

Hutchings to Leave ACPS

Resignation effective Aug. 31.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Gregory Hutchings Jr. has announced his resignation effective Aug. 31 in order to lead his own education consulting company called Revolution ED.

The recently founded company will “support and empower school systems to dismantle systemic racism in education and promote antiracism through cultural responsiveness, diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

In an ACPS press release, School Board chair Meagan Alderton praised Hutchings and his leadership.

“It has been both an honor and a pleasure to work alongside Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings Jr.,” Alderton said. “He has led our school division during extremely tumultuous times

and, in doing so, has modeled for all of us what it means to lead with vision, integrity, and passion. Alexandria City Public Schools has benefited tremendously from his leadership. As a board, we are sad to see him go, but we wish him the very best in his future endeavors. I have no doubt that we will see him doing great things that will impact public education beyond the boundaries of Alexandria City Public Schools.”

Hutchings, 45, is a product of the ACPS system, attending Patrick Henry and James K. Polk Elementary Schools, Mount Vernon Community School, and William Ramsay Elementary School followed by Francis C. Hammond Middle School before graduating from what was then T.C. Williams High School in 1995.

He was hired as ACPS Superintendent in 2018 following a five-year tenure leading the Shaker Heights, Ohio, school system. His



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ACPS Superintendent Gregory C. Hutchings has announced his resignation effective Aug. 31.

contract with ACPS was recently renewed in 2021 and set to expire in 2025.

Hutchings submitted his formal resignation June 10, which was accepted by the

“This decision did not come lightly and was prompted by my life’s work to advocate for antiracism in education.”

— ACPS Superintendent
Gregory Hutchings

School Board at a special meeting that same day.

The statement from Hutchings reads:

“It is with a heavy heart that I want to share with you before the end of the school year one of the most difficult decisions of my career. I will be resigning from my position as superintendent of schools at Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) effective August

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Looking Back Galloway set to retire after 17 years.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Kari Galloway stands on the top step at Guest House residential facility where she first walked in the door 17 years ago when she became Executive Director. Now she is set to retire at the end of June and was celebrated at a reception in her honor June 5 at Jack Taylor Toyota.

When Galloway started at Guest House, there were nine residents, and Galloway was the only full-time staff member. This successful women’s reentry program has as its motto: Your past does not define your future.

“I sure didn’t realize what I was getting into,” Galloway says she was expected to work 10 hours a week answering phones and the door in addition to her regular hours. “I didn’t work less than 60 hours a week for the first decade.”

While she says the house on East Luray looks pretty much the same, the residential program for formerly incarcerated women has grown to 30 women in two residential facilities and 17 in the Aftercare program at sites scattered across Northern Virginia.

And the budget? “I remember it in excruciating detail. It was \$179,000. The program had been mismanaged, and we had lost almost all of our major donors.” She recalls it took a decade to get some people



Mayor Justin Wilson, left, presents a proclamation of appreciation to Guest House executive director Kari Galloway at a retirement reception for Galloway June 5 at Jack Taylor Toyota.

back who had helped fund Guest House for years and years.

As the program grew, along with a waiting list, Guest House had to find more dollars. Now the budget is almost \$2 million with 40 full or part time employees. The Virginia Department of Corrections provides a sub-



Executive director Kari Galloway, right, with Friends of Guest House board member Mondre Kornegay and board chair Deborah Minor at a retirement reception for Galloway June 5 at Jack Taylor Toyota.

stantial grant each year. And now they have built back a strong foundation of donors. “So many people resonate with the mission. We get amazing results. It’s hard to quantify returning a mom to her children.”

Galloway ended up at Guest House as

happenstance. “A lot of people expect an altruistic response to why I ended up here but the fact of the matter is that I just needed a job.” She had come out here from Idaho to

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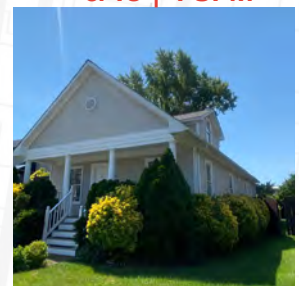
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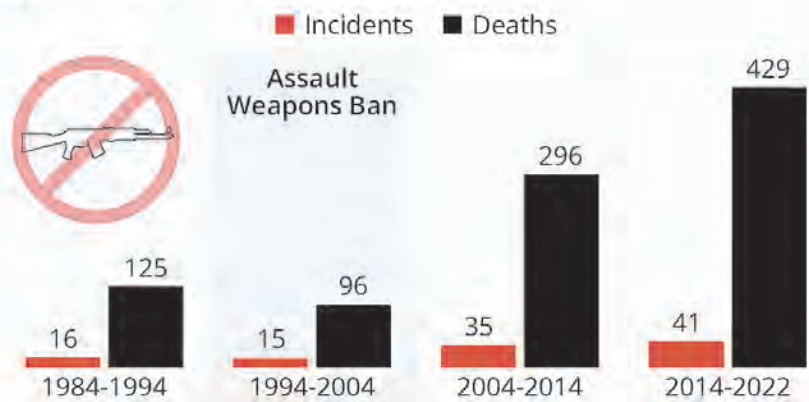
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Is It Time To Bring Back the Assault Weapons Ban?

Number of mass shootings and their victims in the U.S. from 1984 to 2022



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Former Del. Mark Levine (D-45), seen here in 2020, introduced a ban on assault weapons that passed the House but was scuttled in the Senate.

Ban Battle Botched

Inside the failed effort to ban assault weapons in Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Banning assault weapons was a major priority for gun-violence prevention advocates in early 2020, just before the pandemic struck and Democrats were seizing control of the General Assembly for the first time in a generation. Gov. Ralph Northam had campaigned on the issue, and he made banning assault rifles one of his major legislative priorities for the session. Three members of the Alexandria delegation introduced bills to make it happen. Hopes were high when lawmakers arrived for the General Assembly session in January 2020.

"We had momentum," said Brian Moran, who was secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security at the time. "We thought the stars were aligning."

But the star-crossed effort fizzled when Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee sent it to the Crime Commission, which never took it up. The next year, the issue vanished as lawmakers moved on to other topics. Now Virginia has a Republican governor and a Republican majority in the House of Delegates, leaving the effort to ban assault weapons out of reach -- at least until after the 2023 election. Meanwhile, gun violence in America is skyrocketing and the number of mass shootings conducted with assault rifles grows year after year as the General Assembly fails to take action.

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"I was disappointed that a lot of people didn't have the courage to do the right thing," said former Del. Mark Levine (D-45), who introduced the assault weapons ban that passed the House and was scuttled in the Senate. "And the promises that had been made to me in February and March of 2020 that we would seriously consider it for continuation all went away when covid came."

ASSAULT WEAPONS are often the weapons of choice for mass shooters in America. It was the type of firearm used to kill 21 people, including 19 children, in Texas last month. A version of the AR-15 rifle has been used in 11 mass shootings in the last decade, including the Texas Walmart shooting in 2019; the Florida high school shooting in 2018; the Las Vegas concert in 2017; and the Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. The steady rise in the use of assault weapons on mass shootings is what prompted Northam to call for an assault weapons ban after he was elected governor.

"I know what weapons of war do to human beings," said Northam, who served in the Army Medical Corps. "And it's my thought and opinion that we don't need weapons of war in our society."

When Democrats took control of the House and the Senate after the 2019 election, they finally had a moment to make that agenda a reality. Senate Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw introduced a sweeping bill that would ban all assault rifles, including ones that people already owned. That prompted national attention and helped attract thousands of gun-rights enthusiasts to Richmond for a massive protest that featured many

people walking the streets of the capital city heavily armed and openly carrying.

"I believe that unarmed citizens are peasants," said Tiffany Gonzalez, who drove 12 hours to be in Richmond for the gun rally. "The left is focussed on power, money, control and corruption."

THE GOVERNOR'S version of the assault weapons ban was more measured, and it had a grandfather clause that would allow owners of existing assault weapons to keep them without fear of prosecution. In the House, the governor worked with Levine. In the Senate, they worked with state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). But the Senate Judiciary Committee never heard Ebbin's version of the bill because he withdrew it.

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— Mark Levine,
former member of the House of Delegates

"We felt it had a better chance in the House to pass, and so it was a strategic decision," said Moran, who was leading the governor's efforts to prevent gun violence in the General Assembly. "We had a chairman in the House who was favorable, so the idea was that we would get it out of the House in good shape, which is what we did."

Levine's bill passed the House of Delegates with a vote of 51 to 48. But then it

ran into trouble in the Senate Judiciary Committee, where senators raised concerns that Levine's version of an assault weapons ban was unconstitutional and unenforceable. Advocates for preventing gun violence said that was incorrect, pointing out that the bill under consideration was modeled on a Maryland law that had been upheld by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. But four Senate Democrats voted to send the bill to the Crime Commission instead of the Senate floor: John Edwards (D-21), Creigh Deeds (D-34), Chap Petersen (D-) and Scott Surovell (D-36).

"We voted to refer it to the Crime Commission to be studied and get the hard work done so we could look at it in 2021," said Surovell in a text message. "The Crime Commission executive committee refused to add it to the work plan."

NOW ADVOCATES for preventing gun violence are in a fix. They missed their window of opportunity in 2020 and 2021. Now they're facing a hostile governor and House of Delegates, who are trying to undo some of the new gun violence prevention measures the Democrats put in place while they were in the House.

"If the public were able to see the damage done by these weapons to human beings, I think far more people would stand up and demand that we have greater restrictions on them," said Paul Friedman, executive director of the gun violence prevention nonprofit Safer Country. "The public needs to have a better idea of what these weapons can do, and what they have done. Without that, it's too antiseptic for a lot of people to grasp."

Celebrating With Pride

City holds
5th annual
Pride Fair.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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Alexandria celebrated the kick-off of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month at the city's fifth annual Pride Fair held June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Sponsored by the Alexandria LGBTQ+ Task Force, Alexandria Domestic Violence Program, Alexandria Sexual Assault Center and Alexandria Public Libraries, the fair featured the reading of a Pride Month proclamation by Mayor Justin Wilson followed by the Drag Queen Story Hour.

"We are here to celebrate the beginning of Pride month," said

"We work with departments across city to help them become more inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community."

— Kaitlyn Herrera
of the Alexandria
LGBTQ+ Task Force

Kaitlyn Herrera of the City of Alexandria LGBTQ+ task force. "We work with departments across city to help them become more inclusive of the LGBTQ+ community."

The outdoor event featured information tables about LGBTQ+ inclusive services as well as food, crafts, art and Pride photo opportunities. Free and confidential HIV testing was also available.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is recognized each year to celebrate LGBTQ+ people and to raise awareness of the challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community.

Since 1970, the month has been celebrated in June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots. On June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn in New York City's Greenwich Village, but bar patrons fought back. This resistance is now



Commonwealth Baptist Church welcomes visitors to the Alexandria LGBTQ+ Pride Fair June 4 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



An attendee browses information at the Alexandria Health Department booth during the Pride Fair June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Robbie Lawton, director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Christ Church with volunteer Jessie Hernandez at the June 4 Pride Fair at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

viewed by many as the beginning of the LGBTQ rights movement in the United States.
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Amanda and Lauren Brown with son Judah at the Pride Fair June 4 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.



Rachel Yec poses for a photo at the LGBTQ+ Pride Fair June 4 at Charles Houston Recreation Center.



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Volunteer Pam Smith gets ready to deliver to ACPS families.

250 SSA Volunteers Delivered over 35,000 Meals to ACPS Students

Senior Services of Alexandria was happy to answer the call when ACPS requested help with deliveries to students learning virtually and quarantining due to COVID-19 early last September. While we typically only deliver meals to Alexandria residents 60 years of age or older, we were happy to help deliver to younger students throughout our city. Our expertise with route-mapping and large volunteer network allowed us to quickly adopt and start this new program that steadily expanded throughout the school year.

These deliveries looked a bit different than our traditional Meals on Wheels. Instead of going to the door of a senior resident, young students would often run out the door to grab their lunch and breakfast on Monday and Wednesday mornings! The energy and smiles that greeted our volunteers were refreshing and it was rewarding to be able to support our city's younger generation.

Deliveries expanded as needs grew as well. During Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Spring Break, SSA supported larger delivery efforts to ensure that students could still have access to school provided breakfast and lunch even when doors were closed. We delivered over 25,000 meals to ACPS students during these breaks and recruited over two hundred volunteers for these efforts. The community was happy to help, and we would not have been able to deliver all these meals without the support of the Alexandria Police Department and the Sheriff's Office as well as our loyal network of volunteers. When these holiday deliveries are compiled with our weekly deliveries to students learning virtually, the total number of meals delivered since the start of school in September 2021 is 35,000! We served over 1,000 families this year with the help of

250 volunteers.

"SSA combined our experience with Meals on Wheels, our delivery technology, and our dedicated volunteer base to help get lunches to deserving students," said Kerry Donley, SSA Board President. "I was happy to volunteer each week and play a small part in delivering over 35,000 meals since last September."

Cynthia Hormel, Director of ACPS School Nutrition Services said, "We are so appreciative and thankful for the support and partnership that was established between Alexandria City Public Schools/ Office of School Nutrition Services and Senior Services. This originated out of need to support our community with meal deliveries during the pandemic and led to support of our Virtual families throughout the 2022 school year. We could not have accomplished the many meal delivery programs we operated this past year without the support, leadership, and guidance from Senior Services."

As the school year ends, we are sad to say goodbye to our students and families that we have helped, but hopeful that next year's students will be able to return to the classroom in person! We look forward to continuing our relationship with ACPS and always remain open to any requests for support they may have as we continue to find solutions to changes spurred by COVID-19.

Senior Services of Alexandria operates the city of Alexandria's Meals on Wheels program, which serves homebound older adults. Volunteers deliver a nutritious meal 7 days a week, 365 days a year. For more information about SSA's programs and how to get involved, visit SSA's website (seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414.

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A Compromise Budget

BY SEN. ADAM EBBIN

When the General Assembly entered the legislative session, the state was experiencing steady financial growth – years of strong fiscal management combined with an infusion of federal aid had built a budget surplus with which we could make significant investments in the people of Virginia. The new economic pressures of the last six months, coupled with the partisan makeup of the House and Executive Branch, extended our budget negotiations far beyond the legislative session. Thoughtful negotiations produced a compromised budget proposal which we voted to send to the Governor for his approval on June 1.

The final budget, negotiated by a small group of budget conferees, reflects some priorities of both Republicans and Democrats. While the final deal falls short of some of the proposals which then-Governor Ralph Northam made in December, it still retains major investments in education, the environment, and public infrastructure. I was also glad to see several of my budget priorities included in the final spending plan. At the

same time, the budget provides some important, though measured, reforms to tax policy which will hopefully alleviate the strain caused by the record price hikes suffered across the world which we have witnessed this year.

These prudent decisions include increasing the standard deduction to \$8,000 for single filers and \$16,000 for couples, the removal of the state portion of the grocery tax, direct \$250 rebates to taxpayers, and a refundable portion of the Earned Income Tax Credit for low income Virginians.

After a challenging two years of pandemic learning, the legislature made the most significant investment in K-12 and higher education in recent memory. This included a 10% pay raise over two years for K-12 teachers plus one time \$1,000 bonus and \$10 million in American Rescue Plan funds for recruitment incentives for hard-to-fill education positions. We allotted \$400 million in school construction and modernization funding paired with an additional \$450 million from the literary fund



Ebbin

for loans for targeted school construction projects. To improve in-person learning we also chose to increase the number of support positions per 1000 students from 17.5 to 21 over the biennium and funded 1 reading assistant per every 550 students in kindergarten through third grade.

The budget makes strong investments in public safety and mental healthcare including \$195.7 million for targeted compensation initiatives for sworn officers of the Department of State Police, correctional officers and probation and parole officers, and Deputy Sheriffs and Regional Jail Officers. We also allocated \$13 million for community violence-focused grant programs to reduce gun and group violence through intervention services.

Though I believe we could have taken bolder steps to combat the cost of housing, I am glad that the budget also includes a total of \$150 million for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, and includes \$240 million in state tax credits to support the building and preserva-

tion of affordable housing.

It is also important to note that despite the Governor Youngkin's calls to pull Virginia out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas initiative (RGGI), the compromise budget retains our place in RGGI and the resulting hundreds of millions in community flood prevention dollars and energy efficiency programs which we have won through the sale of carbon credits.

I was glad to see several requests I made included in the final budget including complete funding for the construction of the John Warner Maritime Center in Alexandria, funding to preserve and digitize records of patients at Central State Hospital, and \$8 million to provide air conditioning at several currently unairconditioned correctional facilities.

The final budget is the product of diligent work and compromise by the General Assembly hashed out over months of negotiation. It is my hope the Governor will sign it quickly.

Doing so will allow these important and, in some cases, historically large investments in the Commonwealth to move forward at a crucial time of pandemic recovery and economic growth.

Solution to Flooding Should Be with NPS Land

To Mount Vernon Gazette:

From the late 2000s through 2015, seven of us from New Alexandria, Riverview and the Belle View Condominiums were appointed to Gerry Hyland's flood mitigation task force to work with Fairfax County staff and the US Army Corps of Engineers to assess proposals for addressing flooding issues after Hurricane Isabel in 2003. One community, River Towers did not participate. The 2014 USACE report had 4 main design solutions and sub-variants. Our work culminated in multiple community meetings and resident polls. Roughly 3/4ths of the residents in these 3 communities agreed that the solution to flooding should be done in conjunction with the National Park Service land. Our task force met with US Congressional Representatives Jim Moran and Don Beyer. Moran and then Beyer agreed to keep the conversation open.

The 2022 USACE/WMCOG study, released last week and pre-

sented at Belle View Elementary on 6/14, presented only one of the four options from the 2014 study. It was the least desirable alignment: a wall down the west side of the GWMP along Boulevard View. It was and still is not well supported as it would remove all mature trees within 40 feet. This would have huge aesthetic, property value and safety implications. Prior to the release of this report, no one contacted our communities.

Our task force and the community strongly voiced last decade that a solution with the NPS/GWMP was the direction to be explored further. We have a monumental opportunity to reset our course. A two-foot sea level rise would have our community under water every 10-13 years compared to the historical average 40-50 year interval. A beautifully designed/environmentally sound levee, reconfiguration of the bike trail, and finally solving the traffic issues at Belle View and Belle Haven is what our community needs. Some have suggested putting off this process another generation when our streets

are already flooded. The review process will take 10-20 years given the nature of our beloved GWMP. Kicking the can for another generation could put implementation out 30 to 50 years.

We need all our community leaders and our elected representatives to step up and support our vibrant community of 3,000 residents, retail and commercial space with a tax base in excess of \$700

million. We also need their support to engage with the NPS and ultimately Congress to allow for modification of the memorial to our first president. George Washington was a surveyor and explorer. He sought passage to the interior of a new nation building trails, roads, canals, etc. He transformed land and water to set a budding nation on an historical path. Our

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Dad's Love – Generosity Was His Way

Reflections of a daughter on Father's Day.

BY DEBORAH JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE PACKET

Every child — babies, toddlers, teens, young adults and mature adults — all want to know we are loved by our parents. As I reflect on my life and relationship with my dad, it was not until I was well into my adult years that I actually realized how much my Dad loved me. In his final years and months before he passed in December 2019, it became clear the main way he expressed his love was through his generosity. His love language.

In my professional life and through volunteering in communities where I worked and live, many organizations speak of people giving of themselves in terms of time, treasure or talent. Dad gave all.

Time. Early in life as kids, my brothers and I didn't feel as if Dad gave us much of his time. We complained among ourselves. I understand better now. Dad was a career soldier. He served 23 years in the Army Corps of Engineers and so his time was given to his country, domestically and abroad. Besides his stateside assignments, Dad served in Germany, in Korea and fought in the Vietnam war.

Later in life he did give us more time. One example that comes to mind for me is when I was going through a divorce. I was in and out of court several times and finally, the divorce decree. I lived in Fairfax County and Dad lived in Petersburg. Each and every time I had to go to court Dad drove up to be with me. He arrived, gave me a hug and kiss and sat in the courtroom and listened. I did not ask him to make the drive. He volunteered and insisted on coming to be with me. I do admit every time Dad came, his presence provided emotional support I did not realize I needed. Yes, Dad gave his time.

Dad continued to spend time outside our family as well. He served his church – in the



Deborah Johnson with her father Garland Tompkins prior to his death in 2019.



Deborah Johnson as a young girl.

choir early on. Dad has an awesome bass voice. He also served many years, decades probably, as a trustee and as the treasurer. At Dad's funeral, his pastor told a story of how helpful Dad was to him as he sought housing for his family when they relocated

to Petersburg to accept the pastorate at First Baptist Church. Gillhaven Manor Senior Apartments and the Historic Petersburg Foundation benefited, too, from Dad's volunteer service on their board of directors.

One of my cousins shared stories about how Dad was so helpful to her mother and her, when her father was ill and ultimately passed. Dad would go to their home to help them in any way they needed and provide his cheerful and usually loud company. Dad had a booming voice.

Dad would also regularly visit the elderly mother of another relative who lived in Petersburg. When she required more assistance and moved with family in Washington, D.C., Dad would stop by her home in Petersburg, pick up her mail and (re) mail it to Washington, D.C. I think he eventually arranged to have it forwarded.

Talent. The army trained Dad to be an engineer so he was meticulous about many things. Therefore, often he did emerge as leader of the nonprofit boards where he served. Also, Dad was a no-nonsense, common-sense man. Many of my male cousins would share from time-to-time how they would seek Dad's advice. Guidance they say

they followed and said made a positive difference for them.

Treasure. I know Dad gave committedly to his church. I am sure he also gave his financial support to the boards he served on.

Yes, Dad showed his love through monetary generosity. That was huge for him. I recall instances when he gave money to relatives or friends of friends whenever they had a need or called and asked for a loan no matter the reason. I don't know that he ever asked for repayment. If it was your birthday or a holiday you celebrated, you would get a card, yes with a check in it. Now I understand that Dad gave what he had in good measure. His time when we were young went to his military career. The monetary benefits of his career he shared with us — in increasing amounts as we got older. Though we all had been on our own for many years, every birthday card came with money. And he almost always ended his conversations with us by asking, "Do you need anything?"

The Bible says, "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

Dad was a cheerful giver. He never expected anything back. Although there was one instance that I felt my Dad lacked total generosity. Dad told me I had to pay for one year of my college education. At the time, I thought that it was just awful he required that of me and told him so. You can just imagine how that went. Years later, I realized that maybe his purpose was to teach me responsibility. Or perhaps he just didn't have thousands of dollars just sitting around to pay the full tuition and fees. After all, one brother had been to college, one was in college, and our youngest brother would follow me. I now better understand and respect his decision for me to pay for a portion of my college costs. Dad paid the greater part, covering three years of my college education.

For sure, every time Dad gave to us, to others or to an organization, Dad was saying, "I love you." He was saying, "I care about you." And I am thankful.

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Solution to Flooding Should Be with NPS Land

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community of New Alexandria predates his GWMP memorial. If it were not for the 4 Pennsylvania businessmen who founded New Alexandria in 1892 and the New Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway, the memorial could very

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well have been the original Washington-Rochambeau route further inland that George traveled from his Mount Vernon home to Alexandria and on to Philadelphia. I think George would whole-heartedly approve a tasteful, environmentally sound modification of his memorial and solution for our wonderful community.

Contact your reps. Mount Vernon Super-

visor Dan Stork, Chairman Jeff McKay; Virginia Delegates Paul Krizak, Virginia Senator Scott Surovell; US Congressman Don Beyer; US Senators Tim Kaine & Mark Warner.

Steve Larsen
Potomac Avenue

32 year Resident, Task Force Member

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Members of the Alexandria Aces stand for the National Anthem prior to the start of opening day June 7 at Frank Mann Field.

Play Ball!

Aces season opens at Frank Mann Field.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Aces baseball team opened its 2022 season with a decisive 8-4 victory over the Cropdusters June 7 at Frank Mann Field. The two teams were scheduled to meet again June 15 with the Aces entering the game at 2-3 in the league standing.

The Aces are entering their 15th season as part of the Cal Ripken League, which began in 2005 to promote the sport in the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area. The Aces play 18 regular season home games at Frank Mann Field at Four Mile Run Park.

“Our main goal is to give back to the community,” said team owner Frank Fannon of the nonprofit organization. “Together, we will strive to build a strong and vibrant youth baseball program in the City of Alexandria as we open our doors to some of the best collegiate baseball players in the country – a fraction of whom even make it to the Major Leagues.”

The next three games for the Aces will be home games at Frank Mann Field: June 17 against the Gaithersburg Giants; June 18 against the South County Braves; and June 19 against the D.C. Grays.

All games start at 6:30 p.m. with tickets available at the front gate for \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Refreshments are available at the field.

www.alexandriaces.org

“Our main goal is to give back to the community.”

— Aces team owner Frank Fannon



Aces assistant coach Jennifer Hammond, right, gives ball girl Concetta Disalvo her game day assignments June 7 at Frank Mann Field.



Alexandria Aces players relax in the dugout prior to the opening day game June 7 at Frank Mann Field.

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Aces players Joe Shapiro (Chicago), J.T. Carter (Greenville, S.C.), Alex Walsh (Ashburn, Va.), Ryan Brown (Macomb, Mich.), and Ben Koomey (Arlington, Va.) pose for a photo prior to the opening day game June 7 at Frank Mann Field.

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Public Notice

Updated weight limits on Virginia bridges and culverts

In accord with state and federal law, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has imposed new or changed existing weight restrictions and installed new signage indicating the updated weight restrictions on the following bridges and culverts (structures) in Virginia within the last 30 days.

Jurisdiction	Fed Struc Id	Route #	Route Name	Crossing	Posted Date
BEDFORD	2896	755	SIMMONSMILL ROAD/ROUTE 755	BORE AUGER CREEK	5/26/2022
LUNENBURG	11662	671	REEDY CREEK ROAD	BRANCH OF REEDY CREEK	5/25/2022
WISE	19502	1321	INMAN ST.	POWELL RIVER	5/19/2022
WISE	19499	1308	ROUTE 1308	CALLAHAN CREEK	5/19/2022
WISE	19338	78	MAIN ST.	CALLIHAN BRANCH	5/18/2022
LOUDOUN	11255	673	FEATHERBED LANE	MILLTOWN CREEK	5/12/2022
TAZEWELL	24540	460	ROUTE 460 (EBL)	ROUTE 19	5/4/2022
SCOTT	16799	665	MANVILLE RD.	BLACK OAK BRANCH	5/2/2022

The list above is not a comprehensive list of all structures with weight restrictions in the Commonwealth, but shows only structures that have new or changed weight restrictions within the last 30 days. The list contains only basic structure identification and location information and the date the new or changed weight restriction and signage became effective.

For a full listing of all bridge and culvert weight restrictions with detailed information about specific structures, including location data and actual weight limits, visit <https://www.virginiadot.org> and navigate to Info Center/Trucking Resources. This page references a posted structures report and a GIS map tool that contain detailed information about restricted structures in Virginia. To receive email notifications regarding new or updated weight restrictions for structures statewide, complete the sign-up form on the web page.

Notices regarding bridges and culverts with new or updated weight restrictions are published monthly by VDOT. For additional information or questions, please contact haulingpermits@vdot.virginia.gov.

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News



AWLA Behavior and Training Manager Joe Miench works with an energetic cat at the shelter. Miench uses a confidence-building protocol to relax overly active cats.

Cats and Dogs Overcome Fear, Learn Manners at Shelter

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF ALEX-
ANDRIA

An orange tabby known as Josiah was fearful and disoriented, and he would nip at people who came too close. Volunteers at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) alerted Behavior and Training Manager Joe Miench, who determined that this was a cat who would need some extra attention.

Miench quickly noticed that the cat's whiskers had been trimmed, sometime before he arrived at the AWLA. Whiskers are critical to cats' most common actions, helping them navigate their environment and supplement their blurry close-up vision. Josiah appeared to be compensating for the loss of his whiskers by using his mouth to analyze his surroundings.

Fortunately, by making some modifications to a basic training protocol, Miench found ways to interact with Josiah that made him feel more comfortable, and through trust the cat stopped his mouthing behaviors. After a few weeks he found his new family.

Dogs and cats who exhibit seemingly aggressive or fearful behavior at the AWLA often meet Miench, who helps analyze actions that may not be appropriate in a home environment. By working individually with these animals, he can

help to address the behaviors and provide critical information for potential adopters about that pet.

"With fearful dogs or cats, I often spend the first sessions with them not working on anything specific — just observing," Miench said. "Does the dog sniff, play or seek other dogs' attention? Does a cat like playing and respond to treats? It's also important to read the animal's body language."

For anxious cats, Miench then employs a confidence-building protocol, beginning by just dropping treats in front of a cat's kennel and walking away. The next time, he remains at the kennel as the animal munches. Next Miench establishes eye contact with the cat, rewarding them if they move toward him. After that he employs a special "target stick," drawing the animal closer. Finally, he moves toward petting the cat. "How quickly this all happens depends on the cat," Miench said. "Ninety-nine percent of them respond to this." A similar process is used for frightened dogs.

Many dogs struggle with impulse control, he said. These dogs typically respond with the canine equivalent of screaming, "Give it to me!" such as jumping, lunging, barking or mouthing when confronted with something they want. Teaching these dogs the dog version of asking "Please?" politely when confronted with something

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Shepherd mix Nemo, pictured with AWLA Behavior and Training Manager Joe Miench, was found to have limited vision. Miench tailored a training plan to make him feel comfortable and confident

Cats and Dogs Overcome Fear, Learn Manners at Shelter

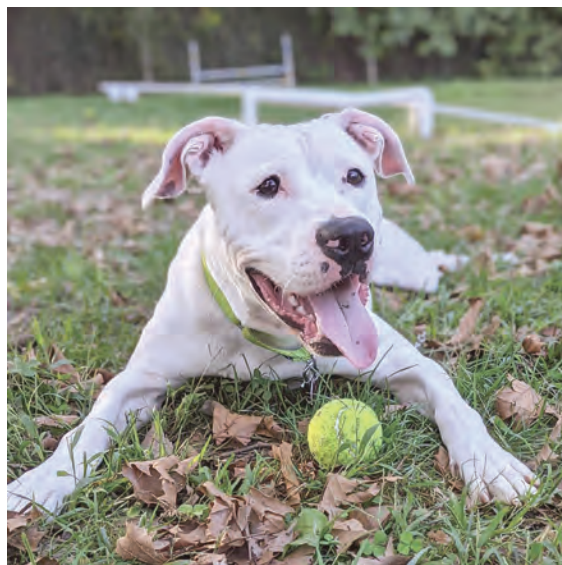
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desirable, can result in a huge improvement in quality of life and a reduction in stress for the dogs and their human companions, Miench says.

Miench has developed extensive protocols for specialized AWLA volunteers to follow during the training process. Easy-to-access information on working with cats and dogs is also available to the public on the AWLA website at AlexandriaAnimals.org/Behavior. Miench also oversees a hotline for people who have questions about their pets, whether they came from the AWLA or not. He can provide guidance on unwanted cat behaviors, such as furniture scratching or not using the litter box — and undesirable dog behaviors, such as excessive barking, separation anxiety and aggression toward other pets and people. Miench can help pet owners determine when it's time for one-on-one sessions with a local trainer. He also advises on how best to introduce new pets into the home.

A white terrier mix called Butter posed an unusual challenge for Miench. Butter tended to jump up on people and use his mouth inappropriately but was not responding to the tried-and-true training techniques. For a while, Butter made no progress. Finally, while working with him one day, Miench realized the reason for the problem — Butter was deaf. The clicker signals and verbal cues he had been using had been going unheard. Miench quickly pivoted to using hand signals, coupling them with treats, and Butter quickly responded. While in the AWLA yard and on walks, Miench kept the dog close enough to touch, tapping him to get his attention and rewarding him with treats when he looked at Miench. "Butter turned out to be one of the easiest dogs I've worked with," he said. Butter has been adopted and now happily coexists in a family with a child and even a few cats.

"You have to let the animal be your feedback," Miench said, "and even if you're doing the same thing that's worked with dozens of animals before,



Terrier mix Butter responded well to behavioral training once the staff determined that he was deaf. Butter was adopted.

change it to fit the animal."

To contact the behavior hotline, call 703-746-5654 or email Behavior@AlexandriaAnimals.org.

The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria is a local 501(c)(3) organization that operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, Alexandria's only open-access animal shelter. The AWLA impacts the lives of thousands of animals each year through adoptions and other programs, including a Pet Pantry that last year provided more than 50,000 pounds of pet food and supplies to community members in need. The AWLA also helps Alexandrians with questions about wildlife and other animals in the community. More than half of the AWLA's budget is composed of donations. More information can be found at AlexandriaAnimals.org.

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Treat Dad to a Day of Food This Father's Day

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Father's Day is upon us this Sunday, June 19, and what better way to treat Dad to a great day than with a tour of some of Alexandria's best dining spots? Whether you choose one celebratory meal or take him through the full gamut, he'll be very pleased with any of the below options.

Bagel Uprising,
2307-A Mount Vernon Ave.
Start the day off with some

freshly made bagels from Bagel Uprising and you'll begin the proceedings on the right foot (and food). Pick up some bagels for adornment at home or select a ready-made breakfast sandwich with no muss and no fuss. From egg and cheese bagels to the eatery's "classic" with salmon, you'll kick the Father's Day festivities off in grand style.

The Italian Place,
621 Wythe St.
Heading out for a picnic, hitting the links or visiting the beach? Pick up some sandwiches from

APPETITE The Italian Place on your way and you won't want for nourishment when the lunch hour strikes. Choose from a plethora of subs – ranging from roast beef to eggplant to turkey and provolone to a "create your own" option – or go all-out and order a pizza to split. And don't forget the cannoli!

Augie's Mussel House,
1106 King St.
After 18 holes of golf or some time lounging by the pool, it's high time for a frosty beverage to cool things off. Augie's to the rescue!

The beer list rotates often, but expect the likes of a tangerine wheat from Lost Coast Brewery, Lost Boy Cider's Comeback Kid, an IPA from Kindred Spirit Brewing in Goochland and more.
Feeling a bit peckish after a busy afternoon? Mussels are Augie's stock-in-trade, and the fries hold up by themselves.

Chadwicks,
203 Strand St.
Now, for dinner you could get all gussied up and treat Dad to a four-course meal. But after a day of fun and excitement, why not kick back

with something a bit more casual? Chadwicks fits the bill (and, if Dad is really into getting dressed up, he can do that too and nobody would bat an eye). Crab cakes, ribs, fried chicken, burgers or even a salad (don't skip the Flaco Taco salad!) – whatever your whims, the Chadwicks menu probably has it and then some.

Award-winning food writer Hope Nelson is the author of "Classic Restaurants of Alexandria" and owns the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

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NOW THRU JUNE 26
The "Afros and Abstract" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Celebrates imagination and passion that reaches the expanse of humanity and a movement, encapsulating the amorphous state of color. Join them on opening day (Friday, June 3, 12-9 p.m.) for the widest selection of artwork. Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. Visit: DelRayArtisans.org.

NOW THRU JULY 9
Retrospective Art Deco Exhibition. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive in Alexandria. The first retrospective on the work of Art Deco designer Edgard Sforzina will open April 30th at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial during the Art Deco Society of Washington's 39th annual Washington Modernism Show. Discount tickets are available at www.washingtonmodernismshow.com.

NOW THRU AUG. 31
Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery in Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry, watercolor, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. Sign up for the programs that inspire you and make your own "stay-cation" art experience. Visit the website: <https://DelRayArtisans.org/programs/creative-summer/>

NOW THRU JUNE 26
"Birds of a Feather." 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Arts on the Horizon presents Birds of a Feather. Written by Joshua Rashon Streeter and directed by Ryan Sellers. This nonverbal production is best for children ages 3-6 and their families. Visit the website: www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org

THURSDAY/JUNE 16
"Tell Me Your Name" Tour. 5:30 p.m. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Join Carlyle House Historic Park staff for a tour focusing on the experiences of the enslaved community at Carlyle House and John Carlyle's planta-



The 44th Annual Alexandria Jazz Fest will take place June 17-18 at Waterfront Park in Alexandria.

tions. The guided tour will explore the historical context of slavery in 18th-century Alexandria and the importance of ongoing research efforts to connect with descendants.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16
Steps Toward Freedom: A Juneteenth Remembrance. 5 and 6:30 p.m. At The Secret Garden at the Rectory, 711 Princess St., Alexandria. Exciting artists and a powerful program of beloved spirituals, incredible songs, narration, storytelling and lyrical dance bring to life this new American holiday. After presenting its first Juneteenth concert just a day after Congress voted to make Juneteenth a national holiday, Classical Movements and the Coalition of African Americans in the Performing Arts partner once again to celebrate this day of joy and liberation. Enjoy a Juneteenth cocktail during this performance. Visit classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts

JUNE 16-19
"The Royal Revue." At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Center, 4915

E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts is kicking off summer break with spring dance production featuring popular fairytale princesses and princes in its the Royal Revue at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. More than 450 Metropolitan School of the Arts students will perform the spring production with support from 200 volunteers. Show times: Thurs., June 16, and Fri., June 17 at 6:30 PM; and Sat., June 18 and Sun., June 19 at 12 PM and 5 PM on both days. Go to www.metropolitanarts.org/tickets to purchase tickets.

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
Summer Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Take a walking tour of the glorious summer demonstration gardens with a Green Spring Master Gardener docent. Afterwards, relax over afternoon tea in the Historic House. \$38 per person. A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full

tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, and scone with cream and jam. Specially prepared tea boxes to go are also available with advance purchase. Programs are by reservation only. Call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17
The Box Tops. 7:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Whether you're a fan of pop, rock, blues or soul, this is a show you'll never forget. There will be wine for tastings and sales by The Woodlawn Press Winery. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for concert capacity and inclement weather updates.

JUNE 17-18
Alexandria Jazz Festival. At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. The 44th Annual Alexandria Jazz Fest will be held Friday, June 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Festival-goers will be treated to jazz from Cubano Groove, VERONNEAU and the Eric Byrd Trio; plus interludes of poetry by Zeina Azzam, the City's newest Poet Laureate; KaNikki Jakarta, the City's Poet Laureate from 2019 to 2022; and an up-and-coming Alexandria youth poet. The free Portside Festival continues Saturday, June 18, from 1 to 9 p.m. with an array of live music, local craft beer from Port City Brewing Company and fun for the whole family with hands-on art, history activities and more. Visit the Portside Festival website.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18
Juneteenth Celebration in the Garden. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Springs

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Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 25, Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Alexandria (VolALX) is hosting the annual Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday, June 25 at Market Square between 3-8 p.m. This is a FREE event. There will be food and beverages, face painting, and vendors selling their arts and crafts. List of vendors: <https://www.volunteeralx.org/arts-and-crafts-festival>

Volunteer for the Arts & Crafts Festival - Volunteers, 14 years and older, are needed to help with various tasks throughout the day, including tent set up (beginning at 1:30 p.m.), welcome guest, enforce rules, bathroom breaks with shifts beginning at 2:45 p.m., and to help break down the event (8 to 9:30 p.m.). Sign up here: <https://www.volunteeralx.org/search?shareId=-c0ad116b409b437db69d441cc1a6c617>

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Road, Alexandria. (5-Adult) Join us for a Juneteenth celebration in the garden to honor the emancipation of those who had been enslaved in the United States. Celebrate and gather as a family to reflect on the past and look to the future. Guest speakers Teri Speight and Abra Lee will discuss the past, present and future of Black Garden clubs in Virginia, and environmental educator Maya Alexander will highlight the benefits of natural spaces for the Black community. Enjoy a mini-Farmer's Market and activity tables for children. After lunch, join a garden walk or seed planting session. Pack a picnic or preorder from local restaurant, Granddaddy's Skillet. All attendees (including children) must be registered, and children must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person, free for children 5-15 years old. Code IKD.3NXW. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Storytime with the Black History Museum. 11 to 11:30 a.m. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Gather in the reading garden to explore the history of Alexandria's local African American community through books, stories and songs. All are welcome, but the event is geared towards children ages 3-6. Cosponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Office of Historic Alexandria.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Juneteenth Jubilee with Culture Queen. 12 to 1 p.m. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Join Grammy-nominated performer Culture Queen for an interactive musical storytelling show and learn the meaning of the Juneteenth holiday. Open to all ages. Cosponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum and the Office of Historic Alexandria as part of Celebrate Juneteenth 2022.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Under the Same Roof: Enslaved and Free Servants at the Lee-Fendall House. 2 p.m. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Explore the Lee-Fendall House from the perspectives of the enslaved and free African Americans who lived and worked in the home as domestic servants, both before and after the Civil War. Hear the stories of how they built and shaped the Lee-Fendall House over the course of its history. For your safety and for those around you, face masks are required. The tour is limited to 8 participants. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are \$10 per person. Members of Lee-Fendall House can attend for free but must call (703) 548-1789 or email contact@leefendallhouse.org to make a reservation.

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Abra Lee will discuss the past, present and future of Black garden clubs in Virginia, and environmental educator Maya Alexander will highlight the benefits of natural spaces for the Black community. During the panel discussion, there will be a mini farmer's market and activity tables for children to enjoy. After lunch, join a garden walk or seed planting session. Pack a picnic or pre-order from local restaurant Granddaddy's Skillet. Call 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Alexandria. America's second Independence Day is a time to celebrate, reflect and learn about the end of slavery in the United States. It's a celebration of freedom and also an opportunity to deepen our awareness of the nation's legacy of systemic racism and oppression. Join artists at the Art Center for a shared community space in the Grand Hall to create artistic messages with your loved ones.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration with Vocalist Tomika Arnold. 1:30 to 2:15 p.m. At Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Join in a Juneteenth celebration of Black music featuring a performance of gospel, R&B, and blues standards by DC native vocalist, songwriter and author Tomika Arnold. The performance will take

place in the garden at Duncan Library.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Juneteenth Celebration at Carlyle House. 12 to 4 p.m. At the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Presented in collaboration with C. Alexandria-Bernard Thomas and The Athenaeum, the event will be held outside in the gardens, on the lawn and the tented terrace of the Carlyle House, located in the heart of Old Town. Discover the history of Juneteenth through live music, hands-on activities, art, history and poetry readings. Activities are part of the planned offerings for the day that marks the liberation of Black Americans on June 19, 1865.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Tea Program: Juneteenth: Jane Austen and Slavery. 1-3 p.m. At Green Springs Garden, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. (Adults) What were Jane Austen's views on slavery? Recent "historical interrogation" research has provided new details about Austen family ties to colonialism and the slave trade. Hear about exhibit updates at the Jane Austen House Museum in England that will reflect historical context, and consider what Jane's writings, tastes, and connections may reveal about her sentiments on the issue. \$38 (lecture + tea); \$15 (lecture only). A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, and scone

with cream and jam. Specially prepared tea boxes to go are also available with advance purchase. Programs are by reservation only. Call Historic Green Spring at (703) 941-7987.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Read, See, Do. 2-3 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, Alexandria. Read, See, Do! is great for kids ages 4-8 and their families to learn about a variety of topics, all connected to Carlyle House, and to participate in a fun activity. No sign up required! Just come by the magnolia terrace at Carlyle House (121 N. Fairfax St) at 2 p.m.

JUNE 22-25

MVBA Summer Basketball Camp at Walt Whitman MS. Co-Ed. Ages 5-14 Years Old. June 22-25, June 27-July 1, July 5-8. Camp Hours from 9 AM-3 PM. For information, email us at markvincentbasketballacademy@gmail.com or visit our website markvincentbasketballcamps.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Cuban: A Night in Havana. 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. At The Rectory on Princess Street, 711 Princess Street, Alexandria. Enjoy a mojito during this exuberant celebration of the golden age of Cuban music in the secret garden to include favorite songs of the Buena Vista Social Club and more. Visit: <https://www.classicalmovements.com/secretgardenconcerts/>

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Rosamond Lindsey Deiderich

Rosamond Lindsey Deiderich, “Rosie”, 93, of Virginia Beach passed away on Wednesday, June 1st after a lengthy illness. Rosie was born March 9, 1929 in Alexandria, Virginia. She grew up in Belle Haven and Alexandria. After graduating from George Washington High School in Alexandria, Virginia she attended Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. She transferred to George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she was swept off her feet by a handsome football player, Howard Carl Deiderich, “Deitz”.



On August 26, 1950 Rosie and Deitz were married and resided in Alexandria, Virginia for more than sixty years raising their family. Rosie was a dedicated wife and mother to four children. On summer holidays, Rosie would stay with her family at the Westmoreland State Park campground for weeks while Deitz made his Lindsey-Nicholson rounds and returned at week’s end. She was a trooper.

Rosie enjoyed playing bridge with long-time friends. She worked at H&R Block for years as tax preparer. She was the President of Lindsey Deiderich Corporation for fifteen years, managing (along with Deitz) their two properties in Old Town Alexandria.

Rosie is survived by her daughter, Lisa D. Moran and husband, James of Virginia Beach, three sons, Howard L. and wife Sandra of Virginia Beach, Donald of Virginia Beach, and Carl of Occoquan; two grandsons, Eric and Kevin; Sister-In-Law Jean Burgess Lindsey; cousin Douglas Griffith Lindsey; nieces and nephews; Wallace Robins Lindsey Jr and spouse Gerlinde, Charles Burgess Lindsey and spouse Lynn, Susan Leslie Goldman and spouse Edward, Carol Ann Lindsey, Jean Noble Chipman and spouse Terrance, Douglas McMullen Lindsey, Bruce McRee Lindsey, Robert Warfield Lindsey, Harold John (Butch) Von Weller and spouse Karen.

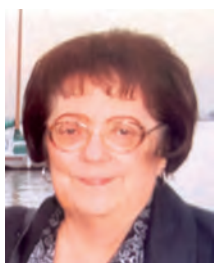
Rosie was predeceased by her husband, Howard; her parents Wallace Noble Lindsey and Dorothy Rosamond (Robins) Lindsey; her brother, Wallace Robins Lindsey; her sisters Elizabeth Deane Lindsey Von Weller and spouse Phillip, and Lisa Anderson Lindsey.

Rosie always spoke fondly of her many aunts and uncles that also were an important influence in her life.

Rosie was a force to reckon with and will be missed.

Obituary

Obituary



JoAnn Marie Sisel of Arlington, VA, peacefully passed away June 7, 2022 at the Virginia Hospital Center, surrounded by family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Martha Bruner, and beloved husband, Marvin. She is survived by her brother Henry Bruner Jr. (Linda), loving son Jeffrey (Elizabeth), grandchildren Audrey, Stephen, Grace and Kip (and many adored pets).

She was born on her family’s farm near David City, NE on October 13, 1939, and after graduating Brainerd High School in 1957, JoAnn married her high school sweetheart, Marvin. Together, they lived the life of an Air Force family by traveling around the world on various assignments and gathering lifelong friends along the way. They finally settled in Arlington, VA where she worked as a property manager for Fox Realty for over 30 years.

JoAnn’s attention to detail was unmatched, notably shown through her account management; she replied to any praise with the humble phrase, “I like numbers.” Beyond this, she contributed much of her time to creating beautiful clothes, baptismal gowns and communion dresses for her family. She was a master seamstress and embroiderer, her detailed works of art are simply amazing.

The love JoAnn had for her family and grandchildren was to be admired. She and Marv had a special relationship with the grandkids. They had weekly routines, frequenting various restaurants, watching Sunday NASCAR races, and of course, keeping the cookie jar stocked with Oreos.

JoAnn lived a full life that cannot be captured with words. She will be greatly missed but is now Home and at peace. A Catholic, funeral mass will be celebrated Tuesday, June 28th at 1:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

News

Galloway Set to Retire

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attend a friend’s birthday party and never left. “It was a really good birthday party.”

Galloway worked on a political campaign and did some consulting in D.C. When she took the job at Guest House, she says she didn’t expect to stay. “I can’t imagine working any place else for 17 years. But this has been transformational. I have learned a lot about myself from these extraordinary women.”

She says, “I’m not what you might expect to be hired as director. I have a master’s degree in organizational leadership, not social service but Guest House had been mismanaged and the Board was looking for someone with my skills. And I had worked with homeless, victims of substance abuse, sexual assault and domestic abuse so I was a good fit.”

When Galloway looks back at what has changed in her 17 years of leadership at Guest House she says, “Well, there is a lot more compassion and understanding in society for people who are caught up in the system.” She says it is really gratifying to see the support in the community. “It is unbelievably strong.”

But there can also be unrealistic expectations for the women. Galloway adds there is a lot of shameful treatment in prison. She points out one resident who came to Guest House with stage two lung cancer that had been untreated in prison. This kind of injustice made it hard for her to decide to leave. “It is shameful that we treat people as subhuman but we still expect them to succeed after being denied basic human rights. And they don’t come out of prison with any more tools than they went in with. People are really quick to judge.”

Guest House provides a six-month strictly supervised residential experience with an individual case manager, life skills training, mental health and substance abuse counseling and referrals to community services for health care, legal and employment needs. Some women also participate in up to a two-year Aftercare program.

But change can be difficult. Galloway says some of these women started drugs when they were 8-12 years old. Some were sober for a while and then a life event such as job loss, divorce or some unbelievably tragic event provided the trigger to set them back into their old habits. She says sometimes it is hard to maintain hope, that life can be different. “It can be really scary when you have done things one way—can you maintain it when you don’t have 24-hour supervision?

Galloway says the women drop off the radar after they leave the program so she doesn’t always know what happens to them. Sometimes the women have bumps and bruises along the way. Some may go back to jail. But she says the women who complete Aftercare do a lot better. They have more support for a longer time.

Going home can be difficult and complicated because maybe you have changed but other people haven’t. There is a lot of pressure to go home and take care of your kids, but the women take home guilt and shame. Children are excited to see their mother again but also angry.

Galloway says she thinks what makes the program work is “the extraordinary staff who genuinely care about the women, and the women know it. Even a pinch of human kindness can help you understand you matter.” She adds these women are the strongest, smartest, most compassionate. They rally around each other.

Galloway pauses for a moment thinking about her



JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET

Department of Corrections director David Clarke with Guest House executive director Kari Galloway June 5 at Jack Taylor Toyota.

“I have learned a lot about myself from these extraordinary women.”

— Guest House Executive Director Kari Galloway

biggest challenge. “I would be lying if I didn’t admit it is upsetting sometimes. The last four years have been particularly difficult with the opioid epidemic. A lot of people have died.” In the first 10 years she lost a couple but in the last 5-6 years they have lost a dozen in Aftercare or alums, she says. All staff and residents have had Narcan training but it doesn’t always work. “Someone might have a bad day and think I’ll just do it once but this can be all it takes.

“It’s hard not to become emotionally involved. Some days are harder than others but then I might get a text from a former resident with a grandchild or a new job with a thank you.”

And, she adds COVID was super stressful trying to keep everyone safe, the 30 women in residence and the 40 full and part time staff. “The staff kept showing up even though it was really dangerous.” They rented extra apartments so Guest House could safely accommodate the 17 off site in Aftercare. The women who still went out to work, many in essential jobs, were required to remove their clothes and take showers upon return. “We still do two-hour wipe downs on surfaces and wear masks.”

“This job has taught me that everyone has a story and it is not what you would expect. These women never ask for pity; all they want is opportunity.”

Galloway says her decision to leave is bittersweet but she has spent two decades on other people’s families. Now she wants to do things together with her husband and give back to her own family. “My 95 and 96-year-old grandparents are still alive in Idaho. I want to go back, not just rush back for a weekend and clean the pantry, but I want to hear their stories.”

Hutchings Resigns

FROM PAGE 1

31, 2022. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the students, staff, families and the Alexandria community since July 2018. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years leading our school division, in which I was raised and educated as a proud member of the Alexandria community.

"This decision did not come lightly and was prompted by my life's work to advocate for anti-racism in education. I have been proud of what we have accomplished together in bringing forth the very first ACPS strategic plan, Equity For All, that places racial equity at the heart of all our work. This courageous and bold roadmap compelled me to consider how I can help expand and establish similar initiatives in school systems across the country. It has become my personal imperative and has only been exacerbated by the recent attack on our equity work right here in Virginia. As superintendent, I am limited in my ability to speak freely and openly about this work and assist other school systems to carry out this critical advocacy. It is clear to me that this is the next phase of my career as an educator and the time has come for me to take this leap of faith, expand my reach, and move the needle on racial equity in education.

"In my four years at ACPS, we have worked collaboratively with our School Board and our ACPS team to realize many significant accomplishments. While I will no longer stand at the helm of ACPS to lead our team, I will continue to support the work and care deeply for our students, staff and families. In my heart, I know that I will always remain close to ACPS and in the coming months, I will work closely with the School Board to ensure that there is a smooth transition to begin the 2022-23 school year.

"I have faith in the team that will soon be charged with keeping ACPS moving forward. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing community of educators and to serve as an example to our students, so that they, too, can have their dream job. My hope is that ACPS will continue to develop lifelong learners who will continue to pay it forward; to ACPS and beyond."

Alderton said that school officials hope to name an interim superintendent as quickly as possible then launch a nationwide search for Hutchings' successor.

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One Small Step for Humankind ...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



... One Giant Step for Yours Truly. I hope so, anyway. And what am I giant-stepping about? The Entenmann's selection at my local supermarket. After years of disappointment and of suffering in silence concerning the same old-same old choices, I am planning this week to introduce myself to the store's manager to inquire about the possibility of changing the Entenmann's selection to some varieties more to my liking. Specifically adding: the "Marshmallow Iced Devil's Food Cake" and the "Chocolate Chip Iced Cake," and any glazed "Holiday Sprinkled Pop'ems" as well.

To say I speak from experience goes without saying to anybody who knows me. For those of you who don't know me, know this: when it comes to chocolate desserts, I am a maven (Yiddish for expert). I wouldn't say exactly that I've written the book, but I can say I've contributed a few chapters. Thanks to my mother's feeling that her two boys needed to drink eight glasses of milk daily for healthy bones, she (don't call your mother 'she'; I can still hear my father admonishing) deduced that washing down dessert/chocolate with milk would be an excellent/recurring way to reach this goal. And boy was she right. We had dessert multiple times per day: after breakfast, packed with our school lunches, an after-school snack at home, after dinner and finally before bedtime, and always with a glass of milk. Five separate occasions. The product line: Hostess, Drakes, Nabisco; repeat.

And not that I'm the least bit undernourished or deprived by my local supermarket's poor Entenmann's selection. Hardly. If nothing, I'm flexible when it comes to chocolate desserts. However, I have my preferences, and the older I get – and possible even the less healthy I become, I'm going to want/need to treat myself/lift my spirits by eating delectable/desired desserts. Because, at the end of the day (at the beginning too), as I was told many years ago by my publisher after she learned I had been diagnosed with lung cancer: "Kenny, it's all about you." And believe me, upon receiving a "terminal" diagnosis from my oncologist it wasn't much of a stretch to focus on me, myself, and I.

But as time has passed and I have not, I got away from my individual requirements and tried to blend in with whatever choices were available to me. In that time frame, I've purchased a wider variety of desserts, now to include Tasty Cake and Little Debbie to go along with the original big three. But over time, and not able to get over the disappointment in taste and preference of the usual suspects, I expanded my horizons to include Entenmann's products. And with the lack of diversity in my supermarket's Entenmann's' selections (except for the few and far between times when either of my preferences were available), I had become increasingly tolerant – until recently, since my store never has the varieties I crave, so finally, after months of complaining – to my wife, I'm going to get off my couch and try to do something about it.

As I contemplate more than my navel, I am salivating at the prospect of being able to pre-order and in effect, guarantee me that my favorites will be in-store, possibly even with my name on the package and a visible "Not for Resale" warning printed across the cardboard box. What joy this kind of control would bring a cancer patient who only wants to have a "Marshmallow Iced Devil's Food Cake" when I want it, not when it's available – which is never, at least at my local supermarket. This is not exactly a dying man's wish, but it is a wish nonetheless that if I'm going to succumb to my disease, before I die, I would like to have my cake and eat it too.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/JUNE 24

1970s Trivia Night. At Lee-Fendall House & Gardens, Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and the Lee-Fendall House Museum combine their knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights throughout the summer in the beautiful gardens of the Lee-Fendall House. Test your knowledge on everything from pop culture to history. Registration must be done in advance. Limited capacity so register early!

Tickets are \$8 per person and include snacks and one complimentary drink. Additional drinks can be purchased at our bar. Teams are limited to 6 people, ages 21+ only.

Each trivia night will have a different theme (see below). There will be weekly prizes for the winning team as well as a grand prize for the team that wins the most points over the entire summer!

JUNE 24-25

Independence Fireworks at George Washington's Mount Vernon. At 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Mount Vernon. 6 to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening of family fun and fireworks along with patriotic music to celebrate our nation's founding. Tickets are available with or without Mansion tours. Access to the Mansion is by guided tour only. This event features performances by the National Concert Band and The Fifes & Drums of Yorktown.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Arts & Crafts Festival. 2:30-8 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Old Town Arts and Crafts Fair takes place in the historic Old Town surrounded by a variety of shops, restaurants, and close to the waterfront, the Torpedo Factory, and parks. Free event! The fair features local and

regional artists and crafters who showcase their pieces across various mediums, including pottery, stationary, fabrics, paintings, jewelry, photography, and more. Food and beer Available. Website: www.volunteeralexandria.org/arts-and-crafts-festival

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Auxiliary Improv Show. 7:30 p.m. A the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Improv comedy is an unscripted performance. Everything will be completely made up on the spot, so everything performed is totally unique and limited to this night only. Suggested \$10 donation.

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