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Karen Menatti and Ron Field, historic interpreters at the Mount Vernon Estate, entertain visitors with demonstrations on the making of colonial chocolate and ice cream.

Making Ice Cream, Colonial-Style

As the temperature and humidity raced toward 90 on Aug. 4, chocolate ice cream was being made in the green house at the Mount Vernon Estate.

Karen Menatti and Ron Field, historic interpreters, demonstrated the colonial techniques for making chocolate and using the chocolate to flavor ice cream.

To make the chocolate, Field first roasted the cocoa beans, shelled them and crushed the beans in a large bowl. The beans then are grounded on a metate, a grinding stone, with an iron rolling pin called a mano. The metate is heated from below. Later the spices are added. Some of the spices used were anato, cinnamon, vanilla, nutmeg, anise, chili peppers and anise.

Meanwhile Menatti prepared ice cream with a cream machine similar to what Gen.

George Washington ordered for the household in 1784. To make the ice cream, milk, cream, sugar and flavoring were mixed together and put inside the creaming canister and turned and agitated in the salt ice which was in an outer bucket. After the mixture thickened, the mixture was transferred to molds for setting.

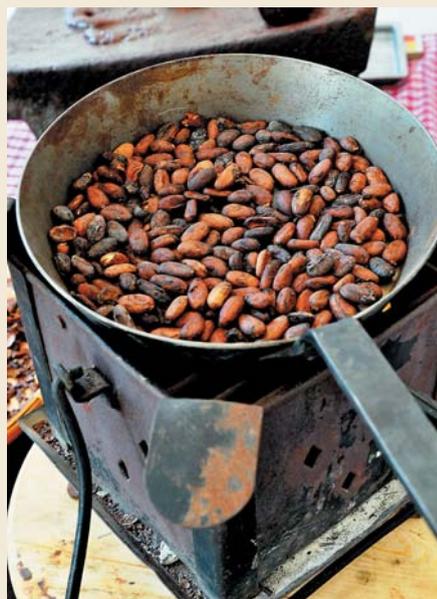
For more information about events and activities at the Mount Vernon Estate visit www.mountvernon.org.



Historic interpreter Ron Field shows a visitor the rolling pin (mano) used to crush the cocoa beans.



Historic interpreter Karen Menatti explains some of the history of ice cream in Europe and in the colonies as a young volunteer helps with turning the creaming canister.



The cocoa beans are roasted.

Politics of Flooding

Huntington residents poised to push for bond referendum in November.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

After decades of soggy basements, moldy walls and waterlogged lives, residents of the Huntington neighborhood say they have had enough — and they want the voters of Fairfax County to do something about it. This November, voters across Fairfax County will consider a \$30 million bond referendum to build a levee along Cameron Run. Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland says voters tend to approve bond initiatives, adding that the last one that failed was in the early 1990s.

“In most cases, voters are prepared to give the board authority to issue bonds,” said Hyland. “But

the other piece of it is that they need to have some comfort level that the subject matter of the bond is something they can support.”

Huntington residents are preparing for a full-court press in the coming weeks, reaching out to civic associations across Fairfax County. Leading that charge is

“It’s hard with limited resources. That’s part of the challenge.”

— Alan Ruof

Alan Ruof, who has been coordinating the floodwall effort for the Huntington Community Association. He’s already spoken to the Burgundy Civic Association, and he’s planning on making appearances at a handful of other local civic associations to spread the word.

“It’s hard with limited resources,” said Ruof. “That’s part of the challenge.”

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A Three-Way Race

Voters will have variety of options for Sept. 4 special election.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Voters in the special election for the House of Delegates have a variety of choices, offering candidates on the left and the right and somewhere in between. Last week, Libertarian candidate Justin Malkin threw his hat into the ring, opening up the field of candidates to allow for a wide variety of options for voters. To underscore this point, Malkin spent his first week attending an Alex-

andria Tea Party meeting and a gay pool party.

“I don’t think there are too many candidates that would attend both,” said Malkin. “But I’m socially tolerant and fiscally responsible.”

The entrance of Malkin adds yet another twist in a special election that’s already been full of unexpected turns. It began in April when four-term Del. David Englin (D-45) announced that he had been unfaithful in his marriage and would not seek reelection. Almost immediately, people began speculating that he would resign. But Englin waited until after the June primary to announce his resignation, leading Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell to call a special election on Sept. 4. Now three can

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Suspects in business robbery.

Suspects Cut Hole in Ceiling

Police are investigating a robbery in the Huntington area where suspects reportedly cut a 3-foot by 2-foot hole in a roof, slid through it and robbed the business.

Police were called to the ACE Cash Express, 2254 Huntington Ave., on Monday, July 9 at around 9:13 a.m. for a report of a robbery. An employee reported hearing a crashing sound, turned and saw a man pointing a pistol at her. The man grabbed her. A second man, also armed with a gun, demanded that the employee open the business' safe. The men took the money and fled with an undisclosed amount of money. No one was injured.

The suspects are described as black, in their 20's, wearing masks, gloves and dark hooded sweatshirts. One was 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighed 280 pound. The other suspect was 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed 185 pounds. He wore dark sunglasses and a red bandana.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Eagle Scout Project To Aid UCM

Caleb Norville is working on an Eagle Scout project in Boy Scout Troop 1509 to collect food collection for UCM. It will be held at the Belle View shopping center on Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone donating is asked to buy nonperishable food such as canned goods, rice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni, tuna and baby care products including diapers and baby food, and donate it at the collection point there. Donors are also asked to give old plastic grocery bags. UCM is running low in their food pantry, and they require support from the community.

WPHS Pep Rally Next Week

The Fall Sports Pep Rally will be held at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22 at the West Potomac High School Stadium. The West Potomac Athletic Booster Club has taken over the event this year and is planning this free community event to get everyone excited before the new school year begins:

- ❖ A DJ will provide music and entertainment.
- ❖ Participants should wear blue and white out to show school spirit.
- ❖ Free West Potomac T-shirts will be given to elementary school children.
- ❖ There will be a 50/50 raffle, a bake sale, Spirit Wear sales and \$1 concessions: Pizza, hot dogs, Gatorade and water.
- ❖ Performances by the Cheerleaders, Dance Team and West Potomac Band,
- ❖ Coaches and teams will be introduced.
- ❖ The finale will feature a Wobble Dance for everyone down on the field.

Join Big Chalk Draw

Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane, is hosting its Big Chalk Draw, 8-10 a.m., Aug. 31. The free community art event will be held in its parking lot at 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane.

The center is asking for donations of new backpacks and school supplies to benefit families served by Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services.

For more information, visit www.artatthecenter.org



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Battling Flames at Fort Belvoir

Fort Belvoir and Fairfax County firefighters responded to reports of a fire after 12:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13 on 18th Street. As many as 100 firefighters from Fairfax County joined 40 from Fort Belvoir as they worked to contain the blaze at a building in the Defense Acquisition University complex. One Belvoir firefighter sustained a minor burn. No other injuries were reported. Crews contained the fire late Monday afternoon and suppressed hotspots throughout the evening. The building contains offices and a cafeteria along with a library. Deputy Fire Chief Richard Monroe said, the roof was completely destroyed and the building sustained considerable water damage. However, there are no preliminary estimates of the cost of the damage. Fort Belvoir Fire and Emergency Services are investigating the cause of the fire.



PEOPLE



Celebrating Community Support

New Hope Housing hosted its annual volunteer recognition event on June 19 at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. The Kyle Randall Volunteer of the Year Award, given to outstanding New Hope Housing volunteers and civic partners who demonstrate Randall's spirit

of generosity and commitment, was presented to Katrina Beverly. Beverly supports shelter programs, special events and administrative staff while completing her Ph.D. in non-profit management. Sidoux Mitchell received the Jim Lund Award, given for exceptional length of service. Sidoux has been an active volunteer with New Hope Housing for over 30 years. Hannah Lau received the Allie McConnell Youth Service Award for organizing the donation of 18 new microwaves and other kitchen supplies for families in New Hope Housing's programs. For more information about New Hope Housing, go to www.newhopehousing.org.



Peace and Justice Award

Rising Hope Mission Church was honored in June at the Annual Conference of the Virginia United Methodist Church by the Methodist Federation for Social Action. The Church, led by founding Pastor Keary Kincannon was awarded the "Bishop Leontine Kelly Peace and Justice Award." Kelly, for whom the award was named, is a Virginian and was the first African American woman to be ordained a bishop in any major denomination. From left are Gerald and Barbara Warren (Hurricane Katrina refugees and now church leaders), Kay Barnes (director of missions from England), Mary Baker (long-time member and community representative), Yvonne Cunningham (worship leader and minister of discipleship), the Rev. Keary Kincannon, Sula Tyler (certified lay minister) and Jacqueline Martin (president of Rising Hope's United Methodist Women).

Jarrett, Crute Wed

Ashley Nicole Jarrett of Virginia Beach and Patrick David Crute of Chesapeake were married on June 30, 2012, at Farmville United Methodist Church, Farmville, Va. The Rev. Sylvia Meadows officiated and a reception followed in Blackwell Hall, Longwood University.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David I. Jarrett of Virginia Beach, Va. She is the granddaughter of Mr. James B. Harris and the late Mrs. Nellie Harris of Norfolk, Va., and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Jarrett of Normal, Ill.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. David Crute, Jr. of Chesapeake, Va. He is the grandson of the late Raymond J. Whitehurst, and Peggy Eason Whitehurst and Charles Lindbergh Whisenant of Chesapeake, Va., and the late J. David Crute, Sr., former mayor of Farmville, and Jane Danby Crute of Farmville, Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mrs. Stephanie Lee, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Colleen Nichols, Miss Lori Corley, and Miss Katie Bartoszek. Mr. David Crute, Jr. was his son's best man.



Mr. and Mrs. Crute

Groomsmen were Mr. Stephen Lee, Mr. Matthew Baldwin, cousin of the groom, and Mr. Christopher Warren. Mrs. Pamela Baldwin and Mrs. Debbie Ives served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Miss Katie Nosay, niece of the bride, and Miss Lauren Cashwell served as guest book attendants. Mr. Andrew Nosay and Mr. Carter Jarrett, nephews of the bride, greeted guests with the programs.

Mrs. Crute, a graduate of Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., received an M.S.Ed in education with a concentration in higher education in May, and in 2006 a B.S. in elementary education from Longwood University in Farmville, Va. She is employed by George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. as the assistant director of career services in the School of Management.

Mr. Crute, a 2006 graduate of Longwood University in Farmville, Va., received B.A. degrees in history and political science. He is employed by DDC Advocacy in National Harbor, Md. as the deputy field manager.

Following a honeymoon in Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Crute reside in Alexandria.



Pitching In

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran continued his "Jim Pitches In" event series on July 31 by volunteering with United Community Ministries to deliver canned goods and household items to the UCM food pantry. Through "Jim Pitches In," the congressman highlights a local non-profit — its work, the people it serves, and the causes it promotes.



Summer Networking

Earl Reed welcomes guests to the Mount Vernon/Lee Chamber of Commerce's summer network reception held at Doctors Express. About 50 guests enjoyed food and beverages provided by Curcio Law. Door prizes were donated by Curcio Communications and Honest-1Auto Care.



Donating Books

The Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club visited UCM's Bryant Early Learning Center in June to distribute 34 brand new books for children in the pre-kindergarten and pre-school classes. Joanne Malkin, Betty Pushek, and Greg Engelking from the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club helped each child pick out a book and wrote, or helped the child in some cases, write their name in the book. For more information about the club, visit www.mtvernonkiwanis.org.



PHOTO BY JOE GILLILAND

Fort Hunt High School Alumni gather at the reunion picnic.

Fort Hunt HS Alumni Gather

On July 29, more than 300 Fort Hunt High School Alumni gathered to reacquaint with each other and reminisce about the old high school — closed since 1985.

The Fort Hunt High School Alumni Association sponsored the All Class Reunion Picnic which celebrated milestone reunion years for the classes of '67, '72, '77 and '82. Alumni and their families feasted on grilled food, side dishes and desserts, all donated by alumni of the school.

The Alumni Association is preparing for a bigger reunion and celebration of the school's 50th birthday party in July of 2013.

Alumni of Fort Hunt High School are encouraged to register at www.fhhs-alum.org to learn more about fellow alumni and to get news and event announcements.



Donna Petrillo, Judy Pooton, Steve Chaconas, Kitty Williamson and Wendy Doll.

Pam DeCandio, Peggy O'Rourke and Judy Braun.



Beth Lowder, Ann Philopena and Boo Krauss Cerutti.



Joe Gilliland addresses the FHHS crowd.



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Alex./Wessynton \$649,900
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OPINION

Starting School Prepared

First day of school on Sept. 4; local nonprofits provide school supplies and weekend food.

With school beginning in a few weeks, area charitable organizations have been collecting contributions of new backpacks, calculators, other school supplies, money and gift cards and winter coats to help the tens of thousands of truly needy Northern Virginia students.

In Fairfax County alone, more than 40,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals, and those students have mostly not had access to those meals over the summer since Fairfax County Public Schools no longer operates summer school.

Working poor families cannot easily outfit one or more children properly for school (think of the cost of a graphing calculator).

“For many families in our area who are working hard but struggling to make ends meet, the prospect of finding the funds to purchase new supplies for their children each year can be stressful,” said Lisa Whetzel, Our Daily Bread’s executive director. The organization

was still \$3,000 and 200 backpacks short of its goal last week. To help, contact Becca Brummett or Jennifer Rose at 703-273-8829 or holiday@ODBFairfax.org, or visit www.ODBFairfax.org.

One organization, Doorways for Women and Children in Arlington, aptly describes the challenges of some of Arlington’s students on its website: “Embarrassed and disappointed that their family can only afford to prioritize necessities as simple as groceries and rent, children living in poverty share a very different schooling experience than many of their peers.”

Arlington Doorways for Women and Families collects money, school supplies, winter coats and more for needy students. Contact Rachel Dove at rdove@doorwaysVA.org or 703-504-9283 or www.doorwaysva.org/donate/seasonal-ways-to-give/backtoschool/

FACETS in Fairfax, which provided more than 300 students with backpacks filled with supplies last year, is collecting school supplies until Aug. 17, and welcomes financial contributions: FACETS Back to School Drive, 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax. Drop donations between 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at 10640 Page Avenue, Suite 300, Fairfax. FACETS also seeks volunteers to help at special events where students will “shop” for their school supplies.

Reston Interfaith encourages residents to drop off Back-to-School-Drive items at Reston

Interfaith Administrative Offices, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston. Contact Alacia Earley, volunteer and drives manager, 571-323-9568.

Northern Virginia Family Services Back to School Drive provides over 2,000 backpacks to youth in pre-K through college. On-site: Sort and organize school supplies, stuff backpacks and help distribute. Donate money or new school supplies at 13926 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, county firefighters will distribute backpacks and school supplies for children throughout Fairfax County. They will distribute approximately 2,000 backpacks, with supplies to school administrators, teachers, and local shelters for children in need.

United Community Ministries also helps local students. Send donations to United Community Ministries, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Contact 703-768-7106.

Once school begins, some local nonprofits will start a different kind of backpack program, one that provides “weekend backpacks” for these children who might not have enough to eat. The weekend backpacks contain child-friendly foods that are high in nutritional value. Beginning in September, schools will assist in the distribution of these bags.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Independent Oversight Valuable

To the Editor:

From time to time I’ve been reading in the Mount Vernon Gazette and other newspapers about the Fairfax County police failure to release records of certain closed cases and elected officials and the Police Chief refusing to establish an independent citizen’s review panel. Such publicity unnecessarily causes a rift between citizens and the public, and that’s too bad.

The police are a vital part of our community and provide valuable protective and safety services. But, the nature of their services requires accountability. Any organization regardless of the nature of the service delivery must be held accountable for their actions to help ensure efficient and effective delivery of services particularly when the organization such as the police, interacts with the public. Insisting on accountability doesn’t mean that the organization is not doing its job but it is valuable to management for assessing performance.

Hard feelings between the public and police including certain officials possibly can be eliminated or minimized by establishing a mechanism for accountability that

reasonably serves the police, the public and elected officials.

I understand that several states have independent citizen review panels that work well. I believe that they can be used to establish a model panel for Fairfax County that can be acceptable by all concerned. The panel can have a sunset date, say for 3 to 5 years, and if no problems exist with its operation at the end of that period it will become a permanent panel. And as a matter of course, the supervisors can correct problems and continue the panel unless it is so ineffective as to be a waste of time because it hasn’t effectively and reasonably served the police and the public.

Because of the horror stories published by the Gazette and other newspapers, the supervisors should step up to the plate and do their job to prevent such horror stories in the future. Such stories serve no useful purpose for police, the elected officials and the public, particularly the families that are directly affected. An independent citizens oversight panel could be very useful in helping avoid or minimize such problems.

I have been a supporter of the Virginia police, sheriffs, chiefs of police, police officers of America

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Snapshot

11:21 a.m., Aug. 4: Swallowtail butterflies land on blossoms in and around the upper garden at the Mount Vernon Estate.

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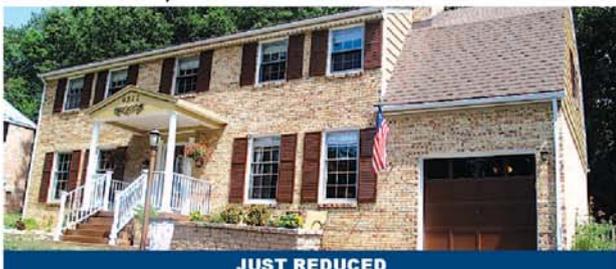
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COMMENTARY

New 95 Express Lanes: Construction Underway

BY LINDA T. "TODDY" PULLER
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

The ground breaking for the expansion and improvement of the I-95/395 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/ Express lanes from near Edsall Road in Fairfax County to Garrisonville Road in Stafford County was held Tuesday, Aug. 7. Completion is expected in December 2014.

Nearly \$1 billion in infrastructure improvements to the I-95 corridor will be made. This project will include:

- ❖ Adding a third HOV lane for 14-miles along I-95 from the Edsall Road area on I-395 south to the Prince William Parkway;
- ❖ Improving two existing HOV lanes for 6 miles between Prince William Parkway and Rt. 234, Dumfries Road; and
- ❖ Adding two new HOV/Express Lanes



for another 9 miles south to Stafford County, Rt. 610 Garrisonville Road.

The work schedule will be Monday-Friday, day and night shifts, and most weekends. HOV lanes will be open during morning and afternoon rush hours. Nightly closures of I-95/395 HOV lanes are scheduled from 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. week nights and 11 p.m. until 9 a.m. on weekends. Delays of 10-15 minutes can be expected during lane closures through the construction area.

When finished, the new 95 Express Lanes should provide some much needed relief in traffic congestion in this northern Virginia area. The project should take under 30 months to complete. Of course, relief can't come fast enough for this heavily traveled corridor.

Fluor-Lane 95, LLC is the "design/builder of the 95 Express Lanes," the same group working on the I-495 Express Lanes, scheduled to open later this year. Funding for the project is coming from state, federal and private money. The contract between Fluor and the state will continue to permit cars with three or more passengers to continue to use the express lanes free.

The 95 Express Lanes project should also provide considerable economic benefits to the area. "The project will employ approximately 500 construction personnel and support 8,000 jobs in the region with an overall impact of \$2 billion. \$190 million worth of contracts will be targeted to small and disadvantaged businesses as part of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT's) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)/Small Women-Owned, Minority-Owned Business Program." It took over

8 years working with the different government entities and communities including commuters to work out different concerns and bring this to fruition. It is hoped that this will "provide faster, more direct options for high-occupancy vehicles and toll-paying customers" and help move traffic through this busy corridor.

Among those in attendance at the Ceremonial Groundbreaking were: Gov. Robert McDonnell, state Secretary of Transportation Sean Connaughton, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors Corey Stewart, and Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander, Colonel Gregory Gadson, and myself.

For more information about this project, visit: www.VAmegaprojects.com or www.95expresslanes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and others for some time. I have done that because I consider them a vital part of our community and deserve our support. I ask all citizens to become informed about this very important issue and voice your opinion at your citizen's association and to your elected supervisor.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Limited Opposition

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, Rich Rieger weighed in concerning whether there is, in fact, a wildlife corridor from Mount Vernon District Park through Westgrove Park to Dyke Marsh. Mr. Rieger's arguments are filled with conjecture. He concedes the existence of "road kill" on Fort Hunt Road, but suggests that "Many more make it across." How are we to prove that to be true? It is equally plausible that wildlife in Mount Vernon District Park, for the most part, refrain from venturing across Fort Hunt Road given its status as an animal "killing field." Mr. Rieger also points out that "Birds, insects, bats and seeds move easily across these human-made obstacles." Of course, for animals and plant matter that fly through the air, one could describe any area on the planet Earth as a "wildlife corridor." This does not justify depriving dog owners of a place to exercise their dogs off-leash which is the ultimate reason why Rich Rieger and others claim the existence of a fictitious wildlife corridor.

Mr. Rieger contends that the

chain link fence surrounding Westgrove Park "is far from impenetrable" and should be removed. The Park Authority likely intends that the fence be complete with the exception of the opening gate at Fort Hunt Road and will likely repair any fence penetrations. The fence provides security for Belle View Elementary School to the north and the Westgrove neighborhood to the south.

Like Fort Hunt Road, the George Washington Parkway is a "killing field" for every creature from deer to foxes. Presumably, most animals are smart enough to avoid traversing an area where their very existence is mortally threatened.

Although Mr. Rieger did not mention it in his letter, apparently, he is somehow affiliated with the Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM), alleged opponents of the off-leash dog area (OLDA) at Westgrove Park. I say this based upon the fact that he mentioned that affiliation on the sign-in sheet for the Master Plan Public Information Meeting that occurred on July 30, 2012, concerning Westgrove Park.

Opponents of the OLDA used every trick in the book to try to make it seem as if opposition to the OLDA was large and widespread. When the moment of truth arrived, the opposition was virtually nowhere to be found. The sign-in sheets for the Master Plan meeting are quite revealing: 127 people signed up at the meeting. Of those, 82 are specifically identifiable as members of Westgrove PACK, and/or a supporter of OLDA. Of the opponents, only eight people are one or more of (1) affiliated with FODM, and/or (2) known opponents of the

OLDA. Although FODM has almost 300 members, they were only able to muster a handful of attendees. The fictitious "Friends of Westgrove Park" only mustered one identified "member." The fictitious "Friends of Quander Brook" only mustered a single attendee.

When Glenda Booth spoke, she said she was there on behalf of FODM as well as the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia which she mentioned boasts 5,000 members. On behalf of those organizations, she stated opposition to the OLDA. After the meeting, I checked the Audubon website, separately inputting "Westgrove" and "dog" in the website search box in two separate searches. There were no hits. I e-mailed their president inquiring as to whether they have taken any official position with regard to the OLDA. He confirmed that they have "taken no official written position on the issue."

I previously reported on secret meetings arranged by opponents with Park Authority officials, and other attempts to leverage opposition to make it appear the opposition was more widespread. The despicable tactics of what has now been revealed to be a miniscule opposition to the OLDA, but what was represented to be opposition by a significant percentage of our community, have now been exposed for all to see. I suggest to Supervisor Hyland and others who make important decisions on behalf of our community that the particular community members who employed these dishonest tactics should be viewed with extreme suspicion whenever they advocate for any position in the civic arena and claim to be representing anyone but themselves.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon District

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael P. Davis, son of Natasha L. Ayers of Centerville, and Eric K. Woods, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marine Corps Pvt. Catherine E. Miller, sister of Kevin F. Miller of Alexandria, Va., recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Army National Guard Lt. Col. Allysa A. Kropp is returning to the U.S. after a deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom or Enduring Freedom, respectively. She is the daughter of Ted and Marcia Kropp of

Madockawando Road, Castine, Maine, and niece of Ann Kushner of Southdown Road, Alexandria. The lieutenant colonel graduated in 1987 from Bucksport High School, Maine, and received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the University of Maine, Orono. She earned a master's degree in 1998 from George Mason University, Fairfax.

Sarah L. Falkenstein has been awarded an Air Force ROTC scholarship to attend a host college or university. She is the daughter of Todd and Kathy Falkenstein of Silverberry Place, Colorado Springs, Colo. and niece of Kevin and Tina Brady of Kirkcaldy Lane, Alexandria. Falkenstein is a student at Pine Creek High School, Colorado Springs.

Air Force Airman David C. Stocks graduated from basic military

POETRY

cold ashes

(on seeing Donald Depuydt's Lithographs and Etchings at The Athenaeum)

roosters crow
the last day
below Gothic arches
as we shuffle along
footprints
marking the path
to cold ashes
remnants of the final flame
nothing left
but footprints
and cold ashes
under Gothic arches

— Peter Lattu
May 2012

Woodlawn Stables

with no ocean
around here, look!
horses
in a field of green grass
and yellow flowers

— Fonda Bell Miller

BUSINESS

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

The **Candlewood Suites Alexandria Hotel** opened its doors for business on July 3. This property offers 57 spacious suites and a surplus of amenities for the modern traveler. Each suite features a fully-equipped kitchen complete with full-size refrigerator, microwave, stovetop, dishwasher, cookware and more. Sizeable work spaces include complimentary high-speed Internet access while a one-of-a-kind Lending Locker is available with DVDs, books, games and cooking gadgets for guests' use.

Honest-1 Auto Care, the only national full-service auto repair and maintenance franchise that is 100 percent ESA Certified Eco-Friendly, recently opened its newest location at 8648 Richmond Highway in Alexandria. This opening marks the first Honest-1 Auto Care location to open in Virginia. Open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information visit www.honest-1.com or call 571-257-9930.

SERVPRO, a cleanup and restoration company, has a new franchise in the area. SERVPRO of Rose Hill/Huntington/Fort Hunt will respond to the community's property damage emergencies, ranging from multi-million dollar disasters to those suffered by individual businesses and homeowners. 1-800-SERVPRO.

The **Wellness Spa** at Mount Vernon Athletic Club, a local health and tennis club, will now be offering the skin treatment DermaSweep. Mount Vernon Athletic Club has been a community fixture in Alexandria for 40 years. Providing tennis programs, the facility is also a comprehensive health club offering a full fitness facility, exercise classes, expert personal training and an onsite Wellness Spa. Mount Vernon Athletic Club is located at 7950 Audubon Avenue. More information can be found at www.mtvac.net.

The **Quality Inn Mount Vernon** hotel of Alexandria is a recipient of a 2012 Gold Hospitality Award from Choice Hotels International Inc. As a top performing property among the company's more than 5,000 U.S. franchised hotels, the Quality Inn Mount Vernon hotel is among the top percentile of properties within the Quality brand as one of 12 hotels

out of 225 Choice Hotels brand properties within the state of Virginia and one of 88 hotels within the 1,037-strong Quality brand to receive "Gold Award" status.

The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation announced the recipients of this year's winners of the Mary Thonen Beautification Certificate of Recognition for outstanding landscape and architectural improvements. Five business and property owners were selected by SFDC to be honored for their

contributions to improving the visual environment of Richmond Highway.

The recipients of the 2011 Mary Thonen Certificates were: **Mount Vernon Square Shopping Center; Holly, Woods and Vines; Mount Zephyr Homes; Cherry Arms Apartments; and Virginia Commerce Bank in Hybla Valley.**

More than 30 businesses were nominated for consideration, including shopping centers, office buildings and small, indepen-

dently-owned businesses.

Ryan's Buffet which operates Old Country Buffet, 7820 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, is giving military families a special place at the table by launching its new **Military Appreciation Program**. Ryan's is now extending a special 15 percent discount to active and reserve military service personnel, their spouses and children (up to a party of four) who dine at any of their locations.

The offer is good year round, plus soldiers will receive a 100

percent discount on their birthday.

Ryan's also announced a new partnership with the **Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA)**, a national non-profit organization that provides programs and services for military personnel and their families.

Ryan's has committed to support the ASYMCA and its national and local initiatives with financial and in-kind contributions throughout the year. For more information about Ryan's, visit www.Ryans.com.

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Time for School

Advice on how to transition from a laid-back summer to a hectic academic year.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

When Ellen Feldman's 5-year-old son started school last fall, one of the biggest adjustments for the single mother of two was having to adhere to a schedule.

"All of a sudden we went from being able to do things on our own time frame to having to wake up and be at a certain place at a certain time," said Feldman. "Sending my son off to school for the first time was exciting, but also difficult."

From purchasing school supplies and new clothes to reuniting with friends and leaving home for the first time, the start of a new school year can bring about emotions that range from delight to anxiety.

"Back to school, which is a positive experience, has stress built into it," said Linda Gulyn, a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. "Any change is stressful, even a positive change. But kids will adapt quickly." The transition, said experts, is more manageable when parents develop a plan before the first day of classes.

"The more structure parents can give their kids before school starts, the better," said professional organizer Cecilia Anderson, a former teacher and the owner of Splendidly Organized, Inc. in Vienna. "If kids are given total free reign during the summer, they are not going to be in the right mindset for school."

Michele Claeys, associate head and middle school principal at the Norwood School in Potomac, believes that final days of summer break can be an ideal time for an academic brush-up: "There are often

skills that aren't used throughout the summer, but are important as school starts. Having children of all ages read as much as possible for pleasure throughout the summer, but also in the days leading up to the start of school, is a good idea because it is a sustained experience where they are focused on something for a long period time." Claeys also recommended giving children an opportunity to discuss their reading with friends.

EXPERTS ALSO SUGGEST establishing a sleep routine with a consistent bedtime. "If parents get started a full week ahead of time trying to get children into the routine of being awake and alert for the morning, it gives them a chance to get their bodies adjusted to the schedule that they will have to maintain for the whole year," said Claeys.

Reintroducing a back-to-school morning ritual can be an anxiety-inducing exercise for some, especially after two months without a rigid agenda. According to professional organizers, a tactical plan can make the day-break drill more pleasant.

"Do as much as you can the night before. For parents who pack their kids lunches, it is important to have things ready to go and put in bags," said Anderson. For children who want the freedom of packing their own lunches, Anderson recommended dividing lunch options into food group and allowing children to select one item from each group.



Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University says that any change — including a return to school — can be stressful.

"You want to give your child a balanced meal," she said. "One day there might be tuna sandwiches, and turkey sandwiches on another day, and whatever snack goes along with it like cut-up vegetables. Have those ready to go and in bins and let children choose one thing from each bin. That way kids will have more ownership over their lunches and there will be few complaints."

Don't underestimate the importance of breakfast either: "A child won't have all faculties for learning if they haven't eaten well," said Anderson.

"Some kids don't have lunch until 1 o'clock, so to go from 6 a.m. until 1 o'clock without food is tough. They need something that has protein. It doesn't have to be home-cooked eggs. It can be turkey sausages or lunchmeat, but a bag of chips and a monster drink is not a good breakfast."

TO AVOID a last-minute morning search for errant permission slips or stray report cards, Vienna-based professional organizer Susan Unger of ClutterSOS urges parents to create a command center, a central location where all papers that must be signed and returned to school are kept. She adds that a chart outlining the morning tasks is another useful tool: "If children have a check list to look at, they can ask themselves, 'Have I brushed my teeth?' or 'Have I combed my hair?' The night before, choose clothes and put the backpack by the door."

Use a family calendar. "Another important thing is having a calendar that lists activities and sporting events and putting it in a place where everybody can see it and everybody knows the schedule," said Unger. "It also helps to color-code the calendar, so have one color for each child."

Before heading out to purchase new supplies or clothes for school, organizers suggest taking inventory. "You can see what you already have and what you need and make a shopping list from that," said Unger.

One of the most important components of creating a good start to a new school year is attitude, education experts agree. "Generally, it is helpful if parents help children see school as a fun, happy place where they can be stimulated and learn," said Claeys.

"The more structure parents can give their kids before school starts, the better."

— Cecilia Anderson

"But I Don't Want to Go to School"

Separation Anxiety and Other Resistances to School

"Separation anxiety is a natural and healthy emotion," said Linda Gulyn, Ph.D., a professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. "Developmental theory will say when children have separation anxiety, it is a sign that they are attached to the parent. That is good sign."

Understanding an older child's resistance to school: "From a psychological point of view, it is important for parents to acknowledge the child's feelings," Gulyn said. "Even if you're looking at your 14-year-old and thinking she's being absolutely unreasonable, you have to say 'I understand how you feel. I get it.' Then the teen feels that they are being respected."

"For a lot of teens, there is a lot of pressure going into school mode, so that is legitimate anxiety. They might be saying, 'I now have three A.P. (Advanced Placement) classes. I have to play volleyball. I have to work part-time. I have all this stuff going on,' so the pressure is real," said Gulyn.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Fall Sports Pep Rally at the West Potomac High School Stadium on Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. The West Potomac Athletic Booster Club is hosting this free community event. A DJ to provide music and entertainment. Wear blue and white to show school spirit. The finale will feature a Wobble Dance for everyone down on the field.

NOVA expands online learning program so students can earn a degree or certificate in 40 different programs completely online. Courses are structured similar to traditional classroom instruction and most exams can be completed using a webcam wherever Internet access is available. Support services include around-the-clock technical assis-

tance and tutoring, success coaches, counselors, librarian, and financial aid. In addition, free webinars and tutorials cover such topics as orientation, library resources, career options and more. Registration is taking place now for nearly 400 courses that begin Aug. 22, Sept. 5, Sept. 26 and Oct. 17. Students can choose eight-week, 12-week or 16-week courses. To learn more, go to <http://eli.nvcc.edu> or call 703-323-3807.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the spring 2012 semester:

Sasha A. Spriggs is a sophomore majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Lindsey M. Baumann is a junior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Kerriane R. Beyer is a senior majoring in fine arts in the College of

Architecture and Urban Studies.

Julianne D. Bigler is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

Andrew S. Blacker is a senior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Molly A. Bowdring is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

Reed H. Bryant is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Samantha L. Cooper is a senior majoring in food science and technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Kelly K. Corridon is a freshman majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Christina L. Devine is a junior majoring in engineering science and mechanics in the College of Engineering.

Kelsey M. Dressing is a junior

majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Alexander C. Gheesling is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Eric J. Hayth is a senior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business.

Jennifer F. Hofmann is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Casey P. Jenkins is a sophomore majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Justine S. Joo is a freshman majoring in business in the Pamplin College of Business.

Saskia R. Kroesen is a freshman majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Meghan M. Laporta is a senior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

Christopher D. Lazenby is a senior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

Corinne C. Mayer is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Kelly D. McFarland is a sophomore majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Kelley M. O'Leary is a senior majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Catherine B. Royka is a freshman majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Nicholas D. Schaum is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

Emma P. Swaney is a sophomore majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

Meaghan K. Wilson is a senior
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PHOTO BY MEGHAN B. LAU

From left: Andrew Sutherland, Kaitlyn Kincannon, Laura-Paige Mertins, Zipporah Norton, Natalie Hurd, and Lew Ashley from Aldersgate's Permanent Endowment Committee.

Aldersgate Awards 11 Scholarships

Aldersgate United Methodist Church has awarded 11 scholarships for the 2012-2013 school year. This is the largest number of scholarships ever awarded by the church in a single year.

To be eligible, applicants are required to be members or regular attendees of Aldersgate Church. The criteria used for selection were: financial need, academic achievement, participation in Aldersgate Church activities, and participation in community activities. Selections were made by the Permanent Endowment Committee based on the applications and interviews of each candidate.

A total of seven college scholarships, each for \$1,000 were awarded to the following persons who

are pursuing college degrees: Ben Aleixo, Natalie Hurd, Kaitlyn Kincannon, Laura-Paige Mertins, Zipporah Norton, Austin Riggins and Andrew Sutherland. A total of four seminary scholarships were awarded. Two were for \$1,500 each, awarded to Teer Hardy and Taylor Mertins. In the absence of additional applicants, funds for two additional seminary scholarships, of \$1,000 each, were provided to Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington D.C. for students to be selected by the Seminary.

The scholarships were funded by endowment funds previously established through contributions by Aldersgate members to provide financial assistance for Aldersgate students in pursuing college or seminary degrees.



Learning Center Graduates

Thirteen preschoolers from UCM's Bryant Early Learning Center in Alexandria were recognized during a recent school-wide graduation ceremony. The graduating class included two "BEL Babies" — children who have attended UCM's Bryant Early Learning Center since they were infants and have continued through pre-kindergarten. Located at 2709 Popkins Lane in Alexandria, the Bryant Early Learning Center provides safe, affordable developmental childcare to children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Subsidies are available through Fairfax County's Office for Children for households who qualify.

Hurley Graduates from West Point

Matthew Brett "Matt" Hurley of Mount Vernon graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on May 26. He received his bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within his chosen branch: Infantry. He has already reported to Fort Benning, Ga. for a succession of training courses.

Hurley is a 2008 graduate of Episcopal High School in Alexandria where he was co-captain of football and lacrosse. He was a varsity Army lacrosse midfielder for 4 years. In June the Patriot League named Hurley to its lacrosse academic honor roll based on his last semester.

Hurley played in the various sports program of the Fort Hunt Youth League while he was a



ACADEMY PHOTO

2nd Lt. Matthew Brett Hurley

student at Carl Sandburg Middle School. While at West Point, Hurley served at various bases in summer military training assignments and earned the Air Assault badge.



Jack Shawn, Research Center chairman, with Mount Vernon Genealogical Society member Anne Barber who is also a member of Nelly Custis Chapter, NSDAR.

Research Books Donated

The Nelly Custis Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, has donated a three-volume set of research books on Women in the American Revolutionary Era to the Research Center of the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. The three-volume set reveals published resources from the 18th century to the present day that describes and documents women's and girls' lives during the era of the American Revolution.

The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society also has a copy of DAR's African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolution-

ary War.

The Research Center of the Society contains a genealogy library of over 3,500 genealogy books and research materials and access to computers printers, and copiers.

The Research Center is open to the public and operates Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with the exception of the first Wednesday of the month when it is closed for a board meeting.

The Research Center is located 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria.

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Politics of Flooding

FROM PAGE 1

EVERYONE IN HUNTINGTON has a story. Pregnant women rescued by firefighters in rafts. Fish floating on the street. Waste-deep water. Mold. Mildew. Escape. Expense. And then there's the annual cycle of regret, with this year's storm season bringing yet another round of potential flash flood events that could once again waterlog the neighborhood and create yet another disaster scenario.

"People here are frustrated, upset and distraught," said Huntington resident David Coon. "The county has basically dropped the ball."

Back in 2006, county officials declared 160 homes uninhabitable after a major storm. That led to an Army Corps of Engineers study recommending the construction of a floodwall to solve the problem. But nothing happened. Then the 2011 flood created another widespread disaster, one that remains an emotional touchstone for many residents in this community that borders the southern edge of Alexandria. That led to a petition drive to get the measure on the ballot this fall.

"It's awful," said Ana Funes, who lives on Arlington Terrace. "And all of the people who live around here live in fear

that it will happen again."

MANY NEIGHBORHOOD residents here blame growth and development. As more houses are constructed, more and more impervious surfaces are created. And the flow of Cameron Run was moved at one point to accommodate the construction of the Capital Beltway. Residents here say growth and development throughout the county has been at the expense of this neighborhood, which would be a good selling point for the referendum.

"The things that have caused the flooding for Huntington have been very good for Fairfax County," said Ruof. "But, boy Huntington has really paid the price, and we need help."

Perhaps the chief obstacle facing supporters of the bond referendum is apathy. Many people are unaware that the issue is on the ballot. And the memory of the 2011 flood isn't as vibrant outside the immediate neighborhood.

"I can't say that I've given much thought to it," said Robert Reynolds, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. "If this is a good solution, I'm sure people will vote accordingly."

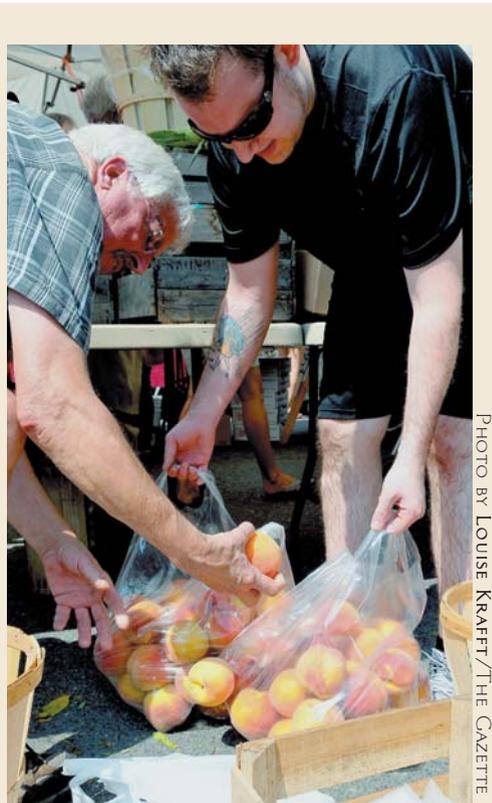


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Just Picked

Aubrey King of Twin Springs Fruit Farm in Orrtana, Pa. helps bag up a half bushel of just picked peaches for Virtue Grain & Feed Chef Ryan Wheeler at the market on Wednesday morning, Aug. 8.

BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is the Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange for pick-ups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Hwy.

MONDAY/AUG. 20

Tour Hollin Hall Senior Center with Jan Kestyn 1 p.m. Attendees will enjoy refreshments, and peek in on some ongoing sessions. Bring a friend. There will also be an opportunity to participate in programs on this day. Questions? Call 703-765-4573 and ask for Julie. 1500 Shenandoah Road. Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination in all county programs, services and activities. To request reasonable accommodations or to receive this information in an alternate format, call 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Eagle Scout collecting food for UCM. Caleb Norville is working on an Eagle Scout project in Boy Scout Troop 1509. The food collection will be at Belle View shopping center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone donating is asked to buy nonperishable foods such as canned goods, rice, cereal, peanut butter, etc. and baby care products including diapers and baby foods. Donors are also asked to give old plastic grocery bags. UCM is running very low in their food pantry, and they require support from the community.

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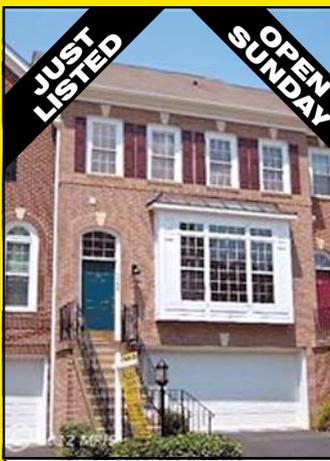
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SCHOOLS



Gardner's Graduates The members of The Howard Gardner School Class of 2012 completed their college-level senior projects in a wide range of arts and sciences, fulfilled their commitment to build with Habitat for Humanity, and are ready to head off to college and other adventures in the fall.

SCHOOL NOTES

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majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Kelly E. Wood is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Charlotte M. Crump is a sophomore majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Adam D. Frank is a junior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Travis E. Frank is a junior majoring in landscape architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Alan A. Gomez is a senior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering.

Andrew K. Hicks is a sophomore majoring in construction engineering and management in the College of Engineering.

Lauren E. Kurz is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

Juan G. Montolin is a junior majoring in geography in the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

Katherine A. O'Neill is a freshman majoring in environmental science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

James Riddle is a sophomore majoring in computer engineering in the College of Engineering.

Rebecca J. Quigley is a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

Sarah M. Baldwin is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

The following **Virginia Military Institute** cadets are among the 586 cadets who were recently named to the Deans' List for the second semester of academic year 2011-12.

◆**William D. Alewine** - A senior from Alexandria, is majoring in Economics/Business. Cadet Alewine's parents are MAJ William R. Alewine and Ms. Sherry A. Smith.

◆**Alexandra L. Hastings** - A sophomore from Alexandria, is majoring

in Modern Languages & Cultures. Cadet Hastings's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Hastings Jr.

◆**Michael W. Hixson** - A senior from Alexandria, is majoring in Chemistry. Cadet Hixson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley G. Hixson.

◆**Kenia R. Hurtado** - A junior from Alexandria, is majoring in International Studies. Cadet Hurtado's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Antonio L. Hurtado.

◆**Brett R. Kitchen** - A senior from Alexandria, is majoring in Computer Science. Cadet Kitchen's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Bruce R. Kitchen.

◆**Ray D. Montolin** - A junior from Alexandria, is majoring in International Studies. Cadet Montolin's parent is Ms. Lydia G. Padilla.

◆**Ryan F. Schaedel** - A recent graduate from Alexandria. Cadet Schaedel's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Stephen F. Schaedel.

The following Virginia Tech students from Alexandria were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 11 in Lane Stadium.

Dale Shifflett received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.

Michael Adu received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science.

Travis Batchelor received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Jeremy Bernier received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in mathematics from the College of Science.

James Hale received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Calvin Hentges received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Emmanuel Koduah received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics

from the College of Science.

Kwabena Owusu-Boateng received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in biochemistry from the College of Science.

Amanda Griffin received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in psychology from the College of Science.

Kristen Politte received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

Kerriane Beyer received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree summa cum laude in fine arts from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in Spanish from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Andrew Blacker received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Kinsey Cunningham received a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental policy and planning from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Jennifer Hofmann received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in management and a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business.

Nicholas Schaum received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science.

Meaghan Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree cum laude in animal and poultry sciences from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Lauren Kurz received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business.

Ruth Mikre received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fine arts from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Rebecca Quigley received a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the College of Science.

ENTERTAINMENT

Bon Appetite!

Virtue Feed and Grain among America's Top 50 restaurants.

Alexandria's Virtue Feed and Grain Restaurant has been named one of the Top 50 Best New Restaurants in America, according to Andrew Knowlton in the September issue of Bon Appetite Magazine.

Knowlton stated in the feature article that he chose restaurants that are "changing the way we eat."

"What kind of restaurants stand out to me in 2012?" Knowlton

said. "Well, to start, they're usually scrappy and personal, guided by chefs with a passion to create independently owned places they would want to eat at on their day off."

Irish chef Cathal Armstrong and his wife Meschelle opened Virtue Feed and Grain in June of 2011 in the historic warehouse previously occupied by Olsson's Books on South Union Street.

"This is what I call a 'gastro tavern,'" said Meschelle Armstrong, who along with her husband also created Restaurant Eve, Eamonn's Dublin Chipper, PX, the Majestic

Details

Virtue Feed & Grain
106 S. Union St.
571-970-3669
virtuefeedandgrain.com



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Chef Cathal Armstrong

and the new Eamonn's and Bar TNT in Arlington. "Our other restaurants are fine dining but this one is fun for families, kids – for everybody."

Virtue Feed and Grain will be offering a \$35 dinner for two as part of Alexandria Restaurant Week, taking place Aug. 17 to 26. Fifty-five restaurants throughout the city will be offering either a \$35 prix fix dinner or \$35 dinner for two. For more information or to make reservations, visit www.visitalexandriava.com.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

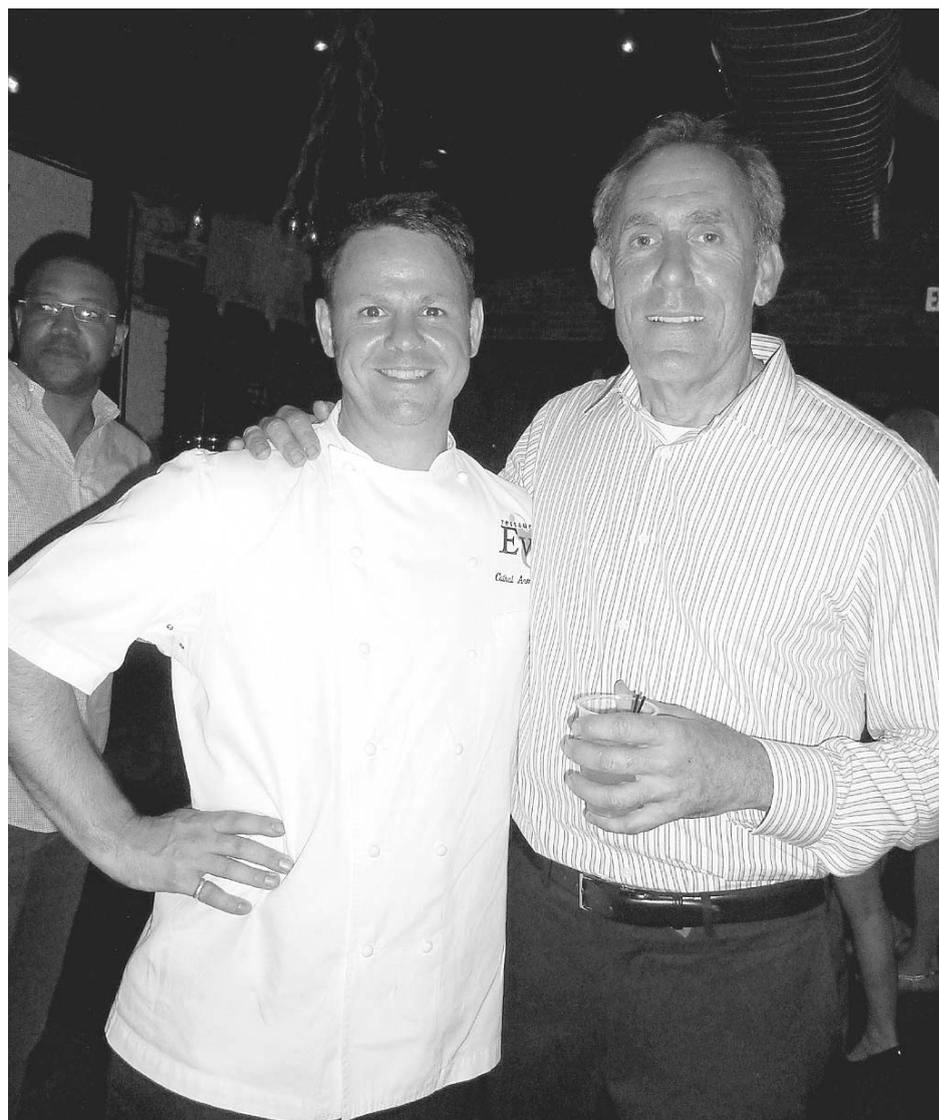


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Chef Cathal Armstrong, left, celebrates with builder Murray Bonitt at the opening of Virtue Feed and Grain Restaurant in 2011. The restaurant has been named by Bon Appetite Magazine as one of the Top 50 Best New Restaurants in America.

Visiting Artists Share Secrets

Meet the artists at the Torpedo Factory's August Visiting Artists Program and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds as they demonstrate their art forms. Demonstrations will be ongoing from 1-4 p.m. Questions are encouraged.

Now in its third year, the Torpedo Factory's Visiting Artist Program exposes visitors to a rotating group of emerging and accomplished artists, and provides an opportunity to interact, explore and exchange ideas. As part of the program's requirements, Visiting Artists will engage in art enrichment activities throughout the summer.

August resident artists plan the following events:

- ❖ Judith Giuliani will answer questions about her painting process in Studio 30.

- ❖ Sculptor Colleen Lochausen will have several sculpture armatures for visitors to add clay to while observing her work in Studio 32.

- ❖ Mixed media artist Dianne Bugash will demonstrate her techniques for creating three-dimensional constructions out of mixed media and recycled objects and have clay and other materials for visitors to play with in Studio 317.

- ❖ Drew Parris will demonstrate silverpoint drawing and provide visitors the opportunity to try it out in Studio 328.

Details

Visiting Artists Demonstration Day
Sunday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m. Free.
Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St.
www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.



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Sculptor Colleen Lochausen.

- ❖ Painter Nancy Varipapa will demonstrate palette knife painting technique in Studio 331.

- ❖ Jill Banks will be painting a portrait from a live model for visitors to observe in Studio 333.

For more information about the Visiting Artist Program and this year's participating artists, visit www.torpedofactory.org/vap.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

FRIDAY/AUG. 17

Alexandria Harmonizers Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Harmonizers, men's barbershop group, perform a variety of musical harmony. Sit around Market Square on bench seating, or bring a folding chair to enjoy the music. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592.

Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$4 at the door. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Call 703-765-4573.

Sierra Hull and Highway 11. 7:30 p.m. Free. Part of the Mount Vernon Concert Series. Performing at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Hwy.

Cirque du Soleil. 8 p.m. The Campagna Center will benefit from this performance of TOTEM at the Plateau at National Harbor. Ticket sales through the center benefits the programs of The Campagna Center. Visit www.campagnacenter.org or email Lee Stenberg at

lstenberg@campagnacenter.org. Tickets: \$115.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. At Hooray for Books Childrens bookstore. Explore the world with favorite stories and songs. Ages 2 and under. Free. Located at 1555 King St. Visit www.hooray4books.com or call 703-548-4092.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra. Summer Concert Series III. 7:30 p.m. Free. Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Nature Walk. 10 a.m. Join a nature walk led by Dr. Elizabeth Wells, Associate Professor Emerita of Botany at the George Washington University. Emphasis will be on native plants and identification of "pollinator syndromes" — flower characteristics that may appeal to a particular type of pollinator. At the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

Alexandria and the War of 1812: A Town Occupied. Come to Carlyle House Historic Park to learn about the burning of Washington and surrender of Alexandria in August 1814. Lectures will take place in Virginia's oldest bank building,

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the former home of the Bank of Alexandria, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and tours of the museum 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Children's activities included in price of admission. At 121 N. Fairfax Street. Call 703-549-2997.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 19

Family Day. 1-4p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum welcomes families with tours hosted by its Junior Docents. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Silent Auction. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St. Following both Masses in the Church Hall until 3 p.m. Jewelry, paintings, crystal, silver, china, personal services and more.

The Committee for Jazz will feature Vaughn Ambrose. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served, and parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

Fundraiser. 4-5:30 p.m. "Weekend warriors" yoga class for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now). Suitable for all levels, the class will be followed by a guided relaxation. Donation only. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. Visit www.532Yoga.com or call 703-209-0049.

TUESDAY/AUG. 21

"Postal Routes and Our Ancestors." 1 p.m. Presented by Leslie Bouvier and the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS) in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center. Free, open to the public. The Hollin Hall Senior Center is located at 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 23

Elephant Day. All day, all elephant items will be 20 percent off, customers can sample elephant themed snacks and read fun facts about elephants at Ten Thousand Villages. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation, which works to protect elephants and their dwindling habitats in Africa and Asia. Visit www.elephantconservation.org. Call 703-684-1435 or visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 24

Concert by National Community Church. A local church is performing songs written by award-winning singer-songwriters, from its first worship CD, "The God Anthology" at the Birchmere Music



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And All That Jazz

Jazz saxophonist Jonathan Parker will be performing with his quartet Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. at Hard Times Café in Alexandria. A recipient of the 2012 ASCAP Young Jazz Composer Award, Parker recently returned from a European tour and was featured at the Rochester Jazz Festival last month. For more information on Parker, visit jonathan-parker.com. Hard Times Café, 1404 King St., 703-837-0050.

Parker will perform with his quartet at Hard Times Café, 1404 King St., 703-837-0050.



Sierra Hull and Highway 111 will perform Friday, Aug. 17, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Concert Series. Free. At Grist Mill Park at 4710 Mt. Vernon Hwy.

Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.godanthology.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Tribute to the Music of Mills, Baker & Labelle. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. 8 pm. \$25. Visit <http://thecarlyleclub.com/> or call 703-548-8899.

Jazz Saxophone. 8 p.m. Jonathan

SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Music. Mike Phirman to open for Paul & Storm at the Birchmere. Visit www.mikephirman.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Annual Bazaar. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Raffles, silent auctions, food and live entertainment. St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St.

30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Announced by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd.

African Americans and Civil War Music. 10-11:30 a.m. Free, reservations required. A lecture and book signing with Christian McWhirter, author of "The Choked Voice of a Race, at Last Unloosed: African Americans and Civil War Music." Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Call 703-706-4399.

THROUGH AUG. 26

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Sweeney Todd

Harv Lester and Jennifer Lyons Pagnard, center, star in the Little Theatre of Alexandria production of the Stephen Sondheim musical "Sweeney Todd." Set designer Dan Remmers and producer Rachel Alberts celebrate with the actors at the opening night cast party July 28. The show runs through Aug. 18. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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Current Boutique presents an evening of cocktails, giveaways, treats and shopping with Kate Julian in Old Town, Alexandria. Patrons can enjoy sweets from Treats by Erica, while trying on the latest styles from Current and receiving a one-night-only discount. RSVP is preferred but not required. Current Boutique and Kate Julian are both highly respected brands in the Washington and Northern Virginia fashion community.

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Kate Julian, born and raised in Northern Virginia, began her blog, "Then, Life Gave Me Lemons" in 2010. She also owns Kate Julian, LLC, where she does styling, photography, event planning, and freelance writing for publications in the Northern Virginia/D.C. area.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 26

A Great Gatsby Ice Cream Social. 2-5 p.m. Step back in time with an ice cream social on the lawn of the beautiful Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-17. Call 703-548-1789 to purchase tickets. Visit leefendallhouse.org.

30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale. noon - 3:30 p.m. Presented by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. At Green Springs Garden Park, 6403 Green Springs Rd.

Jazz Summer. 2-3 p.m. With the duo "Mike and Tai Jazz," mainstays of the Washington Jazz Scene, at the Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., www.alexandria.lib.va.us; 703-746-1702. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Gospel Music. 4 p.m. The Carter Gospel Singers of Alexandria are celebrating their 43rd anniversary in concert along with the Original Carter Chorus Singers at the Woodlawn-Faith United Methodist Church, 7730 Fordson Road.

Visiting Artists Demonstration Day at the Torpedo Factory. Meet the Torpedo Factory's visiting artists and learn about their methods, materials, techniques, and backgrounds. Demonstrations from 1-4 p.m. Free. 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Family Potluck Picnic. 4-6 p.m. Hosted by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for members who live in Alexandria and their families

and friends, as well as anyone who would like to meet the MVUC minister and hear more about the Unitarian faith. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Picnic Area 1. Bring a favorite dish to share and reusable plates and utensils, if possible.

TUESDAY/AUG. 28

Gina DeSimone and the Moaners. 9-11 p.m. Using both acoustic and electric guitars, playing a mix of funk, jazzy blues and smoky folk guitar for swing dance fun. \$10. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 29

Solomon Douglas Quartet. 9-11 p.m. Seattle pianist Soloman Douglas and young vocalist Alison Dreyfuss from New Hampshire perform at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$10.

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West Potomac Football To Host Scrimmage

The West Potomac football team, led by first-year head coach Jeremiah Davis, will host a scrimmage against Potomac High at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16. The Wolverines' second scrimmage is 6 p.m. on Aug. 23 at Madison High School.

West Potomac's top returning playmaker is junior DeMornay Pierson-El, who is a threat to score whenever he touches the ball. In last year's regular season finale against T.C. Williams, Pierson-El hauled in five receptions for 158 yards and three touchdowns, ran the ball five times for 22 yards and returned a kickoff 99 yards for a score. The win helped West Potomac clinch a share of the Patriot District title.

Along with Pierson-El, senior quarterback Caleb Williams, fullback Alex Amico, offensive lineman/linebacker Darien Pickett, defensive end Tommy Peters, defensive lineman Bunmi Rotimi, defensive back James Harkless and wide receiver/defensive back Mychael Gyamfi are the Wolverines' key

players this year, Davis wrote in an email. West Potomac opens the regular season on the road at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30 against rival Mount Vernon.

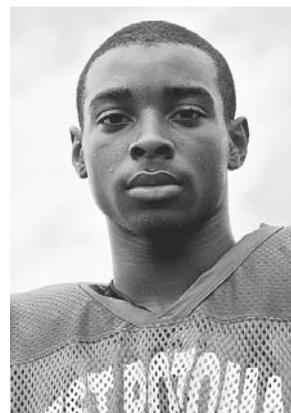
West Potomac has home games against Centreville (Sept. 7), Lake Braddock (Sept. 21), Westfield (Oct. 12), Woodson (Oct. 19) and T.C. Williams (Nov. 2). It faces South County (Sept. 14), Annandale (Sept. 28), Lee (Oct. 5) and West Springfield (Oct. 26) on the road.

MVHS Football to Scrimmage Freedom

The Mount Vernon football team will travel to Woodbridge to scrimmage Freedom at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18. The Majors' second scrimmage is Aug. 24 at La Plata.

Mount Vernon opens the regular season at home against West Potomac at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. The Majors' other home games are against Marshall (Sept. 7), Falls Church (Sept. 28), Hayfield (Oct. 12) and Edison (Oct. 19).

Mount Vernon will travel to face Centreville (Sept. 14), Washington-Lee (Sept. 21), Stuart (Oct. 5), Yorktown (Oct. 26) and Wakefield (Nov. 2).



DeMornay Pierson-El is the West Potomac football team's top returning offensive threat.



Mount Vernon head football coach Barry Wells, seen during a summer youth camp, and the Majors open the regular season at home against West Potomac on Aug. 30.

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Mount Vernon's Bannon Wins Golf Tourney

Casey Bannon, a rising senior at Mount Vernon, won the Mid Atlantic PGA Junior Tour golf tournament on Aug. 9-10 at Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg.

Bannon finished three under par (70-71) during the two-day tournament and was the only golfer to finish under par.

Bannon shot five strokes better than his nearest competitor, Vienna's Wonsuk Rhee, who carded a two-over 146. In round one, Bannon tallied five birdies and three bogies.

In round two, Bannon carded four birdies and three bogies.



Dan Evans and Gill Kennedy polish the lightbulbs inside the piano.



Matt Evans and Ben Roberts take divergent courses in the toenail clipping exercise.



Eddie Perez finds the water bottle.

Theatre Sports Summer Camp

West Potomac High School drama instructor Phillip Clark held a week-long camp in the art of Theatre Sports, also known as Improv. Four members of the West Potomac theatre sports team joined the group of 5th through 7th grades at St. Aidan's Church hall on Riverside Drive. Students worked in teams prompted by audience suggestions of a character, object and location. The final scene involved lightbulb polishers, a water bottle with the action taking place inside a piano.

Lightbulb polishers Dan Evans, Gill Kennedy and Eleanor Burling confront Eddie Perez and Ethan Lyon.

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Unitarians Prepare for August Church Shoppers

In August, local pastors notice an influx of new faces as people tend to “church shop” before schedules get busier in the fall.

At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, the Rev. Kate Walker plans a series of August sermons to tell “shoppers” what is unique about the Unitarian Universalist faith. In September, newcomers are welcomed to a “meet and greet” lunch with Walker and other church leaders. For those interested in hearing more about the church, two Saturday morning sessions provide information, as well as a tour of the church grounds on Mason Hill, a historic 1900s plan-

tation estate. At the 10 a.m. service, Aug. 19, Walker will discuss the “Power of the Pulpit” explaining how the Unitarian Universalist tradition is not hierarchical. “The true power of the community lies in its membership,” she said.

On Aug. 26, Walker will ask, “Is God Inevitable?” “Are humans hard wired to believe in something greater than themselves — call it God, the Higher Power, or Dark Matter?” she asked. On Sept. 9, an informal lunch will be served to interested newcomers in Hollin Hall, a historic mansion, next to the chapel, with the minister and church leaders available to answer

questions. The morning service that day welcomes members back from summer travels. Members bring small containers of water from their journeys, which are poured together in a ceremony to symbolize the reuniting of the community.

More in-depth explanations of Unitarian Universalism are presented on two Saturday mornings. On Saturday, Sept., 29 from 9-

12:30 a.m., Walker will discuss the history of Unitarian Universalism and Meg Clontz will describe the history of the Mount Vernon church and offer a tour of the grounds. On Oct. 20, from 9:30-11 a.m. Georgia Pourchot will describe the church’s Green Sanctuary and social justice work.

For more information see www.mvuc.org or contact minister@mvuc.org.

UCM Plans Open House

United Community Ministries is hosting an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at its main office at 7511 Fordson Road.



Shirley Marshall

The public is invited to talk with UCM’s new executive director Shirley Marshall, tour its food pantry and other support programs and learn how to help by volunteering.

Unitarian Church To Host Picnic at Fort Ward Park

A family potluck picnic will be hosted by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for members who live in Alexandria and their families and friends, as well as anyone who would like to meet the MVUC minister and hear more about the Unitarian faith on Sunday, Aug. 26, 4-6 p.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Picnic Area 1. Bring a dish to share and reusable plates and utensils, if possible.

MVUC minister the Rev. Kate Walker said she will provide a grill and charcoal, some non-alcoholic

drinks, and “our most welcoming smiles.” She said the picnic “will be a relaxed way to introduce people to our community through food, games, and conversation.”

MVUC is a medium-sized Unitarian congregation located on a historic plantation grounds at 1909 Windmill Road, Alexandria. The church is known for its environmental and social justice work. It has an active religious education program for children and adults. See www.mvuc.org. RSVP by Aug. 23 to: esthergertrude@verizon.net

OBITUARY

Lena Martin

Lena Martin died on Monday, Aug. 6, 2012 in the company of her pastor and her devoted caretaker Carol Pickering. Lena was born in Society Hill, S.C. on Feb. 9, 1913 to Jasper and Martha Flowers. She came from a big, close-knit family of 13 brothers and sisters. She was affectionately referred to as “Man” by those close to her.

After school, she moved to Lilesville, N.C. and worked there for a time. Looking for more in life, Lena moved to Washington, D.C. She married and had one daughter Dotsie Becoats who preceded her in death. Throughout her life she had a few jobs, but most often reminisced about her time with the D.C. School System, for it provided her with many friends.

After living in D.C., Lena found a comfortable life in Alexandria, surrounded by family and friends. For a time, she enjoyed living with and taking care of her sister Milverda (Lady) who also preceded her in death. Lena enjoyed

traveling with her brother John and they went back home to visit whenever possible.

She was well known at Mount Vernon House where she had come to live in later years. Lena spent the last year of her life at Manor Care in Alexandria where she was quite the celebrity and became affectionately known as “Momma Lena.” She was known to be frank, straightforward and colorful. Although her 100th birthday would not come until 2013, Lena began to celebrate 100 years in 2012. She will be missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to cherish her memory; two brothers, Andrew Flowers of Westville, N.J. and John Flowers of Willingsboro, N.J., three sisters-in-law, Mary Flowers, Linda Flowers, Geraldine Flowers and a host of nieces, nephews and friends, including a special friend, caretaker Carol Pickering.

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didates are vying for the seat in an election that's expected to bring out about 10 percent of the registered voters — about 4,000 to 6,000 voters.

"The Libertarian is much more likely to draw from Republican voters than Democratic voters, so I would imagine having a three-way race helps Krupicka," said Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "It's already a safe seat for Democrats, so I would say Krupicka remains the strong favorite barring some major scandal."

ON THE ISSUES, the three candidates offer variety for voters. Krupicka approaches the campaign from the left, supporting health-care reform and gun control while opposing limitations on abortion. McGhee approaches issues from the right, supporting limitations on abortion while opposing health-care reform and gun control. Malkin approaches the campaign from a Libertarian perspective, opposing health-care reform, gun control and limitations on abortion. "I describe myself as socially tolerant and fiscally responsible," said Malkin, who received the Libertarian Party nomination for the House of Delegates race. "And I want to give people that option."

McGhee, on the other hand offers a much more traditional Republican campaign — one that would fit in with the new Republican majority in the General Assembly on all the hot-button social issues. And yet not all of his priorities would be seen as Republican. For example, if elected, McGhee says he would restore a hotel-occupancy tax in Arlington County that would allow the local government to raise money. He also wants to work on legislation to address "driverless vehicles," a growing technological trend that allows GPS technology and

motion sensors to pilot automobiles.

"There's really nothing on the books that says how we are going to handle this," said McGhee. "For instance, I would say there needs to be a licensed driver in the driver's seat and there needs to be an override mode."

Krupicka offers voters the most familiar face. First elected to the City Council at the age of 32, Krupicka spent many years as the youngest elected official in Alexandria. Now he finds himself as the oldest candidate in the race — and the one with the most experience as an elected official. He also has an existing campaign team from his failed bid for the Democratic nomination to fill the seat vacated last year by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), a hotly contested race with Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49). If elected, Krupicka says he would stand up to what he calls "the war on women" in Richmond.

"There are frequent attempts in Richmond to roll back women's rights to make their own health-care choices, and that's been going on for a long time," said Krupicka. "So I'm going to oppose those attempts and look for every opportunity I can to call them out."

Malkin splits the difference between the two parties, offering a socially liberal and fiscally conservative choice to voters. If elected, he says he would oppose attempts to increase regulation on abortion clinics, vote against efforts to increase gun control and oppose efforts to increase the government's role in health care.

He also said he would support efforts to increase transparency of police agencies in Virginia, which currently withhold documents that are widely available in many other states.

"If we don't know what the police are doing, how can we know if there's abuse?" asked Malkin. "We need to be able to watch the watchmen."

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Meet the Candidates

❖ **Tim McGhee, 35:** A native of Chicago, McGhee was raised in Sanford, Fla., and received an undergraduate degree in math computer science at Bryan College. Professionally, McGhee is a web developer who moved to Northern Virginia in 1999 and has lived in Alexandria since 2004.

❖ **Rob Krupicka, 41:** A native of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Krupicka was raised in Seattle and received an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Virginia. Professionally, Krupicka is a communications and organizational strategist. He was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2003, and was appointed to the Virginia Board of Education in 2009.

❖ **Justin Malkin, 40:** A native of New York City, Malkin was raised in Tenafly, N.J., and received an undergraduate degree in economics and Russian. He also has a master of business administration from the University of Rochester. Professionally, Malkin is a credit analyst who moved to Alexandria in 2008.

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