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Local Communities Raises \$100,000 for LLS Michael Erlandson, 10, in Light the Night Walk, is now cancer-free.

By Steve Hibbard The Gazette

or the fifth year in a row, about 120 members of the "Walk with MEE" team that supports Michael Erlandson, 10, participated in the LLS Light the Night Walk last Saturday in Washington, D.C. The three communities of Waynewood, Collingwood, and Riverside in Mount Vernon have raised \$100,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) which came primarily from the same 100 families in those neighborhoods. They're on track to raise \$30,000 this year from local residents and businesses alone.

Michael and his family who lived in Waynewood in Alexandria have since moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., in July where dad Mike, 41, works for the U.S. Army at Fort Carson. Michael is now leukemiafree, but they came back to visit friends who have been so supportive and do the walk.



Michael Erlandson and his friends wear Light the Night T-shirts in preparation for the Light the Night Walk, which took place in Washington, D.C. last weekend. Front from left: Griffin Melley, Max Melzer, Kyle Kasprzyk, Nik Ciovacco, Michael Erlandson, and Bowen Mayo; second row: Gabriel Erlandson, Cam Olsen, Brendan Forti, and Abby **Beddis**.

Walk, all the supporters (and terns around the National Mall; and there's gold lanterns for re-

died.

"We are overly thankful for not only the donations and support that the community has given us but we are especially thankful for all of the friends and people we think of as family now --- the close-ness in those relationships that we've developed over the years. This is a very tight-knit community and people care about their fellow neighbor and fellow man," said dad Mike Erlandson.

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Added wife Sandi Erlandson, 40: "We're an Army family that will move all the time, but because of this, Waynewood will always be home to us.... Even when we moved away, we knew we would still come back for (the walk)."

According to Maureen Beddis, 42, chairman of team Walk with MEE, the community has been incredibly generous, loyal, and helpful. "It's amazing when I think about how our one small corner of the world has raised more than \$100,000, and a lot of times it comes from the same people and their repeated giving to this char-During the LLS Light the Night Michael's friends) carried red lan- survivors carry a white lantern; membrance of people who have ity," she said. "It started with

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Bike Connectivity Part of Discussion at FABB Meeting County supervisors highlight bike efforts in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.



On-road bike trails are a part of the county network of trails, including this one along Telegraph Road, just inside the Mount Vernon District boundary.

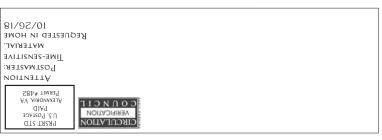
By Mike Salmon The Gazette

he bike path network in the eastern part of Fairfax County was on the agenda at the monthly Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB) meeting, on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Sherwood Regional Library in Mount Vernon.

FABB has these meetings throughout the county to learn about biking issues in that particular part of the county, said Sonya Breehey, FABB vice president. The agenda included the trails in Mount Vernon that are connected to the upcoming EMBARK plan, but also the eastern part of Springfield and Kingstowne. District Supervisors Jeff McKay (D-Lee) and Dan Storck (D-Mt. Vernon) were there to highlight issues from their districts. "There are a lot of needs," said Breehey.

Meetings with FABB are valuable around the county to extend the connections with bicyclists, said Storck. "I think it's a smart move on their level to connect with

people," he said. According to Storck, there is \$6.5 million appropriated to further refine the bike trail connection between Jeff Todd Way and the Mount Vernon Bike Trail, which includes a separate bike and pedestrian bridge over Dogue Creek, and trail paving in spots where its lacking. "We're hoping there's enough money to SEE SUPERVISORS, PAGE 10



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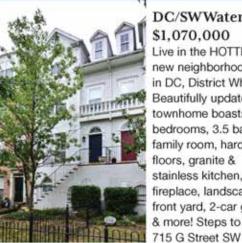




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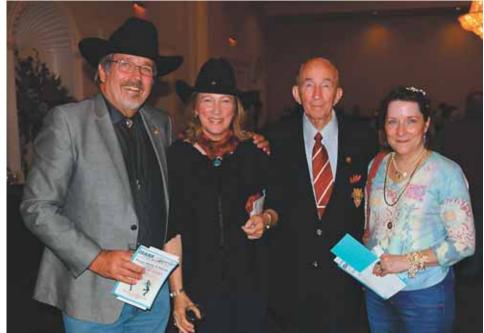


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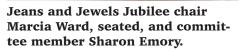
Jeans and Jewels Jubilee Benefits Rising Hope



Master of Ceremonies Rev. Dr. Brian Brown, pastor of Woodlawn Faith Church. The Jeans and Jewels Jubilee dinner, dance and auction raised about \$45,000 to support the mission of Rising Hope on Oct. 12 at the Waterford in Springfield.









Attendees enjoyed line dancing following the dinner and program.



Leigh Rosenmund's framed hand-crafted embroidery raised \$400 for Rising Hope during the live auction.

Рнотоѕ ву Steve Hunt/Rising Hope

Eagle Scout Emissaries Named

he Boy Scouts Colonial District recognized two Eagle Scouts from the Alexandria and Mount Vernon area during its Inaugural Colonial District Community Friends of Scouting Event at Belle Haven Country Club on Oct. 4.

The Colonial District has launched over 77 Eagles, 2,632 merit badges earned by Boy Scouts and recorded 23,367 hours of community service by adults and scouts.

Noah Phillip Ventura from Troop 1509. Each Eagle Scout Emissary will help promote Scouting in the Alexandria and Mt. Vernon communities.

Their Eagle projects include Eagle Scout Projects include collecting over 1,400 pairs of shoes for Souls 4 Souls and designing, fabricating and installing directional signs in over six-miles of trails over a 10-month period and 380-plus hours at Woodmarsh Trail at Mason Neck Refuge.

For these two young men, their path to Eagle involved a collective total of 117 camping nights, completed high adventure treks such as Goshen, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Leadership Acad-The two Eagle Scout Emissaries are emy, Summit and Northern Tier, and served Dimitrius Leopold from Troop 1515 and in leadership roles including; Senior Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow Chapter Chief, NYLT Staff and Venturing Vice President of Programs.



Todd Bolick, Tony Buchard, Noah Ventura, Dimitrius Leopold, and Keith Gray.



FALL REVIVAL Wednesday November 7,2018, 7:30 pm Revivalist: Reverend Velvet Abram, Assistant Pastor Harvest Assembly Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA



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'A Perfect Day for Trees'

Storck praises Montebello Condominiums.

ount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck joined more than 100 residents of Montebello Condominiums on Saturday morning, Oct. 20, to plant a ceremonial flowering dogwood tree and celebrate the community's latest initiative to preserve its natural woodlands. Montebello occupies 37 acres, including large spreads of mature forest, on Mount Eagle Drive, rising above the 5900 block of Richmond Highway.

Sponsored by the condo community's Grounds Committee and Environmental Club, the event culminated a six-month Montebello Tree Donation Program, launched last April on Arbor Day. Residents were invited to donate a tree to honor a special person while helping to enhance Montebello's wooded environment. In all, 94 trees of 11 species were donated this year by 48 households and groups of friends—88 through cash contributions by residents and six live trees donated by a tree nursery on behalf of a Montebello resident.

Donors chose their preferred species from a list, provided by Natural Resources Design, that identified tree species native to the Chesapeake Bay region. Eighty of those trees were planted in the days prior to the ceremony, in locations throughout Montebello's woods that are best suited to support their health. Storck's was the 81st tree to go into the ground, with the rest due to be placed as they arrive.

Observing that Saturday's cool, damp morning made it "a perfect day for trees," Storck praised Montebello as a "community that knows, appreciates, and revels in tree — when you drive around here, that's all you see." He added that, "Trees are a part of us," that breathing in the air they provide is essential to life, and that "the shade, pleasure, and joy they provide will be with us the rest of our lives."

Lynn Tjeerdsma, representing Montebello's Board of Directors, thanked the donors for "being willing to look forward," noting, "The trees we plant here today will be cherished for years to come." He added that this year's tree planting is part of Montebello's ongoing program to replace invasive plant species in natural areas and encourage understory growth. Other current work includes conducting a large-scale erosion control project, restoring a mile-long hiking

Bulletin Board

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/ Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SOBER-RIDE FOR HALLOWEEN

Free Sober Rides. Saturday, Oct. 27, 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Halloween SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on Oct. 27 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

DONATIONS NEEDED

UCM Needs Help. United Community Ministries (UCM), 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Inventory is low on disposable diapers especially sizes 4, 5. 6: canned tuna and other canned meats like chicken; and low-sugar breakfast cereals. Shop and donate

with their Amazon Wish List at:

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UCM_FoodPantry_AmazonWishList. Email Assistant Food Pantry Manager Von at

vonnetta.jones@ucmagency.org or visit at www.ucmagency.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 25

Public Comment Deadline. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) announces a 45-day public comment period for it's proposed policy and guidelines for transit capital prioritization and urban transit agency strategic plans. The proposed plans are available online at drpt.virginia.gov/transit/tsdac/ public-comment. Comments on the plans can be sent to Jen DeBruhl at DRPTPR@drpt.virginia.gov or DRPT, 600 East Main St., Suite 2012, Richmond VA 23219.

SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Father Gerry Creedon Honored. Good Shepherd Housing and Family

Supervisor Dan Storck (left); Don Hinman (center), chair of Montebello's communications committee and emcee for the event; and Lynn Tjeerdsma (right), Montebello Board vice president and liaison to the Grounds Committee.

By the Numbers

Montebello Tree Donation Program

✤ 94 donated trees, planted or scheduled ✤ 11 species of donated trees: Dogwood, Black Cherry, Northern Red Oak, White Oak, Southern Red Oak, American Holly, Eastern Red Cedar, Chestnut Oak, Witch Hazel, Red Maple, Sycamore.

• 6 month project, kicked off Arbor Day, April 27, 2018 ♦ 48 donors—individuals, families or groups, in memoriam or appreciation

trail, and updating outdoor stairways and bridges.

Montebello residents who led the tree donation project include Virginia Hodgkinson, chair of the condo's Grounds Committee, and Don Barnes, chair of the Environmental Club. Don Hinman, chair of the Communications Committee, was emcee for the event.

> Services will posthumously honor Father Gerry Creedon, long-time pastor of Holy Family Church in Dale City who passed away in November 2018, with its Public Service Award at the annual Windows Into Wonderland Gala on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018. The award honors public officials for outstanding and impactful public service actions that have furthered the mission of Good Shepherd Housing in combating homelessness and improving the lives of people in need. Father Creedon served as pastor of Good Shepherd Church in Alexandria, 1979-91. He was a critical team member in guiding the parishioners who founded GSH in 1974 as a nonsectarian independent agency providing affordable housing. For more information, visit www.goodhousing.org.

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/ individuals/volunteerfest.php for SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 22

Crime

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

PURSUIT: 6300 block of Richmond Highway, Oct. 21, 12:35 a.m. Officers were called to the area for a car that was driving around a parking lot, trying to block other cars in from leaving. When officers tried to speak with the driver, she drove off hitting an officer's cruiser. Officers chased her car and ended the pursuit with a precision immobilization technique (PIT) maneuver. The driver, a 46-year-old woman from New York, was arrested and charged with hit and run, assault on a police officer, speed to elude and reckless driving.

UNLAWFUL INJURY / DESTRUC-TION OF PROPERTY: 8226 Russell Road (7-11), Oct. 17, 2:26 p.m. Officers responded to the 7-11 for a man who had just assaulted several people and was jumping on the hood of an SUV. Officers found the man in the parking lot. He took an aggressive stance with the officers and was not compliant with their request. A 34-year-old man from Alexandria was arrested for unlawful injury, destruction of property, obstruction of justice, simple assault, trespassing, and drunk in public.

OCT. 22 LARCENIES

- 2700 block of Arlington Drive, pack-
- ages from residence 2000 block of Huntington Avenue,

purse from location 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, cell phone from location 8200 block of Russell Road, cigarettes from business

OCT. 17

LARCENIES

- 7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business 1600 block of Belle View Boulevard,
- merchandise from business 7700 block of Richmond Highway.
- purse from business 7900 block of Fort Hunt Road, purse
- from business 6600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
- 8600 block of Richmond highway, merchandise from business

2000 block of Huntington Ave, money from residence



Public Meetings Fall Transportation Meeting

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with an open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, as well as Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE), Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, and the VTrans Multimodal Transportation Plan. Representatives from the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, where you can provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Public Meetings* to be held at the dates, locations and times listed below:

Monday, October 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701	Wednesday, October 17, 2018* at 4 p.m. Blue Ridge Community College Plecker Center for Continuing Education One College Lane Weyers Cave, VA 24486	Monday, October 22, 2018* at 4 p.m. Southwest Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210
Thursday, October 25, 2018* at 2 p.m. (Note: Start time has changed) Holiday Inn - Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24017	Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 4 p.m. Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435	Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 4 p.m. Homewood Suites–Chester 12810 Old Stage Road Chester, VA 23836
Monday, November 19, 2018	Wednesday, November 28, 2018	Thursday, November 29, 2018
at 4 p.m.	at 4 p.m.	at 5:30 p.m.
Lynchburg District Complex	Fredericksburg District	NOVA District Office
Ramey Memorial Auditorium	Office Auditorium	Potomac Conference Room
4303 Campbell Avenue	86 Deacon Road	4975 Alliance Drive
Lynchburg, VA 24501	Fredericksburg, VA 22405	Fairfax, VA 22030

*These meetings will be held in conjunction with planned I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan meetings. Fall meeting materials will be available at http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/ beginning October 15, 2018.

comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond,	You may send comments on rail, public transportation, and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov.
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Comments will be accepted until December 13, 2018.

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Christian Relief Services Executive Director Paul Krizek with Neighborhood Health Director of Behavioral Health Courtney Riggle-van Schagen, LCSW, right, and Family Support Supervisor Hirut Belete, left, with moms and children grateful to receive a new winter coat.

Providing Winter Coats At Neighborhood Health Clinic in Mount Vernon.

hen a child shows up at a clinic operated by Neighborhood Health among the things noted by clinicians is whether the girl or boy has a heavy warm coat to wear with cold winter days fast approaching.

In October, Christian Relief Services was made aware that Neighborhood Health had a backlog of about a dozen children on a waiting list for coats and Executive Director Paul Krizek stepped in to make that waiting list disappear.

On Oct. 22, Krizek met with Neighborhood Health Director of Behavioral Health Courtney Riggle-van Schagen, LCSW, and Family Support Supervisor Hirut Belete to distribute coats to the families of the children on the waiting list at its Mount Vernon location at 6677 Richmond Highway.

Thanks to its supporters, Christian Relief Services was able to provide 24 brand new coats to Neighborhood Health, more than enough for every child on the waiting list, and enough to distribute to those who show up in November and December without proper outerwear.

In addition, Christian Relief Services distributed



Neighborhood Health Director of Behavioral Health Courtney Riggle-van Schagen and Family Support Supervisor Hirut Belete, left, matched up coat sizes with children.

dozens of pairs of heavy duty, American-made socks to the families helping to keep these children warm outside all winter long — from head to toe.

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Christian Relief Services Executive Director Paul Krizek spoke in Spanish with parents at Neighborhood Health.

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By Paul Krizek State Delegate (D-44)

hroughout American history, community colleges have provided an important pathway to higher education for individuals



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grams, and certificate programs among many others. These degrees prepare you for any type of career for a

fraction of the cost of a four-year university. Last month, I was fortunate to tour the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) Alexandria campus and I want to share what I learned.

Here in Northern Virginia, we are lucky to have one of the best community colleges in America. NOVA has six campuses, is the largest in the Commonwealth, and is the 15th largest community college in the nation with over 75,000 students. You could fill an entire football stadium with NOVA students. The most

Letters to the Editor

plains are a necessary part of the ecosystem, providing a place for

grams at NOVA.

Protect Floodplains To the Editor:

This spring along the George Washington Parkway, I was heartbroken to see huge old growth, healthy trees fall down under their own weight in soil too saturated to support their roots. My family enjoys walking the path along the river, marveling in the history and nature all around us.

My children asked me why a seemingly healthy tree falls to the ground and I explained that the soil is too saturated with water to provide a strong anchor for the old growth tree roots. I can answer the why question, but I can't answer the "what can we do now" question alone.

If this spring is an indication of what we can except for rainfall from now on, we need to do more to maintain floodplains, explore alternatives to the impervious surfaces that come along with every new development and develop plans for stormwater management.

The proposed comprehensive plan amendment to build a residential space in the 100-year floodplain of Dogue Creek is a dangerous proposition. Flood-8 🔹 Mount Vernon Gazette 🔹 October 25-31, 2018

floodwaters to absorb into the soil and return to surface or groundwater. Filling in and building on floodplains means you will reduce its storage capacity thereby removing the ecosystem's natural process for handling floodwater. Filling in this land to build upon along with the increased impervious surface from the development will increase the risk of downstream flooding of communities with no little or no flood protections in place.

Maintaining and preserving floodplains provides many ecosystem benefits and can improve property values due to natural aesthetics and access to recreational opportunities. Maintaining floodplains can reduce flood

damage and cleanup costs as well as ensure fast recovery from flood events because water has a place to go.

In many areas of the country, flood losses are rising annually along with an increase of environmental degradation surrounding water-related resources. The anticipated changes in climate further affect the

frequency of flood events and rising coastal waters.

Floodplains have been viewed as

suitable sites for human development provided the structures are elevated to minimize flood damage. This ignores the ecosystem benefit of leaving floodplains undeveloped to ensure floodwaters have a place to expand. Floods alone do not cause damage or suffering, but our decisions to live, work, and play in floodplains do. Accounting for the flooding process and avoiding developments in floodplains can effect positive change in communities.

I urge the Planning Commission to refuse this change. The Planning Commission should continue to set a strong precedent to protect floodplains to avoid further development along Dogue Creek, Little Hunting Creek and elsewhere in the county. The proposed development is within an area designated by Fairfax County as an Environmental Quality Corridor (EQC) and part of a Resource Protected Area (RPA). Fairfax County guidelines advise to avoid disturbances in such areas except "in extraordinary circumstances." Development in this parcel will subject Dogue Creek to additional polluted runoff which subjects the Potomac Estuary and greater Chesapeake Bay watershed to increased pollution. I support the Fairfax County Department of

popular degree among students is for IT and many fantastic Virginia schools to complete your undergraduate degree. Now, one of the key issues many students face upon graduation is general education credits not transferring correctly. However, NOVA works with universities to facilitate successful credit transfers. Furthermore, NOVA has a joint admission agreement with George Mason University that guarantees all classes taken at NOVA will transfer to George Mason and is working on securing similar agreements with other Virginia schools. Here in Mount Vernon and Lee districts, we are very excited about the preliminary discussions between NOVA, the Board of Supervisors and School Board for a potential partnership between Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA for a presence on Richmond Highway. While plans are still in the preliminary stages, this would be a much-needed addition to our community. Currently, the closest college is the NOVA campus in Alexandria, which can be problematic for individuals without access to consistent transportation.

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> Planning and Zoning's recommendation to reject the proposed plan.

Kathleen Turk

Alexandria The writer is pursuing her master's degree in environmental management at UMUC.

Redeveloping 8800 Site

To the Editor:

I have been reading the letters by individuals about the proposed project at 8800 Richmond Highway. I live a short distance from the proposed project and am very active in my neighborhood and with the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association (MVCCA) and formerly as a board member of the SFDC, so I have been very involved in trying to improve Richmond Highway, seeing it revitalize and redevelop. I am shocked by the letters of opposition sent in to this paper, as they are a travesty.

Six years ago, myself and a couple of neighbors met with the county staff (Planning and Environmental) and asked what we could do as a neighborhood to facilitate a redevelopment of the

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Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements Project limits.

Improving Richmond Highway

The Virginia Department of Transportation is holding a fourth public information meeting and public hearing on the Environmental Assessment (EA), part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Monday, Oct. 29 on plans to improve almost three miles of Richmond Highway from Jeff Todd Way to Napper Road in Fairfax County.

The proposed design will widen the road from four to six lanes, provide bike paths and sidewalks on both sides of the road, and reserve the median width necessary to accommodate Fairfax County's future Bus Rapid Transit plans for dedicated busonly lanes. Preliminary engineering has been fully funded by federal, state, and county sources, as well as the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The public is invited to stop by between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, to learn more about the project, review preferred design plans and provide input on the Environmental Assessment. VDOT staff will be available to answer questions. A presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

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Local Communities Raises \$100,000 for LLS

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From Page 1 Michael. It's bigger than just us. We're helping current patients, future patients with leukemia, lymphoma and other cancers."

When Waynewood residents found about Michael's illness, Beddis said they organized everything to help - from gas to grocery to restaurant gift cards and a meal train delivery for over a year. "They knew someone in our community was in need and they wanted to help," she added.

Michael's ordeal started in May 2014 when he was tired and not able to keep up with his friends. When they discovered a mass in his chest, he was diagnosed with leukemia. His mom said the first eight months consisted of intravenous chemotherapy and spinal taps, which kept him out of Waynewood Elementary with low blood counts and hospital stays due to fevers. He began maintenance therapy in April 2015, which

is daily oral chemo, and once a month he got intravenous chemo through his port; and every three months he got a spinal tap. He then developed an immune disorder because of the first treatments, which led him back to the hospital for one month.

Today, Michael is cancer-free; he finished his last treatment in November 2017. In July, he rang a bell at the Walter Reed Medical Center with his doctors and nurses that signifies completion of his treatments. "So now he just goes for a checkup once a month — a complete blood count to check his normal blood levels," said Sandi Erlandson. Sandi Erlandson began researching nonprofits that were connected to their cause and she suggested that they do some fund-raising and get a team to walk with Michael at the LLS Light the Night Event.



The Erlandsons: Mike, 41, Sandi, 40, Carlie, 13, Michael, 10, and Gabriel, 6, on the National Mall before the Light the Night Walk last year.

"She thought it would be family-friendly and fit with the Waynewood community," said Beddis, who is vice president of marketing at the Vision Council in Old Town.

Mike Erlandson said the money raised during the walk principally goes to cancer research. "Michael already has a research grant in his name that was funded through the first couple of walks - of donations raised in this community, so there is a direct line of donations in this community going to help future generations of people suffering with cancer. Hopefully one day we'll get a cure. That's the goal," he said.

Mike Erlandson said he has Tri-Care coverage with the Department of Defense, so he has no outstanding medical bills from all the treatments. "Having no out-of-pocket cost gave us the opportunity to say, 'Hey,



Michael Erlandson and his friends during last year's LLS Light the Night Walk. His friends are carrying red Ianterns to show support and he has a white lantern as a survivor.

we need to pay this forward.' Essentially, we weren't up at night worrying about paying medical bills. Maureen Beddis is the force that has brought the community together and generated such a wonderful fund-raising effort," he said.

Sandi Erlandson added: "She's a rock star. She organized everything from day one. I think everybody in this neighborhood felt it was one of their own that got sick, so we're giving back."

Sandi Erlandson said they absolutely love Colorado Springs. "We miss our friends and family out here. It's a beautiful place. It's given us an opportunity to start over as a family that doesn't have cancer. Nobody out there knows that Michael was sick. Nobody knows that he had cancer," she said.

Mike Erlandson said his son's desire when they moved to a new place was that he gets a new start as just another kid and not the kid with cancer. So, he tries to do normal things like playing ice hockey; rooting for the Washington Caps and the Nats, and playing baseball in the spring.



Sandi Erlandson and Maureen Beddis at the Light the Night Walk on Saturday night.

Supervisors Highlight Bike Efforts in Mount Vernon, Lee Districts

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pave some new parts of that trail," Storck said.

McKay has always been a supporter of a bike network in Lee District, as well as an integral bike network throughout the county. "I am pleased to have partnered with FABB and VDOT to ensure bicycling is an integral part of our transportation network," said McKay. On-road trails are part of McKay's efforts on Jeff Todd Way and in Kingstowne, on Lake Village Drive. According to the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, they are looking to put bike lanes on sections of Brandon Avenue, and tinue to increase connectivity and access so

Tour De Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck invites all to join him for a community bike ride on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Fort Hunt Park in Mount Vernon. There are two routes – a 17 mile route and a 32-mile route.

Bland Street in Springfield. Behind Edison High School, Castlewallen Drive has been repaved with new striped parking lanes to calm traffic as well.

"Moving forward, it's vital that we con-

that everyone who wants to has the option to bike. I am committed to continuing to find appropriate locations and opportunities to make this possible," McKay said.

One of the needs is a link from Cinder Bed Road to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, a highlight of the "Cinder Bed Bikeway," a project that has been looked at by Fairfax County for a few years. This was on the meeting agenda with help from Chris Wells, the Fairfax County bike and pedestrian coordinator. Cinder Bed Road is a road in the western part of the Mount Vernon District that is home to warehouses, offices and the Newington bus lot. On the northern end of Cinder Bed, where the road ends,

a bike trail continues into the woods along a creek, and has a connection to Island Creek that is on Beulah Road. The trail abrupty ends in a wooded area, but has potential to be a connector to the Metro station. The first phase of the project would have the bike trail going through the wooded area to the station on the other side of the rails, and cyclists would park their bikes and cross a pedestrian bridge to the station. Currently, pedestrians use that walkway when coming in from the Beulah Road-Island Creek area on foot. "We are working on the segments along Cinder Bed and north to the Metro," said Wells, but phase III on the map is not part of the plan now.



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8800 site. We got background information on the Plan, Zoning, and Environmental factors, all of which seemed to be trumped by the fact that it is zoned a heavy Commercial category, C-8 along the frontage, while the plan recommendation is for private openspace. That open-space plan recommendation was impossible to accomplish as long as it was a C-8.

In 2014 the MVCCA asked former Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland to authorize a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to add a "residential option" to 8800 Richmond Highway. Supervisor Hyland wrote a Board Matter that was approved by the Board of Supervisors, (BOS). The Board Matter directed the county staff to develop a Comprehensive Plan Amendment, (CPA), allowing a "residential option" on the site. This action would do two things: 1) through redevelopment of the site the commercial by right would be removed, and 2) the community and county would have a shot to remediate the environmental issues, through private sector dollars, should a developer be interested.

The staff dragged their feet. When asked for a status report on the requested CPA by the MVCCA and Supervisor Hyland they stated they would address 8800 Richmond Highway as part of the Embark Plan, as it was being written at that time. Then we had an election, Gerry Hyland stepped down and Dan Storck became our new supervisor. The staff finished the Embark Plan but did not include the C-8 property in the plan.

Once again, Supervisor Dan Storck asked the Board of Supervisors, through a Board Matter, to direct staff to write a CPA to add a "residential option" to 8800 Richmond Highway, however, not supporting any application at the time, and this is where we are now.

I have reviewed all of the technical and engineering reports that were done and provided to the county and I am flabbergasted that the information in them is not being discussed nor addressed by the opposition: Such as the Corps of Engineering wetlands report and delineation, or the Flood Plain Study that was approved by the county Department of Public Works and Environmental Services.

The Flood Plain Study proved that the current flood plain lines were incorrect and needed to be changed. Once the application is approved, the reports and appropriate paperwork will be sent to FEMA to correct the lines. We all also need to understand that the Flood Plain Study concluded that this area was not a functioning flood plain either, which the DPWES signed off on. Most of the site that is proposed for the townhouses is not only not a functioning floodplain (has no effect on the actual flood plain), it is above the elevation for the flood plain and is way outside of the wetlands delineation, but is already heavily compacted with rock, macadamized with asphalt and filled with concrete footings from 70 years of previous commercial uses. So how is this area that is not a functioning floodplain, not a functioning EQC or RPA considered for environmental preservation, when the county has stated there is no plan or money to do so? Well clearly that is pure bunk.

Around 1990 the current owner's family donated 17 acres of their land to the Fairfax County Park Authority, through which Dogue Creek mostly passes, has sat untouched and unnamed. I first heard of Pole Road Park within the past several months. I laughed when I heard this name, thinking, "Well at least we have a name for this untouched property owned by the Park Authority." Also, this site was first developed in 1955 and has been heavily used for over 70 years with buildings, parking lots, amusement park rides, etc Does that make for a site that is a EQC or RPA and is zoned C-8 a pristine environmental and open-space asset? Of course not.

This proposal will finally cut back on the compacted, asphalt and concrete by 40 percent and bring in clean fill that will raise the site above any of the surrounding areas including the shopping center directly adjacent and the townhomes behind.

This proposal will finally clean up the site and add a true RPA and EQC adjacent to the stream, clean up the wetlands that are also filled with 70-year-old concrete slabs and asphalt, remove invasive species and protect the stream's banks from further erosion.

Denying the proposal will be a slap in the face of real environmental cleanup and protection, a slap in the face of revitalization of a poor, by- right, zoned C-8 parcel and a slap in the face of an opportunity to clean up and make environmental improvements by adding sorely needed higher end residential on this neglected portion of the highway. What the opponents are not saying is the other option ... will be a C-8 by-right development.

> Karen Pohorylo Alexandria

The Power of Pink

More than 700 participants joined together for the third annual Walk to Bust Cancer Oct. 14 at Fort Hunt Park, raising \$80,000 for the National Breast Center Foundation to help uninsured and underinsured women get breast cancer screenings and treatment. From left are Martha Carucci, executive director of the National **Breast Center Foundation** and walk organizer (holding Julia Saunders); breast cancer survivor Aleseia Saunders; Dr. David Weintritt, founder, National **Breast Center and Founda**tion; and Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg. See www.nationalbreastcenter.com



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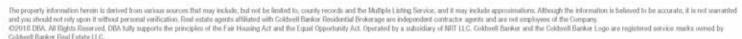
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ENTERTAINMENT Mosaics: Mastering an ancient medium.

the artist.

By Trudi Van Dyke

osaic artist Nina Tisara makes her home in Alexandria nestled in a scenic landscape and surrounded by an array of artwork. The personality of her living spaces invites introspection and appreciation of her work as well as other pieces she has collected.

"Stay close to nature, it will never fail you" (Albert Einstein) may be the unspoken bond that Nina expresses in the intimate and emotionally charged mosaics she designs. By Immersing herself in her environment and using intricately cut shards of tile to create an atmosphere Nina leads her viewers to share her creative passion by her mastery of a seemingly unlikely ancient medium.

Mosaics are a form of decorative art in which small slices or fragments of pottery are used to create a pattern or a picture. The ancient history of using tiles as floor decoration stretches back to 2000 BC. Nina's individualistic painterly style is founded in the incredibly tiny chips she meticulously crafts. Each small tile is cut numerous times by hand to just the perfect shape. Equally important is the way the colors of her palette flow from tile to tile capturing the tiniest nuances of shade and hue. After the composition is completed the tiles are then grouted into place allow the spacing to become an integral part of each original design. "Like sculpting in clay the process allows the image the freedom to evolve," explains

I was afforded the privilege to peak over her shoulder as she explained the many step processes involved in fashioning original mosaics. Nina starts with a design, often an inspiration in nature or contemplative pastoral images as jumping off points. The avid and accomplished photographer will sometimes start with one of her own photos establishing a foundation to launch a composition. Then the painstaking process gets underway with cutting, arranging, gluing, grouting and cleaning and more of each of the steps before she declares it done. Nina's work can be identified by a tiny iconic Gecko discreetly hidden among the tiles at the end of the process. In fact, you have to search for it. It implies a satisfaction for the artist and the viewers sense there is something special about how the artist mastery of her creative compositions leads her to "sign" her work with a tiny charm.

She began an art career as a photographer growing from freelance to incorporating her own studio in 1985. Tisara Photography is now owned by her son, an acclaimed photographer, Steven Halperson, leaving Nina to pursue her mosaics as well as a myriad of other activities that contribute to the philanthropic fiber of her community.

Nina credits her first mosaic teacher in an adult education class, Gene Sterud, as mentor and friend with encouraging her to tackle the intricacies of the

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ONGOING

Beginnings & Endings. Through Oct. 28, at Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. A Ceramic Guild Show offering a timeless tale of clay art focused on starters and sweets. Enter a fairyland of treasures as frosted cupcakes transform into shaker and creamer sugar sets and tapas trays bring hand painted dragons and fantastic flora and fauna to life. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org, www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/

CALENDAR

- scope. Exhibit: 'Autumn Gold.' Through Oct. 29, featuring Nina Tisara's intricate mosaic art at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, 310 King St., Alexandria. RSVP to ninat@ninatisara.com.
- Art Exhibit: "Symmetry Balance in an Asymmetrical World." Through Oct. 28 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Exhibit showcases the artists' visions of symmetry. The camera, used as a tool, reveals the artist's vision and produces a personal – typically evocative or atmospheric, yet balanced – statement. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/

symmetry. **Pumpkin Patch**. Through Oct. 31, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. All net profits support the church's outreach activities at the community, regional and international levels. The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation near Farmington, New Mexico. Visit www.immanuel-

on-the-hill.org for more. **Row by Row Junior.** Through Oct. 31, local quilt shops like Artistic

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welcoming children participating in Row by Row Junior to their shops. It's the junior version of the summertime travel event for quilt making fans known as Row by Row Experience. Kids visit shops in person, collect a free sewing pattern, and find inspiration in colorful, creative world of sewing. At home, families can find free tutorial support and activities online by visiting www.rowbyrowexperience.com or www.artisticartifacts.com for local

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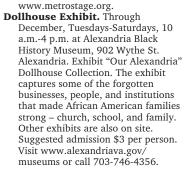
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- **Pink Hat Protest Paintings.** Through Nov. 4 at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory, Alexandria. Through encaustic wax paintings, Julia Dzikiewicz expresses her perception of rising racism,
- misogyny, and violence in the United States. Dzikiewicz creates her immense, evocative paintings with encaustic wax, an ancient and archival medium, by fusing layers of beeswax, pigment, gesso, and resin. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.
- Art Exhibit: Seeing the Light. Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria.

- "Seeing the Light: Virginia Landscapes and Beyond," is a solo exhibition by Bradley Stevens. His style is contemporary realism rooted in classical training, yet boldly depicting the modern world with his penetrating eye. **Young at Art Exhibition.** Through
- Young at Art Exhibition. Through Nov. 8, Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-5560 or email durantcenter@alexandriava.gov.Rooms: a Rock Romance. Through
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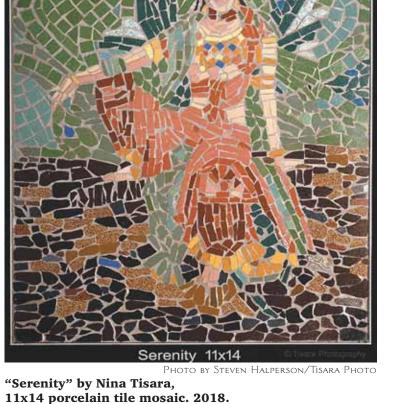
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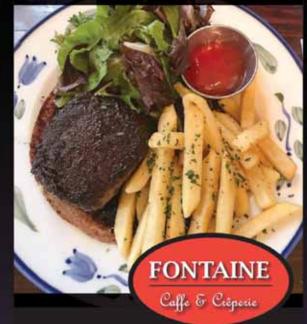
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7 Places to Eat, Drink Your Way Through Halloween

By Hope Nelson

t doesn't take much time in Alexandria to realize that this city does Halloween right. And the festivities aren't limited to Oct. 31; rather, they stretch out over weeks, with decorations popping up citywide as soon as October begins and events lingering all month long. Here are a few must-visit restaurants, cafes and bars to visit to get into the spirit.

APPETITE

Costumes optional, but always encouraged.

Halloween Dogfish Head Tap Takeover at Sweet Fire Donna's, Oct. 27

Carlyle's popular barbecue joint becomes home to the neighborhood's spiciest Halloween party, complete with costume contest and food specials. Taste an array of Dogfish Head favorites to wet your whistle and aim to get a prize for your top-tier dis-

CALENDAR

begins at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, donations are welcome. Visit: www.westpotomacorchestra.org

Historian Peter Stark. 7 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria, in the Robert H. and Clarice Smith Auditorium. Free. Peter Stark presents "Young Washington: How Wilderness and War Forged America's Founding Father." Visit www.mountvernon.org

NOW THRU DECEMBER.

Dollhouse Exhibit. At Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Exhibit "Our Alexandria" Dollhouse Collection captures some of the businesses, people and institutions that made African American families strongchurch, school and family. Other exhibits are also on site. Suggested admission \$3 per person. Hours are Tuesdays to Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/ museum or call 703-746-4356.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-28

Book Sale. At Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Come support the library and pick up books, CDs, and DVDs at discounted prices. Free. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org

FRIDAY/OCT. 26

- **Artist Reception & Halloween** Party. 6-9 p.m. Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic, 105 District Ave., Fairfax. Artists display their interpretation of 'animal. vegetable. mineral' through a variety of mediums in a new show at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 18 and the gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m
- Zombie Escape. 6:30-10 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street Alexandria. Cost is \$30/online; \$40/ door. D.C. was one of the first cities to fall when the apocalypse began. As such. Alexandria was a close second due to proximity. Now, you must navigate your way through zombie infested territory to claim what
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guise. 510 John Carlyle St. 6 p.m.-1 a.m.

27 Cocktails, costumes, ghoulish eats and a photo booth are the name of the game at Chadwicks' celebration of the season. A DJ will be spinning tunes, so get ready to dance and kick off Halloween week. 203 The Strand, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Monster's Ball at Chadwicks, Oct.

West End Farmer's Market Halloween Parade, Oct. 28

Bring your kids and dogs out to the farmer's market - in disguises, naturally for a Sunday parade at the farmer's market. And bring your family's A-game: The best costumes, for humans and animals, will win a prize. Then stick around to trick-ortreat at the vendors' tents for the rest of the day. 4800 Brenman Park Drive. 10 a.m.

Post-Parade Patio Party at Stomp-

supplies are on your list and make it

back to your base safely. Call 703-

Bark or Treat Canine Cruise. 6:30

Alexandria. Come out with your

Marina, 1 Cameron Street,

p.m. and 8 p.m. At Alexandria City

costumed canine and cruise to some

Halloween tunes along the Potomac.

Halloween treats will be on board. Be

sure to have your four-legged friend

in their best costume. Admission: \$20

adults; \$15 ages 2-11; dogs free. Visit

www.potomacriverboatco.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 26-27

Ghostly Tales. 7-10 p.m. at Carlyle

House, 121 N. Fairfax Street,

Alexandria. Tickets: \$5. Join

storvtellers from Alexandria's

Footsteps to the Past and on

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SATURDAY/OCT. 27

Waterfront Beer Garden. At

winning craft beer plus

Saturday join storytellers from

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 26-28

Garden, 614 Oronoco Street,

Grief & Ghost Tours. 7:30-9:30 p.m.

at Lee-Fendall House Museum &

Alexandria. Cost \$10. Celebrate

Halloween with a look at Victorian

our modern day funeral practices.

p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Visit

Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street,

Alexandria. Sponsored by Port City

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Baltic Porter. The beer garden also

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Mia's Italian Kitchen from 2 to 7 p.m.

Vernon. 8:30 a.m. at Fort Hunt Park

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the website

ing Ground, Oct. 28

In Del Ray for the Halloween parade? Stick around the neighborhood's favorite Southern-fried brunch-and-lunch spot to chow down on a special limited menu's worth of fare. Word on the street is, the kitchen will be doling out some sausage balls for the occasion. 2309 Mount Vernon Ave. 3-6 p.m.

"Hallo-WINE" Big Red Night at Sonoma Cellar, Oct. 30

Take a spin through six red wines at an autumn-themed tasting at Sonoma Cellar. These robust reds come from the likes of Cass Winery, Etude Winery, Stags Leap and more. "Trick or treat like a grownup," the café urges, and with this lineup you'll certainly be well on your way. 207 King St. 6:30 p.m. \$25.

Halloween at Brabo, Oct. 31

Brabo's Chef Sebastien Rondier is on tap

Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Parking details will be provided to those who RSVP. The Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation will continue to deploy its fleet of kayaks to collect litter along the streambank of Four Mile Run this fall. Visit www.fourmilerun.org for more.

- Trick-or-Treat with the Boo-tiques. Starts at 10 a.m. Throughout Old Town Alexandria. Free. Start trick-ortreating early and stop by the dozens of shops of the Old Town Boutique District dishing out treats to goblins and ghouls of all ages beginning at open of business. Visit
- www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com Walking with Washington. 10 a.m.-12 noon. At Alexandria Visitor Center (Ramsay House), 221 King Street, Alexandria, Free, Explore important sites associated with George Washington in his hometown of Alexandria. This guided walking tour of historic Old Towne covers significant people and events in Washington's life and in American history. No reservations required. Visit www.washingtonbirthday.com **Opening Day of Library**

Festivities. 10 a.m. starts. At John

to debut his "Roasted Pumpkin Moules Frites," mussels paired with roasted pumpkin and cream sauce, to kick All Hallow's Eve off in style. At the bar, get into the Halloween spirit in more ways than one with the La Sorciere, featuring chile liqueur, ginger beer, agave and lime juice. 1600 King St.

Hole in the Wall Halloween at Captain Gregory's, Oct. 31

Join the other guests at Captain Gregory's for a spooky evening filled with themed cocktails and festive eats. The intimate speakeasy will be transformed into Halloween Headquarters, so don't forget to wear your best costume in order to raise your chances of winning a prize. 804 N. Henry St. 7-10 p.m. \$75.

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

> Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Join library staff and the community for Opening Day festivities, including ribbon cutting ceremony with VIPs at 10 a.m., 123 Andrés at 11 a.m. There will be monsters, storytime, music by Ritorno a Musica, teen gaming, technology open house, face painting and glitter tattoos.

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Cost \$5/adults; \$15/ children. Alexandria's ghosts and goblins will fill the garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled pumpkins for children to discover. Other activities include crafts to take home, a sticker station, temporary tattoos, spooky stories, a costume parade with prizes as well as drinks and refreshments. Every participating child receives a pumpkin - ne pumpkin in each of the pumpkin hunt sessions will have a certificate for a special prize hidden inside. Costumes encouraged. Email contact@leefendallhouse.org. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org. Archaeology Waterfront Walking

Tours. 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. at



Del Ray Halloween Parade

The 22nd Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade takes place on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to march in the parade along Mount Vernon Avenue, which begins at E. Bellefonte Ave. and ends with a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, free refreshments, children's games, awards for Best Decorated Stroller, House, Business & Best Pet Costume, and more. The event is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween. Free costume distribution for children in need will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center.

Dan Storck for a community bike ride in the Mount Vernon District. Riders will have the option of riding a 32mile route, or just joining in for the first 17 miles for a shorter route. This ride will showcase the many hidden treasures, cultural and environmental resources The Mount Vernon District has to offer.

in Mount Vernon. Join Supervisor

Coastal Cleanup. 9-11 a.m. At Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, Alexandria. This cleanup has been coordinated by Clean Virginia Waterways for the last 23 years, and is also sponsored by the City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services (T&ES) Stormwater Management Division and Public Works Services Division, and the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities (RPCA). Volunteers will meet at the end of Madison Street near the Rowing Clubhouse. RSVP to Wisdom Gbediame at

wisdom.gbediame@alexandriava.gov by Oct. 25. Registration will occur at the end of Madison Street on Saturday morning.

Kayak Cleanups at Four Mile Run. 9 a.m.-noon at The Conservatory

Entertainment

the foot of King Street at the site of Interim King Street Park, and end at Hotel Indigo. As part of the Portside History series of activities at the Old Town waterfront, join an expert-led tour to learn more about new discoveries, significant finds, and the hidden history that has been revealed through historical documentary data and excavation. Tickets are \$20 per person with proceeds from the tour going to the Save our Ship fund. Advance registration required. Email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

- Howl-O-Ween. 2-4 p.m. At Lena's Wood-Fired Pizza and Tap, 401 E. Braddock Road, Alexandria. "Howl-O-Ween" is the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's (AWLA) annual canine costume contest. Costumed canine contestants can enter as a solo act or a themed group of up to three dogs with one handler. Advance registration is \$25 for one costumed entry (individual or group, including one person) and \$10 to attend. Children under the age of 12 can attend for free. All registrations include 10 free tickets with which attendees can vote for their favorite costumed canines, and the top three costumed entries will receive prizes provided by Alexandria Restaurant Partners. Visit www.Alexandria Animals.org/Howl-O-Ween2018.
- **Copyright Issues.** 2 p.m. At Local History/Special Collections Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Free. Come learn about copyright and how you can and cannot use materials for display or online and traditional publication. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org. **Trick-or-Treating at Mount**
- **Vernon**. 3:30-6:30 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon. Join the costumed interpreters for a special

opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area, and a special scavenger hunt is available for our more adventurous guests. All trick-ortreaters are invited to join in the children's costume parade around the Mansion at 5 p.m. Special trade demonstrations, like wool carding, spinning, and fish net making, will take place in the historic area. Tickets: \$14/adult (12 and up); \$8, youth (11 and under). General admission tickets are sold out, but additional tickets are available for Mount Vernon members. Call 703-780-2000 to reserve your tickets. Visit www.mountvernon.org/

- halloween **Escape the Sanderson Witches.** 6:30-10 p.m. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. The Sanderson Sisters from Hocus Pocus have returned; this time to a new city with new hopes of having clueless children at their beck and call. While they hunt for a new lease on life, your group must pass several obstacles to ensure the children in the city are safe. Only a spell from the very book that brought them back can send them back from where they came. Work together, solve the puzzles quickly, and banish the witches using a spell of your own. Admission: \$30 online; \$40 at the door. For tickets, visit
- www.novaparks.com. **Masquerade Ball.** 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Cost \$45. Inspired by the season, disguise yourself and dance the night away at the Masquerade Ball at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Come dressed in your favorite pre-19th century costume and don't forget your mask. Enjoy live music, English country dancing, cash bar and dessert

collation. Pre-19th century period attire or cocktail attire welcome. Reservations required. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

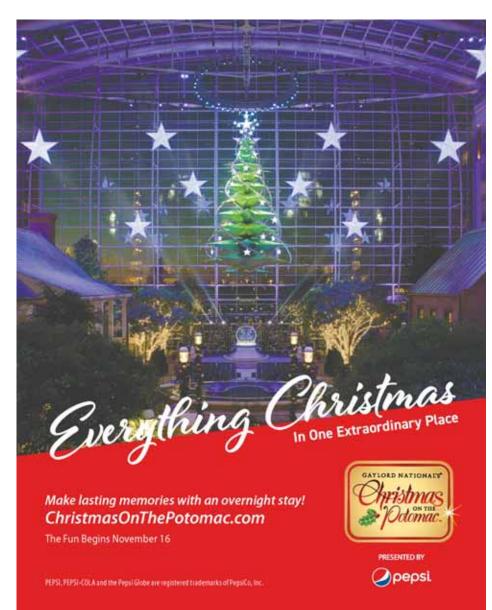
- **Doggie Trick-or-Treat.** 1-3 p.m. At The Dog Park, 705 King St., Alexandria. It's that time of year again. You and your family especially your doggies — are invited to come to Old Town and trick-ortreat together. They will have treats, sales and a costume contest. Come to The Dog Park in Old Town Alexandria to get your map and have pictures taken, then tour the rest of the participating stores to get more treats and find a sale or two in town. Visit www.thedogparkva.biz
- Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2 p.m. The parade, which begins at E. Bellefonte Ávenue, ends with a party at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center fields featuring live music, goodie bags for children, free refreshments, children's games, awards for Best Decorated Stroller, House, Business and Best Pet Costume. The event is free and open to all. Among the events: Pet Costume Contest and Stroller Decorating Contest. For details and categories, visit www.visitdelray.com/halloween. Spooky Bean Halloween: After the parade from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., families can enjoy the Spooky Bean Halloween Maze, constructed by Bean Creative. This free event is appropriate for all ages, and located on the 2200 block of Mount Vernon Avenue. Visit www.visitdelray.com/ halloween

OCT. 29-31 Special Halloween Ghost Tour. 7 Symmetry – Balance in an Asymmetrical World postcard, photograph by David Heckman.

Art Exhibit: 'Symmetry – Balance in an Asymmetrical World.'

Exhibit showcases the artists' visions of symmetry. The camera, used as a tool, reveals the artist's vision and produces a personal – typically evocative or atmospheric, yet balanced – statement. Through Oct. 28 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/symmetry.





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In 'Billy Elliot the Musical' PHOTO COURTESY OF METRO School OF THE ARTS

Metro School of the Arts students rehearse for "Billy Elliot the Musical." The six MSA students were selected to join the 10-time Tony Award winning musical cast, that will be performed at Signature Theatre from Oct. 30 -Jan. 6, 2019. Back row (from left): Sofia Cruz, Simone Straub-Clark, Anya Jones, and Jacob Anderson. Front row (from left): Annie Dodson and Maya Stumpf. Tickets can be purchased at www.sigtheatre.org. The Academy at Metropolitan School of the Arts is a college preparatory performing arts program for emerging young artists, grades 7-12; see www.metropolitanarts.org.

CALENDAR

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

TUESDAY/OCT. 30

- Halloween Party. 6-8:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King Street, Alexandria. Volunteer Alexandria's Halloween Party in partnership with Ivy. No speeches or program — just fun. Join them for some cool air at the cemetery's vault, best costume award, a tour, live music, readings, food, beer and wine, and networking opportunity. Email mail@volunteeralexandria.org or 703-836-2176. Visit
- www.ivyhillcemetery.net. Getting to Know Ghana. 7 p.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Oueen Street, Alexandria, Jesus Kotei will share an insider's account of the historically rich country of
- Ghana. Free. Contact Anton Murray at amurray@alexlibraryva.org. Visit the website at www.alexlibraryva.org.

OCT. 30 AND 31

Poe in Alexandria. 7:30-9:15 p.m. at The Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Actor David Keltz recreates one of Edgar Allen Poe's 19th-century speaking engagements. This year's program will include Critical Reviews, Hymn, The Cask of Amontillado, The Pit & the

Pendulum, The Raven, and Eldorado. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the performance runs 8–9:15 p.m., each night. Cost \$15. Call 703-746-4994. Reserve online at shop.alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

Trick-or-Treat. 5-7 p.m. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free. Join them for a good old fashioned trickery and treats. Bring your little ghosts, goblins, princesses and action heroes to one of Alexandria's most haunted dwellings for a fun evening of free trick-or-treating, games, and crafts.

THURSDAY/NOV. 1

Music Makers. 4 p.m. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Free class goes from Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29. Practice your rhythm by making music as a group with percussion instruments. Ages 6-8. . Visit www.alexlibraryva.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 2

- Computer Basics Class. 10:15 a.m. At Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road,
- Alexandria. Free. Learn the basics of using a computer with an overview of Windows 7 and Microsoft Office 2010 applications. Also find out the best strategies for locating information on the Internet. Visit www.alexlibraryva.org
- **Opening Reception: "Connecting Threads.**" 7-9 p.m. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The exhibit features the work of regional artists showcasing traditional and non-traditional ways to manipulate fiber and highlights narratives where textiles and fiber trigger nostalgia. See the exhibit and donate new towels for Carpenter's Shelter from Nov. 2-25. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/ connecting-threads

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Mastering an Ancient Medium

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medium. She did her first mosaic in 2004 and immediately became hooked on the quality of its meditative process to find just the right pieces of unglazed porcelain to interpret the composition.

At her most mesmerizing and inspiring her work tackles and interprets nature by indulging many layers of respect for the beauty of creation. The small work "Ode to Spring" demonstrates how the artist can see through the iconic cherry blossom depictions and transform them in a more meaningful and perhaps even spiritual experience. The 24" square "Autumn Symphony" uses both horizontal and vertical interpretations to provide immersion into the full spectrum of fall. It is almost as if the season is being captured by the spirit of the trees as they prepare for the coming winter. The linear effect of the leaves captures the slow process so often taken for granted with changing seasons.

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CALENDAR

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SATURDAY/NOV. 3

- Classic Car Show. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Meet at River Farm for cars, food, and fun. Registration: \$20 per show car. Spectators: \$5 (walk-in or bicycles, kids under 12 free); \$10 (per car). For more information, email development@ahsgardening.org Proceeds benefit the American Horticultural Society and its headquarters, River Farm, Email development@ahsgardening.org. Visit the website www.ahsgardening.org.
- First Tour. 11 a.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Free. Come learn about the unique treasures held at the Local History / Special Collections the first Saturday of every month. Visit the website:
- www.alexlibraryva.org "Bound to the Fire." 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. Historical archaeologist and historian, Kelley Deetz, will discuss her new book, Bound to the Fire: How Virginia's Enslaved Cooks Helped Invent American Cuisine. Cost is \$12 per person and \$10 for FOAA/ASPBH members. Tickets may be purchased online at
- www.Alexandriava.gov/Shop Story Time for Little Historians. 11 a.m. At The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Every first Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. the Alexandria Black History Museum will host a children's story time in the Alexandria Black History Museum. This week: Baby Rattlesnake bold by Te Ata. Join us for cultural stories and creative craft activities that introduce world history and folklore. Explore the museum exhibits afterwards to learn about local Black History. For a limited time, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

complete the scavenger hunt for our special dollhouse exhibition and take home a prize. All ages welcome, but most suitable for children 4 - 7 years old. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 703-746-4356

Betsey Mason's Letter. 2 p.m. At Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria Associate Curator Jessie MacLeod, from George Washington's Mount Vernon, will provide a presentation: "Thank God it is now in your hands": Unpacking Betsey C. Mason's Letter to John Augustine Washington III. MacLeod will connect Mason's letter with a key journal entry by Magistrate John Augustine Washington III on the 1845 trial of five enslaved men from Huntley for trespassing. Call 703-768-2525. Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m.

At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcoholfree. BYO refreshments. Visit

www.nvcwda.org. ASO Presents: Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 "Scottish." 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive Alexandria, The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director James Ross, celebrates the past and present of American music. Featuring Tanya Anisimova, cellist. Tickets: \$20-\$80 adult, \$5 youth, \$10 student. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Fall Festival FUNdraiser. 2-5 p.m. At Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Fall Festival Fundraiser benefitting Agudas Achim Preschool. There will be games. prizes, crafts, bounce house, face painting, a petting zoo (from 2-3:30 p.m.) and music by Alexandria's Rainbow Rock Band (starting at 3:30 p.m.). Email:

preschool@agudasachim-va.org. Visit

www.facebook.com/events/ 470913836727081/

ders and interprets the forest with thoughtful care

and planning. It is easy to imagine the artist in peace-

ful indulgences, much as a poet, translating her

thoughts into tiny chips to achieve work sought af-

several works with an ethnic inspiration she transforms a figurative study into a mosaic portrait. Her

interpretation of the personality of the woman is

captured with nuances of her facial features as well

as the drapes and folds of the fabric enhancing her

pose. As in all her work the background successfully

plays the difficult role of receding and yet enhanc-

This widely collected artist has been included in

numerous group exhibitions but her work can be

most appreciated when given the opportunity to view

it in a serene setting. The artist will present her work at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, Nov. 2 - Dec.

28. She can be reached for more information about

"adopting" or commissioning her work by email

Trudi Van Dyke is an independent fine art curator, specializ-

ing in fine craft, and formerly director of the Torpedo Factory.

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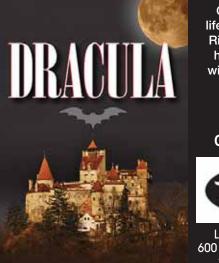
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George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The Nordic Fiddlers Bloc is a fiddle trio from Norway. Sweden and the Shetland Islandsowhose use of harmony, rhythm, riffs and bass lines creates a sound that leaves the listener enthralled but at the same only comes from three fiddles. Tickets \$18/advance; \$20/door. For tickets, visit http:// www.focusmusic.org/buy-tickets. Contact Herb Levy at Herb@FocusMusic.org or 703-380-

Poetry Workshop. 6:30-8 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron can be read and written. The Poet Laureate and literary programs are part of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Cultural Activities. The workshops are free; to register, RSVP at poet@alexandriava.gov or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Dino-vember. 4 p.m. At Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Free. Simple STEAM activities with a dinosaur theme. All materials supplied, no registration required. For children ages 5 and up. Visit the website: www.alexlibraryva.org.

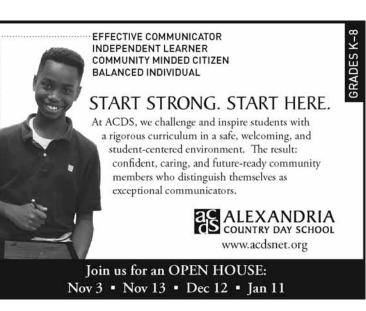


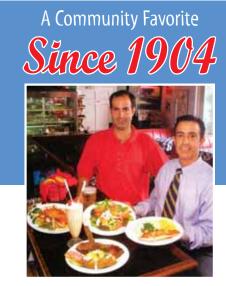
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Sports

West Potomac Field Hockey Wins Gunston District Title

Wolverines win first district championship since 1995.

By Jon Roetman The Gazette

embers of the West Potomac field hockey team entered the Gunston District tournament final confident that they could play with defending champion T.C. Williams.

When senior captain Gabrielle Vitali scored in the third minute of the Oct. 18 contest, the Wolverines believed they could win.

Vitali scored the game's lone goal with 27:40 remaining in the first half, freshman goalkeeper Jillian Ward had multiple key saves and West Potomac captured its first district championship in more than two decades with a 1-0 victory over T.C. Williams at the Minnie Howard Campus in Alexandria.

The Titans held a 10-1 advantage in penalty corners and spent much of the contest on the attack, but the Wolverines found a way to make Vitali's goal hold up.

The district championship was West Potomac's first since

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— Senior Captain Gabrielle Vitali

1995, according to Director of Student Activities Aaron Helmick.

"We were coming in with really high intensity and I think [Vitali's goal] just proved that they weren't quite ready for us," West Potomac head coach Dana Hubbard said.

"We just gave it everything we can and didn't really change how we were going to go after it. We knew we needed to keep the intensity up and keep them from scoring against us.

"This team has been playing better and better as the season has gone on and I think this is just validation [of] all the hard work. I think they believed it from the start. On the bus ride over,

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The West Potomac field hockey team won the Gunston District championship by defeating T.C. Williams 1-0 on Oct. 18 in Alexandria.



Freshman goalkeeper Jillian Ward, left, and the West Potomac field hockey team shut out top seed T.C. Williams during the Gunston District championship game on Oct. 18.

they believed they could win and [the goal] just helped to solidify [that it could happen]."

T.C. Williams, the tournament's No. 1 seed, defeated West Potomac, the No. 2 seed, twice during the regular season, each time by a score of 1-0.

A pair of one-goal results proved the Wolverines could hang with the Titans. Getting the goose egg off the scoreboard,

however, took their confidence to a different level.

"I think knowing that we can score on them, just in general, gave us a lot of confidence that we can actually do this," Vitali said. "Every other game we play, it is always 1-0, them. (With) us scoring, we were like, oh, we actually have a chance at this."

Vitali was a second-team all-district selection at forward.

"She is a very hard-working senior that has really come into her position in the last couple games," Hubbard said. "She has just been a spark for us. She has scored some big goals — she scored [the] gamewinning goal against Hayfield, as well. She's just really come on as a player and helped to lead the team."

While Vitali's goal took care of the offense, Ward, who is in her first season playing field hockey, was a key contributor to the West Potomac defensive effort.

"She came into a position where we just sort of threw her in the goal," Hubbard said, "and she has come up big for us and has played better and better as the season has gone on and she has gotten more confident. She is a rock star. She is someone to look for next year. She is going to be a really, really good player."

The Titans kept the pressure on with multiple corners late in the second half, but Ward and the Wolverines preserved the shutout.

How did Ward, who garnered alldistrict honorable mention, keep from getting nervous?

"Oh, I was so nervous," she said. "I was shaking."

Well, how did Ward keep her composure?

"Deep breaths," she said. "Just trying to stay calm. Talking to my teammates when we [were defending] corners helps me calm down a little bit. Knowing that we can win this really helped me, I think."

The victory improved West Potomac's record to 13-5.

"[Winning a district championship] is unbelievable," said Hubbard, who has coached the Wolverines for a decade. "It is a lot of hard work. It is 10 years of building a program from not a very good program to something that can win a championship. It means everything. It's just amazing."

Junior forward Bella DeMaso, He senior midfielder and captain Clare Madden and sophomore defender Katie Jo Moery were first-team alldistrict selections for the Wolverines. Senior forward Lauren McDonald, senior midfielder and captain Samantha Ward and junior defender Halle Jackson earned second-

team honors. Next up for the Wolverines is a Region 6C tournament quarterfinal game at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 25 at West Potomac High

School. "[Winning a district title] is such a big deal," Vitali said. "I don't think West Potomac field hockey has won in over 20 years. ... It is such a joy to bring this home and hang it up. We're all very happy."

Schools



Parade of Champions

The West Potomac High School Marching Band competed at the James Madison University's Parade of Champions event on Saturday, Oct. 20t and won third place out of the 12 bands who competed in Class AAAAA competition. This was the 41st annual band competition at JMU, and the highest placement for the Wolverines in the AAAAA class. This annual regional event had bands participating from Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina.









Grand Champion Award

On Saturday, Oct. 13, the West Potomac Marching band traveled to two marching band competitions. At Hylton High School in Woodbridge, the band won their overall division. At the 2018 Stafford Showcase at Stafford High School in Fredericksburg, the Wolverines came away with first place in five categories: auxiliary, general effect, band, visual and music. They were awarded first overall in the 5A division and received Grand Champion over all classes. The West Potomac band is under the direction of Steve Rice and Mike Jensen.



Obituary

GEORGE WILLIAM WATSON

Obituary

George William Watson, 92, passed suddenly, October 15, 2018. He lived a full life bringing joy, laughter and wisdom to all who knew him. Predeceased by his wife of 57 yrs, Ruth M. Watson and son, G. William Watson; survived by children-Linda Macari (Kenneth), Daniel (Debra), Thomas, Rosemary Bowers (Scott); grandchildren- Mrs. Sarah Elmer, Mr. Peter Macari, Dr. Jessica Watson, Mrs. Sarah Robles, & Mr. William Bowers; and great grandchild, Miss Elizabeth Elmer. Siblings, Barbara VanDyke, Richard Watson, Charles Watson and many adoring nieces and nephews. George, a Navy veteran of WWII, well respected/ accomplished attorney (University of Michigan JD 1950) spent a career with the US Government serving in the US Army Office of Civil Defense which became FEMA where he served as General Counsel before retirement in 1991. He helped found and served on boards of many charitable & community organizations including United Community Ministries, Mt. Vernon-Lee Enterprises, Stratford Recreation Assoc.; Commodore of the National Yacht Club; and Sr. Warden of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. He was an avid sailor with a lifelong love of the water and enjoyed many adventures with family & friends on the Chesapeake. Celebration of Life at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria Saturday 2PM October 27, 2018. Donations in his memory to St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Mt. Vernon-Lee Enterprises, or the Chesapeake Bay Foundation



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Resorting to Radio



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

There I was, Wednesday evening, Oct. 17, around 6:30, sitting on my living room couch, club sandwich in hand, preparing for the League Championship Series game 5 between my Boston Red Sox and the Houston Astros when as I've done a thousand times before, grabbed the remote to turn on the television. Pressing the usual button, I was distressed to see no picture and hear no sound. Having experienced this kind of disappointment numerous times before, I didn't panic yet. I went about the diagnostic process first.

I checked my remote to see if the batteries were firmly connected, which they were. I then pointed the remote back at the television, but still no response.. Next, as I have been prompted previously under similar circumstances ("Your X-1 platform"), I pulled the plug and waited 30-plus seconds before reconnecting. Thirty seconds later, I re-plugged and still my television sat idle. Next I went into my home office to check the status of my computer since they're "cableized" together. The lights on my modem were flashing (a hopeful sign) so I clicked on one of my desk top icons and was met with the dreaded "No internet connection," confirming my worst suspicion. For the moment, 90 minutes before game time, I was out of service (heck, I was out of luck). Finally, I called my cable provider for clarification/further confirmation when I was met with the equally dreaded pre-recorded message: "There has been a service interruption in your area. Service is expected to be restored tomorrow afternoon." "TOMORROW AFTER-NOON? THE GAME IS TONIGHT!" That was the exclamation I can print. What came next was not particularly complimentary.

For the next hour or so I puttered and muttered and did nothing to improve my circumstances. At 9:30 pm I called my brother to get a score. (He lives in Washington, DC and has a smart phone. I live in Maryland and have a flip phone, a k a "stupid phone"). Unfortunately, he had left his cell phone in another room and didn't hear my call. Frustrated, I swore yet again and trudged upstairs to go to bed. After getting into my "jammies," I laid down in bed and rolled onto my left side to set the alarm on my clock radio when it hit me (not the clock radio); the baseball game is being broadcast on the radio! And so I scrolled the dial on the clock radio until I heard ESPN radio broadcasters John Shambee and Jessica Mendoza calling the game. If I can't watch the game, I can certainly listen to it. And so I did, just like I did as a "little-leaguer" all those many years ago listening to Ken Coleman and Ned Martin of the "Boston Red Sox radio network" while living on Athelstane Road in Newton Centre, Ma. Except this time, I wasn't clutching a transistor radio. I was hands free, listening.

For the next nearly three hours, I laid in bed and listened. Most of the broadcast I heard and some of it I missed as occasionally I fell asleep. But for a time I was transported back in time sort of, before cable television proliferated when the games were broadcast almost exclusively on radio and baseball was seen through the eyes of those sitting in the "Catbird seat," to quote the legendary Red Barber. Listening to how they described what they saw during the game was how many of my generation - and the preceding generation, fell in love with baseball: "How about that!" to quote the late, great, Mel Allen.

It was a late night, but happily, for me and Red Sox Nation, the Sox won and will now be returning to the World Series for the first time since 2013. Game one will be Tuesday night, Oct. 23. I can't imagine that there will be a repeat non-performance from my cable provider, but if there is, and I am forced to go to plan "B", radio, I will do so. The circumstances got us a win in game five, so there's no reason to think it wouldn't get us a win in game one, too. After all, it's not only the ballplayers that are superstitious. *Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers*.



Bulletin Board

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- more.
 Community Shred Event. 8:30 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon District Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. Members of the community can bring their personal documents, for safe and secure shredding. Crime Solvers suggests a \$5 donation per bag/box, which is tax deductible. Papers are shredded on-site.
- Tour de Mount Vernon. 8:30 a.m. starting and ending at Fort Hunt Park in Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck for a community bike ride. Register today to ride or volunteer. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ mountvernon for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 29

- Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements. 6:30-8:30 p.m. At Mt. Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria (Enter Door #8). The Virginia
 - Department of Transportation will host a NEPA Public Hearing and Public Information Meeting on the Richmond Highway Widening project to provide an update as well as an opportunity for the public to comment on the project and the assessment. The Environmental Assessment, an environmental document, required as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Richmond Highway Improvements project, is now available for public review and comment. Copies of the EA will be available at the meeting and VDOT's environmental team will be at the meeting to discuss the environmental review process and answer project questions. Public comments can be made at the meeting or can be submitted to VDOT by December 6, 2018. Visit www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/ richmond_highway.asp for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

"Embark on Opportunity." 8 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Learn how the Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Amendment will shape the future of the Richmond Highway Corridor. This event will take the audience through a geographic tour of the corridor, led by the planners, community leaders, and industry experts that helped shape Embark Richmond Highway. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningzoning/embark-richmond-highway for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Seminar on Senior Volunteerism. 9:30 a.m. at the headquarters of New Hope Housing, 8407 Richmond Highway E, Suite E, Alexandria. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on senior volunteerism. RSVP, the region's largest volunteer network for people 55-years-old and better, provides individualized support to seniors who are seeking their ideal service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Free and open to the public. Email RSVP Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsypnova.org.

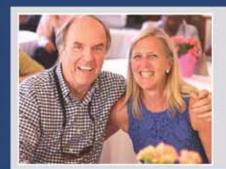
MONDAY/NOV. 12

32nd Annual Caregivers Conference. 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St., Alexandria. 32nd Annual Caregivers Conference: Finding Hope & Harmony in Caregiving is presented by the Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium. \$35. Register online at www.eventbrite.com/e/ 32nd-annual-caregivers-conference-findinghope-harmony-in-caregiving-registration-48699561700. View or download the conference brochure at alz.org/media/nca/documents/ NoVA_Dementia_Care_Consortium_Conference_2018.pdf.

TUESDAY/DEC. 4

Senior Volunteerism. 10:30 a.m. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. RSVP Northern Virginia will hold a seminar on senior volunteerism. The one-hour event is free and open to the public. RSVP, the region's largest volunteer network for people 55years-old and better, provides individualized support to seniors who are seeking their ideal service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, RSVP offers more than 200 meaningful opportunities that include helping seniors age in place, assisting local food pantries, and teaching financial literacy. To sign up for the Dec. 4 orientation, email RSVP Volunteer Specialist Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. Visit www.rsvpnova.org.





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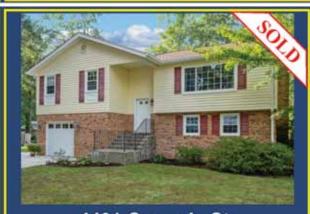
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