



Anna Shakeeva stands before a self-portrait oil on canvas at the Aug. 5 reception at the Principle Gallery.



Rashad Ali Muhammad talks about his work "Abundance," a mixed media work on specialty paper using ink, glitter and faux petals at a reception for newly juried Torpedo Factory artists Aug. 5 at the Principle Gallery on King Street.

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'A Special Place'

Principle Gallery debuts new Torpedo Factory artists.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Principle Gallery on King Street, in partnership with the Torpedo Factory Art Center, hosted an opening reception for an exhibit showcasing artwork by re-

cently juried artists selected to be a part of Torpedo Factory Art Center.

"Now more than ever, it's important for arts organizations to collaborate in support of the arts, artists, and disseminating culture," said Clint Mansell, director of the Principle Gallery. "The Torpedo Factory Art Center has been an institution in Old Town for almost 50 years and we are excited to team up for the first time to usher in the new class of artists and a new day for the institution."

The exhibit features the first public look at artwork from new and returning resident artists and

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Attendees admire the works of new juried Torpedo Factory artists at the opening reception Aug. 5 at the Principle Gallery.

All Fired Up

Friendship Firehouse celebrates 248 years.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Friendship Firehouse Festival celebrated the 248th anniversary of the founding of the city's first fire company Aug. 6 at the historic Friendship Firehouse Museum on South

Alfred Street.

Now in its 26th year, the festival is sponsored by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association and Historic Alexandria. Crowds enjoyed sunny skies as attendees learned about the city's historic firefighting apparatus and checked out modern firefighting equipment on display.

"We had great attendance, beautiful weather, and lots of vendors," said Gretchen Bulova, Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. "We were able to show off three pieces of historic fire apparatus. And we had lots of families with

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Office of Historic Alexandria director Gretchen Bulova, right, is joined by Sheriff's Office Sergeant Waraphan "Sky" Srikongyas, vice Mayor Amy Jackson, Police Chief Don Hayes, and City Council members Sarah Bagley and Alyia Gaskins at the 248th anniversary of the founding of Friendship Firehouse at the Aug. 6 Friendship Firehouse Festival.



Book vendor Joyce Gregorio Esquig, left, with children Ferninand Esquig, Julian Esquig and Verena Esquig at the Aug. 6 Friendship Firehouse Festival.



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Newly juried artist Courtney Kolker with her acrylic on canvas "Canop'ee."



Antonio G. Scott with his oil on canvas work "Worlds Collide."



Newly juried Torpedo Factory artist Anthony Nsofor stands before his mixed media on board "Portrait of DJ Afrodeshiak."

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Principle Gallery Debuts New Torpedo Factory Artists

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artists pro tem, all of whom were selected through a highly competitive process to secure studio space at the Torpedo Factory. Resident artists will gain studio space in the fall and artists pro tem will be eligible to sublease and take part in Art Center programs.

"It was scary to be rejuried," said Anna Shakeeva, who has been a resident artist for 26 years. "I am not good at writing on the application but I did get a high score on my original work and in my presentation so I am lucky to stay in my studio."

The jurying of artists took part in three phases. Phase I was a blind review of only artwork. Phase II reviewed the artist's ability to communicate about their art and their progression in their artistic careers and Phase III reviewed artwork in person and provided an opportunity for the artists to present directly to the jurors.

Rashad Ali Muhammad is a mixed media collage artist who will be joining the Torpedo Factory for the first time.

"I am ecstatic," said Muhammad. "I have come to the Torpedo Factory as a visitor but never dreamed I would actually be in here. I have been working out of my home studio since 2016 but needed a larger space to do larger scale pieces. I was skeptical I would get in but it was a dream of mine that I hope inspires other Black artists to follow their passion."

The Torpedo Factory Art Center was established in 1974 in an old munitions plant along the Potomac River.

After several changes in management over the years, the facility is now managed by the City of Alexandria through the Office of the Arts, a division of the Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities. The facility houses 71 studios and seven galleries.

"Tonight is a celebration of the artists that have completed the most recent round of the open call for studios and space at the Art Center," said Diane Ruggiero, Director of the Office of the Arts. "We have about 38-40 of the artists here tonight with about 58 artists coming into the Art Center in the fall."

This new annual jury process is part of The Art Center's Vibrancy Initiative, based on the 2021 City Council-approved action plan with selection based on art quality, artist's ability to work and interact with the public, working for the greater good of Art Center/community, and diversity including media, place in career, and personal background.

New artist Anthony Nsofor is excited about being selected for a studio.

"I am excited, not just about getting a space but also of the setting of the Torpedo Factory," Nsofor said. "It is a special place for artists, who usually work in isolation but here artists can see each other's creative process and meet the public."

Ruggiero said an open call will be held again sometime in early 2023.

"For everyone who applied, if



Visiting artist Donna Lomangino describes "Dune," an oil on canvas, at the Aug. 5 reception at the Principle Gallery.



Sierra Barnes and Alanna Rivera stand by the oil on canvas "Jeni's Ice Cream" at the opening reception for Torpedo Factory artists Aug. 5 at the Principle Gallery.



A dancer greets attendees to the reception for newly juried Torpedo Factory artists Aug. 5 at the Principle Gallery.

they did not come in at the capacity that they wanted, we will have an open call again for a different roster of studios starting about January or February," Ruggiero said. "For existing artists who did not acquire a studio this time, we are offering some professional development workshops for them to helpfully put them in a better position when they apply for a studio in the future."

The exhibit at the Principle Gallery, located at 208 King Street, runs through Aug. 21.

"This reception is a great way to partner with another great art entity in Old Town," Ruggiero said. "The Principle Gallery has been here 28 years so anytime we have an opportunity to partner with another arts organization we of course want to take advantage of that."

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‘Do You Hear the Blood?’

City remembers lynching victim Benjamin Thomas.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The powerful strains of “We Shall Overcome” rang out as a crowd gathered in Market Square Aug. 8 to remember Benjamin Thomas, a 16-year-old who was lynched at the corner of King and Fairfax streets 123 years ago.

It happened around midnight, Aug. 8, 1899, when a mob of 2,000 white Alexandrians attacked the city jail on North St. Asaph Street. With a rope around his neck, Thomas was dragged to the intersection known as Leadbeater Corner opposite Market Square. Along the way, he was pelted with stones and pieces of iron, stabbed and shot several times before being hanged from a lamppost.

“When you visit Alexandria for fun and joy in this great land, do you hear the blood crying from the ground?” said Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley as he spoke to the crowd gathered at the site of the lynching. “I can tell you how to hear it but first you have to see me as your brother. You have to see those who look differently than you as your brothers and sisters.”

Two years earlier, on April 23, 1897, another African American teenager, Joseph McCoy, was lynched at the corner of Cameron and Lee streets after being pulled from his cell at the police station. A historic marker was dedicated at that site last year.

Both markers are part of the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project, which is working with the Equal Justice Initiative based in Montgomery, Ala. The Equal Justice Initiative published “Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror” in 2015 and opened The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in 2019.

The memorial includes over 800 steel monuments, or pillars, one for each county in the United States where a racial terror lynching took place, with the names of the lynching victims engraved on the pillars. Communities across the country will be able to claim their pillars and install them in the counties they represent and the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project is working towards that.

Joining Heatley in the remembrance ceremony for Thomas were Alexandria Sheriff Sean Casey, Alexandria Poet Laureate Zeina Azzam, Beulah Baptist Church Rev. Professor Quadricos B. Driskell and students from Alexandria City High School who read the narrative of the event.

Worshipful Grand Historian McArthur Myers, 31st Masonic District Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, led the wreath laying procession from Market Square across the street to the site where Thomas was murdered.

“I am here to pay homage to a spirit whose

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Alexandria City High School senior Miracle Gross tells the story of the 1899 lynching of Benjamin Thomas during the remembrance ceremony Aug. 8 in Market Square.



Alexandria City High School students prepare to tell the story of the Aug. 8, 1899, lynching of Benjamin Thomas. Pictured are: Yahney-Marie Sangare, Miracle Gross, Reema Gaal, Naeem Scott, Amel Mohdali, and Andrea Funes Quinones.



Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Taft Quincey Heatley, left, addresses the crowd at the site of the 1899 lynching of Benjamin Thomas as Sheriff Sean Casey looks on.



Worshipful Grand Historian McArthur Myers, 31st Masonic District, leads the procession from Market Square to the lynching site of Benjamin Thomas at the corner of King and Fairfax streets Aug. 8 in Old Town.



Worshipful Grand Historian McArthur Myers, 31st Masonic District, bows his head in silence after placing a wreath at the site of the 1899 lynching of Benjamin Thomas Aug. 8 at the corner of King and Fairfax streets.

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City Remembers Lynching Victim Benjamin Thomas

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soul lives now and into the future,” Myers said. “Benjamin Thomas was only 16 and hadn’t had the chance to start life before his life was ended. He will never be forgotten.”

Research by the Alexandria Community Remembrance Project committee showed that in both Alexandria lynchings, the white authorities were deliberately complicit in their refusal to name and bring to justice members of the white mob. In the case of Thomas, the officers defending the jail were not prepared to protect the prisoner. Instead, city officials and law enforcement officers obstructed and punished members of the Black community who were willing to stand up to white violence.

“We can remember and commemorate but as Martin Luther King echoed in his book, ‘Where do we go from here?’” Driskell said. “As a community, as a people, it is incumbent upon our white brothers and sisters to really ask that question and dig deep into their souls because there is still reconciliation that needs to take place. Unless they are going to take action, then what they do today is irrelevant.”

The Shiloh Baptist Church choir provided musical interludes and chalk art by Nicole Wandera displayed the names of those who tried to defend Thomas the night of his lynching.

“It still hurts,” Heatley said. “I still can’t fathom that a human would want to do this to another human being, let alone a teenager who had his life ahead of him, simply because he was African American. He was put in a situation from which he could not be delivered given the unjust laws and inhumanity of the country and community he lived in.”

Added Alexandria City High School senior Miracle Gross, “We need to pay homage to Benjamin Thomas and those involved in helping him, including the Black Alexandrians and their family members. Alexandria has such a rich history, good and bad, and everyone needs to learn and really under-



Shiloh Baptist Church Rev. Dr. Taft Quincy Heatley, left, with Beulah Baptist Church Rev. Professor Quardricos B. Driskell and McArthur Myers at the site of the 1899 lynching of Benjamin Thomas during a remembrance ceremony Aug. 8.



Chalk art by Nicole Wandera lists the names of those who tried to defend Benjamin Thomas the night of his lynching on Aug. 8, 1899.

stand that history.”

To learn more about Benjamin Thomas and the events of Aug. 8, 1899, visit the In Memoriam page at Alexandriava.gov/Historic.



A crowd listens to remarks during the Aug. 8 remembrance ceremony of the 1899 lynching of 16-year-old Benjamin Thomas.

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Hurricane Preparedness

BY DEL PAUL KRIZEK

Hurricane season has been quiet so far but it's a good idea to be prepared. Nothing can be more damaging and frightening than being in the path of a hurricane. We've been both lucky and geographically blessed to live in northern Virginia, but even here hurricanes can have damaging effects on us. Only two years ago, in 2020, was one of the most active hurricane seasons ever with twelve tropical systems making landfall in the United States. Even though we are two months into the hurricane season, it is mid-August through mid-October when the storms are most active. Historically, Virginia has suffered major impacts from a number of hurricanes after mid-August. Two recent ones that come to mind that impacted us here in the Alexandria area were Hurricane Irene in late August 2011, and Isabel in September 2003. Isabel caused over \$5 billion in damage from North Carolina to Pennsylvania. We experienced winds that peaked at 71 mph, causing severe tidal flooding and massive tree damage. Many of us lost power for a week or more and Old Town's storm surge was higher than its record from the historic hurricane of 1933!

This is my annual reminder to be vigilant and prepared for any major storms that may impact our community over the next several months.

What steps can we take today to be prepared?

FIRST, know the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning; A watch means that hurricane conditions are possible, while a warning means that hurricane conditions are expected. Sign up for local alerts and warnings on your smartphone and listen to the local news and weather reports. Have your own evacuation plan, with a place to stay and a "go bag" full of emergency items. Make sure that your home is protected by cleaning drains and downspouts, and anchoring outdoor furniture. Finally, collect and safeguard critical financial, medical, and legal documents.

STAY INFORMED: EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

You can receive alerts and warn-

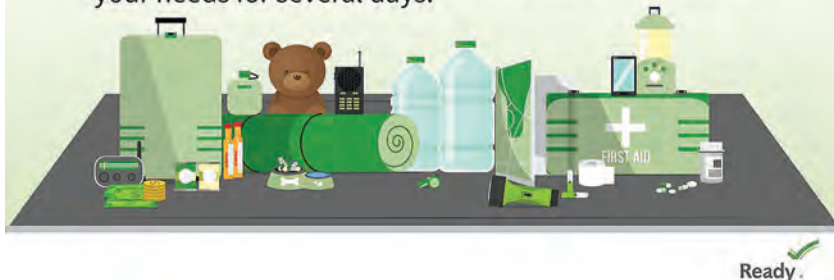
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Have enough food, water and other supplies to support your needs for several days.



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ings directly from the National Weather Service for all hazards with a NOAA Weather Radio (NWR). Some radio receivers are designed to work with external notification devices for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

If authorities advise or order you to evacuate, grab your "go bag" and leave immediately. If you are not in a mandatory evacuation zone, you may still decide to leave the area, you may need to move to higher ground, or you may choose to stay in your home. If you decide to stay home, remember that even if the high winds and floodwaters do not reach your home, you may lose power and water, and you may not be able to leave your home for several days if the roads are impassable.

PLAN FOR EVACUATION

If the danger is significant, state or local government officials may issue an evacuation notice. You can do the following to be better prepared.

Learn your community's evacuation plan and identify evacuation routes.

Emergency shelter location: To find a shelter near you, download

the FEMA app at fema.gov/mobile-app.

Once you determine your evacuation route and shelter location, write them down on your Hurricane Preparedness Checklist.

Make a plan for your pet. To learn more, go to ready.gov/animals.

Remember, if you must evacuate, never drive through flooded areas: even as little as 12 inches of water can carry a vehicle away. Never wade through water: floodwaters can contain dangerous debris like broken glass, metal, dead animals, sewage, gasoline, oil, and downed power lines.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BE READY

Plan for your entire household including children, people with disabilities and access and functional needs, and pets.

Keep your gas tank at least half-full at all times.

Maintain basic emergency supplies (e.g., snacks, bottled water, first aid kit, flashlight, flares, jumper cables and other tools, a wool blanket, and a change of clothes) in your vehicle.

Pick an out-of-state contact everyone can call to check in and report their status.

Know where you will meet up if you are separated and where you will stay.

Pack a "go bag" including items you need to take with you if you evacuate. A "go bag" should be easy to carry and kept in a place where you can grab it quickly.

CREATE YOUR FAMILY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Your family may not be together when a hurricane occurs, or you may become separated, so it is important to know how to contact one another and how to reunite.

Keep important numbers written down in your wallet in case you cannot access the contact list on your phone. Landline and cellular phone systems are often overwhelmed following a disaster, so you may need to use text messages and social media.

Designate an out-of-town contact who can help your household reconnect. Be sure to practice your plan with your family. Get more information by downloading Be Smart Create Your Family Emergency Communication Plan or visit ready.gov/make-a-plan.

FOOD + SUPPLIES

At least a 3-day supply of water and non-perishable food

Infant supplies such as formula, diapers, baby wipes, etc.

Pet food and supplies

Other essential supplies include necessary medications, flashlights, and batteries, critical paperwork, and disinfectants.

Visit www.vaemergency.gov/prepare/ for more information and an extensive guide on what to collect in the event of an emergency evacuation.

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Current work at Potomac Yard.

Metro's South End Stations Scheduled For a Six-Week Closure

Two-part project will tie in a new station and fix tunnel headaches.

By Mike Salmon
The Gazette

While the opening is delayed until Fall, Metro is working to complete the new Potomac Yard station, but tying it

into the Yellow and Blue lines will take more extensive work. In early fall WMATA will be closing all stations south of the Reagan National Airport Metro station to get this done. Many will be looking to the buses for their commute.

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A 3-year-old train enthusiast and his father Brian come over to the station to look at the action.

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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
PITTSYLVANIA	13538	612	WYATT FARM RD	SANDY RIVER	7/29/2022
NEW KENT	12711	600	HOLLY FORK RD	GODDINS MILL POND	7/27/2022
TAZEWELL	18482	67	ROUTE 67	SPRING BRANCH	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	27977	643	ROUTE 643	MUD FORK	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	18483	67	ROUTE 67	BIG CREEK	7/26/2022
TAZEWELL	18651	680	ROUTE 680	SPRING BRANCH	7/26/2022
BUCHANAN	3815	460	RIVERSIDE DR	LYNN CAMP CREEK	7/25/2022
TAZEWELL	18429	19	GOV G.C. PEERY HWY	BLUESTONE RIVER	7/25/2022
TAZEWELL	18479	67	ROUTE 67	BIG CREEK	7/25/2022
TAZEWELL	18444	19	ROUTE 19 NBL/460 WBL	SPRING BRANCH	7/25/2022
BUCHANAN	3812	460	ROUTE 460	SIX & TWENTY MILE BRANCH	7/22/2022
TAZEWELL	18389	16	ROUTE 16	JOHNSON BRANCH	7/22/2022
TAZEWELL	18390	16	ROUTE 16	JOHNSON BRANCH	7/22/2022
BUCHANAN	3777	80	HELEN HENDERSON HWY	RUSSELL FORK RIVER	7/21/2022
GRAYSON	8690	58	WILSON HWY	BIG WILSON CREEK	7/14/2022
CUMBERLAND	5736	615	GAME FARM RD	BIGGER CREEK	7/8/2022
WISE	23462	686	DERBY RD	PREACHER CREEK	7/7/2022
RUSSELL	16478	658	BIG CEDAR CREEK RD	MOUNTAIN BRANCH	7/6/2022
TAZEWELL	27010	660	LOOP RD	MUD FORK CREEK	7/5/2022
WYTHE	19715	653	GREASY CREEK RD	STUFFLE RUN	7/1/2022

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.

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ASC Honors Local Athletes

Presents \$50,000 in scholarships to high school seniors.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club celebrated its 2022 Athletes of the Year at the organization's 65th annual banquet held once again in person May 31 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.

The top male and female student-athletes from the city's four high schools – Alexandria City High School, Bishop Ireton, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes and Episcopal High School – were recognized for their outstanding achievements both in athletics and academics.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of \$50,000 worth of scholarships to 20 college-bound seniors.

"Recognizing the best of the city's high school athletes has been the mission of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club since its founding in 1947," said ASC president Marion Moon. "With the pandemic these scholarships are more important than ever to these deserving seniors and their families."

Prominent real estate executive Lee Duncan and retired Arlington County Circuit Court Judge Paul Sheridan were inducted into the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Alexandria Sportsman's Club Hall of Fame. Both are former standout student-athletes from the class of 1954 at George Washington High School.

Additional awards include Coach of Year, Recreation Department Outstanding Athlete, Sportsman of the Year, and the ASC Civic Award.

Jaden Johnson received the Recreation Department Athlete of the Year award and was surprised with a new bicycle by ASC board member Donnie Simpson Jr.

Past 2021 president Eva Shea, the first female president in the history of the organization and an elite athlete and coach, was named the Sportsman of the Year. She was also recognized with the Past Presidents Award along with 2020 ASC president Don Hughes.

"Eva did an outstanding job as president in 2020-2021 at a very difficult time in our history," said Moon in nominating Shea for the award. "Her clear understanding of sports and her leadership during COVID kept the organization together."

The Old Dominion Boat Club was recognized with the Civic Award for its continuous support of high school rowing in Alexandria since 1929. ODBC has voluntarily provided coaches, racing shells, oars, facilities, and other support to a program that has become one of the largest and most successful in North America.

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"Recognizing the best of the city's high school athletes has been the mission of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club since its founding in 1947."

— ASC president Marion Moon



Donnie Simpson Jr., left, surprises Recreation Department Athlete of the Year Jaden Johnson with a new bicycle as ASC president Marion Moon looks on.



St. Stephen's/St. Agnes Girls Lacrosse Athlete of the Year Emily Pascal, center, with parents Becky and Mike Pascal.



Recreation Department Athlete of the Year Jaden Johnson with grandfather Gavin Peterson, mother Monique Johnson, and father Bernard Johnson May 31 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.



Alexandria Sportsman's Club president Marion Moon, left, poses for a photo with the 2022 ASC Athletes of the Year May 31 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.



ASC president Marion Moon, left, with the 2022 Alexandria Sportsman's Club scholarship athletes.



ASC award winners Rafael Marietta, Ella Rier, Conner Hoffman, and Zella O'Brien.



Hall of Fame inductee Hon. Paul Sheridan, right, with wife Jeannette, son Paul Jr., grandson Trey and granddaughter Seton at the ASC Athletes of the Year gala May 31 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.



Eva Shea, right, is presented with the Sportsman of the Year and the Past Presidents award from ASC president Marion Moon at the ASC Athletes of the Year gala May 31 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.



St. Stephen's/St. Agnes basketball coach Mike Jones, ASC basketball Athlete of the Year Devin Ceaser, football athlete of the year Ewan Clarke and SSSA football coach Bernard Joseph at the ASC Athletes of the Year gala May 31.



Rafael Marietta, Alexandria City High School Rugby Athlete of the Year, with sister Rebecca and parents Jennifer and Sean Marietta.



Max Yang, Episcopal High School's Climbing Athlete of the Year, with EHS athletic director Damien Walsh.



Lee Duncan, left, a standout 1954 graduate of George Washington High School, is presented with the Hall of Fame award by ASC president Marion Moon May 31 at the Westin Alexandria Hotel.



AFD Captain Donald Lynn with James Vetrini, Eloise Summel, Firefighter Mike Lyons and Maigaret Levatt at the Aug. 6 Friendship Firehouse Festival.



Richmond Pustilnik sits in the driver's seat of a fire truck during the Aug. 6 Friendship Firehouse Festival.

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Friendship Firehouse Celebrates 248 Years



The Friendship Firehouse Festival celebrated the 248th founding of the city's first fire company.



The Friendship Fire Company's 1851 hand-operated fire engine leaves Alexandria for conservation treatment.

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dogs – it wouldn't be Old Town if we didn't have lots of people walking their dogs."

On display at the festival, which takes place on the 100 block of South Alfred Street, was the Friendship Fire Company's 1851 hand-operated fire engine, which is now headed out for conservation treatment. Also on exhibit was Friendship's newly restored 1858 hose-reel carriage, an ornate apparatus made by local craftsman Robert F. Prettyman.

Established in 1774, the Friendship Fire Company was the first fire company in Alexandria. Today the Friendship Firehouse, built in 1855, is a museum open to the

public.

The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association (FVFEA) is now a philanthropic organization focusing on fire-fighting history and fire safety. It remains active in community events, including the annual Festival, and supports historic preservation of the building and its collection.

"I have been participating in this festival for several years," said Joyce Gregorio Esquig, an educational book vendor. "The festival gets bigger each year with all sorts of fire-fighting equipment and vehicles on display. I especially enjoy seeing all the kids who came out today."

www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse



Firefighter Mike Gallagher talks about fire safety with Eloise Pustilnik as she sits inside a fire truck at the Aug. 6 Friendship Firehouse Festival.

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NEWS

Two-part Project Will Tie in a New Station and Fix Tunnel Headaches

FROM PAGE 7

Starting Saturday, Sept. 10, Metro will begin work to connect the future Potomac Yard Station with the mainline rail system and to rehabilitate the Yellow Line tunnel and bridge between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza stations. Metro said this six-week project will require the closure of six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Reagan National Airport through Oct. 22: Braddock Road, King Street-Old Town, Eisenhower Avenue, Huntington, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield.

One young boy, age three, loves to go over from his house in Jefferson Manor to see the trains with his father Brian, but they'll have to put that on hold next month. "He loves it," Brian said.

Huntington rider Selena Duviver works in Georgetown, and heard about the coming project, so she's making plans to get to work. "Maybe I'll just drive to work, it's going to be a big deal," she said.

Another Huntington resident will depend on increased bus activity,

Shutdown between Reagan National Airport and Franconia-Springfield/ Huntington

Six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Reagan National Airport will close Sept. 10 through Oct. 22: Braddock Road, King Street-Old Town, Eisenhower Avenue, Huntington, Van Dorn Street, and Franconia-Springfield. www.wmata.com/service/track-work.cfm

like she did last time there was a shut down. "There are usually buses, it's not ideal but it will be fine," she said.

Metro is offering seven free shuttles during Phase One, including local and express shuttles in Virginia and three limited-stop shuttles crossing the Potomac River. These local shuttles will be available during all Metrorail operating hours, they said.

Phase II of this project is a major rehab of the Yellow Line tunnel near L'Enfant Plaza Station and the bridge across the Potomac River. This phase will begin at the same time as the Potomac Yard Station tie in and continue for eight months

from Oct. 23 thru May 2023.

During this phase, all stations will reopen, and service will resume south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport Station and the Yellow Line stations will be served by the Blue or Green lines, Metro said. Riders won't notice the difference much, but the trains won't be labeled "Yellow."

These moves are an investment by Metro in system safety, reliability and the region's economy through its 10-year, \$15 billion capital program, WMATA said. For the first time in Metro's history, the capital program is bolstered by dedicated funding from Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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PHOTO CONTEST

Green Spring Gardens Photo Contest. Calling all photography and garden lovers! Green Spring Gardens is hosting its first judged photography contest this summer, sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring (FROGS). The contest is open to non-professional photographers at least age 18 as of 2022.

Photographs must have been taken between July 2020 and June 2022. Up to 95 contest entry photographs will be judged, awarded prizes (1st - \$200; 2nd - \$100; and 3rd - \$75), and will be on public display from Aug. 23 through Oct. 15, 2022. A reception and awards ceremony will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022.

Photographs can depict any season of the year but must be recognizable as having been taken at Green Spring Gardens. They may contain wildlife and garden buildings, and if they include people, their identities must either not be recognizable or the photographer will need permission from all in the photograph.

To download the entry form and complete contest rules, go to the Photo Contest webpage; or visit the Friends of Green Spring website.

Green Spring Gardens is located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria, Virginia. For more information, visit Green Spring Gardens or call 703-642-5173.

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 OCT. 17

Hummingbird Photo Exhibition. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. For those who can't get enough of the beauty of hummingbirds, a group of local photographers are mounting an exhibition this summer. The title of the show is “A Bouquet of Hummingbirds,” and it will feature works from more than 20 area artists and include hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. All profits from the sale of photos will be donated to the Friends of Green Spring, a non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the gardens and furthering public education and outreach.

NOW THRU SEPT. 10

Yoga Sessions. 12-2:15 p.m. Yoga at the National Museum of the United States Army hosted by Honest Soul Yoga, 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir. Honest Soul Yoga and The Army Historical Foundation invites



Alexandria Restaurant Week will take place Aug. 19-28 in Old Town Alexandria.

Alexandria Restaurant Week.

\Throughout neighborhoods in Alexandria including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle, Eisenhower and the West End. For 10 days and two weekends, dozens of restaurants in Alexandria will offer a \$25, \$35 or \$45 in-person dinner for one during Alexandria Restaurant Week. This new pricing structure reflects a spectrum of Alexandria's offerings from fast casual to fine dining. Alexandria Restaurant Week showcases the inventiveness of local chefs in neighborhoods throughout the city, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and Eisenhower, and the West End. From neighborhood favorites to restaurants specializing in international cuisine, Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries offers a variety of flavors for guests to savor. Visit AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com.

you to take a moment to de-stress by enjoying an afternoon of yoga at the Museum. Join trained instructors for an afternoon of flow and sound meditation. After class, grab a coffee and some healthy snacks in the Museum Café or take some time to explore the exhibits.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Sidewalk Art Party. 7-10 p.m. At The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Find early discounts and specials in select studios throughout the building on the eve of the 2022 Alexandria Sidewalk Sale, discover new art to love with a visit to Artist Row, featuring local artists from across the DMV and take part in the massive sidewalk chalk mural party on the steps and sidewalk along the Union Street side of Torpedo Factory Art Center. Rain location will be inside the Grand Hall. Visit torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 12

Gibson Brothers Perform Bluegrass Favorites. 7:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Bluegrass royalty Leigh and Eric Gibson have made their mark with their “Mockingbird” album. A mix of country, soul and '70s rock, their album further cements the sibling duo as musical trailblazers. Concerts are held outdoors and may be canceled due to inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for inclement weather updates.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Youth Public Safety Summit. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Community event for young people to discuss important topics faced by youth/young adults to include violence, fear and anxiety, mental health and more. All ages welcome. Registration required. Brunch will be served. Sign up at www.ngsca.org



The Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale will take place Saturday, Aug. 13 in Old Town Alexandria.

Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale.

In Old Town Alexandria. The event features more than 40 Alexandria boutiques stepping out of their storefronts and offering discounted summer merchandise plus live music activations on King Street to provide a soundtrack to your strolling. Shoppers are invited to follow a map of participating stores along Alexandria's red brick sidewalks for end-of-summer savings from locally owned boutiques. During the week of the event, the map will be posted online at AlexandriaSidewalkSale.com, accessible via a QR code on posters at participating stores and available in print for pickup at the Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King Street. Explore local items ranging from vintage clothes and jewelry to plants, books, home décor and more. Plus, listen to live bands at the corner of Fayette and King streets and the unit block of King Street at the waterfront. Visit AlexandriaSidewalkSale.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 13

Garden Tour - Green Spring Up and Down. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Extension Master Gardener docents lead a “Grand Tour” of Green Spring! View upper demonstration gardens, then take the garden path less traveled to explore the naturalistic lower garden areas: the Virginia Native Plant Garden, woodland stream valley, and ponds. Tour involves a steep slope with loose gravel. \$15 per person.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 13

How to Prune Hydrangeas. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) There are many reasons to prune a hydrangea: for size, to remove deadwood and spent blooms, and to improve the overall vigor of your plant. But different types of hydrangeas require different pruning times and techniques. Join horticulturist Susan Eggerton for a walk through

Green Spring Gardens and a hands-on pruning session. Learn how to identify different hydrangeas and why their differences impact how you prune. You will come away with more pruning confidence and a future of beautiful hydrangeas. Dress for the weather. \$19 per person. Code DSI.Z2UM.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

Legendary Nighthawks. 7:30 p.m. At Lee District Park, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Decades of gigs and countless fans have earned them the name “The Best Bar Band in the World.” More than a bar band or blues band, this is a band that played with Carl Perkins in addition to Muddy Waters. Concerts are held outdoors and may be canceled due to inclement weather. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469) for inclement weather updates.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Music at the Market at Old Town North. 6-7 p.m. At Montgomery Park, 901 N Royal St., Alexandria. The Old Town North Community Partnership, with support from NO-TICe, The Old Town North Alliance and local businesses and residents, present Music at the Market on the third Thursday of the month throughout the summer. Head to the Old Town North Farmer's and Artisans Market to browse, pick up a bite and picnic in the park while soaking in great live music. Rain dates are July 28 and September 8.

THURSDAY/AUG. 18

Old Town Art Walk. At various locations in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops on the third Thursday of each month, May to October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria's restaurants. The Old Town Art Walk is presented by the Old Town Business Association.

FRIDAY/AUG. 19

1990s Trivia. 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!

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SATURDAY/AUG. 20

Workshops on the Waterfront. 1-3 p.m. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Alexandria. Enjoy a free workshop or live demo with a Torpedo Factory Art Center artist at the Waterfront entrance of the Art Center. There will be a different project every third Saturday of the month from April to October.

SATURDAY/AUG. 20

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Obituary



LINDA ANN TAXIS HEMPHILL
JANUARY 16, 1945
JULY 31, 2022

Linda Ann Taxis Hemphill passed away on July 31, 2022 following a brief battle with cancer at her residence in Alexandria, Virginia with her family by her side. She was 77 years old.

A Celebration of Linda's Life will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2501 Beacon Hill Road, Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, August 20th at 2:00 p.m. Private interment was held at Mount Comfort Cemetery. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to the Music Program of Bethany Lutheran Church or to Senior Services of Alexandria.

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Out of the Woods ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... but still very much in the bushes, and I fear without the 'round-the-clock, extremely attentive ICU staff on his case, there may be some predictable out-of-sight/out-of-mind-type problems. Beginning with: the nurses are not responsible for only one patient. They may be responsible for upwards of four or five others. What that mean is the immediate response to whatever problem the patient is experiencing gets back-burnered/deferred to the more pressing demands of some other patient the nurse is responsible for. Unfortunately, unlike Superman (although there are many superwomen too), they can't split themselves in two, as Clark Kent did in one television episode. We understand and appreciate the never-ending demands placed on today's nurses. That being said, if the hospital powers-that-be deem a transfer from the ICU to a regular floor, it's unlikely us powers who can't be have any appeal-type powers to affect that. The previous three weeks have spoiled us, no doubt.

In addition, I'm afraid the reality is for visitors of non-ICU patients, the visiting hours posted on the walls are more restrictive and there will be less time for us to visit and encourage the patient through his excruciatingly long and difficult recovery. Granted, there's likely to be a phone in a regular room and a cell phone as well would similarly be available, but right now this patient doesn't have the strength or capacity to pick up a phone or manipulate its keys. Moreover, as long as he's a breathing through a trach tube (until he can't breathe consistently on his own, which so far efforts to wean him off the ventilator have been unsuccessful; septic shock causes multiple problems), he cannot physically even talk. For us then, the situation summarizes as follows: if he can't talk, and he can't pick up the phone/text (at present he doesn't have the dexterity to do either) and is likewise unable to grab/press the nurse's call button, and moreover, during this time, will likely be unattended and unable to express his needs/requirements (which are too numerous to mention) in any way available, and perhaps you can appreciate the challenging and stressful path forward for him, and to a lesser degree, us.

This transition from 24-hour, many hands-on 'round the clock care in ICU has, (which together with this patient's will to survive, has enabled him to progress to this point), seems not particularly patient friendly; not knowing admittedly, the rules and regulations, policy and procedures that a hospital must adhere to (or else chaos would ensue, I imagine) isn't totally lost on us. However, common sense must prevail occasionally, doesn't it? I mean, a relatively, helpless patient can't be left to fend for himself, or expect to improve if his medical quality-of-life is not being met because his nurse has four other patients with varying needs to tend to, none of which, selfishly speaking, contribute to the health and well-being of this recently transferred patient. But the hospital serves the community, not one patient and it's their responsibility to serve multiple patients. As Spock has said many times on Star Trek: "The good of the many outweigh the good of the few." I get it. But in this case, if logic plays any part in the decisions/process, well; let's just say I don't agree since they're "to do no harm." I understand, one single, solitary patient can't stand (lay, occasionally sit) in the way of progress, such as it is. However, it would be a damn shame if while trying to move forward, we end up going backwards. But what do I know? (As has been made clear many times before in this space: not much.)

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CALENDAR

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SEPT. 2 TO OCT. 1

"The Big 3-0" Members Showcase. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features artwork in a variety of media and celebrates Del Ray Artisans 30th Anniversary. Join us for the exhibit reception and anniversary party on Saturday, September 3, 3-6 p.m. The event will be inside and outside (rain date is Sept 10). Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. (Closed October 2). Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

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Eastbound Duke Street (Route 236) will be closed at I-395 from 11 p.m. Sunday night, Aug. 14 to 11 p.m. Wednesday night, Aug. 17, weather permitting, for pavement repairs as part of the Duke Street over I-395 Bridge Rehabilitation project, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

During the multi-day closures, traffic will be detoured via the following routes:

Eastbound Duke Street: Southbound I-395, eastbound Edsall Road (Route 648, Exit 2A) and northbound I-395 back to eastbound Duke Street

Westbound Duke Street: Northbound I-395, westbound Seminary Road (Exit 4) and southbound I-395 back to westbound Duke Street

Drivers should expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes. All Duke Street interchange ramps will remain open during the eastbound closure. During the westbound closure, the ramp from northbound I-395 to westbound Duke Street and the ramp from westbound Duke Street to southbound I-395 will be closed; all other ramps will remain open.

The pavement work is part of the project to rehabilitate the Duke Street bridge over I-395. The improvements will extend the overall life of the bridge and improve safety for drivers, bicyclists and pedestrians, and include replacing the concrete bridge deck and beams, upgrading the westbound sidewalk to a shared-use path, and widening the eastbound sidewalk. The project is scheduled for completion in winter 2023/24.

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 Sun. Aug. 28: NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE starring David Carlin King \$39.50

CELEBRATE NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK, AUG. 7-13

Fairfax County Farmers Markets will join farmers markets across the nation in celebration of National Farmers Market Week, August 7-13. Farmers Market Week highlights the role of farmers markets in supporting healthy communities, stimulating local economies, and supporting local farmers. The mission of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets is to provide residents access to locally grown products and create market opportunities for area farmers and food producers.

Visit each of the 10 farmers markets August 7-13 to support local farmers and businesses, learn how to prepare fresh ingredients at our cooking demonstrations, participate in fun and educational activities, listen to live music, and enjoy delicious foods from local producers. Farmers Market Week is also Bike to Market Week in Fairfax County. We invite you to bike to your local Fairfax County farmers market. To find a safe route, see the Fairfax County Bicycle Map. While you're at the market, stop by the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) table to learn about safe biking strategies and more.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) EBT cards can be used at select Fairfax County Farmers Markets. Thanks to partnerships with Virginia Fresh Match, FRESHFARM, Cornerstones, Arcadia and Britetpaths, you can use your EBT card at the McCutcheon/Mount Vernon, Annandale, Reston and Lorton Farmers Markets.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/farmers-market-week for the Farmers Market Week schedule and list of activities.

TUESDAYS/AUGUST 16, 23, 30

Simpson Park Demonstration Garden: Tuesday 10 - 11 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Garden, 420 E. Monroe Ave., Alexandria. When Mother Nature can't do it all... Simpson gardeners step in to offer a helping hand. Our Lagerstroemia indica were hit with bark scale so we hand-picked, brushed the trunks and squashed them. The Silphium perfoliatum in the Berm was infested with red aphids which we knocked off with a jet spray from the hose. In the Pollinator bed the Witch Hazel Hammamelis virginiana was hit with Phyllosticta hamamelidis a fungus which causes brown lesions on leaves and dieback. We removed the infected leaves on and below the plant. Thanks to EMG Gerry Smolka the pool of stagnant water which accumulates in the well of a Crapemyrtle in the Shade Garden has been emptied through her ingenious use of a turkey baster! And Denise Dieter added a mosquito dunk as an additional deterrent when we are not available to empty the ever wet well. Free. Contact mgmv.org for more information.

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