

Remembering the Fallen

Ivy Hill ceremony honors fire and EMS personnel.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's fallen firefighters and EMS personnel were remembered by members of the city's first responder and law enforcement agencies at a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony Oct. 14 at Ivy Hill Cemetery as part of the annual National Fire Prevention Week ceremonies.

"We are here to honor the service, dedication and sacrifice of our first responders and remember those who have recently departed," said Alexandria Fire Department Assistant Chief David Povlitz in his keynote address. "And we must also recognize the sacrifice and strength of the families who surround them."

The ceremony, which dates back to 1856, honors those who have died in the line of duty and also marks the passing of members of the department who

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Linda Conner, center, is joined by her son Michael and his fiancée Dee Shirley at the gravesite of retired ADF Assistant Chief and Chief Fire Marshal Michael Conner.

Money Talks

Citizens unite over city budget priorities.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Above all else, Alexandrians want a healthier and more transit accessible city, and they're willing to pay for it. At a meeting on Oct. 13 at Patrick Henry Elementary School, the city's FY2018 budget process kicked off with an opportunity for the 50 citizens present to voice their thoughts on what parts of the budget merited further investment.

Though the citizens were split into separate groups, most came to similar conclusions about where the city needed to more heavily invest.

Allen Lomack, representing one group of citizens, was the first to say that public health needed to be a focus of the city's budget. Both of the other two groups echoed Lomack's sentiment, questioning why the city's department of health had

fallen into a state of disrepair. Katya Wanzer, chair of the Public Health Advisory Commission, warned that cuts to the Health Department could have an impact on the city's ability to perform restaurant and other health inspections.

City Manager Mark Jinks said funding to the health department was an issue he hadn't expected much public outcry over.

"The health department budget was something we usually don't hear much about," said Jinks. "That was something that was new. In prior years, very little had been said about it."

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— City Manager Mark Jinks

According to Jinks, fixing the health department isn't simple and isn't something the local government can do alone. The Alexandria Health Department is state-run with its budget funded by the state.

"We supplement their salaries because state salaries are not enough to cover their costs and fund some positions," said Jinks. "The state has been cutting back in pub-

lic health and had to make tough choices with regards to level of services. It is a state function, however, it is a function that serves the citizens, so they are a regular part

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Frank Fannon III Dies Fourth generation Alexandrian dies at 82.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Since 1846, the Fannon name has been virtually synonymous with Alexandria and no one was prouder of that than Frank Fannon III.

"I could have been born in any city in any country but was lucky enough to be born in Alexandria," Fannon would say often to his family and friends.

The otherwise humble man was fiercely proud of his Alexandria heritage. He was born at the corner of Duke and Washington streets and grew up behind the George Washington Masonic Me-



memorial, where he would play and often times find Civil War relics. On Oct. 13, the fourth generation Alexandrian died at the Sunrise of Alexandria care facility, less than a mile from where he was born. He was 82 years old.

"Dad had this amazing pride in the city of Alexandria," said Fannon's youngest son Ryan. "He loved Alexandria and was very proud of our family history here."

That history includes the family's coal and lumber business,

founded in 1885 by Fannon's grandfather, Thomas J. Fannon, who also served as a vice mayor of Alexandria. T.J. Fannon and Sons remains the third oldest family-owned business in the state of Virginia and is currently operated by Fannon's nephews.

Born Francis Harper Fannon III on March 13, 1934, Fannon's namesake was businessman Frank Harper, who lent T.J. Fannon \$500 in 1885 to begin his business at the corner of Duke and Henry streets.

Fannon attended St. Mary's grade school in Old Town and was a 1952 graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington

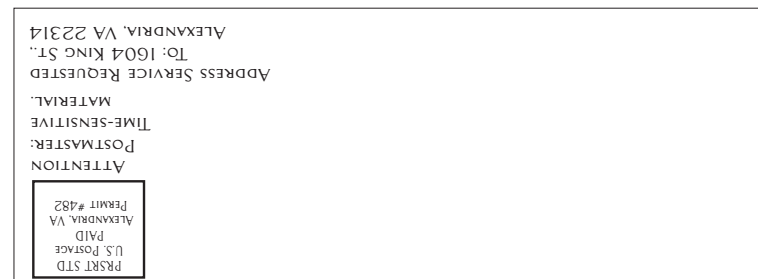
D.C. He was a High School All-American football player and played collegiately at the University of Virginia where he graduated in 1957.

He spent the majority of his early career in the life insurance industry and started his own in-

urance and financial planning firm in 1980. He retired in 1993 and promptly embarked on a 40-day, cross country road trip with his two sons in his mother's 1979 Cadillac.

"Dad really loved to travel," said

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In 8th District, Hernick Challenges Beyer

The Steadfast Democrat.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer meets at The Royal Restaurant, a diner serving Old Town Alexandria since 1908. Its walls are adorned with pictures of famous visitors.

It's been two years since Beyer took office, stepping into the shoes of longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

"I was surprised Hernick got the nomination," said Beyer. "I respect his positions on climate change and we end up agreeing on a lot."

For Beyer, climate change and environmental work has been at the center of his campaign. While respecting Republican candidate Charles Hernick's positions, Beyer says it is naive to think Republican leadership is going to be willing to work on climate change issues, referencing Cap and Trade measures similar to what Hernick is proposing that were brought up in 2010 and actively campaigned against by Republicans. Instead, Beyer has been pushing for a tax on carbon emissions, one aimed at environmental deterrence rather than as a revenue source.

"One hundred percent of that tax revenue will go back into people's pockets," said Beyer. "I think Republicans will like this version more because it isn't about increasing revenue to the government."

Beyer says he's spent the last two years in office trying to reach out to Republicans and has found only 10 even willing to talk about the issue, with several of them retiring.

"To pass a carbon tax [and other environmental reforms], Democrats will have to be in the majority," said Beyer. "If we are, we can get the Republicans onboard."

In the meantime, Beyer says he's continuing to meet with Republicans one on one to work on changing their minds.

Beyer supports free community college to help make the first few years of school tuition and debt free. Beyer says the government needs to work to help make it possible to refinance student loans.

Like Hernick, Beyer says many of the long-term fixes for tuition costs are going to have to come from systematic reforms. For Beyer, that means reforming the budget process to be more bipartisan and enact harsher consequences for Congress if no budget is passed.

Beyer also says his candidacy is about

Don Beyer

Party: Democrat

Campaign Priorities:

- ❖ Environmental Reform (Carbon Tax)
- ❖ Economic Empowerment of Women
- ❖ Infrastructure Investment

Campaign funding - as of June 30 from Opensecrets.org

- ❖ Raised: \$1,389,361
- ❖ Spent: \$782,421

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Democratic U.S. Rep. Don Beyer at The Royal Restaurant.

pushing for economic empowerment of women and what he calls the "economic transformation of Northern Virginia." Beyer says the government needs to invest more heavily in the nation's infrastructure, especially in a district with a failing Metro and crumbling bridges.

As happens during a busy election season, both candidates have been absent from scheduled debates. On Oct. 13, Hernick was a no-show to a debate sponsored by the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Instead, Beyer spoke to local business leaders about his workforce reform plans. Like many Democrats, Beyer is pushing to secure a pathway to legal citizenship for immigrants living in the country illegally. Earlier in 2016, Beyer met with an illegal immigrant living in Fairfax and his family to learn more about the struggles they face.

The relatively conservative audience said they were mostly happy with the issues they saw Beyer addressing and many said having Trump at the top of the Republican ticket was likely to impact their votes across the ballot towards the Democrats.

"There's not a lot of tough candidates to choose from," said Villie Uusimaki, a principal and wealth management advisor at ForeC Financial LLC. Overall, Uusimaki said he wanted to see more candidates who were pro-business and looking to reduce regulations. "Taxation right now is too tight, we need to do more to incentivize small business owners."

Walter Kulp, a resident of Alexandria, said the top issues he'd be voting on in the election would be jobs, taxes, and security issues.

"I was happy to hear Beyer talk about personal security, in particular touching on mental health," said Kulp. At the one-candidate debate, Beyer said one of his ambitions for his next term was to work on forming a caucus representing suicide prevention organizations. "I was really hopeful about his conversation regarding suicide."

Like Uusimaki, Kulp was unimpressed with the selection in the Presidential race.

"The Presidential race is a personal mess," said Kulp, "No one is touching on the issues there."

In their 2015 report card, Govtrack.us said that among freshman representatives,

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The Unlikely Republican

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Republican candidate Charles Hernick meets at Commonwealth Joe's, a coffee shop in Pentagon City so new it hasn't even had its official opening. It's populated almost exclusively by millennials, and Hernick fits right in. When asked about the political issues that matter to them, the students and baristas at Commonwealth Joe's all answer that climate change and combating student debt are their key voting issues. It's a liberal atmosphere, but that doesn't stop Hernick from trying to win them over.

Hernick represents a new kind of Republican opponent for U.S. Rep. Don Beyer. Hernick was 8 years old when Beyer was elected lieutenant governor of Virginia. Like many younger voters in the district, Hernick moved to the area to work in consulting, focusing on economics and environmental work domestically and internationally in his work with The Cadmus Group. Hernick represents a new generation of Republicans, one more inclusive and free market focused than the GOP at the top of the ticket.

"Republicans in Northern Virginia are a very different breed from those that put Donald Trump on the ballot," said Hernick.

There's a 30-year age difference between the two candidates, but in many ways their ideological stances aren't far removed. Hernick is a Republican whose chief political inspiration is Bobby Kennedy. He's progressive on social issues, last week earning the endorsement of the Log Cabin Republicans. One of his top campaign priorities is combatting climate change that Hernick says is absolutely caused by people.

But beneath those similarities, Hernick is still true-red. When a student at the coffee shop brings up debt forgiveness and free college, Hernick braces himself to deliver an unpopular answer for many millennial voters.

"Where is free college going to come from?" asks Hernick. "We can increase our taxes on corporations but they will move abroad. Corporations are already fleeing higher taxes to places like Ireland. I'm troubled by the idea of free college tuition."

Instead, Hernick says the government needs to try and focus on fixing the fundamentals of the economy to ensure that graduates have decent paying jobs to pay back their debt. By improving the health of business, Hernick says a stronger commer-

Charles Hernick

Party: Republican

Campaign Priorities:

- ❖ Environmental Reform (Cap and Trade)
- ❖ Federal Efficiency
- ❖ National Security.

Campaign funding - as of Sept. 30 from Opensecrets.org

- ❖ Raised: \$59,852
- ❖ Spent: \$45,660

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Republican Congressional Candidate Charles Hernick at Commonwealth Joe's in Arlington.

cial tax base can help finance government subsidies to public colleges.

Hernick also says the country needs to rework bankruptcy to eliminate student debt. Currently, student debt doesn't go away when someone files for bankruptcy.

Hernick says he disagrees with many climate change deniers in the Republican leadership.

"I've been telling Republicans that they're doomed if they can't work on climate change issues," said Hernick. "People want to see action."

But while Hernick's beliefs on the subject are closer to Beyer's there's still disagreement between the two. Hernick opposes Beyer's proposed carbon tax, saying that Republicans will never agree to it. Hernick favors cap and trade measures, specifically starting with the trade side to ease other Republicans into the idea as financially sound.

"The far-right is worried about damage to the economy with [climate change-preventative measures], so we start with trade," said Hernick. "That won't hurt the economy, it will help build renewable energy, and it's something we can get passed within two years."

Hernick also says workplace efficiency within the federal government has to be a priority for any member of Congress in the 8th District.

"The kind of inefficiency that resulted in the Metro issue and the [current situation] at the Department of Veteran's Affairs plagues the federal workplace," said Hernick. "A whole batch of millennials are looking at government work but are leaving this area because it's not a good place to work. There's hiring freezes and incompetent employees are impossible to fire. We're losing a lot of good young talent."

Hernick says he disagrees with the conventional wisdom that Virginia, even Northern Virginia, is a guaranteed Democratic win. At a local level, Hernick says he drew a lot of inspiration from Arlington County Board member John Vihstadt's election and subsequent reelection to the overwhelmingly Democratic Arlington County Board.

"He built a fiscal platform with a broad

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Beyer Focuses on Economy

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Beyer cosponsored the second-most bills. Of the 252 bills Beyer cosponsored, 25 percent were introduced by non-Democrats, making Beyer the second-most bipartisan member of Congress from Virginia. However, Govtrack also notes that Beyer has missed 52 (4.1 percent) of the 1,277 roll call votes, nearly double the congressional average.

David Speck, a former member of Alexandria's City Council and a longtime friend of Beyer, said that Beyer has been more focused on building a foundation for future legislation rather than trying to make a splash.

"The temptation of two-year terms is to do something that makes a headline, but if you're committed to doing something the right way, it's more about building something that will last," said Speck. "He is establishing himself as a member of Congress in exactly the right way. Things he's speaking about, that he's learning about, are things that transcend a term or two: like climate change. Getting anything done in Congress is a long slog. The temptation is seeing what I can win on right now, and that's a hard thing to resist."

Speck said Beyer's roots in the heavily Democratic 8th district have, so far, given him a bit of security to work on more long-term legislation. In 2014's five candidate race, Beyer won with 63 percent of the vote, more than double Republican Micah Edmond. Frank Shafroth from George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis said it will be difficult, but not impossible, for a Republican to win in the 8th

District.

"[Northern Virginia] voters have elected any number of Republicans to the City Council, and some have gone on from there to distinguished careers in the Virginia Legislature," said Shafroth in an email. "There is a tendency to vote for merit and integrity, notwithstanding party. So being a more liberal, as opposed to conservative [Republican], has benefited former leaders like Connie Ring and Bob Calhoun, who both earned bipartisan support in going from the council to distinguished service in Richmond. That being said, it is difficult to unseat incumbents who have earned support and trust over the years, so the challengers this year, in a state trending heavily against the head of the Republican ticket, face a greater than usual challenge."

Beyer and Hernick won't be the only names on the ballot.

Independent Julio Gracia, a former FBI agent, has been running a low budget campaign. Like Beyer, Gracia believes in more free community college, stricter environmental regulations, and universal healthcare.

However, Gracia says his political "experiment" is aimed at running a campaign and getting people involved in politics without the filter of representing a political party.

"It's really just my wife and I going around Fall's Church knocking on doors and talking to people," said Gracia.

"You start to realize that many people share the same frustrations. We need politicians who are more in touch with the people in their district."



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Hernick Challenges Beyer in 8th Congressional District

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coalition,” said Hernick. “He won because he focused on the issues that matter. We’re one of the youngest and most diverse areas of the country. If I can get my message out, I can win.”

Hernick says the 20 percent of millennials voting for Gary Johnson gives him hope for his candidacy as well. On election day, Hernick says he plans to vote early and then travel the district to introduce himself outside other polling stations.

Friends of Hernick say he’s honest and upfront about his beliefs. Tracy Mehan worked together with Hernick at the Cadmus Group.

“Anyone who’s met [Hernick] knows he’s very upfront,” said Mehan. “What you see is what you get. You may not always agree with him but he’s free of guile. He tells you where he stands and gives you his best effort.”

Nathan Perry is a Libertarian in Arlington and a friend of Hernick’s. Like Mehan,

he says he doesn’t always agree with Hernick on some issues but says Hernick is always open to friendly debate and discussion.

“He’s got actual integrity,” said Perry. “We have good, vigorous open debates about how we think the world should work. That’s what I like about him.”

I’ve never seen him dodge a question or change the topic.

He’s got real integrity. For once, he’s a politician I actually want to be [in power].

He will listen to people’s ideas.”

Mehan says Hernick has always been passionate about environmental and economic issues.

“[Hernick] also did a lot of work in the international area,” said Mehan. “He always had a very broad view and worked in Latin America and Africa. He brings a global approach things. He had the right blend of a good environmental ethic and a good sense of what motivates people and incentivizes behavior.”



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(Left to right) Ted Johnson, Erik Dorn, Shannon Catlett, Charlie Collum, Pam De Candio and Kerry Donley

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Stacey Swartz prints off the morning's prescriptions and will triage them to fill the most urgent first. Swartz is pharmacist and co-owner of The Neighborhood Pharmacy in Del Ray.



Keith Stalder, a regular customer at The Neighborhood Pharmacy, has come in for a flu shot. He says this is the way every business should be run. "These small pharmacies are almost non-existent."



Jennifer Heatherington has been coming to The Neighborhood Pharmacy since it opened eight years ago. She remembers when Swartz delivered a prescription to her house at 7:30 p.m. for her newborn baby with reflux.



Mia Soto, a student at George Mason, works as a pharmacy technician at The Neighborhood Pharmacy. She is dispensing seizure medication with an auto count machine.

Neighborhood Pharmacy Cares for Its Community

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Over 1,000 look-alike white bottles line the shelves, cram the nooks and crannies and sit in the refrigerator at Neighborhood Pharmacy on Mt. Vernon Street in Del Ray. Stacey Swartz, pharmacist and co-owner, has operated the independent pharmacy for eight years since she bought the space from Show of Hands. "Monday is the busiest day of the week," she says, "with all of the things piled up from the weekend."

Swartz explains filling prescriptions is a very manual process because although she has an automatic refill process, she goes through to pick what to refill on a regular basis. "For instance you may not need nasal spray every month." In addition she will triage the prescriptions that have come in to fill the most urgent ones first.

"Keith, I haven't seen you for a month of Sundays."

Keith Stalder, a regular customer, has come in for his flu shot.

"You're not sick today? You're not allergic to eggs?"

Stalder takes off his suit jacket and shirt

as they chat about families. After a quick swab of alcohol, Swartz painlessly inserts the needle. Stalder volunteers, "Just so you know, this is the best pharmacy in the history of the galaxy. They are awesome; this is the way every business should be run." He says, "These small pharmacies are almost non-existent."

Swartz has just printed off a list of prescriptions that came in this morning. She says about one-third come electronically from doctors' offices, one-third written prescriptions and one-third by phone or fax. Mia Soto, a student at George Mason, stands beside Swartz dispensing 80 tegretol pills to prevent seizures using an auto count machine. It is useful for inventory and for quality control.

Swartz looks up, "Oh, hi Jennifer. Come to drop off or pick up?"

Jennifer Heatherington has been coming to the pharmacy for a long time, "pretty much since they opened. I remember when my newborn had reflux and Stacey stopped by with a prescription for Carys at 7:30 p.m." Swartz says she delivers to four local zip codes. "I have just been checking prescriptions for ADHD medication that we are about to deliver up the street to the Episcopal High School. Since it is a boarding

school we also deliver over the counter drugs." Swartz notices that Heatherington's coupon card that takes the co-pay down has expired and issues her a new one. "That saved you \$110 today."

Swartz's morning employee is about to leave so she debriefs Swartz on what she has done or been unable to complete before leaving. It might be a complicated insurance problem or a special order that she doesn't recognize or just too many prescriptions to finish typing. "She has a harder gig than I do," Swartz says, "because she has to catch up on everything over the weekend and our orders coming in are twice as large."

The phone rings again. "Hello can I help you? Hold on just a second. We don't have that in stock but I can try to find it for you." Swartz explains that she doesn't keep some things like dermatological products in stock because there isn't a big demand and they expire. "And they are not usually urgent so I can have the prescription by the next day."

Another regular customer comes in to pick up a prescription for his wife. "Yours is going to take until tomorrow; is that OK?" Swartz checks her computer. "You can use a co-pay coupon for that one. It will be \$20." The customer replies, "Wow. That's better

than \$80."

Swartz says she got started down this path because she worked at a CVS pharmacy in New Jersey when she was 16. "I was good at being a pharmacy tech and my mom thought it would be good work for a woman so she encouraged me."

Swartz worked for a non-profit pharmacy association but got tired of "the rigmarole of an office." When her friend encouraged her to start her own business, "I said if you do it with me."

"The community has been very good to me here. I don't know if I could have done the same thing anywhere else in Northern Virginia. People are loyal." She continues, "They look out for me. When there was a Walgreen's going in, they asked if I'd be OK or if they should talk to local officials to try to stop it." But she says it really hasn't affected her.

Swartz says, "What's nice about my industry is there is a co-pay wherever you go so there's not a big price difference if they come to me." And she says, "I try to make it less stressful for people who may be sick when they come in, and big chains can be unpleasant. "It's about making sure you know who the customers are, and to care about them."

WWII Cadet Receives CAP Congressional Gold Medal

Haynes joined Civil Air Patrol in 1942.

BY RIKKI GEORGE
GAZETTE PACKET

It's not everyday someone can say they've earned a pilot's license before their driver's license, or went on to join the U.S. Air Force and then attend MIT at their own expense. Such is the case of long-time Alexandria resident, mother of four, Elizabeth "Libby" Daggit Haynes, 89, a World War II Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet.

Oct. 8 marked another achievement. Haynes received the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal.

"We discovered each other after a Twilight Tattoo event of the U.S. Army at Fort Myer-Henderson Hall this summer," said 1st Lt. Bebe Finkenstaedt, Challenger I Cadet Squadron Commander. "Our squadron was wearing our Air Force Blues uniform and Libby came up to us and began talking about her CAP start. One member said, 'You deserve an award for that.'"

According to historian Col Frank A. Blazich, Jr., any individual who served in CAP from Dec. 7, 1941 to Sept. 2, 1945 warranted recognition so as to not single any one individual out. Haynes, based on



her time as a CAP cadet, qualified. She joined in 1942.

It is not the first instance of an organization being awarded the medal, says Blazich. "But in this instance the importance lies in the recognition by Congress of the civilian volunteers who gave their time, money, careers, and in 68 cases, their lives for the defense of the homeland."

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Elizabeth "Libby" Daggit Haynes is congratulated for her receipt of the CAP Congressional Gold Medal. From left are William Haynes, son; Elizabeth "Libby" Daggit Haynes; Cadet Isabella Altieri; Col. Bruce Heinlein, CAP National Capital Wing Commander; Allison Silberberg, City of Alexandria mayor; and Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Judy Fedder, CAP Board of Governors.



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Elizabeth "Libby" Daggitt Haynes with cadets from Civil Air Patrol's Challenger 1 Cadet Squadron in Alexandria.

WWII Cadet Receives CAP Medal

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The Congressional Gold Medal is a recognition of their sacrifice afforded by the federal government.

Mayor Allison Silberberg and Col. Bruce Heinlein, CAP National Capital Wing Commander, presented the award to Haynes. Guests, friends and family also attended the ceremony, as did the local cadet squadron. The event took place at Greenspring Retirement in Springfield, Haynes's current residence.

Haynes' cadet training confirmed her interest in aviation, an interest she's had since

age 6. "Joining the Air Force was a compulsion for me," Haynes said. "It was so strong like a calling." While at MIT studying meteorology, Haynes soloed her plane "Firebird" to and from school and later became a flight forecaster. She briefed pilots on the weather they could expect on their flight and signed their clearance.

"She really did break barriers for women in her day," said daughter Mary Haynes Miller. "She is yet another capable intelligent woman that hasn't let her gender stop her. She could figure out anything. She has a powerful mind and is not afraid to use it."

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Statue's Stewards

To the Editor:

An open letter to the public regarding the Appomattox Statue from the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7 United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Located at the intersection of Prince and Washington streets, the Appomattox Statue is the property of the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7 United Daughters of the Confederacy. We are the local chapter of the general organization United Daughters of the Confederacy. The monument is owned by our chapter and not, as has been erroneously reported, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which would indicate the general organization. Since the Alexandria City Council's vote on Sept. 17 to request permission from the legislature to relocate Appomattox, we have been waiting for some formal communication (i.e. in writing) from the city before responding. To date, none has been received, so we resort to this forum to express our chapter's vehement opposition to the relocation of Appomattox to the Lyceum or anywhere else.

It would be disingenuous to say that there has been no communication with the city. Mayor Silberberg did call our chapter president immediately after the City Council meeting in September. Contrary to what was reported, members of our chapter attended that meeting on Sept. 17. The mayor and our chapter president met privately the following week. At that meeting, the mayor was informed that the members of our chapter will work vigorously to ensure that Appomattox remains in its current location.

Moving the monument was proposed in 1988. Suggestions were a cemetery, the waterfront park, or the Lyceum. Those proposals were rejected by our chapter. We remain steadfast in our position that Appomattox remain at Prince and Washington streets. The members of the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7 United Daughters of the Confederacy are the stewards of the property of the R.E. Lee Camp #2 Confederate Veterans. The site at Prince and Washington streets was selected by the veterans in 1888. They sought and were granted approval by the City Council to have the monument placed there. This marks the site from which the Alexandria militia companies departed the city on the morning of May 24, 1861. The location had special meaning for the men who conceived, paid for, and dedicated the monument. As Mayor Silberberg was informed, we will honor the wishes of the veterans.

We thank all those who have contacted us with words of support and encouragement. The members of the Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7 United Daughters of the Confederacy will endeavor to keep Appomattox where it is.

Deborah A. Mullins
Chapter President
Mary Custis Lee-17th Virginia Regiment
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Lacking Accountability

To the Editor:

I am sure you are aware of the discord re-



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lated to the development at the Patrick Henry School and Rec Center. The ACPS and School Board chose Option A1 over the advisory committee's recommendation of C1 claiming it was cheaper. Within two weeks, the ACPS discovered that A1 did not take into account the cost of the third floor nor the cost of moving Dominion Virginia's power lines. Option C1 does not have either of these additional expenses and has less square footage. These additional costs should have been easily anticipated in advance — reinforcing the trend that the School Board (excluding new members) and accompanying staff are simply incompetent and are unable to deliver a project on budget. Consider the high school over run Jefferson Houston, tennis courts, etc. Continuing with A1 is a waste of taxpayer money.

The School Board has absolutely no regard for DSUPs as is evidenced by their back door attempt to change the nature and composition of T.C. Williams Advisory Committee. During the construction of the new T.C. Williams High School, the city and the School Board came to the abutting neighborhood asking to have the football stadium remain in the rear of the school rather than in the front of the school as was the wishes of the architect. The neighborhood citizens granted this request and two documents were then signed by all parties to outline the concessions made by the city and the School Board. Document 68 allowed for the formation of a forum to monitor the construction of the new school and discuss any issues and problems with this project while document 69 stated that a permanent forum be formed to answer any issues related to the ongoing operation of the high school. The current School Board now wants in to abolish the existing agreement and form a new advisory committee with as many members as possible so as to dilute the voices of the neighborhood. The School Board has rushed this item through public debate in an effort to vote on this by Oct. 27.

The current advisory committee has met since 2007 and members have copies of minutes from these meetings that the ACPS has purposefully

not shared with the School Board or the superintendent. The new resolution adds new members to the advisory board who do not live adjacent to the school. Karl Movitz, the planning director, sent an e-mail on Jan. 11, 2016 to ACPS Chief of Operations Clarence Stukes expressing his doubts about the new proposed advisory saying it was inconsistent with the standard city practice and did not meet the intent of Condition 69 of the DSUP #202-044 to provide a permanent forum for discussion and resolution of neighborhood issues that arise as a

result of the ongoing operation of the new high school. Despite the words of Mr Movitz, the School Board heeds no one and so they proceed with this action.

School Board budgets are grossly underestimated resulting in the need for millions more or they are overestimated leaving the ACPS with huge windfalls that are viewed as profits and freely spent.

Citizens you better wake up — this air of arrogance and the notion of non-accountability permeates the old guard on the School Board. Understand it is citizen tax money that they are spending and you are getting zero return on your investment.

Bill Goff
Alexandria

Thank You To Trader Joe's

To the Editor:

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Citizens Cite Budget Priorities

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of our budget process. We treat them as much as we can like a city department.”

The City increased its funding to the health department in the FY2017 budget by \$308,583. \$2,000 was added to the health department budget to help fill positions where the federal grant funding had expired.

“We decided to fund another restaurant inspector,” said Jinks. “Kitchen review and permitting comes from the state health department, but that process was taking longer than we wanted. The position was paid for out of code fees.”

There are seven positions for health inspector in the department, though one position is vacant because of the state hiring freeze.

“The position is funded on the city side, we have a 45 percent match [obligation], but the funding is frozen on the state side,” said Jinks.

Margaret Townsend from another group of citizens said it was fascinating to hear how closely the different groups’ choice of priorities and trade-offs aligned. One of the main topics out of Townsend’s group, one echoed by citizens in other groups, was a need to push forward on the city’s Complete Streets Policy. Passed in 2011 and reenacted in 2014, the Complete Streets Policy aims to make city streets more accessible to bi-

cyclists, pedestrians, and buses in ways that fit with the traffic needs of that community.

“We know there’s a backlog where neighborhoods would like more complete streets, but it’s a matter of budget,” said Jinks. “If people want more pedestrian-friendly streets ... with traffic-calming measures, it takes a while. That’s something that takes any jurisdiction a while.”

According to Jinks, \$1.5 million was dedicated to Complete Streets related traffic issues for the FY 2017 budget. Jinks said a \$500,000 increase each year would be healthy for the program, but wouldn’t solve the issues with long-term demand or necessarily increase the speed of the process.

“Traffic calming takes a lot of meetings,” said Jinks. “You don’t just go out and change things. You have to make sure there’s a lot of community input and discussion. Even if there was an ideal amount of money in the budget, it would still take us years to work through each neighborhood.”

Jake Jakubek, a citizen representative on the Transportation Commission, said many projects get stalled when transportation budget funding is consumed by Metro needs. Jakubek said he hoped the city would be able to find a way to budget needs of other city transportation from funding reserved for Metro.

Residents also expressed dissatisfaction
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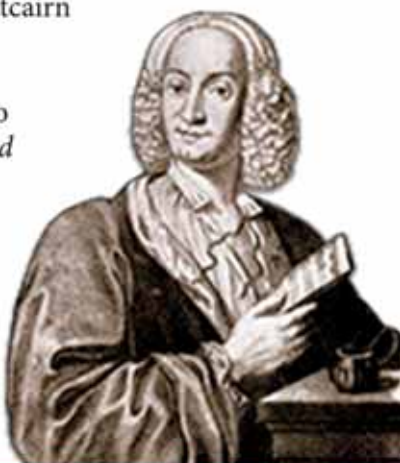
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Frank Fannon III Dies

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former City Councilman Frank Fannon IV. "That trip was the trip of a lifetime for us. We played a lot of golf, ate a lot of good meals and visited small towns all across the country. Dad loved to talk to people — he never met a stranger and was always happy and positive."

Fannon traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and became a guest lecturer on the Lewis and Clark expedition. Other interests included running, golfing, charitable endeavors and worldwide travel with his wife Kathy.

"Dad always said 'Ryan, I've had a great life — I've had a blessed life and when you are fortunate like that you have to make sure you give back,'" Ryan Fannon said.

Fannon was a longtime member of many local organizations: Alexandria Kiwanis Club, Old Dominion Boat Club, Alexandria Sportsman's Club, Belle Haven Country Club and The Ancient Order of Hibernians, which celebrated his Irish Heritage.

Fannon is survived by his wife of 49 years, Kathy R. Fannon, sons Frank Fannon IV, and Ryan P Fannon Sr. and his wife Laura, and four grandchildren: Ryan Jr., Maggie, Grace and T. Jackson Fannon. He was



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED


Frank Fannon III stands beneath the Fannon Street sign with grandchildren Ryan Jr. and Maggie in July 2016.

preceded in death by his parents, Francis H. Fannon and Dorothy Knight Fannon, brother T.J. Fannon and a sister Mary Ellen Feeney. Other survivors include a sister, Dorothy Markham, and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

The family will receive visitors Oct. 20 at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Oct. 21 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, 310 S. Royal St., at 10 a.m., at the same altar where Fannon was baptized in 1934. Burial will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities, PO Box 1219, Alexandria, Va. 22313.

"Dad was very committed to his faith and to his family," Frank Fannon IV said. "To Ryan and me, our father was our best friend and the greatest gift he gave us was his love and his time. We couldn't have had a better father."




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Citizens Cite Budget Priorities

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with the 11.3 millions of gallons of sewage dumped into Oronoco Bay every year, but Jinks said while other outfalls in the city are not spilling as much sewage, they are being dumped into smaller bodies of water.

“The outfalls at Hoof’s Run and Jones Point are the priorities given to us by the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality],” said Jinks. “The outfall from Oronoco Bay, from a state view, is a lower priority. The Potomac River has such volume that the Oronoco Bay is such a smaller percentage [of sewage] than the amount that goes into Holmes Run. The state decided to tackle streams and tributaries first. We will be dealing with Hoof’s Run and the outflow at South Royal Street first.”

Jinks said the two major external drivers of cost in FY2017 are going to be increasing public school enrollment and Metro funding.

“We’re looking at 500 new students over the next few years at about \$10,000 per student,” said Jinks. “That’s \$5 million in new costs.”

What will happen with Metro, Jinks said, is still vague at this point.

“If there’s not a fare increase, and who knows if that’s going to happen, we know state and federal government aren’t going to be increasing their funding to the Metro next year,” said Jinks. “That leaves only local funding.”

A proposal to close 20 Metro stations during off-peak hours, presented by Metro last week, would include Alexandria’s Van Dorn and Eisenhower Metro stations.

“I don’t think the threat to close stations in the middle of the day was serious,” said Jinks. “It made no sense and appeared to be posturing.”

On both the public schools and Metro, Jinks said it’s too early to predict exactly what the cost to the Alexandria taxpayer will be. According to Jinks, Superintendent Alvin Crawley’s proposed Capital Improvement Plan budget proposal is expected to be released within the next few weeks, while Jinks said Metro General Manager Paul Wiedefeld is expected to make his budget announcement “shortly.”

According to Morgan Routt, director of management and budget, the current capital funding agreement with Metro ends in 2017, meaning the city will begin new financing negotiations with Metro.

Routt said Metro is currently anticipating a \$275 million gap in its FY2018 operating costs.

The budget will be a main topic of discussion at the City Council’s Nov. 5 retreat and the council will give city and school staff their budget guidance on Nov. 9.

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NEWS

Remembering the Fallen

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 have died during the preceding 12 months.
 The centerpiece of the ceremony is the Roll Call of the Fallen, a reading of the names of fire safety and EMS career and volunteer personnel who have died in the line of duty. Following the Roll Call, Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dube and Volunteer Fire De-

“We are here to honor the service, dedication and sacrifice of our first responders.”

— Assistant Fire Chief David Povlitz

partment President Jay Johnson placed a wreath at the memorial to fallen firefighters.

Retired fire department employee Callie Terrell opened the ceremony with “The Star Spangled Banner” and closed with “The Wind Beneath My Wings.”

Attending the ceremony was the family of Michael Conner, a retired assistant fire chief and chief fire marshal who died March 23 at the age of 68. It was Conner and his recruit class



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISSMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Fire Chief Robert Dube praises the service and sacrifice of Alexandria’s firefighters and EMS first responders during the Oct. 14 ceremony at Ivy Hill Cemetery.

that first dedicated Ivy Hill’s Circle of Honor in 1970.

“I had no idea how hard it would be to be here today,” said Conner’s widow Linda, who fought back tears throughout the ceremony. “But this department — this city, really — was everything to Mike. And now he’s where he was meant to be — at rest among his fellow firefighters.”



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NEWS

Helping Hands

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
 GAZETTE PACKET

Former Mayor Kerry Donley will be among those honored for their service to the community at the 22nd annual Volunteers are the Heart of Alexandria awards ceremony Oct. 26 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Sponsored by Volunteer Alexandria in partnership with the Alexandria Citizens Corps Council, the event recognizes exemplary dedication and service through volunteerism.

"Alexandria is fortunate to have so many who care so much," said Volunteer Alexandria board president David Chamowitz in announcing the awards. "These awards highlight just a few of those important people."

Others being honored for their service to the community in-

Donley, volunteers to be honored Oct. 26.

clude Maria Cabrera, Ray Gingrich, Day 'Quon Henderson, Michael "Marco" Johnson and the American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria.

"Kerry, Maria, Ray, Day'Quon, Marco and the American Legion are being recognized by our nonprofit partners and the community for their outstanding volunteer service

and leadership within the Alexandria community," said Volunteer Alexandria Executive Director Marion Brunken. "They have gone above and beyond the call of duty. These awards are being given in appreciation of their hard work and dedication to organizations within Alexandria."

Donley will receive the Marian Van Landingham Lifetime Achievement Award for service to Alexandria that spans more than 20 years. He has



Donley



Gingrich



Cabrera



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On the Menu: Food and Drink Events Abound

Some snippets from the Alexandria restaurant scene over the coming month.

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Autumn is in full swing, and with the season comes a passel of activities in the food and beverage scene across the city (and beyond). Here are some items to put on your docket in the coming weeks.

Port City Brewing, 3950 Wheeler Ave.

Fresh off a successful trip to the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, Port City is celebrating a silver medal for its Colossal V. On Thursday, Oct. 20, from 4 to 9 p.m., the brewery is hosting a “silver celebration” complete with an aged batch of Colossal V for the tasting — and an opportunity for attendees to check out the silver medal for

themselves.

Colossal V, the latest in the Colossal lineage, is an old ale-style beer with a rich, deep taste. Check it out — or any of Port City’s other offerings — and enjoy Rockland’s barbecue, stationed outside in the restaurant’s food truck, to round out your evening.

Sugar Shack, 804 N. Henry St.

It’s a month full of events at Sugar Shack. First, the doughnut purveyors have sponsored a Halloween-themed “skull hunt” throughout October. The folks at Sugar Shack have hidden 40 orange skulls within Alexandria and Arlington businesses and other locations, and each one found is redeemable for a free doughnut.

Then on Nov. 5, Sugar Shack is teaming up with Arlington’s New District Brewing

(2709 S. Oakland St.) for an event pairing four of the brewery’s beers with four different doughnut holes — a sweet twist on a typical beer tasting. Pay the brewery a visit between 2 and 6 p.m. to have a taste.

Captain Gregory’s, 804 N. Henry St.

Speaking of Sugar Shack, Captain Gregory’s, the city’s favorite speakeasy-within-a-doughnut-shop, is hosting a second edition of its now-annual Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 29, complete with costumes and a “prix-fixe menu” consisting of two Halloween-themed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, flatbreads, and sweets.

Now, about those costumes: Wear your favorite to vie for a prize in the Captain’s costume contest, or cheer on your more outlandish friends. The festivities start at 10:30 until last call; tickets are \$65.

Rustico, 827 Slaters Lane

Forget Oktoberfest — Rustico is continuing the festivities into the coming month with their fifth annual Novemberfest on Saturday, Nov. 5. The block party will span the breadth of the afternoon, from noon to 5, and is the culminating event that follows several smaller “preview” events over the past few weeks.

For the main event, Rustico is bringing together 30 breweries from around the region to show off 50-plus different beers. Look for some rarities and some new favorites to crop up from larger and lesser-known brewers alike, as well as sandwiches and other items to munch on. Admission is \$10 at the door.

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

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Exhibit: “Garden Muse.” Through Oct. 23, 9-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Springs Garden – Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Horticulture Center at Green Spring Gardens is featuring the award-winning photographs of Cindy Dyer, a graphic designer, photographer and USPS Stamp Artist. Free. Visit www.gardenmuseshow.com for more.

Exhibit: “The Fanciful in Daily Life.” Through Oct. 23, gallery hours at The Associates’ Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. “Upside Down: Inside Out: The Fanciful in Daily Life” features three-dimensional work by Erika Cleveland. This imaginative fiber artist explores the fanciful in daily life with her needle-felted dolls, from life-sized to small, flying from a trapeze to hanging from a vine. Free. Call 703-524-5723 or email assoc.gallery@gmail.com for more.

Exhibit: “Song of the Woods.” Through Oct. 24, gallery hours at Green Springs Garden – Historical House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artis.com/maryexline for more.

Apple Brandy Production at Mount Vernon. Through Oct. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch as this special distillation project utilizes a variety of apples that were grown by Washington on his Estate, such as Newton Pippin and Hughes. In addition to rye whiskey, George Washington’s Distillery produced small amounts of apple and peach brandy. Some of the brandy was sold in the market, while the remainder was taken to the Mansion

and enjoyed with guests visiting the Washingtons. Included in general admission. Tickets are \$9-20, with a discount for buying online. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Silent Auction: “Birdhouses of Del Ray.” Through Oct. 25, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans’ artists have created one-of-a-kind birdhouses for the “Birdhouses of Del Ray” silent auction fundraiser. Artists used a wide range of materials to create and decorate their birdhouses. Free to participate. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

“Co-Creating the Cosmos.” Thursdays, through Oct. 27, 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Frank Frost is an award-winning documentary film producer. His current work – The Teilhard de Chardin Project – is a television biography in production for public television on the life and thought of the revolutionary Teilhard de Chardin: Jesuit priest, paleontologist, visionary. Registration is \$25. Visit www.stadainsepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening.

Exhibit: “In All Things.” Through Oct. 29, gallery hours at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Convergence Arts Initiative will feature the work of artist and educator, Glenn Howell in his latest exhibit, “In All things.” The title of Howell’s photography and print show reflects the diversity of his image making and his belief in the promise of redemption of all things. It is a juxtaposition of the “dystopian” elements seen in our world with a vision of Heaven as evidence of God’s grace. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

“The Greatest Show of Earth: Clay Circus.” Through Oct. 30, gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center’s Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. In conjunction with the Torpedo Factory Art Center’s annual hands-on children’s art event, Art Safari, sculptural and functional clay art goes wild with all manner of animals making an appearance. Free. Visit

‘Four Seasons’ and ‘The Red Violin’ Featured

BY MELYNDA WILCOX
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

On Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday, Nov. 6, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will continue its season of renowned guest conductors presenting some of the most beloved masterworks of the orchestral repertoire.

Maestra Kathleen Kelly, master coach for the Washington National Opera’s Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program, will be joined by violin virtuoso Elizabeth Pitcairn for Vivaldi’s beloved “Four Seasons.” Kelly has shattered glass ceilings in the conducting world as both the first woman

ASO and first American to be named director of Musical Studies at the Vienna State Opera. In addition to serving on the music faculty of the University of Michigan, she has performed internationally as a recital pianist and will be playing the harpsichord as she conducts the “Four Seasons.”

With leaves covering the ground and winter lurking around the corner, November is a perfect time for Vivaldi’s set of four violin concerti that explore the imagery of each season. As an added bonus, Pitcairn will be performing with her 1720 “Red Mendelssohn” Stradivarius violin, said to have inspired the Academy Award-winning film “The Red Violin.” Pitcairn’s grandfather purchased the violin at auction in 1990.

Pitcairn’s solo appearances have spanned the globe, and she will be touring Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague, as well as Romania and Serbia, in the coming year. She is in her fifth year as presi-

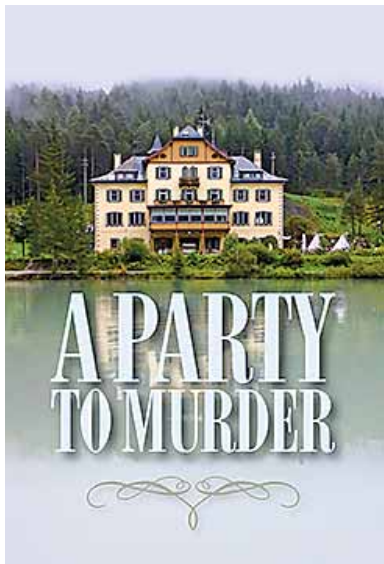
dent and artistic director of the Luzerne Music Center, which provides training for gifted young musicians in upstate New York. While she is visiting Alexandria, she will be conducting a master class with the advanced orchestra students at T.C. Williams High School.

With a female conductor and a female violin soloist, it is only fitting that the ASO’s program will also include a contemporary orchestral piece by a female composer. “Violent, Violent Sea” by Missy Mazzoli was commissioned by the League of Composers Chamber Orchestra and premiered in 2011. The piece uses marimba and vibraphone along with the rest of the orchestra to evoke the sights and sounds of a swirling and unpredictable sea. Mazzoli developed her love of classical music as a child who “listened to the radio constantly.” She studied at Boston University, Yale and the Royal Conservatory of the Hague.

Rounding out the concert is Wagner’s “Siegfried Idyll,” a symphonic poem that the composer wrote for his second wife, Cosima. It is often described as one of his most personal works, premiered as a private performance outside their home and composed of imagery of their home and young son, Siegfried.

The fully-professional Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at both the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center and the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Ticket prices: \$20- \$80 adult, \$5 youth, and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. Visit www.alexsym.org for more.

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Art Exhibit: "Local Flavor." Through Oct. 30, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Local Flavor" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases member artwork that highlight the things they adore, crave, and experience in their beloved neck of the woods—and celebrate the special touches found in community. Free. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org.

Poe Immersive Theater: "A Dream Within a Dream." Through Oct. 31, 8 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. This show is a surreal interpretation of the life, works, and mad genius of Edgar Allan Poe, as seen through the lens of the characters in his works and the people in his life. Tickets are \$5-40. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/Poe for more.

"Transformations: Tapestries in Glass." Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Anita Bucsay Damron's vibrant mosaics draw from many sources, both traditional and contemporary. Inspired by tapestries from Rajasthan and Gujarat, India, her pieces incorporate crystal from Austria and the Czech Republic, specialty glass from Murano, Italy, and found objects such as beads, brooches, and cameos. Damron notes that "new applications of mosaic art encourage recycling and reuse," and her creative reuse of materials is what gives this ancient art form its exciting new sparkle. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Salute to Secondary Colors." Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at 105 N. Union St. The secondary colors orange, green, and purple are the theme for this show. Artists were challenged to use these hues individually, paired, or in a triadic color scheme. Free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

"Oh The Joy." Through Nov. 6, Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Artists from across the region were asked to interpret the theme, "Oh! The joy!" The selected entries represent the wealth of art being created in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The club will host Charlie Davis, a retired Marine Corps and airlines pilot whose research and special program will give the history of the three airports that were located in the Mount Vernon area a number of years ago. He is now a volunteer at Huntley Meadows Park, which was originally put together to make an airport for blimps. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

Book Discussion: "For Whom the Bell Tolls." 7-9 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Call 703-746-1781.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the glorious demonstration gardens with Master Gardener docents. Hear about Green Spring's fascinating history, our educational mission and how we can help your gardens grow. Afterward, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Lecture and Book Signing. 7 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A lecture and book signing by historian Chandra

Manning. By the end of the Civil War, nearly half a million slaves had taken refuge behind Union lines, in what became known as "contraband camps." These were crowded, dangerous places, yet some 12-15 percent of the Confederacy's slave population took almost unimaginable risks to reach them, and they became the first places Northerners came to know former slaves en masse. Ranging from stories of individuals to those of armies on the move to the debates in Congress, Troubled Refuge probes what the camps were really like and how former slaves and Union soldiers warily united there. Chandra Manning is an Associate Professor at Georgetown University specializing in 19th century American History. Free. Call 703-746-4356.

FRIDAY/OCT. 21

Fine Arts, Flowers, and Tea. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. leaving from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond to enjoy the 13th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, which features dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Have a light lunch at the museum and end the day at the Jefferson Hotel with an afternoon tea under the Tiffany stained-glass ceiling of the Palm Court lobby. Tickets are \$103 per person includes motor coach, exhibit entrance fee and full English tea. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 493 4101 or call 703-642-5173.

Ghosts of Alexandria Tour. 6:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. This ghostly experience explores Alexandria's most haunted locations on and off the beaten path. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, active duty military and veterans, \$5 children, free for ages 5 and under. Visit discoveralexva.wordpress.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Annual Bicycle Tour. 10 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alexandria Library invites the community to participate in Le Tour d'Alexandria Library. Free, but registration required. Visit www.bit.ly/alexlibrarybiketour.

Garden Program: Fall Tree ID Walk. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the basics of fall tree identification and practice our skills while admiring the lovely colors of the season. Tickets are \$18. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 401 5701 or call 703-642-5173.

Fort Hunt Preschool Touch-A-Truck. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Fire trucks, snow plows, garbage trucks, police cars, buses and more. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.facebook.com/forhuntingpreschool.

The General's Tour. 1 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. The tour will highlight locations and stories associated with Robert E. Lee's life in Alexandria, his hometown from the age of 5 and residence of his "earliest and oldest friends." The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are available in advance for \$10 through the museum's website, or for \$15 at the door. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

Alexandria International Festival. 1-7 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Alexandria values diversity and inclusion that represents over 100 or more nationalities and all seven continents and speaks over 100 languages, October is National Diversity Month Awareness

celebrates heritages at the Alexandria International Festival. A day of celebration will incorporate many festive activities. Free. Call 703-746-5592 for more.

Apocalyptic Beliefs – An Alexandria Diversity Month Program. 2-4 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Studying other cultures helps to understand the social forces that lead to apocalyptic and related messianic, prophetic, and millenarian religious beliefs. Are these forces present in our society today? - presented by Mary McCutcheon. Free. Call 703-746-1781.

Raven's Night. Doors open at 5 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. A belly dance show like no other, Raven's Night offers a full course evening of sensational spectacles and otherworldly Celestial Bodies. Featuring pre-show entertainment such as tarot card readings, variety arts, sideshow performances and more. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.ravensnight.com for more.

Nerf Attack. 6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Zombies-Nerf Attack is a live action zombie simulation. It's a two-hour game in which participants immerse themselves in a zombie apocalyptic environment. Every 20 minutes the living will rotate. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.zombiesthemovie.com for more.

Fall Dance Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The members of Choreographer Collaborative Project team up for a concert. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 seniors and teenagers, and free for children. Visit www.ccpdance.org for more.

A Mansion House Whiskey Tasting. 7-9 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come join history lovers and fans of the PBS drama series "Mercy Street" for an inspired evening of Mansion House Hotel elegance. This bourbon tasting will harken back to the Civil War era and include a delicious menu of small bites and cheese pairings. Must be 21+ to attend. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 7:30 pm. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive. Performing works by Richard Strauss, Saint-Saens and Sousa. Adults \$15, students and children free. Call 703 426-4777 or visit www.vgmb.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 22-23

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch as a replica of one of Washington's boats launches into the Potomac River with a costumed crew. The entire family enjoys autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, 18th-century dancing demonstrations, a straw bale maze, farrier (blacksmithing), corn husk dolls demonstrations and early-American games and music. Potomac River sightseeing cruises are half-price this weekend only. Fall Harvest Family Days is included in general admission. Tickets are \$9-20, with a discount for buying online. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

OCT. 22-NOV. 12

Little Theatre of Alexandria: "A Party to Murder." various times at 600 Wolfe St. It's Halloween and six people have come to play a murder-mystery game hosted by writer Charles Prince at a rustic island cottage in Michigan. This play is a fast-paced farce, so what could go wrong? As the characters embark on a weekend of fun, ghosts from the past begin to haunt the proceedings,

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OCT. 22-NOV. 27

Post-Graduate Residency Program

Gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Post-Graduate Master's of Fine Arts Residency is a competitive program, housed in Studio 12, where four emerging artists create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other working artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

A Cranberry Cornucopia. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the story of this American native fruit, share innovative recipes, and offer ideas for holiday decorating with cranberries. Sample and take home a cranberry sauce. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Film Screening. 5-7 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. "My Grandma's American Dream" a story of Italian immigrants of early 1900s and "Deportation of Innocence" about what happens to children when a parent is deported, co-sponsored by Ventures in Community. A panel discussion will follow, discussants include Filmmaker Anthony DiFranco and Robin Hamby of FCPS's Immigrant Family Reunification Program. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door. Visit www.imfilmfest.eventbrite.com.

FocusMusic: David and Sophie Buskin. 7 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Father/daughter duo David Buskin and Sophie Buskin are entertaining audiences up and down the East Coast with their mix of familiar and new songs. Joined by Laura Zucker. Tickets are \$18, \$15 in advance and for members. Visit www.focusmusic.org/concert-buskin-zucker.

MONDAY/OCT. 24

Community Sing. 7-9 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel - Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. Sponsored by the Center for Liturgy and Music, an evening of singing songs, sacred and



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Del Ray Halloween Parade

One of Del Ray's favorite traditions, the 20th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade will take place on Sunday, Oct. 30 at 2 p.m. along Mount Vernon Avenue. The parade, which begins at E. Bellefonte Ave., ends with a party at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, goodie bags for children, free refreshments, children's games, awards for Best Decorated Stroller, House, Business & Best Pet Costume, and more. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween.

otherwise, led by musicians Alice Parker, Ysaye Barnwell, and Marilyn Haskel. Free. Visit www.liturgyandmusic.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 25

Centenarians Luncheon. 12-2 p.m. at The Fairfax, 9140 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Fort Belvoir. Celebrate the life of Northern Virginia's oldest citizens. This year's speaker will be Lynn Peters Adler, J. D., a centenarian expert and older adults advocate. Tickets are \$40, available start Sept. 16. Visit www.celebratecentenarians.com for more.

The Female Stranger: The Making of a Legend. 1-2:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Hear the story of the Female Stranger and how it has evolved over time as we explore this local legend through the centuries. Combines history and language arts. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

George Washington Lecture. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N.

Royal St. Join Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, as he explores various facets of our early national history through the lens of George Washington. While many people look back to the "good old days" when everyone was patriotic and got along, it is interesting to note that over time George Washington completely severed his relationship with five famous Virginians. In this talk the focus will be on two of them: James Madison and James Monroe. Henriques will examine these breaks and see if there is a common thread between them. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for member. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Annual Chorus Benefit Concert: "Ein Liederabend." 7:30 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The NOVA Community Chorus (Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director) will present its Annual Chorus Benefit Concert. This year's concert, "Ein Liederabend," features Mendelssohn's Concerto for Two Pianos, performed by Christine and David Hagan. The chorus will

sing Miriam's Song of Triumph by Franz Schubert, Nachtlied, by Robert Schumann, and the famous How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place from the German Requiem by Johannes Brahms. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; free for NVCC students, faculty, and staff. Call 703-845-6097 for more.

Lecture: "Can't We Get Along? Washington's Break with Two Virginians." 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. While many people look back to the "good old days" when everyone got along, it is interesting to note that over time Washington completely severed his relationship with five famous Virginians. In this lecture, the focus will be on James Madison and James Monroe. Professor Henriques will examine these breaks and see if there is a common thread between them. Tickets \$12 per person, \$10 for GTMS members and volunteers. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

OCT. 25-NOV. 20

Art Exhibit: "Serenity in Chaos." Gallery hours at The Associates

Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The theme of this show reflects the artist's unique view of the photographic medium. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 26

Volunteers are the Heart of Alexandria. 6-8:30 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Volunteer Alexandria honors awardees including Kerry Donley and Day Quon Henderson. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.volunteeralexandria.org.

Lecture: Alexandria's African-American Civil War History. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. During the Civil War, Alexandria was not only occupied by the Union Army, but the city was also home to approximately three dozen hospitals. One of the largest of these medical facilities was L'Ouverture Hospital in the 200 block of South Payne Street, which was built by the Army to serve former slaves (called "contrabands") as well as African-American soldiers and local residents. Charles Joyce, guest



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researcher and writer for the Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas, has spent a great deal of time tracing the history of Francis Snow's historical photograph of a group of United States Colored Troops (USCT) at L'Ouverture Hospital. Images of USCT soldiers are very rare but, remarkably, Joyce has identified each man in the photograph and followed each man's story through and after the Civil War. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Visit alexandriahistoricalscociety.wildapricot.org.

The Spirituality of Parenting. 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. A child's first understanding of God and the spiritual life comes from its parents and extended family. How can children's faith be nurtured in such a way as to lay the foundation for a spirituality that will support them throughout their lives and deepen their relationship with God and Christ? And how can parents deepen their own faith in the process? Free. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 27

Ghosts of Alexandria Tour. 6:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. This ghostly experience explores Alexandria's most haunted locations on and off the beaten path. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens, active duty military and veterans, \$5 children, free for ages 5 and under. Visit discoveralexva.wordpress.com.

Workshops: "Come Play with Collage Cut Ups." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Activity lead Millie Mateu will guide participants through an art activity. She will start by doing some creative exercises, then create some simple collages that have high impact, using "Local Flavor" as inspiration. Free for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Visit www.delrayartisans.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 28

Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Injecting Color & Structure. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Let Master Gardeners show you how trees and shrubs can provide structure and year-round interest, and how to add seasonal splashes of color with annuals and perennials to make your house pop. Tickets are \$10. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 401 2301 or call 703-642-5173.

Halloween Bash at the Brewery. 3-10 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. The Tasting Room and brewery will be filled with tricks and treats. Free. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com/the-brewery/events

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The Gadsby's Tavern Ghost Tour. 7-9 p.m. (tours start every 30 minutes) at 134 N. Royal St. Follow a colonial-costumed guide through the eerie Alexandria streets, visit a cemetery, and enter one of the most

haunted buildings in Old Town. Hear the tragic story of the Mysterious Female Stranger. Tickets are \$20 adults; \$10 kids ages 7-17. Visit www.AlexColonialTours.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 28-30

State NAACP Convention. Various times at West Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square. The theme is "NAACP: Let's Go." Registration is \$15-225. Visit www.vscnaacp.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 29

Poisonous Plants Garden Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A Master Gardener docent tells tales of wicked plants hiding in plain sight, showcasing obvious culprits and some surprises. Learn which to weed out and which we can live with. Enjoy refreshments at the Historic House, including edible flowers. Tickets are \$12. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 483 2001 or call 703-642-5173.

Cat-urday Toy Making Workshop. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate National Cat Day by making toys. This workshop gives the tools needed to make felt mice and birds, wine cork candies, and a classic stick with string taunting toy, as well as an optional T-shirt cat tent. \$5 supplies fee. Instruction free for Del Ray Artisans members, \$10 for non-members. Visit delrayartisans.org.

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Alexandria's ghosts and goblins will fill the museum's garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Halloween pumpkins for local children to discover. Other activities include crafts, refreshments, spooky stories, and a costume parade. Every participating child will receive a toy pumpkin. Advance tickets are \$12 for participating children, and \$5 for adults. Visit leefendallhouse.org.

Let's Grow Garden Club: Garlic Planting. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Help with planting garlic. Tour the garden grounds to view the changing fall colors all around us and learn a little about pumpkins. Tickets are \$15 per child. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 402 8901 or call 703-642-5173.

Ivy Hill Cemetery Tour. 4:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Learn the rich history of Alexandria from a different perspective. Visit the graves of many of Alexandria's most prominent and historic families, including nurse Emma Green and Confederate spy Frank Stringfellow from the hit PBS series, "Mercy Street." Hear the stories of how the Civil War transformed their lives and the city forever. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

The Voices of Bethlehem Mass Choir Live Recording. 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road. Free. Visit www.bethlehemofalexandria.org.

Walking Dead Footsteps Zombie Event. 6-9 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Visitors will experience firsthand some encounters with zombies from the 18th-century, a-la-walking dead style. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Ghosts and Grief Tours. 7 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 8:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Celebrate Halloween with a look at Victorian mourning traditions coupled with stories of supernatural encounters. Learn more about the rituals and customs behind our modern day funeral practices.

Customs such as draping the mirrors, how long a widow would mourn for her husband or children, social expectations and dress will be explored. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

"Feast Your Ears." 7:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Fairfax Choral Society opens its 55th anniversary season with an evening of some of the greatest and most popular masterworks for chorus and orchestra composed throughout history including works by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and Brahms, just to name a few. Tickets start at \$15. Visit www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

Halloween Tap Takeover. 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Blackwall Hitch, 5 Cameron St. Guests can enjoy the spooky holiday fun with a tap takeover by South Street Brewery from Charlottesville, highlighting fall and pumpkin-themed beers, as well as a costume contest. Dante Coley, brewery representative from South Street brewery, and Patricia Washington from Visit Alexandria will be in attendance to judge costumes and present awards. Free; beers \$7 per draft. Visit www.theblackwallhitch.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 30

Doggy Trick-or-Treat. 1-6 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. We will have treats, sales and a costume contest. Visit The Dog Park in Old Town Alexandria to get your map and pictures taken, then tour the rest of the participating stores to get more treats and find a sale or two in town. Free. Visit thedogparkva.biz.

Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. All are welcome to march in the parade. Parade ends in a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, free refreshments, games, best costume awards, and more. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween.

Special Halloween Ghost Tour. 6 p.m. at Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Halloween Ghost Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center and wraps through the back roads of Old Town stopping at places like The Christmas Attic, John Douglas Brown House, Old Presbyterian Meeting House, and many more. The Halloween Ghost Tour takes visitors past Christ Church to other less-visited stops like the Freedom House. At each stop guides cover a brief background of the location, what horrible event occurred there, and what modern day paranormal phenomenon was detected. Tickets are \$12 adults; \$10 senior citizens, active duty military and veterans; \$5 children; free for ages 5 and under. Visit discoveralexva.wordpress.com.

Collective Delusion. 8 p.m. at Los Toltecos, 4111 Duke St. Local band plays rock songs from '70s to present. Free. Visit CollectiveDelusion.net.

Photo Contest Deadline. 12 a.m. Enter photos of Northern Virginia's beautiful urban and rural outdoor spaces in the Nearby Nature Photo Competition. The contest is open to all non-professional photographers, with prizes for youth and adults in two categories: "the land and water around us" and "people enjoying the land." Free to participate. See www.nvct.org for entry details.

SUNDAY-MONDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8-10 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Actor David Keltz returns to The Lyceum's lecture hall to re-create Poe's visit to Virginia in 1849, shortly before his death. Tickets are \$15. Visit shop.alexandriva.gov/events.

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Discussing Election with Children

Local educators offer suggestions for navigating a complicated political climate.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 GAZETTE PACKET

While Colleen K. Vesely has watched televised debates and political events with her children throughout this election season, an event during which the American Civil Rights movement was discussed stands out. It was a concept her 3-year-old daughter didn't grasp, of course. But Vesely used the moment as opportunity to start guiding her children through this year's election season.

"I asked her to think about what she might do if someone at school was being mean to one of her friends, to which, she promptly replied, 'I'd tell them to stop being mean and that I don't like it,'" said Vesely, an assistant professor of early childhood education and human development and family science at George Mason University. "Elections offer opportunities to consider the importance of service and standing up for democratic principles. ... However, the tone of this general election season is different."

Still, Vesely and other educators say that while election cycles typically offer families a multitude of opportunities for conversations about civics and discussions of democracy, navigating the current political climate requires added dexterity.

Use the election season to facilitate conversations in a way that is relatable to children based on their age and experiences, advises Vesely. "By ... discussing the different issues ... parents with school-age and older children can use the election season as an opportunity to expand their children's thinking in relation to current social issues and history," she said. "Parents can use the election as fodder to hone their children's critical thinking skills with real-life issues by helping them critique candidates' opinions" as well as "understand different points of view on a variety of issues and develop their persuasive arguments." This is an exercise Vesely has used with her own children.

"During primary season, my 6-year-old and I watched a number of the candidates' speeches," she said. "We talked about the issues and each person as a human being. ... I offered reasons as to why I admired (some of) the candidates."

Focusing on citizenship and character is a strategy Vesely advises parents to use with children who are preschool-age and younger: "Parents might discuss what it means to be a good citizen in their home," she said. "For example, helping put away their toys when they are done playing, being nice to their classmates, helping their friends and teacher."

Similarly, local schools are developing creative ways to fit the Nov. 8 election into their lesson plans. For example, "since students are only in middle school for one presidential election, Norwood School takes advantage of this opportunity to help students begin to understand how to go about comparing candidates' positions on basic issues, and also to help them understand how the presidential election process works," said Michele Claey's, associate head of school and head of middle school, Norwood School

in Potomac, Md.

To help students learn to understand issues and evaluate and compare candidates, teachers work together to create age-appropriate mini-lessons about candidates' positions on a small number of issues. "Students will explore and discuss — not debate — the issues, and learn how to find additional information on their own if they are interested," said Claey's.

On Election Day, middle school students will participate in a mock election designed to help them understand how the electoral process works. They will be divided into groups of different sizes with different numbers of electoral votes, representing each of the 50 states. "After both the real and mock elections, teachers will use the results to illustrate how the process works," said Claey's. "Throughout these lessons, our emphasis will be on respectful dialogue and consideration of multiple perspectives and experiences."

Educators at BASIS Independent School in McLean are teaching students about the political process by linking it to the selection of the school's mascot. By allowing students to choose a symbol to represent the school, teachers hope to initiate a broad conversation about awareness, empathy and other values.

"Especially for our younger students, conversations about how a mascot represents the qualities and values of our school serves as a good metaphor for the more serious representation in political contexts," said Sean Aiken, head of school. "Some students prefer traditional mascots to give our school a sense of familiarity and camaraderie. Some want less common mascots to set us apart from

other schools and celebrate our individuality."

The lesson will involve the entire student body. "We ask our older students to generate ideas that take even our youngest 3-year-olds into account so we can unite as a whole school and not just play to specific 'special interests,'" said Aiken.

"The exercise serves as an impetus for posing thought-provoking questions to the students," says Aiken. "Should we identify ourselves as humorous, serious, fierce?" he asks. "What will happen if the greater numbers of students in the middle school prefer a mascot that the much smaller number of sophomores do not prefer? Should we use some sort of delegate system or stick with popular vote? How will we feel if our top choice for mascot ultimately is not selected, and what is the appropriate response to that feeling? Does our choice of mascot represent not just our current community but those who will join us in the future?"

The activities, says Aiken, open the door for conversations about fairness and frustration in ways that are meaningful and age appropriate, and that can be put into the context of the current election season. "While our situation as a brand-new school is somewhat unique, the idea of mascot representation weaves through our whole society and could certainly be used to frame a conversation between students

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Advice from the Pros

Local private school admissions directors share wisdom they'd offer to their own children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

From interviews to essays to standardized tests to open houses, the season for submitting independent school applications is underway. For families vying for a spot at the area's most elite schools, the process can be fraught with anxiety, stress and confusion as parents and students wade through the myriad academic options in the Washington, D.C., region.

Admissions decision-makers at five local private schools share advice that they might offer their own children, underscoring the importance of finding the best fit rather than trying to fit into a top school if the environment might not match a student's personality.

Matti Donkor, interim director of enrollment management at The Madeira School in McLean:

"Enter the process very open-minded. I don't believe in saying, 'This is the one school for me.' I believe in knowing the core things that are important to you like the school's community, culture and tra-

ditions, but also in understanding that you might find those characteristics in a variety of schools. I think students and families should be engaged in the [application] process. I think we do the school visit and that is the only interaction you have with the school. Find out what else is happening on campus, connect with other students and alumni. Really take the time to understand the culture of the school and whether it appeals to you."

Lisa Knight, director of admission, Flint Hill School, Oakton:

"Take time to learn about the school community. Shadow for day, attend several [school] community events, go and experience the community for yourself. Notice how you feel when you are on campus. Do you feel welcomed? Are current students and teachers greeting you in the hallways and classrooms? Do they notice you? Can you see yourself growing academically, intellectually and socially there? Are you comfortable with the teaching style and methods? Do you value what the school values?"

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Advice from The Pros

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Richard S. Moss, director of admission, The Heights School, Potomac, Md.:

“Teach your child how to make a pros and cons list. Help him or her thoughtfully consider the options. Ultimately, your child needs to know that he is a valued advisor to the ultimate decision makers: the parents. It’s an opportunity for parents to nurture trust. It is a mistake to lead your child to believe that one school is the be all and end all to life’s problems. That’s a high bar, and, more importantly, you don’t want to crush a child’s spirit if he doesn’t get in.”

Michael Cresson, director of admissions, Bishop O’Connell High School, Arlington:

“I recommend all students looking at various schools make sure that they are comfortable. Definitely shadow and visit during open houses to get a true sense of the community and school. I tell students to make sure they are comfortable and happy with their choice because they only get to go to high school once.”

Sean Aiken, head of school,

BASIS Independent, McLean:

“I would advise students not to get too caught up in their resumes and records and instead work to discuss passions and projects that excite and interest them. How will the school help you explore your ideas in greater depth? In what areas do you want to improve? I’m always impressed with students who are hungry to know more about the world.”

Julie C. Lewis, director of admission and financial aid, Alexandria County Day School, Alexandria:

“I recommend that families “Take the time to visit a wide-range of schools, not just the ones your friends’ kids attend, to really get a feel for what appeals to you as a family and will work best for your individual child. The Association of Independent Schools of Greater Washington’s website (AISGW.org) is a fantastic place to start your research and may lead you to a school you were not previously familiar with. Once you’ve created your list of schools, visit each of them and don’t be afraid to ask as many questions as needed to really get a sense of the academic program and school community.”

Discussing the Election With Children

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and their families about tone, identity and cooperation,” he said.

Parents should also be aware of the ways the election is affecting their own emotional states and thus their families. “As I watch the presidential debates and continue to read the media coverage of the election, I find myself in an agitated and anxious emotional state,” said Vesely. “This heightened emotional state with feelings of stress and agitation can spill over into family relationships, leaving us less present and sensitive in our interactions with our children and partners.”

Choose the information children are exposed to thoughtfully and be prepared for questions, say experts. “The 2016 general election

season [has been] described by some as dark and more negative than any of the recent past elections,” Vesely said. “We want to encourage our children’s participation in the political process, but ... it can sometimes be ugly and hurtful.”

Shielding children, says Vesely, doesn’t mean ignoring negativity entirely, however. “Parents should be prepared to talk through what children might hear from other children on the playground or at school,” she said. “Parents ought to pay attention to ... their children’s emotional states ... especially after viewing or discussing election-related media. As parents, we can look for teachable moments in which we might express notions of treating others how [we] want to be treated.”

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**ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-10-04**
The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Online Tier II Literacy Intervention Program for ACPS Schools.
Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-10-04 Online Tier II Literacy Intervention Program will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, November 14, 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



Francis H. Fannon III, 82, a 4th generation Alexandrian, passed away peacefully on October 13, 2016 with his family by his side. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 49 years Kathy R. Fannon and two sons, Francis H. Fannon IV and Ryan P. Fannon Sr.; and four grandchildren, Ryan Jr., Maggie, Grace and T. Jackson Fannon.

Mr. Fannon attended St. Mary's grade school in Old Town Alexandria and was a 1952 graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington D.C. Mr. Fannon was a High School All-American football player and played collegiately at the University of Virginia, where he graduated in 1957.

He spent the majority of his early career in the life insurance industry and started his own insurance and financial planning firm in 1980.

His grandfather, Thomas J. Fannon, a former Vice Mayor of Alexandria, started the families Coal and Lumber business in 1885 at Duke and Henry Streets in Alexandria. Today after 130 years, T. J. Fannon and Sons is presently the third oldest family owned business in Virginia, currently operated by his nephews.

His faith, family and the Alexandria Community were the foundations and joys of his life. He had a deep love and appreciation of America and traveled extensively throughout the United States and the National Parks with his sons. Later in life he became a guest lecturer on the Lewis and Clark expedition. His other interests were running, golfing, charitable endeavors and worldwide travel with his wife Kathy.

He was a longtime member of many local Organizations: Alexandria Kiwanis Club, Old Dominion Boat Club, Alexandria Sportsman's Club, Belle Haven Country Club and The Ancient Order of Hibernians which celebrated his Irish Heritage.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Francis H. Fannon and Dorothy Knight Fannon, brother T.J. Fannon and a sister Mary Ellen Feeney. Besides his immediate family he is survived by his sister Dorothy Markham and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and other extended family members.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will occur on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria, VA. Interment will be private. Additional information may be found at www.everlywheatley.com.

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Catherine Louise Scott Pearson, 90 years old, left this world for heaven on September 20, 2016 at her home in Alachua, Florida. Catherine was born on April 4, 1926 to Mamie and Archie Scott and grew up in the Alexandria and Franconia area. She married Samuel T. Pearson in 1942. She is survived by her daughter Carole (husband Chuck) Page, son Samuel (wife Lynne) Pearson, sister June Hoffman 7 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband Samuel T. Pearson, parents Mamie and Archie Scott, brothers Austin, Robert, William (Sonny) Scott and sister Betty Burk. She will be laid to rest at Pohick Church with her husband in a private family service. She will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Just Man Ministry 3246 Snow, Katy, Texas 77493 or to Carole Ann Page c/o "Go Fund Me Page.

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Helping Hands

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volunteered for roles promoting transportation, the arts and providing leadership and talent to a half dozen nonprofit activities and boards.

He is a strong advocate for the arts and since its inception in 1994 has been one of the leaders behind the New Year' Eve celebration First Night Alexandria.

Cabrera is a recipient of the 2016 Grassroots Volunteer Service Award. She volunteers in all aspects of the work of Casa Chirilagua and organizes events, helps prepare food and reaches out to the community to provide information and to create a welcoming atmosphere at the organization. As the vice president of the Casa's Kids' Club, Cabrera pulls together events to raise funds for the Casa's work with community children.

A second Grassroots Volunteer Service Award will be presented to Ray Gingrich, a longtime volunteer in the endoscopy department at Inova Alexandria Hospital. His service as a health care volunteer spans more than 10 years. Gingrich welcomes and trains new volunteers in customer service, clinical support duties and patient safety.

The 2016 Youth Volunteer Service Award will be given to Day 'Quon Henderson. Henderson created an app to support students in Alexandria City Public Schools with learning disabilities. This app is now available on the Google Play Store. Henderson's own experiences due to a learning disability were the catalyst for his desire to help all children facing the same challenges.

Citizen Corps Council will present its organizational meritorious award to the Alexandria American Legion Post 24 Homeland Security Support Program Team for playing a pivotal role in emergency preparedness and whose military veterans served over 400 volunteer hours in the past 18 months.

The individual Emergency Preparedness meritorious award will be presented to Johnson for his role in over 31 community health outreach activities as a member of the Alexandria Medical Reserve Corps since 2008.

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