

County Breaks Ground on Huntington Levee

\$30 million project aims to protect community from flooding.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Since 2002, there have been several significant flooding incidents in the Huntington area of Alexandria, with damage caused to vehicles and property.

2006 sticks out in the mind of James Patteson, director of Fairfax County Public Works and Environmental Services.

"There were a lot of people coming together in that horrible event," Patteson said. Out of the flooding, he continued, it showed "the resiliency and patience of the community."

For the more than 160 homes in the FEMA-designated floodplain at risk for future flooding, March 23 represented a turning point: the groundbreaking of a \$30 million levee and pumping station project designed to protect the community from Potomac River tidal surges and flash flooding from Cameron Run Watershed.

The project is being funded from a stormwater bond that Fairfax County vot-



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Supervisor Jeff McKay (right) praised the local first responders, members of the Penn Daw Fire & Rescue Station 11, "The Pride of the Highway," for their service. The station's "B Shift" is pictured.

ers approved in 2012.

Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova called it "a big deal," that the investment "says a lot about Fairfax County."

All residents, Bulova said at the groundbreaking, "can understand the fear and uncertainty that comes from flooding."

Bulova said the new levee, which when completed in two years will stretch for

2,800 feet and stand nearly seven feet tall, should protect against most storms.

A concrete I-wall will run along the top of the earthen embankment, which will support an eight-foot-wide asphalt trail.

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) said the project "gives us a sense of permanence... this area hasn't had in a long time."

Storck's predecessor Gerry Hyland was in

More Information

For additional information, here are contact details:

❖ General questions about the project, call 703-324-5800, TTY 711, or send email to HuntingtonLevee@fairfaxcounty.gov.

❖ To report construction-related concerns during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), call 703-324-5800, TTY 711. For after-hours concerns related to construction activities contact the Project Engineer at 571-344-4615.

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office during the 2006 flooding, and saw that first responders were able to help pump out residents' basements.

Hyland called seeing the Huntington levee come to fruition one of his best experiences. He said a flooding impact study from the 1980s that fallen by the wayside was pulled back out during his tenure and brought before the board. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said it was Hyland's tenacity and persistence when confronting challenges to the levee project that brought them all to the

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Fairfax County firefighters use rescue boats to aid Huntington residents who were forced to evacuate their homes due to flash flooding Sept. 8, 2011.



Former Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) was in office during the 2006 flooding, and saw that first responders were able to help pump out residents' basements.



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United Response to Hate

Community and faith leaders, elected officials speak about hate speech, bias incidents and hate crimes.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

More than 100 people filled the Ernst Cultural Center at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus on Sunday, March 26, to hear more than a dozen elected and faith leaders, as well as representatives from local organizations speak about hate speech, bias incidents and hate crimes.

With a recent rise in hate crimes taking place across the country, Attorney General Mark Herring has addressed the issue at numerous events in Fairfax County already in 2017.

"There is a lot of fear out there," Herring said. "I have felt it."

Herring spoke about a web page he created for his website located at www.nohateva.com, dealing specifically with hate crimes: how are they defined, how to report one, what are resources for victims.

Herring's page defines hate crimes as those "committed against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by an offender's bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender, or gender identity."

In 2015, the site states, there were a reported 155 such crimes in Virginia.

Herring said he wanted every Virginian to know they have rights he is working to protect, and that professionals in his office are there to "defend, keep families safe and seek justice."

Steven Gordon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, defined harassment in the context of civil rights and federal laws, and encouraged anyone to contact him directly with com-



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Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler (right) said there were 83 hate "events" in the county last year, and 60 in 2015. Most of these, he said, involve graffiti and hate speech.

plaints regarding harassment they've seen or experienced.

Giulio Arseni, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Civil Rights Division, helped explain the difference between hate speech and a hate crime, particularly with regards to the First Amendment.

"Many times you can do nothing about speech," Arseni said, "Where does it cross the line?"

Speech becomes a hateful act, in the eyes of law he said, "when it shows serious intent to commit violence against another."

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speech.

"Around the country, hate and bias are everywhere, including around this county," Roessler said, "We will not tolerate this in Fairfax County."

Roessler urged residents to engage with their local police districts; that FCPD representatives would come out to homeowners' association meetings, to other local groups, to show they care, take responsibility and investigate any hate events.

Dr. Mary Ann Panarelli, Fairfax County Public Schools director for Intervention and Prevention Services, said building youth resiliency, helping them to believe in themselves, can prevent a variety of things, including hateful acts against one another.

Speakers

Speakers at the "United Response to Hate Speech, Bias Incidents and Hate Crimes" included:

- ❖ U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, 11th Congressional District
- ❖ Mark Herring, Attorney General
- ❖ Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- ❖ Imam Johari Abdul Malik, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center
- ❖ Giulio Arseni, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Civil Rights Division
- ❖ Steven Gordon, Assistant U.S. Attorney
- ❖ Seth Gordon-Lipkin, Education Director, Anti-Defamation League
- ❖ Rev. Dr. Steven Hyde, Ravensworth Baptist Church
- ❖ Rabbi David Kalender, Congregation Olam Tikvah
- ❖ Dr. Mary Ann Panarelli, Fairfax County Public Schools
- ❖ Rev. Carlos Penalosa, Ekklesia Church
- ❖ Col. Ed Roessler Jr., Fairfax County Chief of Police
- ❖ Rev. Lisa Rzepka, John Calvin Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Kenneth Saunders, Director, Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs
- ❖ Rabbi Amy Schwartzman, Temple Rodef Shalom

Panarelli spoke about the importance of mentors in the community, that "every child needs to have an adult that cares and is trusting," whether that be a teacher, parent, or community member who reaches out. The program also included expressions of the Golden Rule from 10 different religions, including Bahá'ism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism.

Religious leaders also discussed exploring community solutions to hate speech and crimes.

More information about bias crime committed in Fairfax County is available through Chief Roessler's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/biascrime.htm.

Diversion First in Wait-and-See Mode

Handcuffed by budget constraints in proposed budget, Diversion First may see some relief.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

At the March 21 Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee Meeting, the better part of the agenda focused on Diversion First — a program whose next phase is to be left unfunded in the county's Advertised FY 2018 Budget.

Diversion First was adopted by local leaders in August 2015, and went into full effect on Jan. 1, 2016, with the opening of the Crisis Response Center at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center. Based on what's known as the "Sequential Intercept Model" that identifies "specific points of intervention to prevent individuals from entering or moving deeper into the criminal justice system," the purpose of Diversion First is to "offer alternatives to incarceration for people with

mental illness or intellectual/developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses."

At the Crisis Response Center, police can transfer custody of nonviolent offenders to officers and deputies who have been through intensive Crisis Intervention Team training instead of taking them to jail.

Studies and the experiences of law enforcement and judicial personnel, as well as mental health professionals show that many people are in jail due to mental illness — and that jails are not appropriate places to provide mental health treatment. Sending nonviolent offenders who suffer from mental illness and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities to jail, instead of helping them to the medical assistance they need, does little more than perpetuate a cycle of repeat offenses, potential self harm, risk to the public at large, unnecessary ex-

pense, and the loss of a patrol officer's time on the streets, officials say.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock District), chair of the Public Safety Committee said, "Diversion First will help people get treatment and become self-sufficient, reduce crime by combating recidivism, and save money by reducing our jail population."

In addition to the crisis response facility, a key component of the Diversion First program is to deliver Crisis Intervention Team state-certified training that focuses on how to de-escalate crisis situations related to mental health issues, and to provide Mental Health First Aid, and mental health awareness training for emergency department personnel.

AT THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING, Laura Yager, from the office of the county executive, offered the meeting attendees an

overview of the program's first year in operation.

In 2016, the Crisis Response Center received 1,580 police-involved cases from the jurisdictions of Fairfax County, the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church, the towns of Herndon and Vienna, George Mason University, Northern Virginia Community College, and the Virginia State Police, equaling 31 percent of all of the CSB's Emergency Services cases.

In Fairfax County alone, 3,566 mental health investigations were conducted in the field by the county police department, of which, 1,958 were resolved in the field.

The Mobile Crisis Unit provided services with law enforcement contact or referrals to 467 individuals.

The Sheriff's Office handled 35 Emergency Custody Orders and Criminal Temporary Detention Orders from jail, trans

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Kindergarten Class Brings Circus to School

On Friday, March 24, St. Aidan's Kindergarten Class performed under the Big Top for the 13th year. There were clowns, elephants, lions, tigers, lion tamer, tightrope walkers, and strongmen. The children

produced all the art work for the decorations.

Lawrence Miller, father of Lucy Miller, was the ringmaster and Jessica Kidwell was the clown. Alumni from past circus performances joined the cast for a final bow.



The clowns getting ready to perform: Jessica Kidwell, Lucy Miller and Ben Weikart.



St. Aidan's Kindergarten Class performed under the Big Top for schoolmates and parents.

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Micah Griffin as a Strongman.



Ringmaster Lawrence Miller tries to lift the weights.



Peyton Leach with his lions and tigers — Ethan Dyers, Norrie Goggins and Charlie Jones.



Lydia Schourek performs on the tightrope.



Elephants: Lilah Hulver and Evelyn Cumming.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GrandInvolve recruits adult volunteers who are interested in mentoring, providing reading and math tutoring, as well as assisting in the classroom at Fairfax County's Title I schools. They are currently seeking a core group of community volunteers for the GrandInvolve Steering Committee in the Mount Vernon District. Tasks include developing timelines, establishing goals and objectives, networking in the community, and developing community partnerships. Email GrandInvolve@gmail.com.

THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Mobile DMV. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Sherwood Hall Library. Two programs, DMV Connect and DMV 2 GO, will provide full DMV service to the Route 1 area. At the Sherwood Hall service centers, customers can apply or renew their ID cards, drivers licenses, take road and knowledge tests, apply for special ID cards, get copies of their driving records, obtain vehicle titles, license plates, decals and transcripts, order disabled parking placards or plates, purchase an EZ-Pass transponder and more. A full list of services is available at www.dmv.virginia.gov.

DEADLINE APRIL 1

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 5

Solving the Care Continuum

Puzzle. 6-7:30 p.m. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Inova Mt Vernon & Transitional Care Community Partners Present: Solving the Care Continuum Puzzle. Free event, lite fare will be served. RSVP to 1-855-MY-INOVA or nova-tccp.eventbrite.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 6

2017 Economic Outlook Summit.

8-11:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. The summit is hosted in partnership between Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation and the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the premier economic forums in Fairfax County. Individual admission is \$35. Visit mtvernon-leechamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/economic-outlook-2017-2704.

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Art Making as Meditation. 7-8:30 p.m. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Art making as meditation can be an active form of contemplative practice. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Call 703-360-4220, email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org or visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening.

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Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **May 18, 2017** to Mr. Mark Gibney, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email RichmondHighway@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "April 18 public information meeting" in the subject line.

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\$30 Million Project Begins

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But improving infrastructure, he said, is a big part of "preventing the 9-1-1 call." "No one in Fairfax County should live under the risk of flooding," McKay said. "We need to do the right thing and protect these communities."

Excavation for the pumping station wet well is expected to begin in April, according to Fairfax County staff.



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Leadership Changes at Inova

The retirement of H. Patrick Walters, SVP, CEO of Inova Loudoun Hospital will lead to changes at Inova Alexandria Hospital and Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

From Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Deborah Addo, SVP, will become CEO of Inova Loudoun Hospital. From Inova Alexandria, Susan Carroll, SVP, has been promoted to regional executive officer over Inova Alexandria and Inova Mount Vernon Hospitals. Don Brideau, MD, has accepted the interim CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital position, and the selection process for the next CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital is underway.

Prior to joining Inova, Walters served as president and chief executive officer of Alexandria Health Services Corporation and as administrator of Alexandria Hospital from 1992 to 1997. Following the merger with Inova, Walters led both Inova Alexandria and Inova Mount Vernon hospitals as their re-

gional vice president.

Addo came to Inova in June 2014 with nearly 30 years of leadership experience in healthcare operations and management. Addo previously served as the chief operating officer and senior vice president of Meritus Health in Hagerstown.

Carroll, a healthcare executive with 21 years of experience, previously served as vice president of Inova Cancer Institute and Inova Translational Medicine Institute.

Carroll was also on the executive management team at Inova Fairfax Hospital prior to being named SVP, CEO of Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Brideau will continue as Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's chief medical officer in addition to serving as interim CEO beginning April 24. Brideau joined Inova Mount Vernon senior leadership team in 2009 with oversight ranging from clinical quality to patient experience.

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ported 128 people from the Crisis Response Center to regional mental health hospitals and another 23 people from jail to a behavioral health hospital.

In a year that focused primarily on Intercept 1 from the Sequential Intercept Model — where the point of contact is through law enforcement or emergency personnel — 375 people were diverted from potential arrest.

The program-mandated training has been rolled out with 265 law officers and 42 dispatchers Crisis Intervention Team certified.

Thirty magistrates and 248 sheriff's deputies have completed Mental Health First Aid training. Law enforcement, judicial and emergency services personnel are trained to better identify and assist persons who are experiencing a crisis related to mental illness or disability or whose actions may be attributed to those conditions. They may be able to de-escalate a situation and resolve it in the field, or bring the persons involved to the Crisis Response Center for further assessment and assistance rather than choosing to arrest them and bringing them to the Adult Detention Center or youth facility.

The numbers indicate that more people are receiving appropriate treatment versus warehousing in county detention centers.

Yager, and Michael Cassidy, Chief Judge, Fairfax County General District Court; Thomas Sotelo, Chief Judge, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court; Sheriff Stacey Kincaid; and Lt. Ryan Morgan, Police Department, Crisis Intervention Team coordinator, all spoke at the Public Safety Committee meeting. All praised the early results of the program and indicated that it was time to focus on the next two points of intervention according to the Intercept Model: Initial Detention/Initial Hearing and the Courts and Jails.

HOW DID DIVERSION FIRST fall into the "Significant Unfunded Priorities in FY 2018" column?

A "challenging budget year," "modest revenue growth at best" and the shadow of "significant increases to the county's financial obligations to the Metro system" on the FY 2019 horizon, were words

that County Executive Ed Long used to describe the factors for the Advertised FY 2018 Budget he presented to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 14.

Long had prepared a budget that assumed no increase to the property tax rate for FY 2018. Two weeks after the Advertised Budget was formally presented, the Board of Supervisors did authorize an Advertised Tax Rate of \$1.13, the same as the FY 2017 rate. The \$5.3 million initially earmarked to take the Diversion First program forward gave way to other budget shortfalls.

Diversion First wasn't the only loser in the budget calculations.

The Fairfax County Public School Board was allocated \$61 million less than requested. A market adjustment in compensation for county employees could not be met. Capital investments already deferred will be deferred yet again.

But amid these current programs and future priorities that are falling victim to the budget squeeze, Diversion First wasn't alone even in its own category. In addition to facing no funds for the second part of the program, funding for other public safety considerations are staring at the same fate.

Consultant-recommended public safety staffing of \$8.5 million, Police Span of Control positions as recommended by the Ad-Hoc Police Review Committee for \$7.9 million, and other Ad-Hoc Committee recommendations totalling \$7 million are keeping Diversion First company on the unfunded side of the balance sheet.

Residents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the Advertised FY 2018 budget at one of the public hearings being held on April 4 at 4 p.m., April 5 at 1 p.m. and April 6 at 1 p.m. All of the meetings will take place at the Fairfax County Government Center.

In the meantime, budget talks and committee meetings are on-going, until the board is scheduled to adopt a final version at its May 2 meeting.

Cassidy made an argument for five more probation officers to handle the increase in persons released from jail on condition of supervision.

David Washington, deputy director, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board said the CSB was

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"I'm committed to finding at least partial funding to see through the next phase of this great program ..."

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The U.S. Army, in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality announces a 30-day public comment period, from **April 3, 2017 to May 3, 2017**, for the Proposed Plan for the Combat Range Complex Munitions Response Site (MRS) at the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The public comment period meets Section 300.430(f)(3) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan and Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). The Proposed Plan is available for public review at the following locations:

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The document is also available via Fort Belvoir's Environmental Documents website at <https://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocs.asp> under the Environmental Cleanup link.

The Army will conduct the public meeting on **April 18, 2017** to review the Proposed Plan, which identifies the Preferred Remedial Alternative for the Combat Range Complex MRS. Identified in this Proposed Plan are the options for addressing the Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC), contaminants of concern known as Munitions Constituents (MC), and recommended approaches. Written and/or oral comments on the Proposed Plan will be accepted at this meeting.

The Combat Range Complex (FTBL-003-R-01), approximately 566 acres, is located east of Accotink Bay on the south-central part of Fort Belvoir within the Accotink Bay Wildlife Refuge. Training reportedly occurred from 1930 to 1970. The Combat Range Complex MRS is the down range portion of three overlapping artillery ranges: the Lorton Combat Range, Lorton Assault Course, and Bayliss Range, which included firing of small arms, grenades, and mortars. The contaminants of concern are lead and antimony from small arms bullets. In addition, the Remedial Investigation determined that the potential for MEC to remain at this site is plausible. **The recommended alternative for this site to address MEC and MC is Alternative 3: Soil Removal, Off-Site Disposal, and Land Use Controls.** The removal would be implemented in the high MC/MEC density area of the site known as the Small Arms Impact Zone.

Please provide written comments to the address below by May 3, 2017.

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OPINION

Expand Medicaid Now

Virginia has missed out on \$10 billion, 30,000 jobs and care for 400,000 citizens.

Virginia's General Assembly has refused to accept one of the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, expansion of Medicaid at almost no cost to Virginia that could have covered 400,000 uninsured Virginians and would have brought more than \$10 billion into the state. It has also cost lives.

Ironically, the failed bill to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act included changes to Medicaid that would have penalized states, like Virginia, that did not expand Medicaid, permanently reducing federal funding.

On Monday, Gov. Terry McAuliffe proposed a budget amendment restoring his authority

to pursue planning for Medicaid expansion in the wake of the failed repeal effort in Congress.

Kansas and North Carolina are taking steps this week to expand Medicaid, hoping to join the 31 other states plus the District of Columbia that have already done so.

More than 140,000 residents of Fairfax County have no health insurance. More than 40,000 residents of Arlington and Alexandria have no health insurance. That's more than 12 percent of the people who live in one of the wealthiest areas in the nation.

A Harvard Medical School study determined that the decision by 25 states to reject the expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act would result in between 7,115 and 17,104 more deaths than had all states opted in. In Virginia, the number of deaths due to failure to expand Medicaid: between 266 and 987.

From a practical perspective, declining federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation or education.

In Virginia, 102,000 uninsured people with

a mental illness or substance use disorder could qualify for coverage if Medicaid were expanded under the Affordable Care Act.

As Virginia and the rest of the nation wrestles with heroin and opioid addiction, expanding Medicaid would allow for expanding treatment programs. One of the big obstacles to helping people who are fighting addiction is the availability of treatment when it is most needed.

"The time has come for us to bring our taxpayer dollars back to serve the individuals who need them the most," said McAuliffe. "With this amendment, I'm asking the General Assembly to work with me to pursue Medicaid expansion and put this funding to work for our most vulnerable Virginians."

Primaries for candidates for the House of Delegates plus governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general are in June, with all seats on the ballot in November. An important question as voters choose: What is their position on Medicaid expansion? How did incumbents vote?

— MARY KIMM

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

True Meaning Of Beauty

To the Editor:

As one of the sponsors of the Blossoming Beauties, I respectfully agree to disagree with the opinion that was posted to the Editor in the March 23 edition ["Importance of Names," The Gazette, March 23]. Although I value

anyone's opinion that may help our group, I am very sorry that anyone should feel that the group's name is concerning. The writer's opinion did help us to revisit the reason we chose the name, Blossoming Beauties. We were able to surmise that the name that was voted on by our girls, fits our mission:

Mission: To help our girls grow into well-rounded, confident, in-

spired young women who understand that being a woman is not a limitation, and that past experiences do not have to dictate our futures. They are simply stepping stones and serve as learning opportunities.

❖ We will learn to love ourselves from the inside out.

❖ We will discuss the importance of appearance, hygiene and appropriate attire.

❖ We will have open discussions about issues in the world that involve women.

❖ We will write a memoir of something that we have a strong opinion about or something that we personally experienced.

❖ We will build relationships with the other young ladies in the group. "Power is in Numbers."

❖ We will be open-minded, we will share our ideas, and we will have an amazing time doing it!

Motto: "What we look like to the world is not nearly as important as how we feel about ourselves!"

The girls in the group, understand that the beauty we seek, comes from within and since so many of our girls prefer not to be in the limelight, they do love helping others who are less fortunate. This not only brings out that inner beauty, but the joy that they feel after accomplishing the many outreach projects is indescribable. And while we are very much aware of what society deems "beautiful," we teach our girls that beauty is an action and not an adjective in our group. Beauty is not limited to physical attractiveness and aesthetics. Beauty is putting others first before ourselves. Beauty is helping those that are less fortunate, beauty is loving oneself from the inside out. This is what we instill in the girls of our group.

E. Rose
Alexandria



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE GAZETTE

'Ides of Bark'

Despite the clouds and cool spring weather, the dogs and their owners came out on Sunday, March 26 for the "Ides of Bark Dog Festival" at Grist Mill Park in Mount Vernon. There were vendors discussing pet care, CPR, and first aid techniques from experienced pet technicians and a demonstration by the Fairfax County Police Department K9 Unit.

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Heart Takes Us Further Than Talent

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I fell in love with baseball listening to Red Sox games on an old AM radio and playing stick ball with my brother on a gravel-strewn spit of land on the other side of the river. We had to race the tide each way to play on a little field tucked away in the shadow of a burned-out factory. We weren't very skilled; we just loved the game and couldn't wait to get back to the field each day. And, oh yes, we argued every strike and every out and cried and laughed and didn't want it to ever end. We were just 8 after all.

Later, when my brother could drive, we shared a few summer nights chasing fun through the lake region of New Hampshire, tuning in to the Red Sox game on the way to our home just north of Boston. The closer we got, the clearer and stronger the voice of the Red Sox and the more certain we were headed in the right direction — no small thing chasing black macadam through curving country roads on moonless summer nights.

Radio gave us a sense we knew what Fenway Park looked like with the Green Monster in left and that tough corner in far right although at that time we'd not been there. It came to life in the vivid colors of

the mind by the soothing voices of Bump Hadley and Curt Gowdy. Bump — a great name a mother gave her son and a gift across the miles to thousands of listeners.

It's easy to fall in love with baseball. It's the most egalitarian of sports. Basketball favors the tall; football, the strong but baseball — anyone can play baseball. Some of the greatest players of all time — think Yogi Berra and Pee Wee Reese and today's Dustin Pedroia — were and are neither tall nor particularly strong. They rose to the top of the game by hard work and were driven to excel by pride and love of the game.

Good coaches can teach the rest. Good coaches teach pitching, throwing, fielding, running, hitting. No one can teach heart. Some players have it from the git go; a fortunate few find it within themselves under pressure, but heart isn't gifted. You have it or you develop it. As true in sport and life, heart takes us further than talent. It is heart which propels the ordinary to the extraordinary. The only demand such a heart makes is that we have a passion for life, that we commit to give our best to what we love, that we lose ourselves in the effort and we give generously of ourselves to others.

If we don't have heart, we can't face our fears, we can't live life to the fullest, we can't share our lives, we can't dream big and we can't lift up our hearts to identify with some-

thing larger than ourselves, perhaps the most noble human achievement.

Little League came to town that year. I tried out. No one wanted to be a catcher so I knew it was meant for me. Winning never mattered — just playing was reward enough. I did well but realized I had a long way to go. I was so emotional about playing this game I loved, it seemed my heart broke at every little setback. Of course, I was just 8. Good coaches, an occasional stern look from my mother and a few more years under my belt helped me control my emotions while hanging on to the passion. Always the passion.

I got lost in Little League baseball that year and through it learned to channel my energy, to get the best from myself and to be a good teammate. I learned that the point

is not in a score but is almost always in the effort, in the many small achievements of daily life. Giving my best effort to the sport I loved taught me to give all that and more to family, friends and profession.

Most important Little League baseball gave me a structure to follow my heart for the first time in my young life. I reaped the fullness of heart that that brings and set a course for future tests. For the youngsters of all ages still reading this I encourage you to be proud of who you are, celebrate your achievements no matter how small they may seem at the moment, strive to be a great teammate and friend and always do your best. Perhaps the best advice I ever heard was my mother saying to me more than once that I should "sleep on it and try again tomorrow." Amen to that.

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- ❖ **The Mansion:** Mount Vernon has just begun a five-year "rustication" project, which is the method used in George Washington's time of cutting, beveling, and sand-casting wood siding

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OPINION

Returning to Richmond for ‘Veto Session’

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



Next week I will join my General Assembly colleagues at the Capitol for the 2017 Reconvened Session, also known as the “Veto Session.” According to the Rules of the House, the purpose of the Reconvened Session is to “specifically, and exclusively,” consider only the Governor’s recommendations to amend, and vetoes to, the legislation we passed during the 2017 Regular Session.

He had until March 27 to complete his review and return all bills to the Clerk of House, who serves as the Keeper of the Rolls of the Commonwealth.

Gov. McAuliffe signed 757 bills into law, which is 86 percent of the 880 bills we passed. So, we have one day to act on the rest of the legislation during the Reconvened Session on April 5. The Governor vetoed 26 bills, one of which was acted upon during the 2017 Regular Session. He also made 36 recommendations, including a budget amendment to expand Medicaid to extend affordable health care to over 460,000 Virginians. About 15,000 of those

Virginians are veterans.

The Governor also vetoed 14 Senate bills and amended 31 bills. The House will consider these bills only if the Senate votes to override the Governor, or in the case of the recommendations, the House will act on the Senate bills provided that the Senate agrees to the Governor’s recommendations.

It will be a long, but important, day because the Governor and his staff invested significant time analyzing this legislation before making decisions to veto or recommend changes. Many of the vetoed bills were hyper-partisan “brochure bills,” passed knowing the Governor will veto and thus they will never become law, but they serve their purpose as political fodder for the conservative base.

A good example of this would be the bill to reinstate costly and ineffective coal tax credits. A 2012 JLARC study found that the decline of coal production, which these tax credits are intended to slow down, was the same or even faster than was predicted before the credits were created. There are now only 2,483 coal miners and as the Governor pointed out “It would be unwise to spend additional taxpayer dollars on a tax credit that has fallen so short of its intended effectiveness.”

Gov. McAuliffe also vetoed legislation requiring photo IDs for absentee voting,

defunding Planned Parenthood and establishing Education Savings Accounts (ESAs), which would take taxpayer money and create a slush fund for parents who take kids out of public schools. ESAs are particularly offensive because it is the equivalent of requesting taxpayer funding because you want your family to use a country club instead of a public park.

One bill that did pass despite efforts to request the Governor amend or even veto the legislation, enables local regulation of short-term rentals such as Airbnb. I know that many of my constituents worked hard to pass this bill, a compromise between Airbnb, the hospitality industry and concerned citizens.

The legislation authorizes local government to adopt ordinances requiring people to register with the locality if they want to

rent their property for short-term rental. The registries enable our county, if it chooses, to collect the information needed to regulate and tax these rentals appropriately. There is also a provision in the law to impose a fine of up to \$500 on those who fail to register or comply with the law. Moreover, if they serve alcoholic beverages to guests, they now must obtain a bed-and-breakfast ABC license. I voted for this legislation. I thank the Governor for signing the bill and for recognizing the importance of establishing an avenue for local government to protect our communities via reasonable regulation of this growing on-line short-term rental movement. I have had concerns that without this kind of regulation, some of our neighborhoods could be faced with traffic, noise, and safety concerns from a constant churn of daily renters.

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and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nga Nguyen at 703-799-2726, TTY 711.

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Local national parks like Theodore Roosevelt Island are ideal for family staycations, says Lois Stover, Ph.D. of Marymount University.

Backyard Adventure

Ideas for a spring break family staycation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

For Katie Wendel, a spring break vacation this year won't mean loading up the car and driving several hundred miles or waiting in long lines at the airport. While the Bethesda mother of five is planning to enjoy some relaxing downtime with her family, she won't venture far from home.

"We're going to be tourists this year and visit the monuments and museums in Washington. We're also going to try to find every avenue in the city that's named after a state," said Wendel. "If you think about it, there's so much to do in this area that we all take for granted. You really don't have to leave the area to feel like you're in another city."

From museum exhibits to adventure centers, a goldmine of family getaways abounds locally. There are even activities for family bonding available without leaving home.

"Ask the kids what they would like to do. Involve them and give [them] a choice. Whatever it is they suggest, come up with a plan to document their adventure so they can share it with grandparents or siblings away at college, said Lois Stover, Ph.D., dean, School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University. "Let them help plan the Metro route or just look at the Metro map and randomly pick a station and explore that area."

"A lot of adults assume that kids want a big trip, but a lot of times a kid will say, 'I want to blow bubbles in the back yard.' It's important for children to have a say in how the family uses its free time," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College.

Among the recommendations that Stover

offers are activities at one's neighborhood library and trips to indoor public swimming pools. For animal-loving families the National Zoo offers beasts ranging from elephants and eagles to tigers and frogs.

"Get outside and take the family to one of the lesser known national parks, like Prince William, or walk the C&O Canal," said Stover.

There's also Gravelly Point Park near Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, which is ideal for family picnics, games of kickball or simply watching airplanes take off and land.

"If it's warm, do a beach day in the backyard [or] set up an indoor mini-golf course with Nerf balls [or use] Wiffle balls and bats," said Stover. "Have a dance party, a science day. Have a 'Today is Blue, or whatever color works, Day,' so everyone wears blue, all foods are blue, you ride the blue line Metro just to see where it goes, [for example]."

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory on the National Mall is where Stephanie Kleinman is planning to take her twin daughters during spring break.


"The girls call it a museum for plants, and it's neat to go from the desert to the jungle all within one building," said Kleinman who lives in McLean. "We'll probably check out some of the other museums while we're downtown."

There are times when a staycation can be more relaxing than travel, says Lorente. "If you look at the list of the top 100 stressors in life, taking a vacation is on the list," she said. "A staycation, when done with purpose, can really be good."

Advanced planning is a key to making that time spent together meaningful, advises Lorente. "A lot of times people say they're taking a staycation and they end up doing chores around the house. And everybody is on their electronics," she said. "But it's really about family bonding and everyone coming together and creating shared experiences as a family."




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Next in the Pipeline: 'Around the Snake Turn'

Play by Patricia Connelly about West African practice of trokosi, or sex slaves.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The third reading of the Pipeline Playwrights' world-premiere play, "Around the Snake Turn," by Patricia Connelly, will be held on Monday, April 3, at MetroStage in Alexandria.

"Around the Snake Turn" came out of an article I read over a decade ago in The New York Times about the practice of trokosi," said Connelly who spent two years researching and writing the piece. Accompanying the newspaper article was a photo of a young 12-year-old girl who was serving as a slave to a traditional tribal priest. "The story and photo haunted me," she said.

The play centers around Baaba, whose son is accused of a crime in her West African village, and the local fetish priest places a curse on the entire family. Baaba knows that to appease the gods and remove the curse, the family must offer a young virgin girl to serve the priest as "wife to the gods" or trokosi sex slave. Baaba, however, challenges the accusation, knowing she could never turn over her young daughter or any

other child to the local priest. In so doing, Baaba risks everything, fighting family and tradition to save her children.

Connelly said she spent a lot of time researching both the religion and the West African culture, talking with people and asking questions. "I have to know enough to create characters who are fully realized, complex, feeling human beings who live and work within this culture," she said.

Directed by Cody Jones, the reading will feature: Gayle Carney, AakhuTuahNera Freeman, Obinna Nwachukwu, Caroline G. Pleasant, William Shipman, and Kanysha Williams.

The reading is the next step in the development of the play. The first reading was at The Kennedy Center Page-to-Stage Festival in early September and since then Connelly's made a number of revisions. "At this point, I want to see how an audience responds to the story and which parts of it still need revision," she said.

Connelly hopes the audience will be drawn into this family's story and ultimately be moved by the courage and conviction of the characters, particularly the mother of the family. "I also hope the audience will



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Caroline G. Pleasant will be reading from "Around the Snake Turn" by Patricia Connelly on Monday, April 3, at MetroStage.

come away with a greater understanding and awareness of religious practices and a culture that are different from what we know and experience in our country," she said.

Pleasant will be reading the role of Baaba, the mother who tries to keep her young daughter from being sent to the village priest to be his slave.

"I don't understand or agree with the practice of trokosi, and had never heard of the practice until working with this piece,"

she said. "One challenge was to not get too angry too soon. I had to be a woman who knows about the practice, but never thought she'd have to worry about her daughter going to the priest."

As far as audience takeaways, she said: "I want the audience to take away the strength, tenacity, and determination people have, and sacrifices we're willing to make when people we love are in danger."

She added: "And I want them to see that also family pressures, traditions, and cultural conditions, can sometimes overrule what we know is the right thing to do. I hope the audience sees there is not one single way to look at issues ... there are as many ways as there are people looking at the issue."

Pipeline Playwrights is a group of women playwrights based in Northern Virginia, working together to support, present, and promote each other's work with the goal of moving their plays into the local and national theater pipeline.

The reading of "Around the Snake Turn" will be held on Monday, April 3, at MetroStage, located at 1201 North Royal St. After the reading, enjoy refreshments and informal conversation with the playwright and actors. More info about the reading can be found at www.facebook.com/events/247702042346106/.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar. 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

UCM Raffle Tickets. Ongoing, the United Community Ministries is raffling off a trip to Cancun at the 'Give From the Heart' Gala on May 6 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. \$175 admission, \$25 raffle ticket. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

The Hand Print Workshop. Through April 2, various times at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dennis O'Neil's Hand Print Workshop exhibit features a wide representation of the prints created by these artists in his Alexandria studio, including some by William Christenberry and Renee Stout, as well as works by O'Neil himself. Opening Reception, Sunday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Water Taxi to National Mall. Through April 16. Departing at 11:10 a.m., 1:35 p.m., and 4:30 p.m. from the waterfront at Cameron and Union streets. Potomac Riverboat Company offers a 30-minute direct water taxi to the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to access events of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, including the Blossom Kite Festival. \$28 round-trip for adults, \$16 one-way for adults; \$16 round-trip for children under 12; \$8 one-way for children under 12. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/water-taxi/national-mall/ or call 703-684-0580 for more.

The Mercy Walk Tour. Saturdays and Sundays through April 16, 2:30 p.m. Tour starts at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St. The Mercy Walk tour will give visitors and locals alike a feel for what it was like to live in an occupied city during the Civil War. \$13 adults; \$7 children; \$12 seniors Call 703-519-1749 or visit www.alexcolonialtours.com/themeracywalk for more.

3-Dimensional Views Artshow. Through April 23, various times at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 N. Union St. This show will also highlight the work of three featured artists: Emma Bednar, Gayle Roehm, and Emma Thompson. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberarts-gallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

All the President's Pups. Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President's Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington's love for dogs, his dogs' unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

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

Alexandria's Nurses and Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria



'Wizard of Oz'

Various times from March 31-April 2 it's the Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre production of Wizard of Oz at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. \$12. Visit www.mvct.org for more.

during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit. Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include

military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-

ENTERTAINMENT

Alexandria Symphony Partners With Washington Choral Arts

BY MELINDA KERN
ALEXANDRIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO) will present a pair of choral performances in partnership with the Choral Arts Society of Washington and guest conductor Scott Tucker on April 1 and 2. The concert set continues the ASO's 73rd season with a focus on musical masterworks, led by five renowned guest conductors.

Tucker has expanded the reputation of Choral Arts since his tenure began in 2012 and launched the Choral Arts Chamber Singers. This hand-selected group of 58 singers will add their voices to the ASO at the upcoming performances.

This special concert will feature two major works: Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and Haydn's Mass in D Minor (better known as the Lord Nelson Mass). Written at the height of his career, Bernstein composed solos for the Psalms for boy soprano as the voice of David himself and set the text in the original Hebrew. "The music is a mix of original music cut from previous pieces," said Tucker. "There are references to other religious texts and draft sketches

from West Side Story."

The Lord Nelson Mass, which Haydn composed amongst his greatest liturgical works including The Creation, was inspired by Napoleon's advancing armies, certainly a "mass for troubled times." The ASO and Choral Arts welcome soloists Esther Heideman (soprano), Linda Maguire (mezzo-soprano), Brian Thorsett (tenor) and James Shaffran (baritone).

Rounding out the program will be two works by Brahms, who greatly admired Haydn and the Viennese School. Variations on a Theme by Joseph Haydn will feature the orchestra with no chorus. The combined groups will also perform Nanie, an elegy written for one of Brahms' dearly-departed friends.

The fully-professional Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at both the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center (Saturday performances) and the George Washington Masonic Memorial (Sunday performances). Ticket prices: \$20-\$80 adult, \$5 youth, and \$10 student with military, senior and group discounts available. To order tickets and for more information, visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

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

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month, 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-

4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

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

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monacoalexandria.com for more

Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke Street near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 30

Civil War Music. 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join historian Carson Hudson and fiddler Arden Clark as they musically explore the story of a time when America was at war with itself in the 1860s. \$25. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994 for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 31

Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Breaking the Glass Ceiling - The Sky's the Limit" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans runs March 31-April 30. Artists reflect on this metaphor of pushing through barriers. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

NOVA Idol 2017. 7 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Fisher Art Gallery NOVA, Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive. Vocalists from all six campuses of Northern Virginia Community College, and winners will receive cash prizes between \$1,000 and \$4,000. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

Russian and Ukrainian Folk Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Tetiana Khomenko (balalaika) and Vitalii Lyman (piano) will present an evening of diverse music. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or



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Del Ray Artisans

“Breaking the Glass Ceiling – The Sky’s the Limit” is a theme at the at Del Ray Artisans show running March 31-April 30. Artists reflect on this metaphor of pushing through barriers. Opening Reception: Friday, March 31, 7-9 p.m. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/ exhibits

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call 703-838-4994.

MARCH 31-APRIL 2

Wizard of Oz. Various times through April 2 at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre production of “The Wizard of Oz.” \$12. Visit www.mvcc.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Watershed Clean-Up. 9-11:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Help remove bottles, cans, tires, and other carelessly dumped debris from local streams. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/.

Distillery and Gristmill Reopens. Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Demonstrations by costumed distillers take visitors through the historic process of whiskey-making in this reconstruction of Washington's 18th-century distillery. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Save Our Ship Lecture. 10-11 a.m. at 105 North Union St. First Floor Lobby. Special lecture on new discoveries on Alexandria's 18th-century ship by Benjamin Skolnik, Alexandria Archaeology. Find out the latest news about the ship excavated last year on the Alexandria Waterfront. Reservations required, recommended donation \$10. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Forgotten Fairfax Lecture. 11 a.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Forgotten Fairfax Presents Beacon Field and Hybla Valley Airports: A Talk by Anna Marie Hicks and Harry P. Lehman. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or 703-293-6227, ext. 4.

Rail Passengers Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Joe Theissmann's Restaurant, 1800 Diagonal Road. Attendees will hear from Jim Matthews, President & CEO of the National Association of Railroad Passengers; Jennifer Mitchell, Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Chuck Riecks, head of Friends of the Cardinal (an Amtrak train); and others. Visit www.varprail.org for

more.

Gunston School House. 5-7 p.m. at 411 Jackson Place, Del Ray. Historical setting sponsored by the Alexandria Committee of the Colonial Dames. \$30 or \$100 for two people for the wine and appetizer party. Visit wp.nscdava.org for more.

Rum Punch Challenge. 7-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. \$50 per person, or \$100 to include both admission and a VIP pre-event tasting of Bacardi's special rums. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Classical Music Concert. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Fisher Art Gallery NOVA, Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive. With Scott Tucker, guest conductor and the Choral Arts Society of Washington. \$20-\$60 adult, \$10 student, \$5 youth. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

SUNDAY/APRIL 2

Science and History. 1-4 p.m. at The Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Highlights where science and history mixed, with a collection of medicinal herbs, shop furnishings, and apothecary bottles and equipment. call 703.746.3852, or visit www.apothecarymuseum.org for more.

Classical Music Concert. 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. \$20-\$60 adult, \$10 student, \$5 youth. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

APRIL 5-6

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. noon and 7 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Activities commemorating the martyrdom of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Call toll free at 1-800-941-0083 for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 6

Coffee & Connections. 8-9 a.m. at National Industries for the Blind, 1310 Braddock Place. Join the Alexandria Chamber's Professional Women's Network. \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members Visit web.alexchamber.com for more.

Thai Restaurants in All Corners

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

From beef to tofu, soup to noodles, rice classics to salads, Thai food is always on the menu in Alexandria. Thai restaurants are in ample supply across the city, which makes it hard to narrow down the best options on any given day. Here are three of the city's crown jewels.

Thai Lemongrass, 506 South Van Dorn St.

Tucked away in a strip mall in Alexandria's West End, Thai Lemongrass is admittedly not much to look at from the parking lot. But diners who venture in the front door will be handsomely rewarded by good food and good service — and, since the restaurant is usually quite popular, they won't be dining alone.

One of Thai Lemongrass' specialties is the Paradise Curry, a red curry with shrimp, chicken and pineapple. Or enjoy the tangy tofu with ginger, which features the eponymous ingredients with mushrooms and onions in a black-bean sauce.

Thai Peppers, 2018 Mount Vernon Ave.

Thai Peppers has enjoyed a lengthy residency in Del Ray, and for good reason: Its food is consistent, well-apportioned, and most importantly delicious. And over the years, the restaurant has expanded to Bristow and Haymarket, as well, extending its reach to a wider audience.

Mount Vernon Special Tour. 5:30-8 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. “A Neighborly Visit: A Special Evening at Mt. Vernon” includes private after-hours tours of the Mansion, the Distillery and the Grist Mill. \$40 for non-members and \$35.00 for Alexandria Historical Society members. Visit alexandriahistoricalsociety.wildapricot.org/ for more.

Hometown Habitat. 7-8:30 p.m. at the at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Alexandria Beautification Commission is sponsoring a free screening of “Hometown Habitat,” a film that focuses on local ecosystems. Visit alexandriabeautification@gmail.com for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 7

Blessed Sacrament Musical Offering. 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. The 14 Stations of the Cross will be prayed in a musical setting for choir and organ by Franz Liszt. The Blessed Sacrament Adult Choir will sing with organist Ann Carney. Email jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or call 703-998-6100 x103 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Living History Encampment. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Learn about the history, training and army life of the U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War. Call 703-746-4848, or visit forward.org for more.

Ikebana Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Ikebana is a Japanese art of flower arrangement. Learn its rich symbolism and fundamentals,

The menu runs the gamut from curry to noodles to Thai Peppers' “Wok Corner,” and you'd be hard-pressed to find a bad apple in the bunch. Unlike some restaurants that shoehorn diners into a particular protein choice at the outset, Thai Peppers allows customers to order virtually any menu option with a choice of meat or tofu — a boon for vegetarians and carnivores alike. Some of the gems are the pad-kaprow, a stir-fry with Thai basil and vegetables in a spicy garlic sauce, and the pa-nang curry, a red curry mixed with coconut milk and served with your protein of choice.

Sam Phao Thai Cuisine, 1019 King St.

Located between Patrick and Henry streets in Old Town, Sam Phao looks absolutely tiny at first glance. But looks are deceiving; the restaurant has a second floor with a great deal of dining room space should the few first-floor tables be taken. Sam Phao has called Old Town home for almost a decade, and within that time it has begun to shine as one of the neighborhood's best Thai eateries.

One of Sam Phao's most impressive dishes is its pineapple fried rice. Served with shrimp, tomatoes, egg, and vegetables, the rice dish rests neatly in a hollowed-out pineapple, causing other tables to crane their necks as the server brings it out of the kitchen. For something a bit more low-key, go with the Pad Pak entrée, a mix of meat (or tofu) with vegetables served with a light brown sauce.

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

and take home a flower arrangement. \$38, supplies extra. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ or call 703-642-5173 for more.

French and Indian War in Alexandria. noon-4 p.m. in the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. The “Grandest Congress”: The French and Indian War in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com or call 703-549-2997 for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 11

Garden Experts Answer Questions. 11 a.m.-noon in Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Stop by and chat with the VCE Master Gardeners who maintain the Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens and see what is springing to life. Visit mgmv.org for more.

Dale and Ray in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Dale Watson and Ray Benson. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.daleandray.com for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 13

Level Office Alexandria Opening. 6:30 p.m. at 950 N. Washington St. Grand opening of a remote office complex, new entrepreneurial community. Open to public. Visit leveloffice.com for more.

The Migration Project. 7:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The Migration Project explores stories of relocation. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac to sign up or www.janefranklin.com.

Samantha Fish Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Fish is a Kansas City blues guitarist and singer. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

APRIL 13-15

Revolutionary Gentleman Comedy. 7:30 p.m. at the at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The musical is based on the life of Benedict Arnold. Tickets are \$34 and \$39 at the door, or \$29 and \$34 online at www.InfinityStage.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 14

Marc Scibilia in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. With Corey Harper & Brad Ray. \$19.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 19

Antiques Club. 7 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free, public invited. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Mary B. Gallagher, the author of “My Life with Jackie Kennedy,” for whom she worked as her secretary for a number of years. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

Alexander Hamilton Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, will highlight this historical figure. \$12 or \$10 for members of Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

Garden Day Herb & Craft Sale. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate spring with the Friends of Carlyle House's Annual Garden Day Herb and Craft Sale. \$5 for adults; \$3 for children; free for

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Friends of Carlyle House. Call 703-549-2997 for more.

Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. The members of the Garden Club of Alexandria and The Hunting Creek Garden Club are sponsoring a tour of five homes in Old Town. \$45 in advance, \$55 day of tour. Visit www.vagardenweek.org for more.

Raptor Rapture Birdshow. 10 a.m.-noon at the Belle Haven picnic area of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Celebrate Earth Day by learning more about raptors, a family that includes owls, hawks, and falcons. Visit www.fodm.org for more.

Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road. Advance tickets \$25. Limited tickets at door \$30. Call 703-765-6555.

Discovery Day at Historic Huntley. 1-4 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Enjoy activities for the whole family while discovering how Historic Huntley changed over time. Suggested donation \$5, children under 10 free. Call 703 768-2525.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23

Barley & Music Fest. noon-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Craft brews from 18 artisanal breweries, live entertainment, and food vendors. Email barleymusicfest@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 23

Meet the Artists. 1-3 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Some of the area's watermedia floral and landscape painters highlighting their exhibit "Natural Beauty: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists," which runs April 18-June 18. Free. Visit www.PotomacValleyWatercolorists.org or call 703-941-7987 for more.

Dominion Chorale Opera. 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The chorale will be joined by finalists and semifinalists of the 2016 Washington International Competition for Voice, and pianist, Thomas Pandolfi. Visit www.newdominion.org for more.

The Jayhawks in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The band is playing in support of 2016's "Paging Mr. Proust." Produced by Peter Buck (R.E.M.). Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. An assortment of goods for sale. Free. mountvernonfleamarket.wordpress.com for more info.

Democrats To-Go Meeting. 7-8:30



Hand Print Workshop

Dennis O'Neil's Hand Print Workshop: Twenty Years of Partnership in Print will be on exhibit through April 2 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St.

p.m. in the Alexandria Democratic Committee Office, 618 N. Washington St. All are welcome to this Democrats To Go outreach effort to help communicate the truth, build ADC base, and elect more people throughout the Commonwealth. Email Petersdorathe@gmail.com.

APRIL 25-MAY 21

Singing the Blues exhibit. Various hours at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Highlights the work of three featured artists Beverly Baker, Joanne Bast, and Laura Savage. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935 for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 26

2017 Public Safety Valor Awards. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 901 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce's 31st annual Valor Awards to salute the brave women and men of our Police and Fire Departments, and Sheriff's Office, who showed poise and courage in extraordinary circumstances in 2016. Members \$65, non-members \$75. Visit web.alexchamber.com for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 27

NOVA Student Film Festival. 6-9

p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Bisdorf Building, Room 196, 5000 Dawes Ave. Visit www.nvcc.edu for more.

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Former FBI investigator Robert K. Wittman highlights "Priceless: How I Went Undercover to Rescue the World's Stolen Treasures." Free. Call 703-746-1770 for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 29

Fairfax County Anniversary. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. "A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event" is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax County. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or 703-293-6227, ext 6.

Car Show Fundraiser. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Car Show to support the graduating senior class at West Potomac High School. \$20 to enter a vehicle, attendance is free. Visit www.angcwestpotomac.com/ for more.

Meet the Author. 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Genealogist and historian Char McCargo Bah explores the historical issues surrounding the Ramsey Homes Redevelopment Project. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

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SPORTS

Warriors to Compete in National Rugby Championship

The Fort Hunt Warriors boys high school rugby team has been invited to the 2017 National High School Rugby Championship tournament, to be held in Kansas City, Mo. from May 17 to 22. This is the second invitation for the Warriors, who declined their first-ever invitation in 2016 due to a late invitation and previously scheduled commitments. This is also the first Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association (FHYAA) team in the association's 58-year history to compete for a national championship.

With recent wins over the nationally ranked teams of Georgetown Prep (Md.), West Shore United (Pa.), Doylestown (Pa.), and most recently Gonzaga (2016 national champion), the Warriors are currently ranked as the #1 boys high school club team in the nation, moving up from a #3 position held since early February.

Rugby as an FHYAA sport has been a part of the Fort Hunt athletic scene since 2006, and the high school rugby program began for both boys and girls in 2011. In that time

the Warriors have managed three Virginia state championships (2012, 2014, 2016). The Warriors also have placed numerous players on the Rugby Virginia all-star team

over the years, as well as past and current selections to U.S. national teams.

"We have always been a strong and focused team, and I'm thrilled to see the boys'

hard work and dedication pay off," Warriors Coach Dale Roach said.

Fort Hunt Rugby President John Dacey said, "This is something you think about, almost a fantasy, but for it to be real is absolutely incredible.

We are extremely grateful to all of the players, parents, coaches and volunteers who have built and sustain our program, and to FHYAA, which has supported us wonderfully in our years of providing youth rugby to our community."

Warriors player/captain and national U-20 player Conor McManus said, "It's a great opportunity, something we've worked really hard for, and I think we have a great shot at winning it."

The tournament in Kansas City is a major team undertaking, and there are some Warriors players who need assistance with their trip expenses. The team has set up a donation page through the Fort Hunt Rugby website at www.forthuntrugby.org. All donations to this effort are fully tax-deductible.



The Fort Hunt Warriors in a game against Downingtown.

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Members of Troop 1906

Troop 1906 To Host Open House

Boy Scout Troop 1906 is holding a Scouting Open House at Bethlehem Baptist Church on Saturday, April 15, from 9-11 a.m. All perspective youth ages 11, but not yet 18 years of age, are invited to attend. The purpose of the open house is to share information on the Scouting program and the opportunities it provides for having fun while learning essential life skills for today and tomorrow. Parents and youths are encouraged to attend and then consider joining the Scouting Program. Adults can also join in on the fun of Scouting. Troop 1906 is chartered by Bethlehem Baptist Church and the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter

of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. The open house will be held in the church parsonage located at 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria.

After the open house, all eligible youth are invited to join the troop for a free session of laser tag fun and adventure at Shadowland. Shadowland is located at 5508 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Parents of all interested boys are required to provide transportation to and from Shadowland as well as signing permission slips for the child to participate in laser tag. For more information call 703-360-4170, extension 0 or send an email to ScoutmasterT1906@gmail.com

Diversion First

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in need of six more staff so they could be ready to assist court personnel at "Advisement Hearings," which generally take place shortly after a detainee enters the court system.

Ryan reminded the meeting attendees that the Crisis Center was still only able to staff for 21.5 hours per day with the current funds available, and requested monies to put six more trained personnel in place.

Combined, the funds requested at the meeting totalled approximately \$2 million.

"Diversion First has made a tremendous impact on our community ... even in this tough budget atmosphere, I'm committed to finding at least partial funding to see through the next phase of this great program and keep up its momentum," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee District).

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill District) commented that she has been acquainted with

similar programs since 2005 and has been enthusiastic about them. "While there are no committed funds in the FY 2018 budget, I remain hopeful," she said. "After all, if we do not sustain Diversion First now, I despair for the long-term future."

"I'm hopeful. No, more than that," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). "I am enthusiastic about Diversion First and I will do what I can to at least get them the partial funding that will keep this important work going."

For now, expansion into the next phase for Diversion First will be in a "wait-and-see" mode, but county residents should know that whatever the outcome, Crisis Intervention Team-trained personnel are available and can be requested. The Community Services Board Emergency Services can be reached at 703-573-5679, and residents in need have the option to go directly to the Merrifield Crisis Response Center at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive in Fairfax.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Michael Chong, of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Mercer University (Macon, Ga.). Chong is a junior in the Townsend School of Music.

Twelve projects from West Potomac took part in the Regional Science and Engineering fair at Robinson Secondary

School on March 18. West Potomac students received \$450 in prize money as well as recognition from several professional science and engineering organizations in the Northern Virginia area.

One student, **William Makinen**, received a grand prize for his project "Real-Time 3D Printing Error Correction and Detection." With this prize, William has been invited to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in

Los Angeles, Calif., this May. Participants include:

❖ **Mary Bell** — "Mineral Buildup in Pipes"

❖ **Nahian Alam** and **Jeremy Freewalt** — "Biodegradable Batteries" — 3rd Place

❖ **Paolo Fermin** and **John Quilty** — "An Analysis of Solar Intensity at West Potomac High School"

❖ **William Makinen** — "Real-Time 3D Error Correction and Detection" —

Grand Prize

❖ **John Phipps** and **Thomas Bruno** — "The Effectiveness of Home-Made Water Filters" — 2nd Place

❖ **Samuel Davidson**, **Jordan Hilko** — "The Effect of Material on Coefficient of Friction" — 3rd Place

❖ **Joshua Breining** — "The Effect of Propeller Pitch on Thrust"

❖ **Maryam Qureshi** — "Viscosity and Temperature" — Honorable Mention

❖ **Juliette Flowers** — "The Effect of Blade Design on Energy Produced" — Honorable Mention

❖ **Ryan Schurr** — "Cooking with Electromagnetic Radiation" — 3rd Place

❖ **Anna Capper** — "The Effect of Water Temperature on the Speed of a Marine Vessel" — Honorable Mention

❖ **Ephraim Takyi**, **Carl Lansanby** and **Micah Moore** — "The Effect of Magnetism on Water Flow" — 3rd Place

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Obituary



Peter Francis Smith, Ph.D.

Of Alexandria, VA, passed away February 23, 2017, peacefully at home surrounded by his family. He had multiple myeloma. Peter was born June 29, 1942 in New Brunswick, NJ. He attended St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick, received his BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Economics/Marketing from Rutgers University in 1964 and 1966 respectively, and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Pennsylvania State University in 1970. After receiving his Ph.D., Peter and his wife Patricia moved to Alexandria where Peter joined the Department of Agriculture. A life-long civil servant, Peter joined the newly formed Environmental Protection Agency in 1971, working on National Environmental Policy Act issues before returning to the Department of Agriculture in 1979. He worked with the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act and the National Resources Inventory analyzing long range land and water demands and their economic effect on the environment. He retired in 2005, last serving as a member of the Senior Executive Service, as Director of the Resource Economics and Social Sciences Division of the National Resources Conservation Service. In addition to his civil service, Peter was a lifelong educator. Peter taught marketing and economics at Southeastern University for 36 years as an Adjunct Professor. He may have taught the last Nigerian Prince that emailed you how to market his scheme! He also taught at the Florida Institute of Technology, Alexandria from 1989-1994. Outside of Peter's hard work and long career, he was a loving and devoted father, tirelessly supporting his children's soccer, swimming and diving, rowing and educational pursuits. Peter was a member of Army-Navy Country Club and an avid golfer. Peter was also a long time member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria. He was a member of the American Economic Association, the American Marketing Association and Delta Phi Fraternity, Epsilon Chapter. Peter loved to travel and represented the US at numerous international meetings throughout the world, including trips to Hungary, Greece, Finland, Spain, New Zealand, the U.K. and OECD meetings in France. Peter is predeceased by his parents George F. and Theresa K. Smith and his brother William G. Smith. He is survived by Patricia Bayly Smith, his wife of 50 years, his children Justin Smith and Courtney Smith, grandchildren Townson Cocke, Emmett Cocke, Anneliese Erb, and Holden Smith, as well as his sisters-in-law Victoria Langbein and Johanna Smith, eight nieces, two nephews, other relatives and many friends. His kindness and love will be missed by all. A celebration of Peter's life will be held April 8, 2-5 PM at his home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the T.C. Williams High School Crew Boosters, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

OBITUARY



Polly Norment Burke died peacefully at home on March 18, 2017, in Alexandria, Va. Born in Washington, D.C. on June 16, 1926, Polly was the daughter of the late Clarence Forbes Norment, Jr. of Washington, DC, formerly President of the National Bank of Washington, and the late Margaret Polley of Buffalo, NY. She was a fifth generation Washingtonian. Polly was raised at the Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC and was educated at The Sidwell Friends School. Prior to her marriage, she worked for several years as the Junior Chairman of the Home Hospitality Committee, a non-profit organization that helped veterans of World War II and the Korean War, especially those who suffered injuries, as they re-integrated into civilian life upon returning home from war. On one auspicious occasion, Polly arranged for Winston Churchill to visit with wounded American veterans and their families.

In 1954, she married George Anderton (Andy) Burke of Alexandria, Va., who preceded her in death in 1985. Together they raised their three children, Clarence N. Burke (Maria) of Alexandria, VA, Marney B. Cooney (Philip) of Southlake, TX, and Julian T. Burke, II, (Valerie) of Alexandria, VA, and two step-sons, G. Anderton (Tony) Burke, Jr (WaewDao) of Chiang Mai, Thailand, and Michael G. A. Burke (Ruth) of New Orleans, LA.

Since 1961, Mrs. Burke resided on Captain's Row in Old Town and was well-known for inviting visitors in to see her garden. In 1975, she and her friend, Anne Cabaniss, authored a cookbook, *Delectable Cookery of Alexandria*, which had been endorsed by the Bicentennial Commission of Alexandria. This was followed in 1980 by a sequel, *More Delectable Cookery of Alexandria*.

For many years, she served on the Alexandria Republican Party Committee and she campaigned actively for many candidates seeking elective office. During his tenure, Virginia Governor George Allen named her to serve on the Citizens Advisory Council on Furnishing and Interpreting the Executive Mansion; the Alexandria Historical and Restoration Preservation Commission; and the First Lady's Advisory Council.

Polly was an avid tennis player and fan, and belonged to Belle Haven Country Club for over 60 years. She played tennis every day during her winter visits to Naples, FL, where she had made many friends since first visiting there in 1970.

In addition to her children, she is also survived by her ten grandchildren: Clarence Burke, Jr., Anthony Burke, Marjorie Burke, Philip Cooney (Jennifer), Polley Cooney, Ruth Cooney, Samuel Burke, Julia Burke, Anderton Burke, III, and Jonathan Burke (Vanessa). She is also very fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Polly was preceded in death by her brother, Clarence F. Norment, III. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law, Nancy N. McCabe of Bethesda, MD and Agnes F. Burke of Irvington, VA.

A private burial will take place on April 29th at Ivy Hill Cemetery, followed by a Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to:

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LightHouse/Encompass (ehhl.com)
5427 Backlick Road
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OBITUARY



Simpsonville, SC

Dick Erlenbaugh, 75, of Simpsonville, SC, husband of Patricia Ann Bolton Erlenbaugh, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, March 23, 2017 while surrounded by his family.

Born in Villa Park, IL he was a son of the late Ralph Erlenbaugh and the late Marguerite Becker Erlenbaugh. He was the youngest of seven siblings.

He graduated in '65 from the University of Notre Dame, where he served as captain of the ND basketball team. His greatest love was spending time with family, cheering on ND athletes, and being an integral part of his church community.

In addition to his wife, Patti, he is survived by one son, Mark Erlenbaugh, and his wife, Cason, of Pelzer; one daughter, Ann Marie Bynum and her husband, Matt, of Simpsonville; five grandchildren, Matthew, Luke, John, Alex and Ethan.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mary Ann.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, March 31, 2017 at 4:00 PM at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Fr. Patrick Tuttle officiating.

A Celebration of Life will follow in the school gym.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: Notre Dame Club of the Western Carolina's and/or St. Anthony's Elementary School.

Online condolences may be made at www.CannonFuneralHomes.com
Cannon Funeral Home, Fountain Inn, SC is serving the family.

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No significant changes in current service are contemplated in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

For a copy of the 2018 Transit Development Plan (TDP), please contact Fatima Ahmed, ATC Secretary, at 703-746-5637 or email Fatima.ahmed@alexandriava.gov. The TDP will also be posted on the DASH website at <http://www.dashbus.com/about/default.aspx?id=20534>.

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The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking Proposals from qualified Offerors to provide services for an LED Retrofit at multiple ACPS sites. Sealed Proposals with the notation **RFP# 17-03-04 LED Retrofit for Alexandria City Public Schools** will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, **on or before 3:00 pm, April 17, 2017**. 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 Offerors responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <https://www.acps.k12.va.us/purchasing>. Registration on the Vendor Self Service (VSS) system is required at <https://acps.muniselfservice.com/>.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference and site visit will be held on April 5, 2017 at 9 am at Central Office, Facilities Conference Room 610-2 located at 1340 Braddock Place, 6th Floor, Alexandria, VA 22314. Thereafter, Offerors will tour four (4) representative sites. However, it is highly recommended that Offerors visit all sites listed in the RFP at dusk or dark before the Pre-Proposal Conference.

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.

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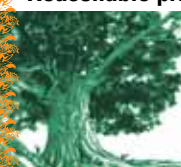
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9424 Mt. Vernon Circle

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Unique Opportunity!

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9515 Mt. Vernon Landing.

\$925,000

Steps to Marina!

GREAT WATER VIEWS! Classic brick colonial in prime location on large lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Just steps from private marina for the exclusive use of the Mount Vernon on the Potomac residents. Special features inc: large room sizes, spacious custom Kitchen, expansive master ste w/ river views, finished lower level w/ full bath & walk out, 2 car garage, dramatic deck w/river view.



1604 Baltimore Rd.

\$899,000

New Build!

Unique Opportunity in Waynewood School area! Best price new construction in Ft. Hunt area! Total renovation and addition totaling approximately 3,500 sq ft of top quality construction. Features include: stunning open floor plan, high ceilings, 4/5 BR's, 3.5 Baths, luxury master suite, amazing chef's kitchen and two car garage. Patio & large fenced rear yard. Can't be duplicated close to this price! Super Value!



9504 Lynnhall Pl.

\$1,099,000

Prime location near river in prestigious Oxford. Home was crafted with the finest materials & workmanship resulting in true custom masterpiece. Features include: High ceilings, glass window walls, exquisite trim work, open floor plan, two story family room with stone fireplace, library on main level with full bath attached would make excellent master, oversize 2 car garage, fenced grounds with custom pool, decks



9305 Forest Haven Dr.

Walk to Potomac!

Character abounds! Classic cape incorporates dramatic light filled interior with charm & character of original home. Spacious glass sun room, gorgeous hrdwd flrs, skylights, updated base, replacement windows, & garden room with hot tub accessed from master by spiral staircase. Prime location on gorgeous .5 acre lot with access to Mount Vernon Yacht Club and Potomac River.



8401 Fort Hunt Rd.

Fabulous Waynewood!

Spacious Home with many significant updates in premier Waynewood location. Numerous special features include: 4 BR's including expanded Master Suite with luxury bath, home freshly painted throughout and newly finished hardwood floors, true oversize side load two car garage. Expansive custom deck overlooks fenced rear yard. Great opportunity!



8717 Plymouth Rd.

\$1,399,000

Best new priced home in Plymouth Haven!

New Melson II model on half acre lot in Plymouth Haven. 3525 square feet on two main levels plus fully finished basement and 2 or 3 car garage. Open floor plan, high ceilings, upgrades throughout. Finished recreation room & bathroom in Basement. Pre-construction contract offers maximum opportunity to customize! \$10,000 towards closing costs! (Using approved lender)



4221 Dandridge Terr

\$598,500

Beautifully Updated!

Priced to sell - fabulously updated home in Southwood, one of the area's premier communities. Features include: 4 BR's, 2.5 updated baths, stunning Chef's kitchen open to family room with stone fireplace, hardwood floors, and side load 2 car garage, custom deck overlooks fenced rear yard. Nothing like it for under \$600,000!



9419 Mt. Vernon Cir

\$998,500



4301 Adrienne Dr.

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9027 McNair Dr.

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4325 Adrienne Dr.

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4601 Cornwallis Ct.

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