT

Beat the heat by turning off the oven. Give your range a rest and rely on the summer salad trend to keep you cool. Pick up Jeanne Kelley's "Salad for Dinner" at La Cuisine and try the baby greens with Quince Vinaigrette, artisanal cheses and charcuterie. It makes the perfect summer supper for one or many. Serve your cheeses and charcuterie on a chilled Himalayan Salt Block from Olivo Tasting Room to keep everything cool. Their olive oils will make the vinaigrette below extra tasty.

Ann Tuennerman of Tales of the Cocktail festival, says frozen drinks are making a big comeback this summer. The daiquiri is returning along with fresh new cool takes on classic cocktails. Can you say frozen Moscow Mule? Red Barn Mercantile stocks a wide selection of cocktail staples. Try the recipes in Maria del Mar Sacasa's book, "Summer Cocktails" or pick up Arrowhead Farms' Spitfire Margarita Mix for something quick. Mexican spirits are still a

strong trend in cocktails. Pick up Bittermilk's Oaxacan Old Fashioned mixer from Curated and serve your favorite new cocktail on a tray from Acme Midcentury to amp up your cool factor.

Seersucker is a summer essential. To keep your cool this year pair Sara Campbell's classic striped seersucker swing dress with the latest trend in foot wear, white leather sneakers. Crisp, polished and a little bit retro, the white sneaker is this year's go to summer shoe. Try the Blair by Vince from The Shoe Hive.

If you're going to be strolling Old Town, shopping its boutiques, or attending the Monaco's Yappy Hour, then be sure to keep your pup cool with the Ultimate Cooling Coat from the Dog Park. Dog friendly establishments are a trend that is on its way to becoming a standard. As dogs become more than just pets, more businesses are opening their doors to them. Old Town has never been more pet friendly than it is today.

Frozen cocktails, oven free dinners, and Fido by your side sounds like the ideal way to keep cool and be cool this summer. Wouldn't you agree?

Quince Vinaigrette

1/4 cup white wine vinegar
3 Tablespoons quince paste
1 garlic clove, peeled
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil (available at Olivo Tasting Room)

Combine the vinegar, quince paste, garlic clove, and salt in a blender. Blend until the quince paste is smooth. Add the olive oil and pulse briefly until blended. Season the dressing to taste with freshly ground black pepper. (Dressing can be made one week ahead. Cover and refrigerate. Bring the dressing to room temperature and whisk to blend before using.)



PHOTO BY WAYNE HULEHAN

The team at Stomping Ground, led by Chef Nicole Jones, plates their award-winning dish.

Tasteful Awards at Food Festival

Stomping Ground, Del Ray Cafe win Taste of Del Ray.

The Del Ray Business Association hosted the 8th Annual Taste of Del Ray on June 5, showcasing a diverse collection of Del Ray's top restaurants. Proceeds from the food festival fund neighborhood events throughout the year.

Del Ray Cafe's Chocolate Beignets won the Judges' Choice Award, while Stomping Ground's Biscuit Sausage Balls with Sriracha Cream Cheese and Sorghum Butter won the People's Choice Award.

The complete list of winners includes:

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

1st Place: Stomping Ground — Biscuit Sausage Balls with Sriracha Cream Cheese and Sorghum Butter
2nd Place: Pork Barrel BBQ — Korean Hillbilly Sliders
3rd Place: The Happy Tart — Trio of Ice Cream Sandwiches

JUDGES' CHOICE

1st Place: Del Ray Cafe — Chocolate Beignets
2nd Place: Pork Barrel BBQ — Korean Hillbilly Sliders
3rd Place: Swings Coffee — Nitrogen-fused Lattes

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U.S. Army Pvt. **Juan E. Cintron** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Cintron is the son of Rebecca V. Camancho of Alexandria. He is a 2015 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

U.S. Army Pvt. **Eduardo R. Rivera** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Rivera is the son of Eduardo Rivera of Alexandria. He is also the brother of Sergio Rivera and nephew of Bertha Cubas, both of Fairfax. The private graduated in 2007 from Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria.

U.S. Army Reserve Pvt. **Angela M. Barfield** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Barfield is the daughter of Cheryl A. Barfield and Angela E. Barfield of Alexandria. She is a 2015 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

Cadet Airman First Class **Khalila Karefa-Kargbo** of Alexandria, a freshman at Randolph-Macon Academy, received The Retired Enlisted Association's Award on March 24. The award recognizes a cadet who excels in the AFJROTC program and displays the outstanding qualities of military leadership, discipline, character and citizenship. Khalila is the daughter of Karefa Kargbo of Freetown, Sierra Leone and Emerica Karefa-Kargbo of Alexandria.

ENTERTAINMENT

Irreverent Update of Chekhov's 'The Seagull'

Port City Playhouse presents "Stupid F#@*ing Bird."

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Port City Playhouse is presenting "Stupid F#@*ing Bird" by Aaron Posner June 10-25 in Alexandria. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in love, art and aging. Original songs are composed by James Sugg with lyrics by the award-winning playwright enhance the meanings and the mood.

Director Jeffrey Davis had seen another production of "Stupid Bird" and fell in love with the show. "The acting was so real and the emotions were so raw. When presented with the opportunity to direct this show, I was more than excited to jump in," he said. "The opportunity to explore the various emotions and create a piece of art that genuinely reflects life with such a high level of realism reflected in the acting thrills me, excites me and challenges me. I love a good challenge."

As far as challenges, he said he tried to encourage the actors not to act. "The cast is very talented and I love them all, but often actors in an effort to find the realism in a scene and a character will incorporate dramatic pauses to let the character emote or reflect. In real life people don't often take pause; they are quick to blurt out their emotions. Keeping the realism and the rawness of the scenes has been a great challenge," he said.

He added: "This is one of those shows that will really suck you in as an audience member ... As the show progresses, you begin to really care for each of the characters and their unique places in life. The emotions are so real and so raw you will leave the theatre identifying with the uncertainties of life and love."

Producer Alan Wray decided to stage the play because he was intrigued with how it took ideas from "The Seagull" and tried to work with the questions individuals have about the characters from Chekov. "I wanted to enjoy where the take-off could go having done sound for the Christopher Hampton translation of "The Seagull," he said.

What he was trying to accomplish was to allow the audience to have something that made fun of the theatre even as Chekov was trying to make new ideas.

Bill Fleming plays the role of Sorn, a doctor who is also related to two of the other characters in the play. "I am the oldest character in the play and end up dying at the age of 60 by the end of Act 3. I often wax philosophical about my earlier life, and



Daniel Boos, Jason Krage, and Bill Fleming star in "Stupid F#@*ing Bird," presented by Port City Playhouse June 10-25.

wonder where all the years have gone, and why I feel so disconnected from everyone now that I have reached the end," he said.

He said his challenge has been figuring out how the character is different from him as a person. "I feel so close to this character in so many ways that it is easy to just fall into a sort of naturalness with him," he said. "Appearing natural on stage is good, but there has to be more going on below the surface. Figuring out what Sorn is passionate about and how he is different from me has definitely been my biggest challenge."

He added: "It does have a lot of funny bits, and is very clever as well, so I hope people pick up on that and don't get bogged down too much in the darker aspects of the show."

Jason Krage plays the role of Conrad (Con), who is just like a box of chocolates — you never know which one you are going to get. "Throughout the play he somehow seems to emote almost every emotion known to man," he said. "Much of the time he knows what he wants, but either has a hard time explaining it or is just too stern in trying to get his way. He is very misunderstood and just wants to make the rest of the characters appreciate him for who he truly is."

He said the challenge was finding all of the different emotional levels of the character and how to differentiate them as the scenes roll along. "Con is incredibly complicated; finding all of the subtleties was probably the largest struggle throughout the rehearsal," he said. "The way the script is

written, with certain pauses and or overlapping lines helped a bit, however, trying to find all of the other necessary spots really help to evolve all of the monologues and scenes."

He added: "It is incredibly heavy material and may hit home with some viewers more so than others. It has been such a joy to work on, I simply hope (the audience) can appreciate the product."

Daniel Boos plays the role of Dev, who is Conrad's close friend who provides support and perspective when Conrad needs it. "While he may be the oddest character in the bunch, he is also one of the more stable and observant members, trying to keep some hope and optimism when all goes awry," he said. "He lives a poor humble life as a teacher while longing to be with someone who doesn't feel the same way but tries to make the best of it every day."

He said, "As excited as I am to do this show, it does indeed demand from the cast to preserve naturalness amidst these emotionally charged situations. Luckily I see a lot of myself in my character but at the same time it's difficult to then go through self-examination and control that behavior to various levels."

He added: "Though each of the characters are flawed in their own little ways, each provides a perspective and message that are defended and justified to a certain degree, showing in the end, as Trigorin's character shows, how beautiful and complicated life is for better or worse."

Jeff Smith plays the role of Doyle Trigorin,

a successful and famous writer. "He is a bit of an outsider, observer to life, and enjoys this position as his observations become the source of his writing. As much as he is an active artist/author, he is skeptical about art and the human need to create," he said.

He added: "Trigorin is immediately infatuated by the young, beautiful Nina and tries to seduce her, and as such becomes an active participant in this episode of life. All this despite the fact that his lover, Emma, is on hand for his overtures to Nina. Trigorin is disliked by the other males in the play."

He said the biggest challenge has been the balancing act of Trigorin. "He is an outsider that enjoys looking inside. Trigorin is an active, successful artist/author and is dubious about the value of the need to create and any fame that may be acquired because of his ability to create," he said. "He is cognizant of people's frailties, but he relishes these frailties that become a source for his writing. Trigorin's infatuation and romantic involvement with Nina puts his own frailties on display. Capturing Trigorin's genius and his frailties has been my biggest challenges."

*The Port City Playhouse is presenting "Stupid F#@*ing Bird" by Aaron Posner June 10-25. Tickets are \$18-20. Show times are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Thursday, June 23 at 8 p.m. The Port City Playhouse is located at the corner of Quaker and Crestwood Lanes; the address for the Lab at Convergence is 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.*



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Maddy Byrd and Jeff Smith

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ONGOING

Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life." Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

UNITY Interactive Public Art Project. Through June 12, at 2200 Block of Mount Vernon Ave. Nancy Belmont, creator of the Courage Wall, launches a new interactive public art project. UNITY is circular arrangement of 32 poles in a large field. Each pole is labeled with an identifier. For example, "I'm a parent," "I speak English as a Second Language," "I identify as LGBTQ." With yarn, participants tie to each pole with which they identify. A canopy of interconnectedness forms as more people participate. In the end, we see that we are all connected by something. Free. Visit www.projectunity.net for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts: "Horizons." Through June 12, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artists' interpretations of separations between sky and earth, landscapes, seascapes, sunsets, sunrises. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited and for sale. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Judith Seligson: "A Gap Frame of Mind." Through June 12, gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery,

201 Prince St. The abstract works in this show reflect Seligson's interest in the importance of what lies between objects, events, words, shapes and thoughts. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

"Nature's Palette: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists." Through June 16, gallery hours at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. The exhibition brings together watermedia floral and landscape painters from the area. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham. Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum. Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small landscape. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

Art Exhibit: "Respect: Unsung Heroes in Uniform." Through June 26, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists express their point of view, depict something amusing, or honor a loved one. There will be a small memorial section where visitors can reflect, contemplate and remember. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

June Artist Showcase. Through June 30, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. The Alexandria Gallery is featuring the paintings of award-winning, plein air artist, Christine Lashley. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Art in Progress: "Highest Honor." Through June 30, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. In collaboration with military veterans from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder will construct a site-specific, suspended, 25-foot triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Yoder will be working daily in studio 8 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center to create the banner through the month of June. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

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Alex Tolstoy: "Watermarks." Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Alex Tolstoy's past life as an ocean acoustics mathematician subconsciously informed and inspired her present life as a watercolor artist, as she now paints the moods and forms of the oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, and storms. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Target Gallery: "Please Touch" Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Sixteen national and international artists, including four people from Virginia, were juried into this group show. This all-media exhibition features 20 works with which

audiences are invited to engage. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 10

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin 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.

The Dan Band. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Famous for a foul-mouthed rendition of "Total Eclipse of the Heart" featured in "Old School." Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 10-11

Summer Escape at Mount Vernon. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites visitors to sip craft beer and taste local and historic culinary treats while watching the sun set at the first president's home. Bud's Collective performs. Tickets are \$22. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Kids Bike Parade. 9-11 a.m. at Potomac Yard, 3671 Jefferson Davis Highway. Bring out your bikes, trikes, scooters and wagons to the 1st Annual Kids Bike Parade. \$9. Call 703-746-5411 for more.

Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. More than 70 vendors gather to sell fine arts, crafts, food, and beer. Dogs are welcome. Free. Visit www.volunteeralexandria.org.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. With four-legged friends in tow, board a Potomac Riverboat Co. cruise and tour the Alexandria Seaport on this popular 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6-foot flat leash at all times. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children, free for dogs. Visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com.

Hospital Adventures of the Civil War: Hands on History Tent. 12-3 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Children and their families are invited to explore the history that inspired PBS' "Mercy Street" through various crafts and hands-on activities. Admission is free, \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.carlylehouse.org.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Port City's Derecho Storms Back Into Town

Brewery will host release party Friday and Saturday.

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

The origins of one of Port City Brewing's most popular beers came from a rather unfortunate situation. It was the summer of 2012, and an unanticipated storm — a derecho, in fact — blew through the city one late June night, ripping apart power lines and leaving much of the region in darkness for days.

Port City's brewery was one of the buildings left in the dark by the derecho, and the beers-in-progress rested in the balance. Several days later, the electricity was restored to the Wheeler Avenue location, and what had transpired in the interim became the beer of legend.

"Power is really important for the brewery," Port City's Chris Van Orden laughed. "And we had brewed pilsner, which was sitting in a tank, and pilsner is a lager that needs to be fermented cold."

Port City's brewers had a problem on their hands. As the temperature began to rise in the summer heat, the brewmasters watched their pilsner warm up much too much. Only a year and a half into service, the brewery would certainly feel the financial pain of losing a tank of suds. So they took another look at their options.

"The temperature starts to rise — of course, we're not worried about that, per se; we're worried about making sure the brewery's intact, (and) thankfully it was —



and when we came in to check on the beer we found that the beer had risen to ale fermentation temperatures, which is fine for most of the other beers, but that's very warm for a lager," Van Orden said. "But there's a style of beer known as California common ... that was a classic American style — it's one of the few styles that was truly invented in the U.S. — and it was a lager-yeast beer fermented at warmer temperatures."

Higher temperatures: Check. A pilsner ready for a makeover: Check. Now came the moment of truth.

The brewmasters "tasted the beer and were actually very happy with it," Van Orden said. "It just was serendipity."



What resulted from the 2012 storm became one of Port City's best beers: The Derecho Common, a beer now brewed each summer with a release date very close to the original derecho event.

"Every year we celebrate it because it's just one of those, you know — the beer gods were smiling down on us," Van Orden said.

On draft in 2012 and bottled beginning in 2013, the Derecho common has joined the pantheon of Port City's seasonal repertoire. And its popularity took hold nearly immediately.

"(Derecho) vies with Tidings, our winter seasonal, for the most popular seasonal," Van Orden said. "It's nice to have a beer that people remember the origin for. And it's just a beer that's well-suited to summer — really refreshing and very dry and bright. And now that it's been in bottles it's been really a runaway hit for us. So having that beer come up in summer is a good excuse to celebrate."

Derecho's release party — this year spanning two days, June 10 and 11 — has taken on a life of its own, extending well past the storm's lifespan, and has become a kickoff

to the summertime months. And this year, the brewery has some new party plans in place.

"This year, for the first time when it comes to the actual celebration, we are doing a party outside," Van Orden said. "We did the very first one of those this past January for the Colossal V release. ... We are doing that again for Derecho, which is going to be a lot of fun, and it's nice that it won't be freezing-freezing cold. And if it rains, then it's only that much more appropriate."

Hope Nelson operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

If You Go

Derecho Release Party

Where: Port City Brewing, 3950 Wheeler Ave.

When: 2-10 p.m. June 10; noon-10 p.m. June 11.

What to expect: Derecho's release is one of the biggest events of Port City's year. "Derecho is probably busier (than any other) — although ... all bets are off this year because we have the additional space outside," Port City's Chris Van Orden said.

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Workshop and Garden Party. 1-4 p.m. at Department of Community and Human Services building, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. Learn about different architectural styles in the neighborhood followed by a garden party. Free. Visit alexandriava.gov.

Chefs in the Round. 6-8:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School Food Lab, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Join Chef Andrew McFadden former Executive Chef at the Department of State and Chef Paul Magnant former Guest Chef at the White House in the GSMS Food Lab for a gourmet five-course meal. Tickets are \$50. Call 703-799-6100 for more.

Summer Concert. 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Howard University's DuPont Brass performs. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.carlylehouse.org.

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joined on stage by the Gary Douglas Band. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

"Malice in the Palace." 11 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Trinity Trebles and Teens present "Malice in the Palace: The Story of Esther." Free. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org.

Magnolia Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. This event is inspired by the real life history of the Mansion House Hotel and the PBS television series, "Mercy Street," which premiered last winter. Tickets are \$40 per person. Visit www.carlylehouse.org.

A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman. 3 p.m. doors open, show at 4:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The Alexandria African American Hall of Fame is having a tribute to Phyllis Hyman show to benefit the Alexandria African American Hall of Fame project. Tickets are \$35. Call 571-217-9951 for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Early Music Concert. 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke St.

"Concerto Degli Imperfetti" presents Italian Renaissance music from masters of the 16th Century. Voice, lute, recorder, bass viola da gamba. Free. Call 202-378-8223 for more.

Seed Saving. 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Some 10,000 years ago, seed saving facilitated humans' transition from hunter-gatherers to farmers. Only in the mid-1900s did this practice decline. Now renewed interest in heirloom, unique and locally adapted vegetable and flower varieties is sparking a resurgence in seed saving. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

JUNE 14-JULY 24

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Circuses." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Mommy Meet-Up. 3-4 p.m. at Gymboree Play & Music, 318 S. Pickett St. Moms of babies up to 15 months are invited relax, play with at the special baby open gym and meet other moms. Free. Call 703-212-9244 to reserve a space.

Yappy Hour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Foster's Grille, 2004 Eisenhower Ave. All are welcome to bring their dogs for free treats. Adoptable dogs will also be present. Free. Visit www.eisenhowerpartnership.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Daddy Meet-Up. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree Play & Music, 318 S. Pickett St. Moms can bring children to "open gym," while Dads get a chance to relax and paint. Children must be under 5. Free. Call 703-212-9244 to reserve a space.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 17-18

"Stupid F#@*ing Bird." 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull"

gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Growing Edible Plants in Containers. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The program will cover how to select the right pots and plants, prepare for planting, and how to maintain plants growing in containers. Free. Register at mgnv.org.

Lecture: "The Secret History of Juneteenth." 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian C.R. Gibbs discusses the history of the celebration of the freeing of the slaves in Texas. Free. Visit www.blackhistory.org for more.

Tigerlily Foundation Pajama Glam Party. 4-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Women and girls are invited to wear (pink, purple, or red)

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pajamas and listen to music, visit pampering stations, and more. Also guest appearances by Asia Monet, Tati from WPGC (95.5), and Ashley Boalch Darby from Bravo's Real Housewives of Potomac. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$45 for adults.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Arlandria Chirilagua Festival. 12-7 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. This annual festival celebrates and highlights the Arlandria community's Latino community featuring musical entertainment, food, crafts and cultural vendors. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com.

Father's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. The firehouse photographer will be on duty, so dads can take home a complimentary photograph. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

Father's Day at Stabler-Leadbeater. 1-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Admission is free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Call 703-746-3852 for more.

Father's Day at Gadsby's Tavern. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Get a tour by Junior Docents. Free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Alexandria's Historic Breweries Guided Tour and Tasting. 2 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria. Join Alexandria's Historic Breweries author Garrett Peck and Portner Brewhouse co-founder Cat Portner on a guided walking tour around Old

Town Alexandria exploring the foundations of local brewing. The tour includes highlights from the print brochure, a Portner Brewhouse beer sampling and culminates at one of Alexandria's current Hops Stops. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.portnerbrewhouse.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

U.S. Passenger Arrival Records, 1820s-1930s. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist John Colletta, Ph.D., talks about arrival records and alternatives for overcoming issues like variant spellings of names, conflicting arrival dates, confusion of ship names, various ports of departure and arrival, and missing passenger manifests. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org.

Colvin & Earles. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$79.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Photography Workshop With George Tolbert. 6-8 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The former U.S. Senate photographer provides tips and techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their own

images on a thumb drive or CD to garner tips on improvement during the session. Free. Call 703-746-4356.

Angie Stone. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. R&B songstress performs. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Film Screening: "Goonies." Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

10,000 Maniacs. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The band celebrates the release of a live-recording album. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

"Stupid F#@*ing Bird." 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Lecture on Alexandria's 18th-Century Ship. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. By examining the wood and iron fastenings from Alexandria's recently excavated ship at 220 South Union St., the speaker illustrates how deep draft cargo vessels were constructed, repaired, and beached and broken

during the 18th century in the Mid-Atlantic. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4399.

Vine on the Waterfront Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit www.vineonthewaterfront.com.

Well Ray 2016. 1-6 p.m. at 2214 Mount Vernon Ave. The third annual Well Ray festival is a community wide effort to highlight resources for living healthily and happily. Browse health and lifestyle inspired tents and more. Free. Visit www.MindTheMat.com/Well-Ray/.

Dogue Run Distillery Dinner. 6-10 p.m. at George Washington's Gristmill and Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Dine on locally-sourced food and expertly paired wines by Early Mountain Vineyards, while being served in various rooms throughout the historic Mansion. Tickets are \$225. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Living With a Happy, Healthy Cat. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at PetSage, 2391 S. Dove St. Learning more about cat health, diet, preferable environment and more via lectures, panel discussions, and more. Tickets are \$50 until June 16, \$65 after and \$75 at the door. Visit www.ittybittyurl.com/Ya9 for more.

Three Dog Night. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are

\$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

JUNE 27-JULY 15

Grown Ups Art Camp. Various times at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans is offering more than 30 workshops and sessions to choose from. Prices vary. Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 28

Family Fun Day: Shaping Our City. 10-11:30 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Explore how shapes are used in buildings – in the classroom and on the streets of Alexandria. Families are encouraged to bring recycled materials to share during our building workshop and should be prepared for a short walk outdoors, including walking shoes, sunscreen, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tickets are \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Independence Fireworks. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Mount Vernon's colonial artisans will reveal how 18th-century ice cream was made in the days before freezers. Enjoy a performance by Yorktown Fire & Drum and the National Concert Band. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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The West Potomac women's varsity 4, composed of (from left) Celia Lane, Alyssa Pierson, Shelby Pierson, Emma Bass, Alina Selnick-Escobar, finished ninth overall at nationals.



The West Potomac women's junior varsity 4, composed of (from left) Rachel Harrison, Natalie Lorca, Liz Brodie, Juliette Burcham, Rachel Brautigam, took sixth in grand finals at nationals.

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West Potomac Crew Competes at Nationals

More than 150 crew teams from all over the United States converged on Dillion State Park in Nashport, Ohio May 27-28 to compete in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Championship Regatta (nationals) — an annual event first held in 1935.

West Potomac had three entries, having won spots two weeks before when they competed at the VASRA Virginia State Rowing Championships: women's varsity 4, men's junior varsity 4, and women's junior varsity 4. The Virginia state champion and undefeated women's junior varsity 4 placed sixth in grand finals, well ahead of all other entries from the region. The women's varsity 4 placed third in petite final (ninth overall) with a last-minute surge in a strong sprint that brought them from fifth to third in the final seconds of the race.

This was the first time since 2006 that a West Potomac boat qualified for finals

(grand or petite) in any event, and more than a dozen years (2003) since two boats qualified.

"The ladies did such a great job, women's lead coach Alan Weatherley said. "It was an amazing end to the season. Though the nationals results were particularly pleasing, there were successes to be found with all of West Potomac's women. We shall certainly miss the seniors who contributed so much to them."

"Our men's junior varsity didn't place, but rowed against very stiff competition and I am proud of their efforts," head coach Leslie Shinnery said. "But let's keep in mind that all the teams racing at nationals are among the best of the best and quite frankly I am very proud of all our athletes and what they achieved this season — and that goes for each and every member of West Potomac crew."

The West Potomac crew team is officially known as West Potomac Crew Boosters and



The West Potomac men's junior varsity 4, composed of (from left) Logan Lynch, Kyle White, Tyler Hawley (f), Jonathan Middleton, Reece Hagler, competed at nationals.

was founded almost 50 years ago at Fort Hunt High School. West Potomac High

School students interested in learning more about the crew team can visit wpcrow.org.

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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.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is soliciting public review and comment on instructional materials (media, print, and lesson objectives) under consideration for Family Life Education (FLE). Recommendations affect grades 9, 10, 11, and students with low incidence disabilities in grades 3-10. The comment period continues through close of business on June 24. All comments received

during the comment period will be shared with School Board members prior to their vote on the recommendations Thursday, June 30.

- ❖ Two evening opportunities for the community to review the two recommended media titles and book have been scheduled at Gatehouse Administration Center, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church, on Tuesday, June 14, and Wednesday, June 15, from 6-8 p.m. in rooms 2050 and 2051.
- ❖ FLE instructional materials may be accessed online through Friday, June 24, for public review and comment at www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/fle.shtml.
- ❖ Citizens can submit comments on the

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SCHOOL NOTES

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

Mariela Michelle Alas and Olivia Morgan Simpson Compton, both of Alexandria, gradu-

ated from Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.).

Anastasia Carolyn Espejo Voellm, of Alexandria, was named to the spring 2016 dean's list at Baylor University (Waco, Texas).



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Bob Beatty Award

The Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association met on May 12 at the Cedar Knoll Restaurant to present its annual Bob Beatty Award to Belleview Elementary student Alexis Kirgan. This award is in honor of a long-time community member and Sportsman, Bob Beatty, who

was dedicated to helping area youth succeed in athletics, academics and community service. Shown with Alexis are, from left, West Potomac basketball players Idaresit Ekpuk and Khalil Williams Diggins, and head coach David Houston III.

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Carol Jean Koenig Vodra Dodd, formerly of Alexandria, VA, died Monday, May 30, 2016 in Gaithersburg, Maryland following a brief illness. Born August 1, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Carl Koenig and Helen Wolf Koenig. Carol was raised in Fairlawn, NJ. She graduated from Fair Lawn Senior High School in 1959. She received her bachelor's degree in economics and political science 1963 from Wooster College in Wooster, Ohio and a master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1965. Her first marriage to William Vodra ended in divorce, but it resulted in her cherished only son. She married Joseph Dodd in 1981. They met in Alexandria, and lived there the majority of their married life, only moving to Maryland in 2012. Together, they enjoyed travel throughout the country and the world, but travel to the Caribbean grew into a great love that fed many repeated trips. Carol was a generous and welcoming person, helping those she cared for to share in the things she enjoyed.

Her greatest joy came from working at Granny's Place in Alexandria, where she was a manager and buyer of toys for children. She built a career as a legal administrator, finishing at Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis where for over 21 years she guided them through the opening of multiple satellite offices as well as running their Alexandria VA locations. She served on the International board of the Association of Legal Administrators.

Carol was preceded in death by her devoted husband of 32 years, Joseph F. Dodd in 2014. She is survived by her only son, William W. Vodra II, daughter-in-law Stacie, one granddaughter Courtney of Gaithersburg, Maryland, and step-son Gregory Dodd (Mary) of King George, Virginia, her sister Shirley Odenwald (Ted) of Oakland, NJ, a niece, a nephew, and friends new and old. We will always carry your memory in our hearts.

A celebration of her life will be private.

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Joan Barry Nolan

Age 85
Peacefully passed away on June 7, 2016. Native to New York, Joan became a part of the Alexandria community in 1932. Joan is survived by 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 13th from 6-8 pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, 1427 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11 am. Interment will immediately follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated to Alzheimer's Association.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-06-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide a full independent program evaluation of the Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-06-01 Talented and Gifted (TAG) Program Evaluation will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, July 11, 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 703-619-8181, 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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ABC LICENSE

Bakers Bread LLC trading as Junction Bakery & Bistro, 1508 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On and Off Premises & Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Noe Landini, Managing Director
NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 dates from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

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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.

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recommendations via e-mail to FLEcomments@fcps.edu. The comment period continues through close of business on June 24. All comments received during the comment period will be shared with School Board members prior to their vote on the recommendations Thursday, June 30.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH SEPTEMBER Plant Clinics. 9 a.m.-noon at the Mount Vernon Farmers Market at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Volunteers from the Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association will conduct plant clinics during the 2016 season to answer gardening questions, identify plants and insects, and dispense soil test kits to the general public. They encourage backyard gardeners to bring samples for diagnosis or identification. Visit fairfaxgardening.org.

FARMERS MARKET OPEN
The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market is open for the year at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 8 a.m.-noon every Wednesday, through Dec. 16. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

THROUGH JUNE 19 Paddle Events for the Public. Potomac Riverkeeper Network, in partnership with the National Park Service (NPS), presents a series of public canoe and kayak adventures for all skill levels. Anyone may sign up to participate on a paddling trip lasting from a few hours to a few days at locations along the lower Potomac River, the Upper Potomac River, and the Shenandoah River. Participants can bring their own gear, or rent equipment from one of the collaborating outfitters. Visit www.prknetwork.org. Local opportunities include:
 ♦ June 9: After Work Paddle at Fort Washington, 6 p.m.
 ♦ June 13: Sunset Over Dyke Marsh Paddle, 5:30 p.m.
 ♦ June 18: Paddle for Clean Water SPLASH event on the Georgetown Waterfront, 8 a.m.

THURSDAY/JUNE 9 Marijuana Awareness. 7:30-9 p.m. at South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. Marijuana awareness movie and panel discussion. Learn about the negative effects of cannabis on youth. Free. Space limited, reserve online at upcfilmjune9.eventbrite.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10 Restaurant Trends Summit. 8:30 a.m. at Hampton Inn & Suites, 5821 Richmond Highway. The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation will host a summit on trends in the local and regional restaurant industry. Speakers are experts from the design firm Streetsense. A light breakfast will be served. Free and open to the public. Visit www.sfdc.org.

Induction Banquet. 6:30 p.m. in room G100 at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. Mount Vernon High School hosts 2016 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet with inductees Greg Harris, class of 1988; Robyn Roughton, class of 1981; Tim Sager, class of 1984; and Sammy Zepka, class of 1979. Tickets are \$25, dinner will be served. Email Coach Tony Garza at wagarza@fcps.edu.

MONDAY/JUNE 13 The Giving Circle of HOPE (GCH) opens its 2016 Grant Cycle on June 13. The Giving Circle of HOPE seeks to create positive change in Northern Virginia through collective and engaged philanthropy. Since its inception in 2004, GCH has given nearly \$1 million to nonprofit organizations in Northern Virginia. Application instructions can be found at <http://wp.me/P7bMCU-Fx>. Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday Aug. 12 and must be in electronic format only. To learn more about submission guidelines and our competitive screening process, go to www.givingcircleofhope.org/grants/collective-grants/.

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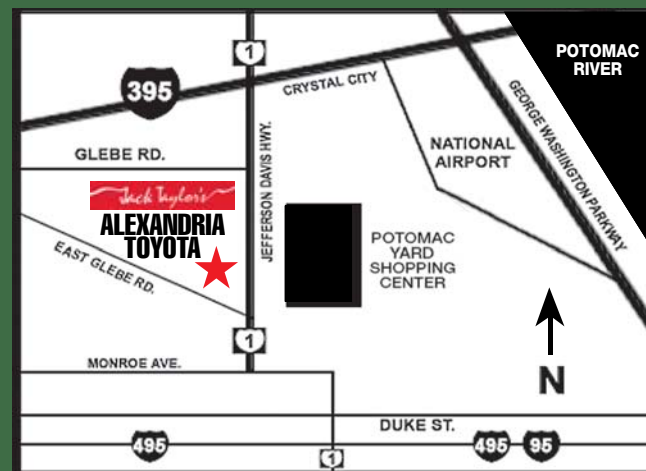
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INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only.
MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
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INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION
Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated. PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections. Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
SUMMER MAINTENANCE SPECIAL \$59⁹⁵
INCLUDES: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*, inspect windshield wipers, tire rotation, check tire condition, check battery (with print out), inspect and adjust all fluid levels, inspect air Alexandria Toyota's 27 pt. inspection & cabin air filters.

SUNDAY ONLY SPECIALS
TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE \$29⁹⁵ \$49⁹⁵
NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC
PLUS FREE TIRE ROTATION
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SPRING SAVINGS

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
DETAIL SPECIALS
STANDARD HAND-WASH & VACUUM \$39⁹⁵
Recommended Monthly
Vacuum carpets, floor mats, upholstery & trunk, wipe down dash board, console & door panels, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand wash exterior door jams, and dress tires.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL \$29⁹⁵ \$49⁹⁵
NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC
INCLUDES: Change oil (up to 5 qts.), install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION
INCLUDES: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.
Plus Take 15% OFF your bill if you choose to perform the repair with us.

GENUINE TOYOTA
SIGHT LINE WIPER BLADES \$10 OFF ANY PAIR
Sight Line only.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
QUALITY HAND-WASH VACUUM & WAX \$139⁹⁵
Recommended Every 6 Months
Hand wash exterior door jams, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand-wax or glaze, vacuum carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather, clean dash board, vents, console, door panels & windows, and dress tires.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VARIABLE DISCOUNT
\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
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Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.
INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
PREMIUM FULL DETAIL \$295⁹⁵
Recommended Every 12 Months
Full interior & exterior detailing, including trunk, shampoo carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather plus conditioning, wash wheels, tires, fender wells & door jams, hand wax exterior, buff & polish, wax or glaze application, tar & sap removal, dress tires, rubber molding & trim, clean dashboard, vents, console plus door panels, clean overhead liner, ashtrays & windows, and engine cleaning.
All details by appointment only.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VENTILATION SERVICE \$49⁹⁵
INCLUDES: Clean condenser fins, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

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Synthetic \$10 More
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