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Allie and Dave Walker work to clear a gutter drainage ditch in a side yard.



Volunteering with Fairlington United Methodist Church, Beck Moniz, Kate and Emma Sapp work on a filling a second slab of concrete for a homeowner in West Alexandria.

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Working and Rebuilding Together

More than 600 volunteers separated into teams to rehab 38 homes in Alexandria on Saturday morning, April 26, at the First Baptist Church. Katherine Dixon, executive director of Rebuilding Together Alexandria, organized the event to help residents whose income is near the poverty rate — earning near or less than \$27,000 a year. With support from Skanska and Wells Fargo, volunteers restored and upgraded homes for low-income residents during this nationwide initiative. New this year, volunteers used a 22 item Health and Safety Check List — created in partnership with the National Center for Healthy Housing — to help eliminate multiple common

hazards.

Since its inception 27 years ago, Rebuilding Together Alexandria has worked on more than 1,700 projects in Alexandria.

Teams of volunteers made home improvements, such as repairing windows and doors, replacing cabinets, installing grab bars and safety rails, painting, doing yard work, building gardens, and weatherizing. In addition, they used the check list, making sure the resident had rooms and stairs free of tripping hazards, a working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, proper ventilation of exhaust fans and clothes dryer, no electrical hazards, adequate lighting, no active water leaks or serious moisture issues.



One of the homeowners, 92-year-old Alexandria resident, Virginia, smiles as she watches the work being done in her yard and house.

As Kent Smiley holds a handrail post, Jessica Killeen works screws into the support base for placement on the front porch.



Food Fight

Work group snubbed as city officials move forward with food truck recommendations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Last May, City Manager Rashad Young issued a series of recommendations that would have opened the door to food trucks in Old Town, Del Ray and Carlyle. That created a backlash among restaurant owners, who said their livelihoods would be threatened. So the city manager withdrew his proposal and set up a 10-member task force to issue recommendations. Now, a year later, members of the work group say they've been snubbed now that city officials have crafted a series of recommendations without first receiving a written report from the task force.

"We're feeling let down because we worked for a long time to get consensus and fine tune this," said Yvonne Weight Callahan, convener of the work group. "It's distress-

Recommended Vending Zones

- King Street: 100 block of North Royal Street abutting City Hall, 1700 block of King Street in front of King Street Gardens and the 500 block of King Street in front of the courthouse

- Mount Vernon Avenue: 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue at the Department of Community and Human Services, the Arlandria city parking lot and Four Mile Run Park parking lot

- Carlyle: north side of the 2300 block of Eisenhower Avenue would be the designated vending zone, although food trucks could also park at any metered spot in Carlyle

- Washington Street: 600 block of North Washington Street near Talbot's.

ing that a number of these issues have not been presented showing the division within the group or the depth with which we considered the issues."

For example, members of the

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Shift in Potomac Yard Metro Debate

Alternative A gaining ground as feds raise concerns about Alternative B.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

They are only 200 feet apart. But the distance between the two locations under consideration for the Potomac Yard Metro station are

potentially worlds apart in terms of the density of development that would happen to the west of the site and the amount of money city officials could squeeze out of developers to help pay for the station.

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Severance to be Extradited

Former Alexandria fringe candidate Charles Severance will be extradited to Virginia, where a warrant has been issued on a firearms charge in Loudoun County. Severance's lawyer says the firearms warrant is a sham and a pretext to hold him related to three unsolved Alexandria murders — **Nancy Dunning** in 2003, **Ron Kirby** in 2013 and **Ruthanne Lodato** earlier this year.

"If he wanted to talk to us, we could talk to him wherever he is," said **Crystal Nosal**, spokeswoman for the Alexandria Police Department. "Him coming back to Virginia changes nothing for us."

Last week, a West Virginia judge ordered the 53-year-old former Alexandria resident extradited to Loudoun County, Va., where a warrant has been issued on an unrelated firearms charge. On Tuesday, the Supreme Court denied Severance's appeal for a stay. That gives the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office 10 days to pick him up and bring him to Virginia.

Alexandria Police have not named Severance a suspect in any of three fatal shootings, which occurred between 2003 and this February. And police officials won't say whether he has agreed to answer questions or not.

"I can't get into specifics of if we've talked to him or if he's invoked his rights," said Nosal. "Those are too specific, and we're not going to discuss them."

Present at the Creation

For years, city leaders have been pressing for a new Potomac Yard Metro station to be constructed in land protected by a National Park Service scenic easement. Alexandria officials believed they could work around the problems in the same way they believed they could work around problems associated with a proposed 200-foot pier at the foot of King Street, a proposal that would have required cooperation from the District of Columbia and the Army Corps of Engineers.

City leaders eventually gave up on the King Street pier, and now it looks like they might be giving up on building a Metro station on land protected by the National Park Service.

During a discussion of the Metro station at Agenda Alexandria this week, former Old Town Civic Association President **Poul Hertel** explained that the reason Alexandria created a historic district in the first place was to protect the scenic nature of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. When city leaders approved a series of unsightly buildings along the Washington Street, federal officials threatened moving the parkway to the waterfront. So city leaders took action, creating a historic district to protect the historic nature of the parkway. That's why the idea that Alexandria would now want to clearcut natural vegetation protected by a scenic easement is, in Hertel's words, "unacceptable."

The George Washington Memorial Parkway, is not a neglected stepchild but rather the genesis of the entire Historic District," said Hertel. "By inference, it is responsible for our place on the tourist maps."

Setting the Record Straight

During the final budget work session this week, Mayor **Bill Euille** moved to clarify remarks he made at a previous work session about the possibility of moving the city government to a new location. He wanted the record to reflect that no decision had been made to sell the building to developers and move the city government to a new location. "I'm thrilled to hear you say we're not selling City Hall," said Vice Mayor **Allison Silberberg**. "But your comment was about the fact that you were considering the possibility of a government complex at Eisenhower."

"No," responded the mayor.

"I thought you did," responded the vice mayor. "It's on the tape."

"What I said was we could look at building a new City Hall somewhere else, like in the Eisenhower Valley," said Euille. "But I didn't say a specific."

Correction

An item about the Potomac Yard Metro last week said the cost of the land for moving the CSX tracks would be \$83 million, a figure that actually includes the total cost of the land plus the cost of moving the tracks.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



This image shows the development plan with three different locations under consideration. City officials say Alternative D is not realistic because it would cost too much.

Shift in Potomac Yard Metro Debate

FROM PAGE 1

After years of city leaders pushing for Alternative B — a location at the center of a massive planned development — momentum is starting to shift to Alternative A — a location at the edge of an existing residential community. The movement started last week, when Councilman Tim Lovain indicated that Alternative A may have already been derailed now that the National Park Service is raising concerns that that construction of a Metro station at that location would violate a scenic easement on the property, which protects the national vegetation that exists there now.

"I think it's pretty clear we're going to end up with A," said Lovain.

That was the first indication that the winds might be shifting in the debate, which has focused on Alternative B for years. Back in 2010, members of the City Council approved a small-area plan that identified Alternative B as the preferred location for the Metro station. The small area plan also sets out the selection of Alternative B as necessary for allowing the developer to construct 7.5 million acres and requiring the developer to kick in \$4.9 million in contributions to help construct the Metro station.

"Clearly Alternative B is the most advantageous for our long-term economic development perspective," responded Councilman Paul Smedberg. "One could argue why should we build it at all if it's going to be in the middle of a residential development?"

DURING A DISCUSSION of the Potomac Yard Metro station at an Agenda Alexandria meeting this week, former Mayor Kerry Donley joined the Alternative A bandwagon. When asked which alternative he supported, Donley joined Lovain in steering the discussion toward Alternative A. Donley, a member of the Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group, made an argument that the city needed additional tax revenue from the commercial development expected at Potomac Yard.

"It's better from an environmental perspective and from a financial perspective as well," said Donley. "This process is already two years behind schedule, and we can't afford to delay this any longer."

City officials say taking Alternative B off the table will reshuffle the deck at Potomac Yard, where the rezoning was contingent on locating the new Metro station close to the developer's

property. If Alternative A is selected, Delaware-based developer CPYR will be back at City Hall renegotiating a new deal. The revised zoning would probably be somewhere between the 5.5 million acres that can developed now and the 7.5 million acres that were approved in 2010. Perhaps more significantly, though, the developer's contribution to the construction of the station would probably be less than the \$4.9 million that was part of the original deal, which was contingent on the selection of Alternative B.

"This is not unlike Downton Abbey," said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. "Each of these characters has a point of view and a perspective."

POTOMAC YARD is a former 300-acre brownfield in the northeast corner of the city, just south of National Airport. Since prehistoric times, the area has served as a north-south trade and transportation corridor. From 1906 to 1987, Potomac Yard served as a major point of freight transfer between northern and southern rail networks. Today, the site is divided into two main parcels: Potomac Yard and Potomac Greens. These parcels are adjacent to a 120-foot wide active railroad corridor, which includes a Metro line that began operations in the 1980s.

"This neighborhood is the transit hub of North Potomac Yard, where the Metrorail station, dedicated high-capacity transitway and local and circulator bus services will converge," explains the small area plan approved in 2010. "Two important public spaces define the character of the neighborhood, including the square park at the center of the neighborhood, and a possible internal pedestrian connection."

Financing the construction of the Metro station puts Alexandria at risk, though, at a time when city's debt has more than doubled from \$200 million to more than \$500 million in the last decade. If city officials decide to move forward with constructing the new Metro station, which could range from \$200 million to \$460 million, Alexandria will exceed all three of its self-imposed debt limits. And even when the station is finished and new development comes to Alexandria, some are concerned that taxpayers will continue to see their tax bills go up anyway.

"I don't want to price Alexandria out of reach of the people who live here now," said former Councilman Frank Fannon. "If we build it, will they come? That's the question we are going to have to answer over the next year."



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NEWS



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Alexandria City Public Schools Board Chair Karen Graf, Mount Vernon Community School Principal Peter Balas, Elizabeth Sandall, Laura Dobe, Douglas Nelson and Lisa Krupicka gather at the gala supporting the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria on Saturday, April 26, at the Alexandria Mark Hilton Hotel.

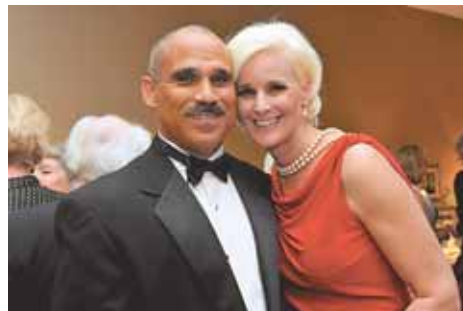
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Former state Sen. Bob Calhoun and his daughter Molly.



Andy Krakowski, Alex Sirpis and Suzanne Wilson Houck.



Patty and Don Taylor and Andrew Mitchell.

NEWS

Rooftop Worker

The students at Charles Barrett Elementary School celebrated SCA Spirit Day on Friday, April 25, at the school. The students were asked to dress in their CBES shirts or dress up in attire that reflected a future career choice. In addition to Spirit Day it was also a PBIS (Positive Behavior, Interventions & Supports) celebration day. As a PBIS reward voted on by the students, the school Principal Seth Kennard spent a large portion of the school day working from the roof of the school.



Charles Barrett ES Principal Seth Kennard works from on top of the school roof last Friday as a PBIS reward for the students.

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City Officials Present Food Truck Recommendations

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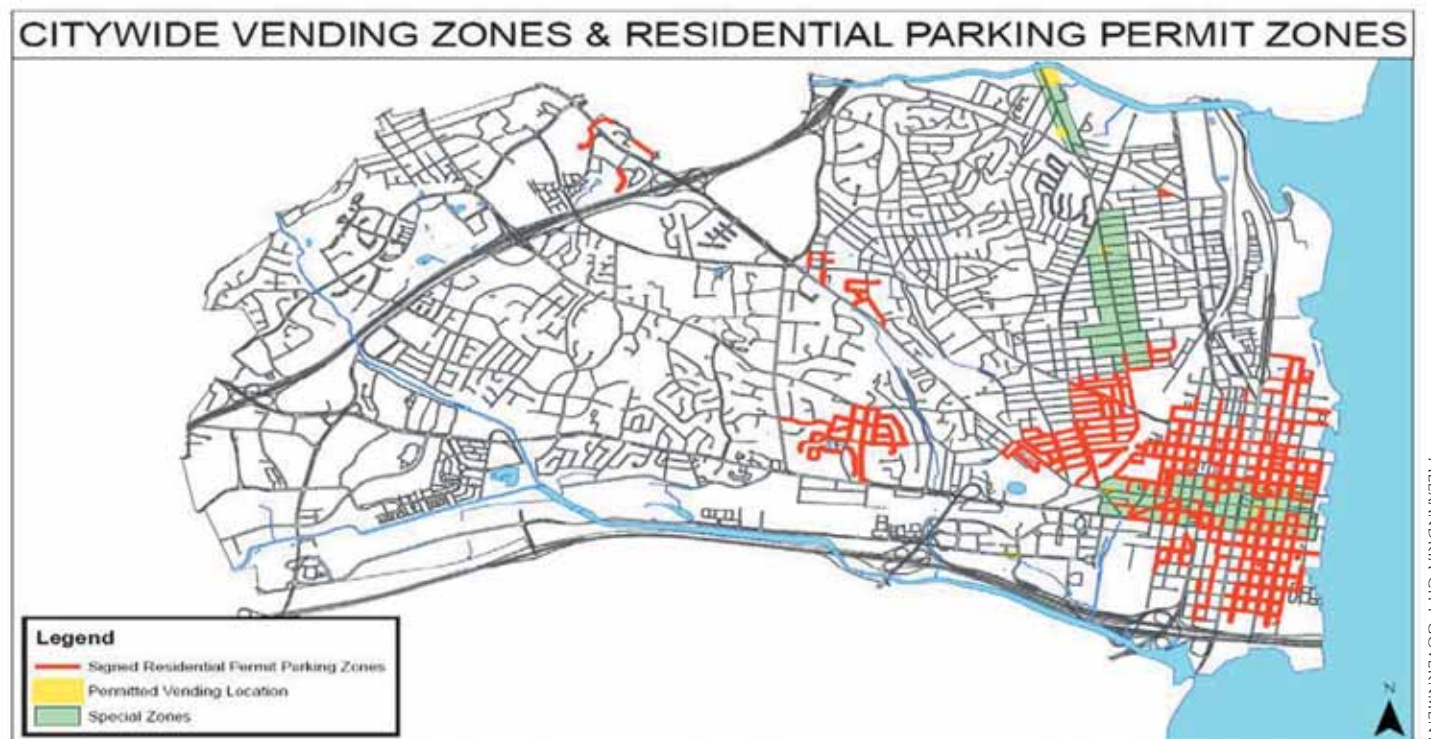
task force were divided about whether or not food trucks should be allowed on the Royal Street side of Market Square. When members voted, five approved and four opposed. But when city staff presented a PowerPoint presentation to City Council members, the slide with the headline “King Street Vending Zone” explained “all agree” allowing food trucks on the 100 block of North Royal Street.

“To me, that’s a big red flag,” said Charlotte Hall, vice president of Potomac Riverboat Company. “Is this how we are going to be treated moving forward? Oh, we’ll just have these meetings so we can say we met with these people but we’re really not listening to their ideas.”

THE PLANNING COMMISSION is set to hear a series of recommendations from the city officials on May 6 even though the work group never issued a report. Then the City Council is expected to consider the staff recommendations on May 17. In some cases, the recommendations of the staff are in direct opposition to what would have been in the work group’s report if members had been given the time to complete it. For example, city officials are recommending that food trucks can park anywhere in the Carlyle neighborhood as long as they pay the meter.

“The committee said here’s a spot within a block of the Patent and Trademark Office, and you’ve got three guaranteed spots so go at it,” said “Mango” Mike Anderson, a restaurateur who was a member of the work group. “So we were pretty surprised when we got the map during the meeting.”

The recommendations now on the table are that food trucks should be allowed citywide between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. with some restrictions. For example, they would



Food Trucks would be allowed in the yellow vending zones, where they would have designated parking, as well as white zones, where they would have to obey existing parking rules. They would be prohibited from green zones and red zones.

be prohibited in residential parking districts. They would also be prohibited in high traffic and pedestrian areas, which include most of King Street and Mount Vernon Avenue. But under the proposal now under consideration, food trucks would be allowed between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at newly created vending zones, each with three designated parking spaces.

“My question is what is the government interest in picking and choosing where a business can operate?” asked Che Ruddell-Tabisola, executive director of the DMV Food Truck Association. “You wouldn’t pass

a law to prohibit a Subway restaurant opening across the street from a Cosi. So what is the government interest in banning food trucks from an area because you have the incumbents complaining about it?”

THE RECOMMENDATIONS also set out a series of fees that food truck vendors would be responsible for paying. First, there would be an application fee of \$100. That would have a renewal fee of \$100. Then there would be a right-of-way fee of \$450. That’s in addition to an annual food license fee of \$40. Vendors would also be respon-

sible for an annual health permit of \$50 and a semi-annual propane tank inspection fee of \$143. Brick-and-mortar owners say they have invested substantially more to open their establishments. “We’re hearing from members who are very strongly opposed, and we are hearing from members who are very strongly in support,” said John Long, director of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. “We’re also hearing from members who are opposed if it’s in front of their buildings as well as members who think it would be a good idea in one location but not in another location.”

Center Plants Pinwheel Garden To Symbolize Hope

The Center for Alexandria’s Children joined in a nationwide public awareness campaign that puts a new spin on child abuse prevention when it planted a Pinwheel Garden today at its office on North Beauregard Street.

The pinwheel, the national symbol of Child Abuse Prevention and a symbol of childhood, represents the efforts of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia to demonstrate the importance of ensuring healthy, happy and full lives for all children in the community. Members of the center’s multidisciplinary team, including city detectives, social workers, therapists and attorneys, joined together to plant 40 pinwheels to honor Alexandria children who have been harmed and yet thrived despite adversity. The garden serves as a symbol of hope and resilience as well as a visual reminder that all children deserve a healthy, happy, and carefree childhood, free from abuse and neglect.

The Center for Alexandria’s Children



Participants, from left, include Danielle Dutta, CAC intern/volunteer; Tricia Bassing, chief of Child Behavioral Health and Youth Development, DCHS-CCF; William Hauda, medical director, Inova FACT Department, Inova Hospital; Susan Britton, CAC program director; Giselle Pelaez, Center executive director; Jennifer Cann, CPS program manager, DCHS; Peggy Stypula, CATCH cCoordinator-DCHS, and Lt. Tony Brown, Alexandria Police Department.

is a public-private partnership that protects children and strengthens families by utilizing a national Child Advocacy Center model that coordinates the investigation, prosecution, treatment and prevention of child

abuse in one safe, child-friendly facility. The Center’s primary goal is to eliminate child abuse in the City of Alexandria. For more information about the center visit: www.centerforalexandriaschildren.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

Friends and relatives of the late Beverly Beidler gathered for a celebration of her life at Everly-Wheatley on Saturday, April 26. The entire congregation sang “Oh Shenandoah,” “We Shall Overcome,” and “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.” Grandchildren Brad and Mariah Simonton spoke, and Mariah read a poem.

Beverly was first asked to run for office while she was sitting under a hair dryer in a beauty salon. She replied, “Well, I’ll think about it.”

She did decide to run and became a very effective force for good on City Council, supporting the removal of the poll tax, helping the establishment of day care in the city, and supporting the efforts of the one woman who wanted to be a firefighter. Every attempt at progress that was tried was supported by Bev Beidler.

Bev Beidler was the first woman graduate of Albright College in Reading, Pa. She was the first woman elected to Alexandria City Council. The spirit of community that she fostered during her life was evident throughout the service.

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No Common Ground on Common Core

Democrats divided on national education standards.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Should American schools share national standards? That's a question that divides the 10 Democrats seeking to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who is retiring after 24 years in the House of Representatives. During a recent candidates forum, the Democrats were asked if they support the Common Core State Standards Initiative, two candidates said they disagreed and eight candidates said they agreed.

"One of the key constituencies that are likely to turn out in a primary are educators, and there are some teachers opposed to Common Core," said Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "This is a chance to connect with that segment of a very likely to participate part of the Democratic primary electorate."

The Common Core State Standards Initiative outlines what students should know in English and math from Kindergarten through high school. The standards were created by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers along with Achieve, a Washington-based nonprofit organization. Although 45 states have signed on, Virginia joined Alaska, Nebraska and Texas in choosing not

to adopt the standards. Last month, Indiana un-adopted them, and now similar repeal efforts are underway in several other states.

"I can't say that I would vote to require it for the entire country," said state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30). "It works well for some areas, but in Virginia we seem to be doing quite well without it."

AFTER CONSIDERING a plan known as the Common Core of Learning, Virginia education officials created a system known as the Standards of Learning in January 2002. Three years later, the Virginia Department of Education approved SOLs for math, science, English,

history and social science. Unless a school meets the targets for the percent of students who are able to pass the SOL tests, schools can lose accreditation. Currently, the department is denying accreditation to only six schools in Virginia, one of which is in the 8th Congressional District — Jefferson-Houston School in Alexandria.

"I don't have enormous amount of respect

for the SOL system. There's way too much teaching to the test," said former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer, who was the presiding officer of the state Senate when the original system was created. "Yes I respect Virginia's right to do its own thing, but I think it makes much more sense to be part of a national

effort that's been very vetted by teachers and parents and everybody else."

When asked if they support Common Core during a recent debate hosted by the NAACP, two candidates said they opposed the national standards — Ebbin and Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. When

asked about their lack of support for Common Core, both Ebbin and Euille said they believed the current system was working fine.

"It's an evaluation tool that works, and we don't need to move to do something else," said Euille. "But if the federal government was after standardizing it nationally I would support it."

WHEN ASKED about their support for federal standards, candidates gave a variety of perspectives. Arlington Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) said he supported the concept of optional federal standards, which he said he would support if elected. But he also said he approved of the decision by the Virginia Department of Education to opt out of the program.

"If you are a member of Congress, you're not just a delegate anymore. If you're voting for the state you are voting for the nation," said Hope. "So I said yes because that is the position nationally — give states the power to decide."

Several of the candidates expressed frustration with the current system, which they say is failing students across Virginia.

"We've got to try something or the kids lose out, and everybody will be in private schools," said Lavern Chatman, former president of the Urban League of Northern Virginia. "We've got to do something different, that's going to change this situation."

THE DEBATE OVER national standards is a vexing one for many candidates, who tried to walk a line between supporting rigorous standards while opposing a system that encourages teaching to the test. Many candidates tried to couch their support for Common Core somewhere in between.

"In general, I'm a proponent of hiring good people and letting them have more subjective power," said former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth. "But I absolutely get the other side, the side I took quite frankly, which is to have consistent measurable statistics."

"One of the key constituencies that are likely to turn out in a primary are educators, and there are some teachers opposed to Common Core. This is a chance to connect with that segment of a very likely to participate part of the Democratic primary electorate."

— Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington

Edmond Seizes GOP Nomination for Congress

Former Marine officer to take on winner of Democratic primary.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Even before longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) announced that he would be retiring earlier this year, former Marine officer Micah Edmond was planning to run for Congress — talking to party leaders and beginning to line up support. After Moran's unexpected decision, though, the race became more competitive. Congressional staffer Dennis Bartow entered the race, as did former Texas legislator Paul Haring. But when Republicans assembled for their nominating convention last weekend, Edmond was able to secure a victory.

"Micah Edmond is a breath of fresh air inside the beltway, and he's going to make a fantastic congressman," said Pat Mullins,



Micah Edmond

chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia, in a written statement. "Virginians in the 8th Congressional District have suffered long enough with embarrassing Democratic leadership in the

form of Congressman Jim Moran, and the raft of far-left liberals running for their nomination offers little hope for change." Edmond served as a defense legislative assistant for two subcommittee ranking members of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Mike Turner (R-Ohio) and Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.). Before that, he was a speechwriter for the Marine Corps service chief and aide-de-camp for two senior general officers. More recently, he served as a national security advisor for the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction in 2011 and the Simpson-Bowles Commission in 2010.

"Although I worked tirelessly for two years to help generate the tough choices necessary to produce a comprehensive long-term budget plan that would solve our current

Republican Nominating Convention

- ◆ Micah Edmonds: 51 percent
- ◆ Dennis Bartow: 43 percent
- ◆ Paul Haring: 6 percent

fiscal crisis, both efforts failed because members of Congress chose to represent the status quo rather than the interests of their constituents," he said in a written statement announcing his campaign. "Congress' continued lack of action forces us to navigate from fiscal crisis to fiscal crisis without a long-term comprehensive budget plan and it is undermining our economic growth and national security."

ALTHOUGH DEMOCRATS are selecting their candidate in an open primary that's available to all voters, Republicans selected to choose their candidate in a convention of party insiders. Alexandria Republican City Committee Chairman Chris Marston says the use of conventions to select candidates is nothing new, adding that the party uses primaries about half the time. In the last nine congressional cycles, he said, pri-

maries have only been held only four times.

"In this case, when the decision was made to hold a convention over a primary there had only been one person who expressed an interest in running," said Marston, adding that the lone candidate at that time was Edmond. "And we thought the chance to have the nomination completed earlier would be an advantage."

Campaign finance records show he raised a little more than \$44,000 in the first quarter of this year, well behind most of the 10 candidates seeking the Democratic nomination. The district includes Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and parts of Fairfax County — a solidly Democratic area where President Obama won with 68 percent of the vote in 2012. That means most of the attention in this race will focus on the June 10 Democratic primary. The winner who emerges from that race, which features 10 candidates, will be viewed by many as the odds-on favorite to win.

"The Democratic primary is tantamount to winning this election," said Stephen Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "So that's why we are seeing so much attention to the Democratic primary right now."



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Play Ball

The 3rd Annual T.C. Williams Alumni Baseball Game will be played at Simpson Field June 14 at 2 p.m. The game is open to anyone who has played high school baseball on an Alexandria team. The cost is \$20 per player and includes an Alumni Game T-shirt and a buffet dinner at the field following the game. Pictured are Jon Safren (Hammond '71) and John O'Connor (Hammond '70) enjoying the post-game activities after last year's game. For more information or to sign up to play, contact Jim Clark at oak646@aol.com or 703-966-7555.

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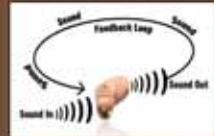
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To the Editor:

I urge my fellow Alexandrians to contribute generously to help fund the Alexandria Police Memorial honoring 18 Alexandria police officers who have given their lives in the performance of duty. The memorial will be located in a publicly accessible area in front of the new Alexandria Police Department Headquarters building on Wheeler Avenue.

LETTERS We are close to reaching our fundraising goal that will allow construction to begin this summer, but we still need your help. The time to give is now. Each week, a profile of one of the 18 fallen officers has been appearing in the Alexandria Gazette, as has a partial list of names of those who have made contributions. Contributors who give \$1,000 or more will be permanently recognized on a donor wall adjacent to the officer memorial. Please do not miss the opportunity to have your name engraved on the donor wall as a proud sponsor of this loving and lasting tribute from a grateful community.

Your tax deductible donation may be made online at www.alexandriapolicefoundation.org/memorial, or by sending a check or money order payable to the Alexandria Police Foundation Memorial Fund, 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Room 118, Alexandria, VA 22304.

I know I speak for the entire Alexandria Police Department family when I say thank you for supporting this very important community project.

David P. Baker
Alexandria

The writer is the former chief of police in Alexandria.

How Did This Get Approved?

To the Editor:

I want to apologize to the residents of Alexandria who live around the new Jefferson-



ARTIST RENDERING

The Alexandria Police Foundation is raising funds to build a memorial to the 18 APD officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Houston School currently under construction. I did nothing to help prevent the building of that school. I live in Old Town but not near the school and didn't pay much attention to the plans.

But I do drive by frequently and I think it is a monstrosity. It is so much over the scale of the surrounding neighborhood that it is very hard to believe it was approved. I don't know if it falls under the purview of either BAR but someone was not paying attention. When the slightest changes to many structures in the city are minutely scrutinized, the fact that this incredibly huge building was approved amazes me every time I drive by.

I'm sorry.

Ann Liddle
Alexandria

Committed, Despite State

To the Editor:

My partner of 20 years and I are getting married next month in Maryland because Virginia, of course, does not allow same-sex marriage.

Susan LaBombard
Alexandria

Budget Hurts Senior Citizens

To the Editor:

The new city budget will hinder the people most in need and bring dismay to our city residents and the communities throughout the city.

The way the city manager allocated the budget seems only to enrich certain pockets while taking away from those, aging gracefully, who have worked hard and helped build our city. It's a matter of moral standards and politics lacking compassion. Stripping valuable services and programs from our seniors only speaks for years to come as we all gracefully reach a stage of golden years. While City Manager Rashad Young — in his position only for a short time — seeks a raise, he is unsympathetic towards our seniors. This is a matter of balance and fairness.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria



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ARHA Adopts Non-Smoking Policy

The Board of Commissioners of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority unanimously approved a resolution calling for a Non-Smoking Policy for all ARHA residences at its meeting last month. When fully implemented in late Spring 2015, the new policy will cover approximately 3,000 residents.

Efforts are already underway — supported by a grant from the Alexandria City Council — to create a system for the delivery of affordable, comprehensive smoking cessation services to ARHA residents. Services include:

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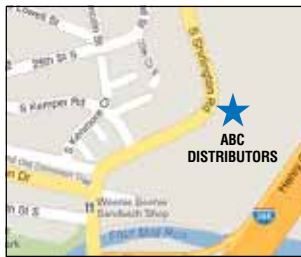


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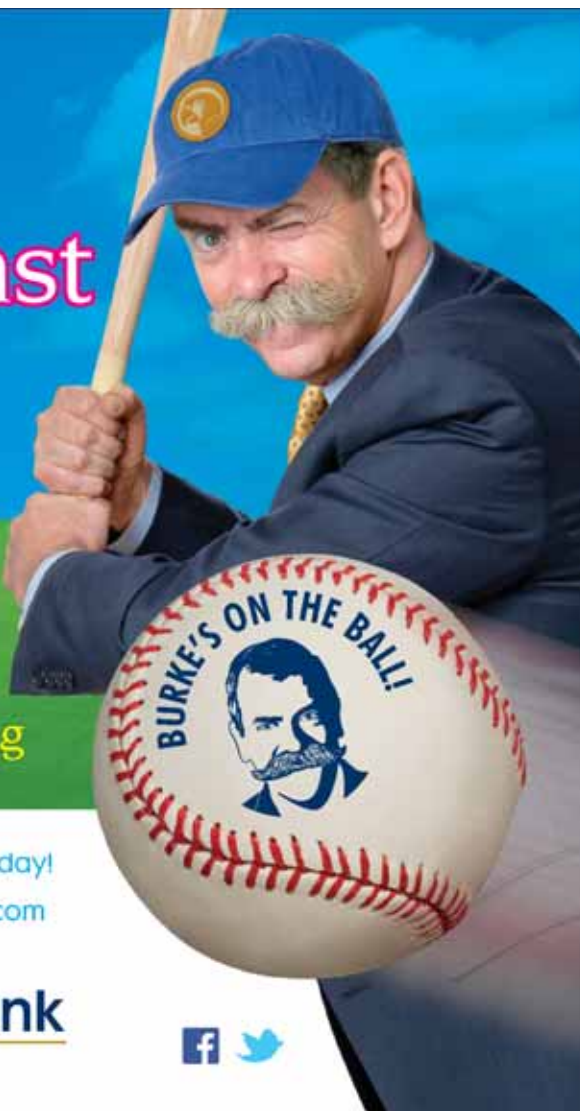
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OPINION



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Participants take part in belly dancing.

Senior Living: 'The 5 Senses and Aging'

BY MARYANNE BEATTY
MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM MANAGER
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

We all know that as we age, so do our five senses. Knowing what to expect can help us take steps to continue to live independent and productive lives. That was the message from the April Speaker Series event co-sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria, Inova Alexandria Hospital and Alexandria's Successful Aging Committee. More than 100 seniors flocked to the Nannie J. Lee Center last Wednesday for a lively morning filled with valuable information and a Health and Fitness Fair. Participants tried their hand at belly dancing and tai chi, sampled delicious healthy recipes, had free blood pressure and hearing tests, and even enjoyed shoulder massages.

Presenters urged folks to stay active by doing regular weight-bearing exercise to maintain strength and muscle mass, and to slow down the progress of arthritis. They also pointed out that as we age, most people experience a loss of smell and taste that can make eating less appealing, and thus have a negative effect on nutritional intake. Seasoning with a variety of herbs, spices and marinades, and using color and special atmosphere can make meals more inviting. Inova Alexandria Hospital's Chef Hans

shared some very tasty recipes for healthy salads that are sure to entice everyone's taste buds. Vision and hearing changes also impact us as we age — and getting regular eye and hearing tests is important to maintaining a good quality of life. Dr. Nalin Patel, primary care physician from Inova Medical Group, reminded the audience to stay connected to our community and the world around us, and to keep our minds active by reading, staying abreast of current affairs, and doing crossword or Sudoku puzzles.

You may find copies of the presentations as well as Chef Hans' healthy recipes, at SSA's website: www.seniorservicesalex.org. Thanks go to Massage Heights Bradlee, Dawn MacLear Fitness, Virginia Fernbach, Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Persons, Walgreens, and all the volunteers who made this event such a success.

Senior Services of Alexandria's May 14 Speaker Series program will focus on "Positive Approaches to Difficult Conversations," beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. Local experts will discuss strategies for older adults and their families to address some of the tough issues that come with aging: driving, living independently, health care, and financial management. Light refreshments will be served at this free event. Register at www.seniorservicesalex.org or by calling 703-836-4414, ext 10.

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SATURDAY/MAY 3

Rain Barrel Workshop. 9-11 a.m. at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Learn about water quality issues and build a rain barrel to take home after the workshop. \$55 and registration is required, visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel.

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TUESDAY/MAY 6

NOVA Class Registration Begins. Registration opens for Northern Virginia Community College's fall 2014 semester. The 16-week semester and first 8-week session starts Aug. 20, with registration ending Aug. 19. Another 8-week session starts Oct. 15, with registration closing Oct. 14. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

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These Shelter Pets Face Challenges

Beauty is more than skin-deep.

BY HOPE NELSON
ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF
ALEXANDRIA



Goldi, a 12-year-old Scottish fold, is on the road to good health, but she will need an adopter who is willing to care for her chronic medical problems.



Vince, a French bulldog, is recovering from several infections and has begun to show off his fun-loving personality at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.

PHOTOS
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As the old maxim goes, you can't judge a book by its cover. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria encourages potential adopters to apply that same advice to pets seeking new homes.

"An animal can be a 10- to 20-year commitment, and it is important to select an animal that matches your lifestyle and energy level and to pick your companion based on personality rather than appearance," said Megan Webb, executive director of the League.

Despite Webb's advice, there's big business in breeding animals for specific physical characteristics. Many of these pets find their way into the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, where they often arrive in need of medical attention for the illnesses brought on by the physical manifestations of overbreeding.

Goldi, a 12-year-old Scottish fold cat, has endured several medical problems related to her flattened face and narrowed airways. She arrived with a severe respiratory infection and battles chronic eye and nose issues as a result of her breed. After her surrender, she also faced extensive dental treatment, including the extraction of several teeth. Following weeks of recovery, Goldi is now on the road to better health, but she will need an adopter who is willing to care for her chronic medical problems.

Of course, cats aren't the only animals to bear the burden of overbreeding. Dogs, too, aren't immune.

Vince, a French bulldog, was found as a stray and brought into the shelter by a concerned resident. Shelter staff immediately transported him to the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, where he was treated

for an abscess on his face and respiratory problems. Furthermore, he suffered from leg problems and was unable to stand properly.

After a round of antibiotics and lots of R&R in the League's staff offices, Vince has begun to show off his fun-loving personality. He can now get back to what he loves best — chasing after balls — even though he's still unsteady on his feet at times. However, Vince will likely always suffer from the respiratory problems caused by his genes.

Both Goldi and Vince are "brachycephalic," said Dr. Kaci Angelone, the League's veterinarian. "Brachycephalic breeds ... have abnormal nasal passages due to their shortened upper jaws and this results in abnormalities in their respiratory tract, which can lead to breathing problems.

"As a shelter vet, I recommend that people choose their pets from animal shelters instead of going to a pet store or a breeder. Shelters all over the country are full of highly adoptable, loving, friendly, and playful dogs that need homes," Angelone said.

Hope Nelson is a volunteer at the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria.

Milestone for Arts Festival

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH
ALEXANDRIA REDEVELOPMENT
AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Youth Arts Festival has reached a significant milestone in the impending celebration of its 5th year in existence this June 7. The festival is a testament to the spirit of partnership and collaboration with Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority in partnership with The Alexandria Department of Recreation and Cultural Activities, the Alexandria Commission For the Arts, Alexandria City Public Schools, DASH Bus, Northern Virginia Urban League and The Campagna Center. New partners joining the festival this year are the Torpedo Factory and Joyous Events.

The Youths Arts Festival is a unique event and experience for young aspiring artists to showcase their talent in art, music, theatre and dance.

The festival has also been recognized and included in the Alexandria Commission for the Arts'

2014 Celebrating the Arts: A Year of Extraordinary Anniversaries.

It is the celebration and recognition of artistic festivals ranging in maturation from five years to 100 years.

Continuing the theme of "The Artist Within ..." the youth from across the City of Alexandria have the opportunity to create original art, participate in creative dance, youth theatre and music including and also participate in many interactive workshops. In a salute to Father's Day, the Youth Arts Festival includes an activity component that includes Basketball Tournament Games for Father/Daughter/Father/Son teams with prizes for the winners.

The 5th Annual Youth Arts Festival will be held Saturday, June 7, 12-4 p.m. at George Washington Middle School Braddock Road Field, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria.

For more information about this festival contact Marvel Robertson at 703-549-7115 ext. 230 and additional information on the festival can be found at www.arhaevents.wordpress.com.

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Fabulous listing in Yacht Haven Estates, one of area's leading waterfront communities! Many major upgrades include: furnace, A/C, water heater, roof, and washer and dryer. Truly stunning gourmet kitchen with custom cabinets, gas cooktop, top level granite countertop. Hardwood floors, bright, open floor plan, covered parking & stone walkway. Large deck overlooks 1/2 acre gorgeous grounds. **OPEN SUN 5/4, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Ferry Landing Rd.**

OPEN SUN

4200 Ferry Landing Rd \$675,000
Unique Opportunity!
This gorgeous 4 BR Colonial is in impeccable condition, and is loaded with upgrades. Bright, open floor plan. Fabulous features: main level study and family room, large updated kitchen with breakfast area, finished LL, sumptuous master suite, stunning Brazilian Cherry floors, Andersen thermal windows and two car garage. Size-condition-location can't be duplicated at this price! **OPEN SUN 5/4, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Old Mt Vernon, becomes-Ferry Landing.**

JUST LISTED

8726 Parry Lane \$689,000
Prime Location!
One of best locations in Stratford area! Spacious 3 level Colonial at end of quiet cul-de-sac with absolutely the most gorgeous, private yard you will find! Also features rare oversize two car garage. Home is in pristine condition with thermal windows, hardwood floors, and magnificent exterior deck overlooking fabulous grounds! A truly unique property.

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4119 Robertson Blvd \$685,000
New Orleans Colonial!
Bourbon Street flair in the heart of Mount Vernon! Fabulous Colonial with distinctive New Orleans flavor! Numerous features include: 4 large bedrooms, 3 finished levels, open floor plan, updated custom kitchen, oversize 2 car garage. Unique second floor front balcony overlooks ground and wooded neighborhood. A truly fabulous property at a great price!

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6812 Tiddle Way \$650,000
Updated Colonial!
Spacious Colonial, substantially updated in prime Raceway Farms location. Features include: 3 finished levels, open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage and large deck. Updates include: windows, roof, siding baths and kitchen. Gorgeous home in "move-in" condition at exceptionally attractive price!

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Blues for an Alabama Sky' at Port City

Port City Playhouse stages 1930s drama set during the Harlem Renaissance.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
GAZETTE PACKET

Port City Playhouse is staging its final production of the 2013-14 season, "Blues for an Alabama Sky," by playwright Pearl Cleage, May 2-17.

The show is a bittersweet story of five friends at the end of the Harlem Renaissance and the onset of the Great Depression. Directed by Eleanore Tapscott, the play is Port City's fourth 'Salute to the American Voice' production. Numerous social topics envelop the play, such as raging unemployment, homelessness, the fight for reproductive rights, homophobia and brutal gay bashing. "The playwright may have written 'Blues for an Alabama Sky' in 1995 and set it in 1930," said Tapscott. "But its umbrella themes of cultural intolerance and desperate times/desperate measures are quite relevant in 2014."

A central theme of the play is self-awareness — what a person thinks they are and how they are perceived by others, and how others actually perceive them, said Tapscott. "I wanted the audience to understand the importance of self-awareness and truth. Self-awareness leads to understanding and allows us to make informed, conscious choices."

Tapscott said she loves the Harlem Renaissance time frame and the outpouring of African-American creativity it unleashed — at a time when Josephine Baker was viewed not as a black artist but as an artist in France.

"I think telling the story of this group of five people and the racial and society struggles they experience illustrates that

despite the progress we've made, there is still a lot more work to be done," added Tapscott.

Producer Sydney-Chanel Dawkins said she first saw the play three years ago in the African Continuum Theatre's production directed by Walter Dallas, and she still gets goose bumps when she thinks about it.

"'Blues for an Alabama Sky' is a beautiful, meaningful play bringing to life vibrant characters, and as Pearl Cleage says, it 'speaks the truth to the people,'" said Dawkins.

"You can't have a heartbeat and not be affected by the power and mission of Pearl Cleage's writing," added Dawkins. "That's why I am psyched to share this wonderful storytelling with the citizens of Alexandria and our extended theater-loving community."

Actor Mack Leamon plays Leland Cunningham, a transplant to Harlem from the South who's seen some tragedy and isn't quite healed — but with clear definitions of right and wrong. Leamon said doing a period piece presents unique challenges with its customs, style, culture, and even technology of the time period, which all impact behavior. "It is a difficult task for the actor to identify those differences, recognize how they would affect behavior and incorporate them into your behavior in a true and honest way," he said.

"As people, we tend to judge things and view things through the prism of our own lives and experiences," he said. "And that usually makes us view things as very black and white."

He added, "In reality, there are many different shades of gray. If I put myself in the shoes of another person, I can understand how they are who they are. I hope audiences can appreciate this idea in all of



Malcolm Lee (Guy) and Lolita-Marie (Angel) star in "Blues for an Alabama Sky" at the Port City Playhouse.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL DEBLOIS

"Doc," who he describes as a giving man who cares very much about the people in his community. "Unfortunately for him, the close connection with the community also exposes his soul to the tough realities of life in 1930s Harlem."

He said, "I would like for people to see that our lives are an opportunity to experience great and wonderful things... We all may not get to Paris, but at least we can help a fellow man and let the good times roll in the process."

Actor Christine Wells plays the character of Delia Patterson, a social worker at a family planning clinic. "Delia is all too aware of the sacrifices and consequences that women made and endured during that time, especially when facing pregnancy, whether planned or unplanned," she said. "As a result, she becomes an ardent activist for family planning and for women's right to the use of contraceptives."

Wells added, "One main challenge I have had during this play is identifying and defining Delia's character, and being able to illustrate that onstage and in rehearsals."

Actor Lolita Clayton plays Angel, the entertainer embroiled socially in the Harlem Renaissance movement. "Truly though, her

profession, love-life, and her relationships are all consciously or unconsciously fostered by the slowly aging diva with her survival as the ultimate goal."

Clayton also said, "I hope that audiences will leave with a reminder that a life driven by fear is no life at all. Each of us has a responsibility to dream extraordinary dreams for ourselves," she said.

"Blues for an Alabama Sky" runs Friday-Saturday, May 2-3, 9-10 and 16-17, and Tuesday, May 13, at 8 p.m., with Saturday matinees on May 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. Port City performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane. \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, students and military. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

Details

As its 36th season comes to a close, Port City has announced its 2014-15 productions. The season will begin with "Black Hole" by Jean Koppen, Port City's first "Playwright Incubator Project" production, in which the company works with a local playwright to provide a creatively stimulating environment to develop original theatrical works. The season will continue with "In the Next Room" by Sarah Ruhl, "Shining City" by Conor McPherson, and "Stick Fly" by Lydia R. Diamond.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

All Alexandria Reads. Spring events mark Alexandria's annual one book, one community campaign. Adults are invited to ready the recently republished "When Washington Was in Vogue," a once-lost novel by Edward Christopher Williams which depicts the vibrant social life of

Washington D.C.'s upper class African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance and jazz age. Younger readers are invited to read the picture book, "Harlem's Little Blackbird," by Renée Watson or the chapter book, "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. More than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Pop Art Exhibit. Works by Art League members celebrating the pop movement with a modern twist. Through May 5 at the Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-

Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Sunday. Art on the Rocks cocktail reception Wednesday, April 30, 7-10 p.m., \$35. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes of Ireland, Maine and Louisiana and birds, people and dogs. May 1-June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, May 4, 2-4 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

Art Exhibit. May 2-June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Opening reception Saturday, May 3, 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. See "LOULOU DI Flower/To Flower" at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The exhibit explores the natural process of flowering and its metaphorical context through object making and installation. Free. The exhibit runs through May 4. Call 703-

548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.
Film Screenings. Duncan Cinema Club begins monthly series, "Films of the Pre Code Era," May 7, 6:30 p.m. Films will be shown the first Wednesday of the month at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Post-screening discussions at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. at 9 p.m. Call 703-746-1705 for film.

Art Exhibit. Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit "Playground" May 8-June 2 in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Opening reception to meet the artist Thursday,

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May 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit www.theatleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. "Words and Letters" May 8-June 22 in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Art Exhibit. "Sound of Butterfly," a solo exhibition of new work by Soomin Ham, a photographer and multimedia artist. Through May 11 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays, 1-9 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

Theatre One-Man Shows. Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. The Thousandth Night by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd, and Underneath the Lintel by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or www.boxofficetickets.com. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Attics and Alleys Tour. Tickets are now on sale for the Attics and Alleys tour, a three-hour walking tour featuring rarely seen spaces of four sites — the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Tours will be offered Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-noon. \$35/peron. Reservations required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

Spy Program at Mount Vernon. 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/spy.

Photography Exhibit. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group

meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon

request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at PresPassport.Monticello.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Pre-School Studio. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

History Camp. The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursday, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American

history and life in historic Alexandria. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit, www.metropolitanarts.org.

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host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp or call 703-206-8064.

Metro Club After-School Program. Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorion studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

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

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit www.mvccct.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 1-2

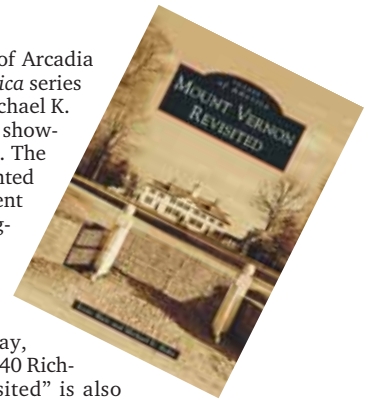
Theatre Performance. 5 p.m. at West Potomac High School's Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. A Lot of Medieval Merry Making Set for the West Potomac Theatre with Monty Python's "Spamalot." \$10/students and \$12/adults. Visit <http://wphs-spamalot.brownpapertickets.com>.

FRIDAY/MAY 2

Preschool Fun Fair. 4:30-7 p.m. at 7719 Fort Hunt Road. The Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool Annual Fun Fair has a carnival theme with games, crafts, magic shows, music and face painting. Food is available for purchase. Tickets sold at door: \$12 per child ages 2 and up,

Book Signing

"Mount Vernon Revisited," part of Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series by local authors Jessie Biele and Michael K. Bohn, boasts more than 200 images showcasing the history of Mount Vernon. The modern history of the site is highlighted as well, showing how the development of Route 1 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the 20th century contributed to today's economic development and growth in the Mount Vernon area. Meet the authors for a book signing Saturday, May 10, 11a.m.-1 p.m. at Costco, 7940 Richmond Hwy. "Mount Vernon Revisited" is also available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at 888-313-2665 or at www.arcadiapublishing.com.



adults free. Visit www.tauxemont.org or email tauxemontpp@gmail.com.

Art Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at B&B Gallery, 215 King St. Artist Serenety Hanley will exhibit a series of black and white oil on canvas pieces. Free, contact mddbrumbaugh@me.com.

Middle School Play. 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre." Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Twenty T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees exhibit artwork May 2-11. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 2-3

School Musical. 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams, Main Campus, 3330 King St., in the main auditorium. "A Chorus Line," a PG-13 show not suitable for young children. \$5 for ACPS students, staff and senior citizens; \$10 adults. Call 703-824-6800.

SATURDAY/MAY 3

Morning Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Epiphany Weekday School, 5513 Old Mill Road. Crafters & home business owners welcome. Enjoy crafts, yard sale finds, and other items. Baked goods & refreshments. Contact ewsmorningmarket@gmail.com.

Children's Music. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Theatre, 815 1/2 King St. "Uno, Dos, Tres con Andrés," interactive, bilingual movement-and-music show with Andrés Salguero, full band and guests. Opening act The Uncle Devin Show. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com or call 703-549-1025.

House & Garden Tour. Noon-6 p.m. at Hollin Meadows Elementary School on 2310 Nordok Place. Bi-annual House & Garden self-guided walking tour of mid-century modern architecture and landscape. Ten Charles Goodman-designed properties and three gardens will be opened to hundreds of modern architecture enthusiasts. A lecture will take place prior to the tours in the school cafeteria at 11 a.m. \$25 in advance, \$30 day of. Visit www.hollin hills.net.

Middle School Play. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the George Washington Middle School Auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Adaptation of Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre." Tickets \$5, cash and check only. Concessions available. Call 703-706-4500.

Food History Symposium. 1:30-5 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Four presentations by local food historians and business people, a post-symposium book signing, and tasting of Shuman's famous Jelly Cake. \$50, advance registration encouraged. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx> or call 703-746-4994.

Theatre Performance. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School's Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. A Lot of Medieval Merry Making Set for the West Potomac Theatre with Monty Python's "Spamalot." \$10/students and \$12/adults. Visit <http://wphs-spamalot.brownpapertickets.com>.

Author Event. 3-6 p.m. at Hunting Creek Club, 2059 Huntington Ave. Myra G.C. promotes her novel "Rough Woman-Not? Angry; Scorned." The book takes readers on a journey in which "women openly express feeling different and unappreciated." Myra describes them as women, "who are frustrated and tired of defending themselves against being labeled as angry, loud,

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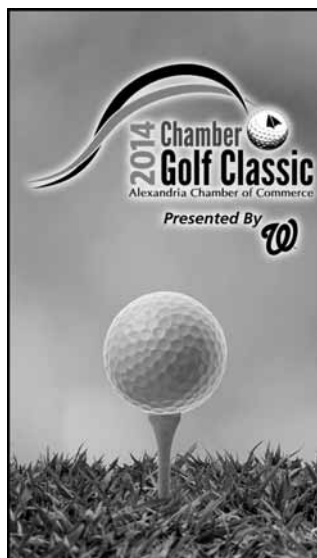
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Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. On display through June 8. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Kentucky Derby Party. 4:30-8 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club. Junior Friends of the Campagna Center present Bowties & Belles Kentucky Derby Party. Watch the Derby and enjoy a raffle, live music, silent auction and cocktail reception. \$100 tickets to benefit the Campagna Center's programs. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/bowties-belles.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30-10 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association hosts lessons, 6:30-7:30 followed by open dancing with DJ. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Spring Benefit. 7-10 p.m. at the Deringer home, 1198 Janneys Lane, Alexandria. The Child & Family Network Centers' annual spring benefit will honor U.S. Rept. Jim Moran (D-Virginia 8th). Silent auction and light refreshments. Tickets \$250. Visit www.cfnc-online.org/category/events or contact Danielle Grigsby at 703-835-0214, ext. 234 or dgrigsby@cfnc-online.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 3-31

Historic Attic and Alley Tours. 9 a.m.-noon, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or at the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria's historic sites on this special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern.

SUNDAY/MAY 4

Women's Bike Ride. 9:30 a.m. beginning at Jones Point Park, under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Women on a Roll Ride organized by Alexandria Spokeswomen. Leisurely ride will visit cycling shops to remind businesses that female cyclists are a growing market. Riders are encouraged to wear green and must wear helmets. Snacks and refreshments provided at the shops. Free, registration available at <http://goo.gl/7v8PJ2>.

Wetlands Awareness Day. Noon-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about the wetlands and the birds and animals that live there. Family fun fair with displays, games, face paintings. Free event, fee for some activities. Rain or shine. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park.

T.C. Williams Titan Expo. 1-5 p.m. at the school, 3330 King St. Carnival games, car bash, bake sale, bingo, used book sale and music. Rain or shine. Free admission but activities

cost, to benefit scholarships.

Women's History Guided Tour. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Ramsay House, 221 King St. Historic Alexandria Director J. Lance Mallamo guides the 2014 Alexandria Women's History Tour, covering several sites in a one-mile tour highlighting the stories of Alexandria women past and present. Light refreshments provided at the end at the Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Free, but registration required. Visit <http://alexandriava.gov/historic/enews/thisWeek.html>.

Jazz Concert. 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Jazz music with the Northern Virginia Community College Jazz Combo. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

History Book Club. 1 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Group will discuss "Historic Alexandria: an Illustrated History" by Ted Pulliam. Free. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

Gallery Talk. 1:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artists exhibiting in LOULOU Flower / to Flower will discuss their work. Free. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's one-artist show, on display May 1-June 30.

History Lecture and Book Signing. 3 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Historian and author John Beakes will speak on the military career of Colonel Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee during the American Revolution. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 day of. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

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TUESDAY/MAY 6

Handcraft Tuesday. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Share projects, tips and ideas with other crafters while working on a craft. Bring your own project. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Author Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Author Alan Taylor will discuss his most recent book "The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia, 1772-1832." Free for Alexandria Historical Society members. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard St. "Close to Home: An evening with American Composers" includes performances by the NOVA Community Chorus, the NOVA Alexandria Band and the NOVA Alexandria Jazz Ensemble. Contact Lisa C. Eckstein at 703-845-6252 or leckstein@nvcc.edu.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 7

Opening Reception to Art Exhibition. 5-8 p.m., at the The Gallery@Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Opening reception for the art show, "Art Uniting People." For information on submitting artwork contact artunitingpeople@gmail.com or visit www.HealthierAlexandria.com/antistigma.

Film Screening. 6:30 p.m. at the Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Duncan Cinema Club begins monthly series, "Films of the Pre Code Era." Post-screening discussions at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. at 9 p.m. Call 703-746-1705.

DJ Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's

Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. DJ Dabe Murphy. \$6. Call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 8

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit "Playground" May 8-June 2. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Author Talk. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Author Adam McKible of John Jay College, who discovered "When Washington was in Vogue," uncovered the identity of its anonymous author, and the life and legacy of Edward Christopher Williams. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Live Music. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Second Thursday Music: Izzabella Perelman. \$10. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Four-time Grammy Award winner Steve Wariner will perform. \$29.50 Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 9

Farm to Table Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Reception, tour and four-course dinner with products cultivated and produced on the Estate. Wine pairings included. Tickets are \$175 including tax and gratuity. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.MountVernon.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 9-10

School Musical. 7:30 p.m. at T.C.

Williams, Main Campus, 3330 King St., in the main auditorium. "A Chorus Line," a PG-13 show not suitable for young children. \$5 for ACPS students, staff and senior citizens; \$10 adults. Call 703-824-6800.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

House and Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Del Ray, begins at A Show of Hands, 2301 Mount Vernon Ave. Biennial event serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects and the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. \$20 in advance, \$25 day-of. Visit www.delraycitizens.org or come to the Del Ray Farmers Market April 26 and May 3. Volunteers welcome. Contact docentvolunteers@comcast.net.

Mothers Day Fashion Show and Dinner. 4-7 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Live entertainment by Al Muntzie and the Renaissance Gospel Singers. Tickets range from \$7 for seniors to \$25 for couples, discounts for advance tickets. Contact Sharlene Jones at 571-332-1006 or Judy Garnett at 703-919-5143.

SUNDAY/MAY 11

Mother's Day Tea at Carlyle House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park for more.

Mother's Day Museum Tours. 1-5



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17th Annual T.C. Williams Art Show

Del Ray Artisans and the T.C. Williams High School Art Department jointly present the 17th Annual Student Art Show at Del Ray Artisans gallery. The exhibit will feature the work of members of the National Art Honor Society.

An opening reception will be held Friday, May 2, 7-9 p.m. Light snacks and beverages will be available.

The show will run May 2-11 at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, noon-6 p.m. (First Thursday noon-9 p.m.); Fridays, noon-9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-9 p.m.; and Sundays, noon-6 p.m. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

p.m., at Old Town historic sites: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.; or the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers enjoy free admission. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/spring.

Mother's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for

free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994 for more.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. "Words and Letters" runs May 8-June 22. The multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Profiles of Courage

Constable Elijah Chenault, 1823

On August 4, 1823, Constable Elijah Chenault was attempting to seize property from Elizabeth Williams when she resisted. They began to struggle and in defense, the constable struck her with a sword cane but it had little effect, and she was able to get the sword away from the constable. Then she grabbed a wooden stick and struck him on the head with it. The blow was fatal, killing Constable Chenault within minutes.

Williams was arrested and taken to jail. She was indicted for murder and in November, a jury convicted her of manslaughter. She was sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$85. Constable Chenault had served for 14 years. He was survived by his wife Elizabeth and several children. His final resting place is unknown.

Constable Chenault's murder is the earliest known line of duty death of a law enforcement officer in Virginia.

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From left: Bill Rivers, Miracle League chair; Keith Reynolds, CVS Caremark vice president of sales and account services; Lindsey Swanson, executive director of the Kelley Cares Foundation; Jackie Person, therapeutic recreation program manager for the City of Alexandria; Mac Slover, director of Sports for the City of Alexandria, and Ellen, Miracle League participant.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

From left: Keith Reynolds, CVS Caremark vice president of sales and account services, with Valery Davenport, Miracle League participant.

Miracle League Opens Its Season

Grant to help build Alexandria's first inclusive playground.

On April 26, CVS Caremark celebrated the start of a new baseball season at the Miracle League of Alexandria's Opening Day festivities, with representatives from the Miracle League, the Kelley Cares Foundation and Miracle League Athletes.

CVS Caremark recently awarded the Miracle League and the Kelley Cares Foun-

ation a \$25,000 grant to help fund the build of Alexandria's first inclusive playground, tentatively set to open this fall at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center.

The Kelley Cares Foundation has a history of support for Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation Program, which includes paying for the equipment for a multi-sensory indoor play area; funding a multi-sensory

mobile lab to go to city schools; helping build the Kelley Cares Miracle Field, as well as supporting a number of other initiatives. See www.kelleycares.org.

The new playground will allow children of all abilities to play and learn together in a fun and safe environment. The playground is tentatively set to open this fall and the grant is funded through CVS



Caremark All Kids Can, a philanthropic program which focuses on helping children of all abilities on their path to better health.



By KEITH WATERS/KX PHOTOGRAPHY

On Saturday, April 26, The Miracle League of Alexandria celebrated the start of a new baseball season at its Opening Day festivities on Saturday, April 26. The season opener included both youth and adult Miracle League games, as well as pre-game activities at Lee Center Miracle Field. The Miracle League of Alexandria is comprised of private citizens concerned with supporting outdoor recreation opportunities for individuals with special needs. See www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.



'Spring Sweep' Set for May 2

The Alexandria Crew Boosters will host its annual fundraiser to benefit T.C. Williams High School rowing May 2 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

This year's event is called "Spring Sweep: Celebrate our Season," and will feature dinner and drinks, a Jazz trio, raffle and a live auction. Proceeds will benefit the T. C. Williams rowing program. The public is invited to attend the event at the Old Dominion Boat Club, the birthplace of rowing in Alexandria, at 1 King Street.

The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets

are \$40 per person or two for \$75 and must be purchased in advance or online through PayPal. Call 703-836-1900 or visit www.tcwcrew.org/events/springsweep.html.

Alexandria Crew Boosters was organized in 1951 and is the principal mechanism for fundraising that makes possible the purchase of new boats and equipment and some costs associated with team trips to major regattas. The Old Dominion Boat Club, founded in 1880 is the oldest boat club in Virginia and has sponsored high school rowing since 1947.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



PHOTO/ALEXANDRIA CREW BOOSTERS

The T.C. Williams Girls Freshman Eight compete in a preliminary heat at the Charlie Butt Regatta April 26 on the Potomac River. The Alexandria Crew Boosters will host a fundraiser May 2 at the Old Dominion Boat Club to benefit the T.C. rowing program.



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes senior Gavin Peppers takes it to the rim for the South all-stars during the 41st Annual Capital Classic on April 26 at T.C. Williams High School.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes senior Cam Gregory scored 18 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the South all-stars during the 41st Annual Capital Classic.

SSSAS Teammates Peppers, Gregory Shine at Capital Classic

Ireton's Moseh records double-double for victorious West all-stars.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The South all-stars trailed by more than 20 points in the opening game of the 41st Annual Capital Classic on April 26 at T.C. Williams High School, but that didn't stop St. Stephen's & St. Agnes' Gavin Peppers and Cam Gregory from trying to get their team back in the game.

With the fourth quarter winding down, Peppers scored eight straight points to pull the South within four. In the final minute, Gregory knocked down a 3-pointer and threw down a putback dunk to cut the North all-stars' lead to one. In the end, the South fell short, 109-106, but Peppers and Gregory had put forth a strong effort.

Playing in the first of three all-star games during the Capital Classic, Gregory finished with 18 points and 15 rebounds, while Peppers totaled 15 points, six assists and five

rebounds.

"I just wanted to make the game close," Peppers said. "I wasn't playing good for most of the game, so I wanted to come out and pretty much prove to everybody why I was selected to play in one of these games. I wanted to make a statement."

Peppers and Gregory were once teammates at Bishop O'Connell High School before ending their prep careers together at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes. Peppers is committed to Southeast Missouri State, while Gregory is headed to Loyola.

"He's like my brother," Peppers said. "It's good to play [my] last game with him."

Bishop Ireton senior Daniel Noe also suited up for the South all-stars. Noe, who will play basketball for Navy, grabbed three rebounds and dished three assists.

Wakefield's Tony Bentley coached the South all-stars and praised his team for continuing to fight after falling behind.

"I kept telling them: 'You guys see all-star

games, come on, let's be different. Do something different,'" Bentley said. "They dug in down to the end and I was very happy to see they didn't want to go out like that. When the final horn went off you heard, 'Ah, [dang,]' because they wanted to win. Most kids want to just go through the motions in an all-star game and they went hard."

Clinton Christian's Byron Hawkins (Towson) scored a game-high 29 points for the South, earning game MVP honors in a losing effort.

In the second game of the event, the West all-stars defeated the East 126-115. Bishop Ireton's Patrick Moseh produced a double-double for the West, scoring 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds.

Moseh played his freshman season at Lee High School before transferring to the Alexandria private school. He will play college basketball for Wheeling Jesuit University.

"I thought I was rusty but I think I did a good job," Moseh said. "... When I was a freshman, I never imagined I'd be here. I think the transition to the WCAC ... helped me be more aggressive."

The West all-stars scored 46 points in the first quarter and led 78-53 at halftime. Eight of the nine West all-stars scored in double figures, with game MVP Brandon Alston (Herndon/Lehigh) leading the way with 25 points.

"We told them before the game, just everybody share the ball with each other because everybody here can play," said W.T. Woodson head coach Doug Craig, who coached the West all-stars. "If we share the ball, everybody will score, everybody will look good and we'll get a 'W.'"

In the main event, the U.S. all-stars defeated the Capital all-stars 139-134.

NBA stars such as LeBron James, Dwight Howard and Carmelo Anthony have participated in the Capital Classic, along with Hall of Famers Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson.

TC Girls' Freshman 8 Win at Charlie Butt Regatta

Boys', Girls' 1V win heats, post fastest times in wind-shortened competition.

The T.C. Williams crew team traveled to Georgetown this past Saturday to compete in the Charlie Butt Regatta, a wind-shortened competition that featured some of the top crews in the area and saw the Titan rowers not only post the fastest times, but win a total of eight races on the day.

Leading the way for T.C. was the girls' freshman 8, who won their morning heat over Georgetown Visitation and Mount Vernon and then captured their afternoon final going away. Battling 30 mph wind gusts that created white caps on the

Potomac, the frosh 8 crossed the finish line with a time of 5:16.1, over four seconds faster than the runner-up boat from National Cathedral and over 17 seconds faster than the crew from Yorktown, who came in third.

Members of the T.C. girls' freshman 8 include: coxswain Elizabeth Roda and rowers Anissa Ashraf, Olivia Anthony, Reed Kenny, Katie Murphy, Lily Warden, Caroline Hill, Sierra Arnold and Emily De-Bodene. The Frosh 8 are guided by head T.C. crew head girls' coach Patrick Marquardt.

As it turned out, the freshman girls' con-

test was the last event raced that afternoon. With the wind gusts gaining in intensity, the remainder of the regatta was cancelled and the competitors who were waiting near the starting line for the beginning of their race were told to turn around and return to shore. Notably, four Titan boats were on the water at the time. The four boats had won their morning qualifying heats to advance to the afternoon final and included: the boys' first varsity 8, the girls' first varsity 8, the boys' lightweight 8 and the girls' second varsity 8.

The boys' first varsity 8 not only captured

first place in their qualifying heat, but did so by sprinting down the 1,500-meter course with the best time of the day - 4:30.8, which was nearly two seconds faster than the time posted by St. Albans. Members of the Titan varsity 8 include: coxswain Spenser Gilliland and rowers Ben Blakeslee, Sam Zickar, Nate Conrad, Noah Stewart, Rodrigo Robles, Carter Weitekamp, Greg Montenegro, and Tyler Souza. The varsity 8 is guided by coach Pete Hearing.

The girls' first varsity 8 not only put on a perfectly-timed sprint to claim victory, but

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HOME SALES

In March 2014, 176 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,500,000-\$100,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,500,000-\$379,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code
16 WOLFE ST #54	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,500,000	Townhouse			22314
52 WOLFE ST #19	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,800,000	Townhouse			22314
212 LEE ST N	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,545,000	Semi-Detached	0.05		22314
111 COLUMBUS ST	6	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,447,266	Semi-Detached	0.07		22314
2 FRANKLIN ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,435,000	Townhouse	0.03		22314
726 FONTAINE ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,430,000	Detached	0.48		22302
624 SAINT ASAPH ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,185,000	Townhouse	0.05		22314
307 MYRTLE ST W	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,045,000	Detached	0.11		22301
605 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,016,000	Detached	0.28		22304
2207 IVOR LN	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.22		22304
3113 RUSSELL RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$989,000	Detached	0.19		22305
603 NELSON	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$969,000	Townhouse			22301
90 COMMONWEALTH AVE	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$930,000	Detached	0.18		22301
20 MAPLE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$895,000	Detached	0.14		22301
4121 FORT WORTH PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$895,000	Detached	0.25		22304
2505 CENTRAL AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$885,000	Detached	0.13		22302
910 ALLISON ST	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$884,000	Detached	0.23		22302
2503 TERRETT AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.11		22301
311 COLUMBUS ST S	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$859,000	Townhouse	0.04		22314
1711 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$845,900	Townhouse	0.02		22314
318 ROYAL ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$844,000	Detached	0.05		22314
1751 POTOMAC GREENS DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$840,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314
2400 TERRETT AVE	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$830,000	Detached	0.14		22301
202 VASSAR PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$812,500	Detached	0.44		22314
314 COMMERCE ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Townhouse	0.06		22314
100 WALNUT ST E	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$777,000	Detached	0.11		22301
250 MEDLOCK LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$742,000	Townhouse	0.03		22304
29 HOWELL AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$730,000	Detached	0.10		22301
2603 TERRETT AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.12		22301
4648 KIRKLAND PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$722,400	Townhouse	0.10		22311
425 PATRICK ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04		22314
2717 HEMLOCK AVE	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$713,320	Detached	0.09		22305
320 DEL RAY AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$705,000	Detached	0.20		22301
400 MADISON ST #1108	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314
3806 ELBERT AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$699,000	Detached	0.13		22305
2804 OLD DOMINION BLVD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.18		22305
484 FERDINAND DAY DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304
5007 BARBOUR DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$662,500	Townhouse	0.04		22304
146 MARTIN LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304
5166 BRAUNER PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$659,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304
118 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.02		22304
2121 JAMIESON AVE #703	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			22314
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #603	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			22314
130 UNION ST N	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Townhouse			22314
5132 DONOVAN DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$637,500	Townhouse	0.02		22304
1 MASONIC VIEW AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Detached	0.13		22301
1312 SEAPORT LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.02		22314
1250 WASHINGTON ST #306	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	0.00		22314
353 LIVERMORE LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$602,450	Townhouse	0.03		22304
709 DEVON PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.06		22314
1014 TERRILL ST N	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.08		22304

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TC Girls' Freshman 8 Win at Regatta

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also joined their counterparts on the boys' side by posting the fastest time in their event. The girls' 1V advanced to the final with a time of 5:05.2, which was over two seconds faster than McLean and over seven seconds faster than National Cathedral. Members of the T.C. girls' varsity 8 include: coxswain Rosa Procaccino and rowers Katie Pickup, Claire Embrey, Maria Junstiniano, Kyra McClary, Amelia Bender, Giulia Pastore, Maeve Bradley and Maura Nakahata. The girls' 1V is guided by coach Jaime Rubini.

The boys' lightweight 8, despite the fact that they were competing in the second varsity 8 event, which typically features bigger rowers, posted the second-best time in the qualifying heat. The lights made it down the course with a time of 4:43.9, one second off the pace set by the St. Albans second varsity 8. Members of the T.C. lightweight 8 include: coxswain Jessica Gray and rowers Angelo Leitner-Wise, Calvin Heimberg, George Waskowicz, Toavina Ratolojanahary, Sarin Suvanasai, Alex Psaltis-Ivanis, Perry Connor and Preston Tracy. The Lights are guided by T.C. crew head boys' coach Pete Stramese.

The girls' second varsity 8 sprinted past McLean and Georgetown Visitation to win their morning heat with a time of 5:23.9 and advance to the afternoon final. Members of the girls' 2V included: coxswain Maggie Chamberlain and rowers Rachael Vannatta, Abby Prall, Ilianna Herrman, Kate Arnold, Lynn Stevens, Alyssa Forbes, Sarah Scroggs, and LeeAnn Richards. The second 8 is also guided by Coach Marquardt.

In addition to these five boats who won their morn-

ing qualifying heats to advance to the afternoon finals, the Titans also had three other boats that won their races on the day: the girls' third varsity 8, the girls' fourth varsity 8 and the girls' novice 8.

The T.C. girls' third varsity 8 won their race with a time of 5:44.8, nearly seven seconds faster than the second-place boat from Yorktown. Members of the Girls 3V include: coxswain Amanda Eisenhower and rowers Cobie Johnson, Jessica Mellon, Ella Benbow, Isabel Montenegro, Lauren Kelly, Cecelia Fernandez, Fatima Chavez, and Tori Cook. The 3V is guided by coach Cara Donley.

The T.C. girls' fourth varsity 8 sprinted down the course with a time of 6:01.6, which was nearly three seconds faster than runner-up Yorktown. Members of the Girls 4V include: coxswain Sadie Frymire and rowers Paige St. John, Princess Adusei, Zionah Stafford, Abby Lyles, Charlotte Carey, Ann-Louise Conrad, Izzy Fogg and Vanessa Hernandez. The 4V is guided by coaches Cathy Hott and Chris Ottie.

The T.C. girls' novice 8 blew by the competition and crossed the finish line with a time of 5:38.0, which was nearly 12 seconds faster than the second-place crew from Sidwell Friends. Members of the Titan novice 8 include: coxswain Andi Scroggs and rowers Hope Parson, Kirsten Emblom, Cleo Lewis, Grace Vannatta, Grace Hogan, Holly Garrett, Emma Carroll and Meredith Lemke. The novice 8 is also guided by Coach Donley.

The T.C. Williams crew team competes next in the Virginia state championships, which will be held over the next two weekends on the Occoquan Reservoir and kicks off with the Ted Phoenix Regatta for freshman and novice boats on May 3.

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Lafayette College.

The following local residents graduated from Radford University: earning bachelor of science degrees were **Stephen Andrew McFarland**, psychology; **Tewodros Degefu Desta**, biology; **Kristin Ashley Kayes**, political science; **Charlotte Patricia Warrington**, communication; **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, media studies; and **Megan Marie Maple**, interdisciplinary studies. Earning a bachelor of art degree was **Andrew Spencer Williams**, art. Earning a bachelor of administration degree was **Andrea Michelle Laplace**, history. Earning bachelor of business administration degrees were **Stephanie Carolyn Cockayne**, finance; and **Emily Sohyoung Besse**, marketing.

The Georgia Institute of Technology presented degrees to (22303) **Angelina Callahan**, of Alexandria, with a major in Doctor of Philosophy in history and sociology of technology and science, and (22306) **Sarah Chang**, of Alexandria, with a Bachelor of Science in business administration.

Philip Nau, of Alexandria, received a Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Science degree in environmental science, from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Boston University named **Samantha E. Simmons** to the dean's list for the fall semester.

Nancy Runton, an Alexandria City Public Schools nurse will serve as acting ACPS health services coordinator while current Coordinator **Robin Wallin** completes a one-year public health fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. Runton has served ACPS as a school-based and division registered nurse for more than 12 years. She works closely with schools, city of Alexandria agencies, and local nonprofit organizations to ensure student and family access to health care services. Runton provides leadership to the Teen Wellness Center and the satellite campus of T. C. Williams High School.

Sarah Anneliese Laane, of Alexandria, was named to the Miami University dean's list.

Anna Elizabeth Kane, of Alexandria, received a degree from Miami University with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Sophomore **Lillian Smith**, a graduate of Episcopal High School, is a member of the Denison University women's lacrosse team.

Senior **Chip Phillips**, a graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School, is a member of the Denison University men's lacrosse team.

Felix Boakye-Afriyie, **Ivan Kyle Borces**, **Emma Holt**, and **Alexandra Van den Berg** were named to Bucknell University's dean's list during the fall semester of the 2013.

Stephanie Cameron, economics; **Lydia Ciavarella**, elementary education; **Shannon Frydenlund**, elementary education; and **Emily Smoot**, marketing have been named to the president's list at Clemson University for the fall 2013 semester.

Cullen Scheland has been named to the 2013 fall semester dean's list at

Gregory Frankena was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Frankena was initiated at College of Charleston.

Isaac Johnson of Alexandria has earned placement on the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2013 academic year at Berklee College of Music.

The Alpha Iota Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College recently inducted new officers, members and faculty advisors. New Phi Theta Kappa members at NOVA-Manassas include **Jonathan Allen**, of Alexandria.

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has announced that **Lee Kindel**, of Alexandria, was recently initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Kindel was initiated at Duquesne University.

Davis & Elkins College student **Carly Sable** directed "A Pretty Trap" in the Division of Fine and Performing Arts Winter One-Acts production. Sable is the daughter of Carolyn Sable of Alexandria.

The following students were named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Washington University in St. Louis: **Kelsey Morgan Irvin** is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences and **Kelly Marie Dervarics** is enrolled in the university's College of Architecture in the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts.

Two Alexandria City Public Schools received honors from The Washington Post. **Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology** principal **Brandon Davis** will receive The Washington Post's 2014 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. **Patrick Henry Elementary School** kindergarten teacher **Lori Shabazz** is the winner of the 2014 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher Award.

Davis, an educator since 1996, holds Master's degrees in Administration and in New Professional Studies from George Mason University as well as a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood/Elementary Education from Temple University. Within a year of Davis' 2008 arrival at Cora Kelly, the school made enormous gains in student achievement rates. The school, which has a 90-percent minority student population, achieved a 98 percent pass rate — the school division's highest ever — in the area of mathematics as measured by the Virginia Standards of Learning. During his tenure, students have continued to outperform schools with less diverse populations.

Shabazz, a teacher for 18 years, joined Alexandria City Public Schools in 1999 as a kindergarten teacher at Jefferson-Houston School for the Arts. She has taught kindergarten at Patrick Henry Elementary School since 2004. In addition to her classroom work, Shabazz serves as the grade-level chairperson, educator association building representative, events committee chairperson, interview team representative, new teacher mentor and School Planning and Management Team member. She holds a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education from Bowie State University and a Bachelor of Science in English/Early Childhood Education from Hampton University.

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OBITUARY

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OPINION

Leigh Ann Smith and her group performing a play they have worked on since January.



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Mentor of the Month: Leigh Ann Smith

FROM ALEXANDRIA MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

Leigh Ann Smith has been mentoring with Higher Achievement in Alexandria since spring of 2010. She takes the time each week to prepare a lesson for all of her scholars that will both teach them concrete skills and keep them engaged at the same time. On top of lesson planning, she comes to Center every week to volunteer two and half hours of her time to participate in program-wide activities and lead her group lesson.

She is truly a model mentor: She's consistently positive, caring, respectful and incredibly creative. For example, to teach scholars about persuasive language, she had them create their own inventions and then design ads to market them using said language. She is also a resource for other mentors. She is always first to jump in and offer advice to new mentors, share best practices and lead mini trainings to the larger Higher Achievement community.

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 7

Business Philanthropy Summit. 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Hosted by Volunteer Alexandria. Carly Fiorina



One of the student's writes the following about Smith: "Ms. Leigh Ann acts like our friend and she cares about all of us. She makes sure we understand before continuing with the lesson. I like going over my day with her, because it gives me a chance to talk about my problems and what's good."

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THURSDAY/MAY 8

Public Hearing. 6 p.m. in Room 1101 of City Hall, 301 King St. Public hearing on the Alexandria Transit Company development program and budget. For a copy, contact Alexis Quinn, ATC Secretary, at 703-746-5637 or alexis.quinn@alexandriava.gov or visit www.dashbus.com.

8th Congressional District Candidate Reception. 6-8 p.m. at the Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Area Chambers of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Technology Council host this networking reception with the 8th Congressional District Candidates from both major parties. Refreshments provided. To register visit www.alexchamber.com.

Waterfront Community Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Last community meeting as part of Alexandria's Waterfront Landscape and Flood Mitigation Design Project. An updated alternative design will be presented. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/special/waterfront/default.aspx?id=18940 or contact Urban Planner Richard Lawrence at Richard.lawrence@alexandriava.gov.

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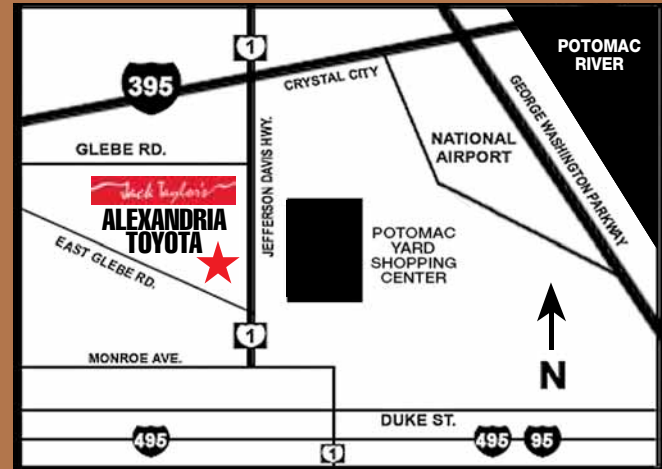
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Choosing a Summer Camp

Professionals offer advice on selecting a camp, but now is the time to register.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Many families with school age children will plan to have their children spend some of the much-anticipated summer season in camp. If you haven't yet selected camps for your children, now is the time.

"Popular classes and programs always fill early," said Kevin Rechen, camp director of Summer at Norwood in Potomac, Md. "Families that are choosing a camp based on a specific program or class should register as soon as they can."

Whether you choose a traditional day camp, a specialty camp or a sleep away camp, the Washington, D.C. region has a multitude of offerings. The array of options can be overwhelming for some parents, but summer camps can be an important part of a child's development. Local child development experts say there are a few things to keep in mind when choosing for a camp.

"Summer camp is an opportunity for children to develop social skills with their peers," said Linda Guly, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Camps give the benefits of social interaction in a more relaxed setting."

When selecting a camp, there are factors that parents should keep in mind. "When parents are looking for a camp they should try to find a camp where they're comfortable with the facility, the programming and counselors and staff," said Rechen.

An array of specialty camps offer children a chance to focus on one activity.

"Developmentally, as children get older they get more specialized in their skills and interests," said Guly. "Summer camp is an opportunity to hone in on those skills. Go with the child's interest and skills and further develop those because they are an important part of a child's identity."

Specialty camps can help children develop creative thinking and problem-solving skills.

For example, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria offers camps that include Quadcopters and Video Editing, MiKiDo Mixed Martial Arts, CSI Detective, Hunger Games, Civil War, Fantasy Battle Gaming, Filmworx Movie Making, Eco-Adventures, Junior Musical Theater, Zoolgy, [and] Junior Veterinarian, said Linda Stratton of SSSAS.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SUMMERTIMES CAMP

Campers at SummerTimes at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School show their art project.

OTHER SPECIALTY CAMPS include cooking camps, yoga camps and sports camps that run the gamut from tennis to hockey.

"A specialty camp gives children a sense of one particular area for a short period of time and allows them to decide if it is something that they want to pursue long-term," said Bethesda, Md., resident Deborah Helfeld who has taught art and yoga summer camps.

"Camps give the benefits of social interaction in a more relaxed setting."

— Linda Guly, Ph.D.,
Marymount University

At George Mason University, high school juniors and seniors will have an opportunity to attend a camp that will give them a head start on college. "It's not your parents' summer camp," said Sudha Kamath. "Mason is giving high school juniors and seniors the chance to take some rare classes for college credit, covering everything from insects that crawl underground to objects that spin through outer space."

Cathy Evans, director of special projects at George Mason University said, "Subjects include astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, economics, environmental science, ethics, global affairs, health behav-

ior, history, mathematics, nutrition and public speaking. The sky's the limit as students explore topics like 'Stars, Galaxies and the Universe' and 'The Ecosphere.'"

Camp Greenway at The Madeira School offers three options for two-week camp sessions with outdoor and indoor activities, said Laura Temple, spokeswoman for school in McLean, Va. "Water sports, games, team sports, music, arts and crafts, and MAD Science are all part of the daily action for campers."

The Fairfax County Park Authority offers camps nature camps that are designed to immerse children in the outdoors. "We want the children to connect with the world around them," said Judy Pedersen, Public Information Officer, Fairfax County Park Authority. "When they leave camp, we hope that they have a deeper appreciation for the world around them for and the environment." You don't need to be a resident of Fairfax County to attend the camps, Pedersen said.

The Arlington Art Center offers summer camps for children and teens that meet daily for several sessions throughout the summer, 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Classes range from portfolio development to drawing, acrylic painting, and contemporary landscapes with oil paint.

ANOTHER OPTION is sleep away camp, which can sometimes be a nerve-wracking but rewarding experience for both a parent and a child.

How does a parent know that their child is ready for to make this leap? "It is going to vary from child to child and family to

family," said Michele C. Garofalo, Ed.D., assistant chair, Department of Counseling and a professor of Psychology at Marymount University in Arlington.

"I think if a child has spent time having sleep overs with friends and has done ok, and is independent and feels comfortable sleeping at friends' houses then it should be fine."

Garofalo suggests that the first sleep away camp experience should be brief.

"I think you want to do a shorter experience to get them ready. The first summer, send them to a four-day camp to test the waters. Their first experience should be at a camp that is close to home. Don't send them to a camp in California the first time."

An open dialog between parent and child is key. "Explain to the child that they

are going to be on their own and tell them what will be expected of them," said Garofalo. "Parents can prepare their children and have an honest conversation about what will happen at the camp."

Those who think they can't afford the cost of summer camp should research financial aid options.

"Many summer camps offer financial aid and there are foundations that give grants for camps," said Rechen.

"Popular classes and programs always fill early."

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Summer Learning Activities

Local educators offer tips to keep children learning during the summer.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When summer vacation begins and school ends in a few weeks, learning doesn't have to take a hiatus. Students can keep their academic skills sharp without entering a classroom or even sitting down with a pencil and paper.

Local educators say opportunities for reading, math, science and history skills are plentiful and none require that children set foot in a school. From a walk in the park to a trip to the grocery store, teachable moments are virtually everywhere.

"There are a thousand ways to do it, but reading is critical," said Marjorie Myers, Ed.D., principal, Francis Scott Key Elementary School in Arlington. "I think the most important thing to do is read in a fun way. Read as a family. Parents can read challenging books to their children. Go to your local library and take advantage of fun activities there.

Some elementary schools encourage their students to read and discuss what they are reading with their parents.

Blake M. Giliotti, staff development teacher at Potomac Elementary in Potomac, Md., said, "We ask kids to read and then have discussions with their parent about what they are reading. We don't ask them to do anything written because we don't want them belabored by school work during summer."

The book discussions or questions that parents ask their children about books don't need to be complicated, Giliotti said. "It can also be as simple as saying, 'Tell me about what you are reading.' Engaging in a natural conversation about a book can give you insight into what your child understands and helps build oral communication skills," she said.

WHEN IT COMES TO science, Len Annetta, Ph.D., professor of Science at George Mason University says he and his wife Jennifer spend a lot of time at the Smithsonian museums with their two children, Samantha, 13, and Joey, 11.

"We particularly like the Air and Space Museum," he said. "It keeps them engaged in science. We walk around together and we ask them questions after



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Campers at Hidden Oaks Nature Center marvel at a crayfish they netted in the creek.

we leave a museum. When they get home they get to go online and do more research on things that interest them."

There are subtle science lessons to be learned even when taking a summer stroll. "We're out for a nature walk and we see an animal or plant and we start talking about it," said Annetta. "We also look at and talk about grasses and trees and animals."

For parents who don't have a science background, Annetta suggests looking up information on a smart phone during a walk or museum trip.

A shopping trip can also be an opportunity for a math lesson, said Myers. "Take your children to the grocery store and use actual money instead of credit cards, so the children can see a value for money and numbers," she said. "Give children an allowance so they can make the connection between money and the cost of things they want to buy. Sitting in a classroom with fake money doesn't quite get it."

This area offers an abundance of locations for history lessons. "I go out to the battle fields near Manassas," Anetta said. "There are placards that help describe what is going on. There are a lot of local museums that offer the same opportunities."

Keeping a journal is another way to keep skills sharp outside of a structured setting.

"Keeping a travel or camp journal is a fun and easy way to support academic skills," said Benita Cathey, director of admissions at Grace Episcopal School in Alexandria. "A travel or camp journal reinforces writing, geography and social studies and organizational skills."

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Martial Arts Camps. Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Visit www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp or call 703-206-8064.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit www.mvccct.org.

Alexandria Summer Recreation. Summer of Smiles, the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures are available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries located throughout the City. Registration for 2014 Summer Camps opens Wednesday, March 19 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 21 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online at www.alexandriava.gov/58232 or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. For more information about summer camps, contact Recreation Services at 703-746-5430 or the Camps and Classes Office at 703-746-5414.

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