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The West Potomac Crew Team is somewhat uncertain about their future, as their practice site at the National Harbor may soon be gone.

## Future Uncertain for WPHS Crew

Current practice space may be taken over by construction at National Harbor.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

The summer's heavy rain storms have not given any favors to members of the West Potomac Crew team over the years.

In the past, their workout tent has been damaged by heavy winds. On June 19, during a heavy storm, boats were damaged when the boat trailer was knocked over. They've also had outboard motors stolen, making it somewhat remarkable that they've overcome these challenges and have won a number of regattas, sent seniors to college with full scholarships, and sent three boats to Nationals.

But now, the team faces another challenge: They have no landing site, which means they have no place to practice.

"It's even more than just the damage," said Danny Selnick, a parent of a student on the team. "We may not have a place to practice."

Previously, the team has been practicing at the National Harbor, but the use of the land is in question due to construction of the MGM Casino that was approved earlier this month.

The land they are currently using in Maryland may be used as a construction staging area, which could force the West Potomac team to leave the area.

"It's really sad what has happened to this team. The team's future is in jeopardy," Selnick said. "We

really need a home."

Crew is a very family participatory sport, Selnick said. West Potomac Crew does not receive any funding from the school or Fairfax County, and raises about \$100,000 each year.

The amount of space that the team needs is very small, Selnick said. They have asked the National Park Service for use of the Belle Haven Marina and the Washington Sailing Marina at Daingerfield Island, but received a response that there is no room for the team.

According to Selnick, the team is still looking to use Washington Sailing Marina.

"Within the last two years, our crew team has been trying to find park sites with a short distance of the high school. Of course it's not easy. We're running into some snags. That's still our hope. We would like to be able to have a place to return each year in a row," said Leslie Shinnars, the head coach of the team.

David Bishop, the president of the team's booster club who has had two students on the team, said the long-term goal is for the team to secure a practice site in Virginia, closer to the school.

"Our long-term goal is to row on the west side of the Potomac versus the east side," Bishop said. "Parents have been looking at National Park Service land. Belle Haven is right down the hill from the school. They could essentially run down from the school and then row."

Although they're facing some difficulties, coaches and parents are optimistic that they'll be OK. Bishop says they have not heard a yes or no from National Harbor in Maryland.

"One way or another, we will find a place to row," Bishop said. "It's a fun sport, and I hate to see the kids not able to row."

## Supervisors Deny Landfill Application

Board votes against plan to extend life of Lorton Landfill.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

The Board of Supervisors voted late Tuesday to reject an EnviroSolutions application to extend the life of the Lorton construction debris landfill until 2034.

Supervisors voted 6-4 to deny the application, which in effect will require the landfill to close by the end of 2018.

The landfill, located near Interstate 95 in Lorton, is owned by Manassas-based EnviroSolutions. The company applied in fall 2013 to extend operations of the landfill until 2040.

A previous agreement in 2006 would require EnviroSolutions to build a park on top of the closed landfill after it closes in 2018.

Following attempted community compromise, including public hearings that went late into the night, the application was denied on Tuesday.

Citizen groups such as the South County Federation, a group of homeowner and civic associations in the Lorton area, opposed the application.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and several other groups supported the proposal, especially considering the green energy components.

"The Fairfax Chamber is disappointed with the decision by the Board of Supervisors to deny ESI's amended compromise proposal. By striking down this proposal, we fear that developers will see rising construction costs, which could eventually be passed on to real estate owners and tenants — and ultimately customers and cli-

ents. This compromise could have helped to advance the county's goals of enhancing sustainability initiatives by meeting long-term recycling goals for construction materials and supporting LEED attainment for new construction. This represents a missed opportunity by the Board to further grow and develop the county," said Jim Corcoran, CEO of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

EnviroSolutions planned to install solar panels at the landfill site, if the application was approved.

But many community members were opposed to the application, including the berm that would have been built around the landfill.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland was among the supervisors who voted to deny the application, calling it a difficult application.

"To say this application has given me some heartburn is an understatement," Hyland said at the meeting.

Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, was among the four who voted to approve the application.

"The extension of the life of the landfill helps Fairfax County meet its revitalization and redevelopment efforts, particularly in the Route 1 corridor. While developers are recycling more and more from their projects, we are not yet able to recycle all debris and close by landfill options, or this option, in my mind provides developers a low cost option for ways of disposal," Bulova said.

Several supervisors, including Jeff McKay and Pat Herrity, expressed concern that the application was not ready.

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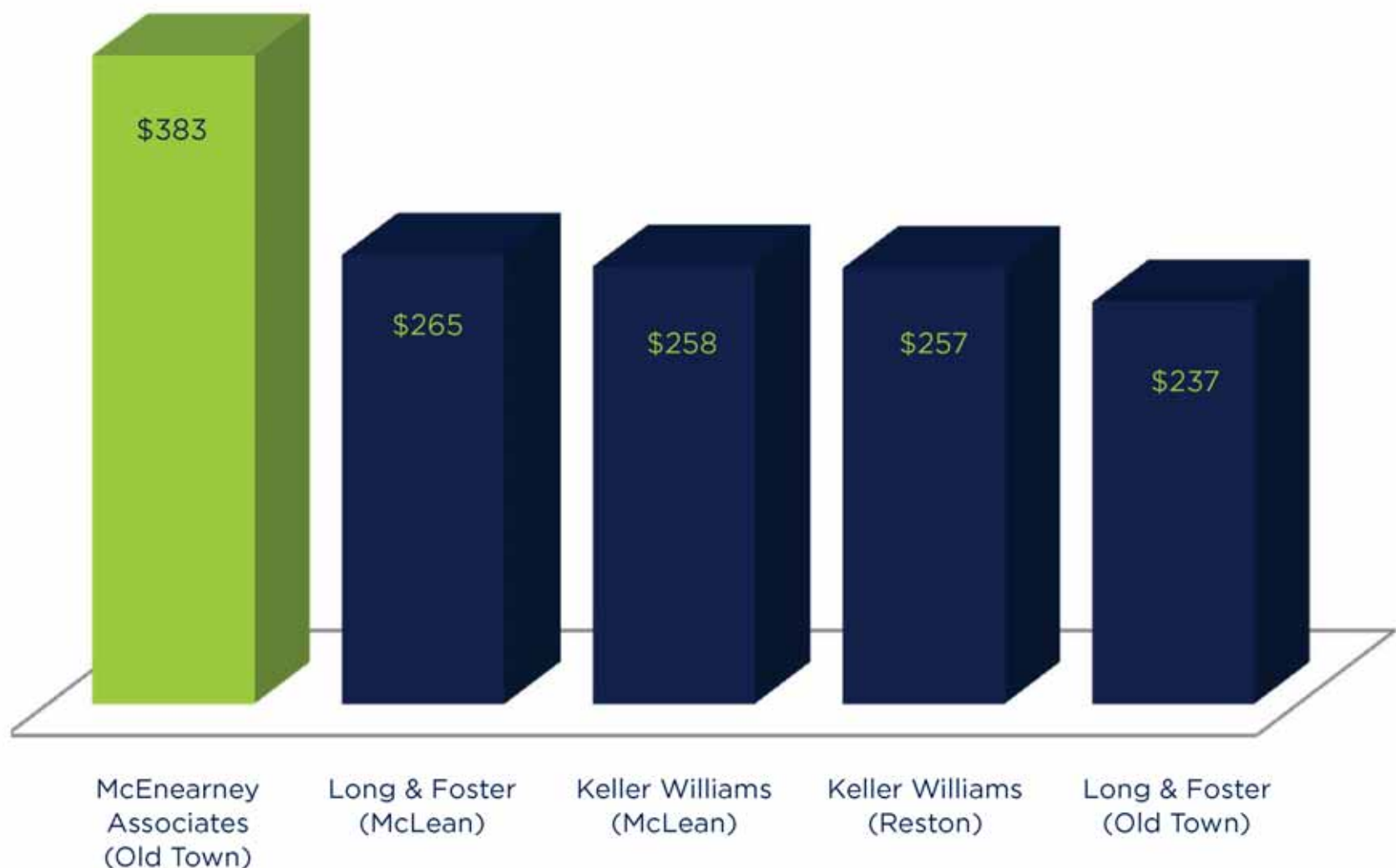
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Members of the media congregate outside the federal courthouse in Richmond.

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MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

# Governor's Mansion, Confidential

Defense in corruption case examines state of marriage of former Republican governor.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

When he takes the stand in his own defense, former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell will read jurors an email that he wrote to his wife as their marriage was said to be crumbling. Describing the email to members of the jury in his

opening statements, defense attorney John Brownlee said it was written at a time when prosecutors say the couple were conspiring to sell power and influence to a wealthy Virginia businessman. Inside the Governor's Mansion, though, the two were barely on speaking terms.

"She said she hated him," said Brownlee. "She was

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**Martin Stefanov on his way to work at a neighborhood pool from the apartment he shares with other lifeguards in Kingstowne.**



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**Victoria Tshacheva and Martin Stefanov from Bulgaria with bikes supplied by Continental Pools, their sponsor company.**

# Foreign Nationals Immersed in Local Lifeguarding

**For some, it starts out on two wheels.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE GAZETTE

Every day, Vasyl Smolii uses two different routes when he bikes to and from work at the Belle View pool in Alexandria. Coming down the hill on Belle View Boulevard is an easy ride in the morning but going back up in the evening is not as easy on the bicycle Smolii rents from his sponsor High Sierra Pools, an Arlington-based pool management company.

"I must buy this bike for the summer," said 19-year-old Smolii from Ukraine.

For Martin Stefanov and Victoria Tshacheva, the bikes are their transportation this summer as well. In the evenings, six bikes are parked on the first floor patio of the apartment they share in Kingstowne with other lifeguards who are also from Europe.

This is Stefanov's second year lifeguarding; Tshacheva heard about his adventures last year while they were attending Sofia University in Sofia, Bulgaria. Tshacheva is studying public relations.

"This country is much different, you can see different cultures, a lot of people from the whole world, you can learn a lot of stuff," she said. Riding bikes to work was one of those things she is learning. Biking in Bulgaria "is not so popular," she said, but she may continue when she goes back. "I will ride the bike in my country, I think so," she said.

At the EOS Twenty One apartment complex in the Landmark area of Alexandria there are two pools, one manned by a pair of 20-somethings from Poland, and the other by twin sisters Irina and Olha Shemchuk, also from Ukraine. These lifeguards, who went through U.S. Aquatics for

their summer jobs, don't ride bikes to work. The pair from Poland are staying in an apartment with three other lifeguards close enough to EOS to walk to work, and for the Shemchuk sisters, "our driver picks us up every day," said Irina Shemchuk.

Transportation is one of the concerns of Doug Winkler, owner of Winkler Pool Management Inc., with an office in Springfield. They employed 260 lifeguards from various countries this year, such as Ukraine, Serbia, Turkey, Jordan, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Dominican Republic, China, Slovakia, Russia, Poland, Egypt and Kazakhstan. The Winkler lifeguards either walk, use public transportation, have drivers like the Shemchuk sisters, or use bikes that Winkler supplies for a deposit.

Winkler, who lifeguarded when he was a teen, remembered his years on the lifeguard chair as a "great job," but noted that "the desire is not there in American kids anymore, they don't want to work." Lifeguards from overseas want to travel and experience the United States as well as earn some money.

All of the lifeguards get training in their home countries and another course here before starting. According to High Sierra Pools, which has job fairs in the U.S. and internationally, "All of our representatives are former lifeguards to give you the inside scoop," on the job, according to its website. "High Sierra works with U.S. visa sponsors to promote our jobs with the help of partner agencies worldwide."

Communicating in English is key. For EOS lifeguards Weronica Mikoljczyk and Agnieszka Kaczmarek from Poland, this is their second summer lifeguarding in the U.S. Before starting, they were interviewed via Skype to get a sample of their dialect, and "the tests are in English," said Kaczmarek. Smolii's English has improved since Memorial Day, but "when I arrived, I had very bad English," he said.

Kaczmarek was a swimming coach in Poland, so she gives some of the children at



**Victoria Horbenko from Ukraine holds on to a float and scans the pool in Fairfax.**

EOS swimming lessons "before it opens," in the morning. Mikoljczyk was a lifeguard on a lake close to Poznan, a city in Poland, and both know synchronized swimming which they also share with the children at the pool. "I love kids," said Kaczmarek, and the "kids love us," added Mikoljczyk.

Over at Belle View, Smolii had to rely on his training early on this summer, rescuing a resident in distress. "My first week, a woman at Belle View was swimming and got a cramp. I jumped in with my rescue tube, take her shoulder," he said, reenacting the procedure. Smolii is with High Sierra, and they check his lifeguarding skills every month, he said.

**ALTHOUGH MOST** of the lifeguards work long days that stretches to more than 40 hours a week, they do find time to enjoy their American experience. Smolii went to Ocean City, Md. with another lifeguard and experienced the ocean and eating crabs for

the first time. The crab mallet techniques were tough to master at first and he ended up splattering crab all over him until "waiters showed us the correct way," he said.

Stefanov took a day trip to New York City for a fellow lifeguard's birthday. "It was amazing," he said.

For another Ukrainian, Victoria Horbenko, a lifeguard in Ellipse at Government Center off Lee Highway, her summer at poolside is "like a student exchange, to get new experience," she said.

The lifeguards are hot and cold to American food. Stefanov and Tshacheva in Kingstowne try to eat healthy and "cook a lot in our apartment," said Tshacheva, noting that her father in Bulgaria "cooks, it's the most delicious food," she said. She's familiar with the obesity trend in this country. For the twin sisters, the "food here is very bad," said Olha Shemchuk, "too many sweets." Her sister Irina is not a fan of American bread. "Your bread is not bread," she said.

There are still community pools that only hire teenagers from the neighborhood for the lifeguard positions such as Hunt Valley pool in Springfield. According to manager Lauren Blackburn, "We all live right here."

Hunt Valley lifeguard Luke Chapman, 17, went to a class to become a pool operator and noticed "they were all Eastern European," he said.

Winkler noted that being in the community they grow up in has advantages, as when he was a teen and "many evenings, some of the pool patrons would bring me dinner." On the other hand, being in charge is a hard sell to friends. "It's tough for them to be disciplinary," he said.

The summer abroad is making an impression on Tshacheva. "Here we are so separate from our life in Bulgaria. It will be so different when we go back," she said.

For Olha Shemchuk, 19, she might give it another summer, after she turns 21 so she can go dancing and clubbing. "We are young," she said.





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## Finally, Marriage Rights Protected in Virginia

**O**n July 28, 2014, in affirming that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, Circuit Judge Henry F. Floyd writes:

"We recognize that same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable. However, inertia and apprehension are not legitimate bases for denying same-sex couples due process and equal protection of the laws. Civil marriage is one of the cornerstones of our way of life. It allows individuals to celebrate and publicly declare their intentions to form lifelong partnerships, which provide unparalleled intimacy, companionship, emotional support, and security. The choice of whether and whom to marry is an intensely personal decision that alters the course of an individual's life. Denying same-sex couples this choice prohibits them from participating fully in our society, which is precisely the type of segregation that the Fourteenth Amendment cannot countenance."

Judge Arenda Wright Allen, on Valentine's Day, 2014, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional, writing:

"A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes

that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

### EDITORIAL

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken..."

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

## Help with Newcomers And Community Guides

Our 2014 Insider's Edition Newcomers and Community Guides, will publish the last week of August.

What tips do you have for someone getting to know your community? What do you wish you had discovered sooner?

We're hoping to share the special places, ac-

tivities, events, organizations, volunteer opportunities and more that make each community what it is. Tell us your favorite park; let us know what events are not to be missed. Give a shout out to organizations that do a great job. Share your best volunteer experiences. Do you have tips for navigating your PTA or your school's front office? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

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We will publish a selection of local tips along with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, including our award-winning Insiders Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

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### CRIME REPORT

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

**ROBBERY**, 5900 block of Richmond Highway, July 26, 3:35 a.m. A passenger brandished a handgun and took cash from a taxi cab driver. The victim was not injured. The suspect is described as male, black, 18 to 25 years old.

**BURGLARY**, 8100 block of Richmond Highway, July 26. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

**PEEPING**, 7900 block of Janna Lee Avenue, July 27, 10:03 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a man looking into a window. Following a search of the area, a 21-year old man from Alexandria was charged with peeping.

**BURGLARY**, 8700 block of Richmond Highway, July 24. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

### LARCENIES

3100 block of Furman Lane, license plate

from vehicle

2500 block of Parkers Lane, license plate from vehicle

6000 block of Richmond Highway, items from vehicle

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

8000 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business

4000 block of Robertson Boulevard, bank card from residence

8200 block of Russell Road, merchandise from business

8100 block of Fordson Road, bicycle from business

6800 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business

## House Fire Causes \$50,000 in Damages

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire on Tuesday, July 29, at approximately 9:45 a.m., in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The single-family home is located at 4000 Buckman Road.

Firefighters encountered smoke and fire coming from an enclosed rear porch and extending to the attic area in the one-story home upon arrival. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire. The home was vacant. There were no injuries.

Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

The fire started in the enclosed porch area and is under investigation.



By STEVEN G. ARTLEY

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# Serving Families for 90 Years

Pushing the boundaries has led to success, says Northern Virginia Family Services CEO.

BY REENA SINGH  
THE GAZETTE

An organization does not thrive for 90 years by chance. Northern Virginia Family Services, a county institution, has impacted families throughout the region for nearly a century with no sign of slowing down.

CEO and President Mary Agee, who has been at the organization for 46 of those years, has seen the nonprofit flourish during her time there.

"In reading the history, there were a lot of passionate and smart people that were on the board in the '20s, '30s and '40s," she said. "Very adaptable and very principled. That's the other thing that struck me — that the decisions were based upon doing the right thing and never turning a child away."

She said that even today, her staff is willing to push boundaries while still adhering to the organization's mission.

NVFS opened its doors in 1924 as a family counseling center; it was run by a single volunteer at the time.

Agee joined the 11 person staff in 1972. She just announced her retirement, effective next June, on Monday.

"The budget was \$182,000 at the time," she said.

The budget is now \$32 million and staff count has soared to 150 people. One of those staff members is current Chief Operative Officer Cheri Villa who has been with the organization for five years.

"One of the reasons I came here was to work with Mary on her vision," she said.

Recently, the organization has helped families who have suffered during the recession to adapt to the change.

"I think one of the most interesting things is when you look at our history, it's a reflection of the region



Mary Agee, NVFS president and CEO, and Karen Horowitz, director of volunteer and internship engagement, present Ralph Lickey with the Presidential Award for Community Volunteers at the agency's annual meeting, June 12, at the Capital One headquarters.

PHOTO BY TONYA MCCREARY

as a whole," said Villa. "As community needs have emerged, Northern Virginia Family Services has stepped in."

In the last 20 years, affordable housing and mental health issues were added to the list of NVFS's concerns. However, Agee does not think they were ever a non-issue for the area.

"The needs in the community have absolutely not changed," said Agee. "The thing that has changed is the faces that use them."

She said that the organization had the chance to help its community during the response after a plane struck the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It was an honor to be asked by the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region to design a program that would support the families that were impacted by the attack on the Pentagon," she said. "What that taught was how to perfect a case management model — help them recover from trauma and bring in a number of resources."

She said the leadership the organization showed made NVFS a national leader in trauma response. It is currently poised to help the numbers of children that have crossed the border into Texas.

But it does not do the work alone. Many of the issues that leaders at NVFS are passionate about are also tackled with other local organizations.

"I think collaboration is a big part of our success," she said. "These issues are so big that you have to tackle them together."

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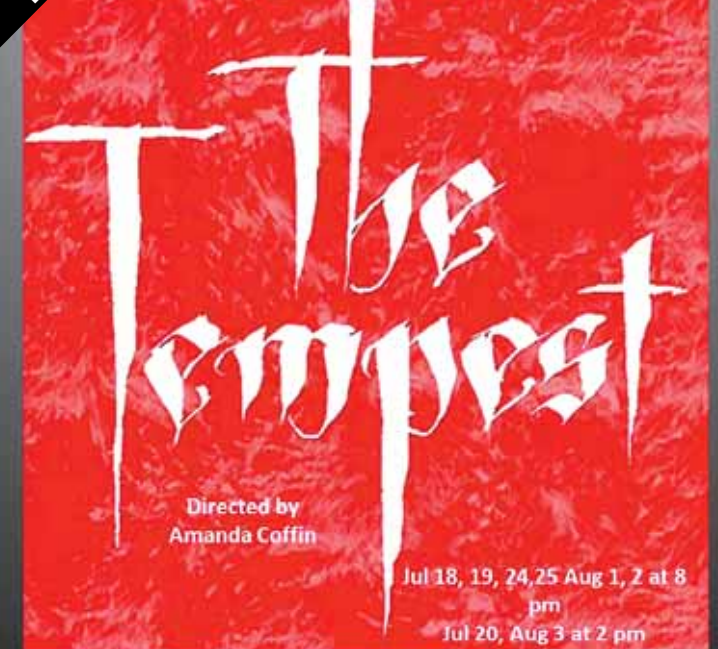


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## PEOPLE

# Mount Vernon Author Publishes First Book

By JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

Featuring a magical hybrid of a centipede and a dragon, Mount Vernon resident Alice Chen has completed her first children's book, "Centipede Dragon: A Benevolent Creature."

This process hasn't been easy, but Chen, a medical illustrator by profession, said that children's books have always been in the back of her mind.

"I always enjoyed telling stories and read-



Chen

After falling into unemployment in 2012, Chen began to develop her idea for a story. At a museum in Toronto, she was inspired by the centipede dragon.

The writing involved with the book was

ing and writing stories, especially short stories. When I was in my teens, I started writing children's story books," Chen said. "I sort of forgot about it for a while, but it was always in the back of my mind."

tough, Chen said, as she admits she is not a natural writer.

"Everything was visually oriented for me. The illustrations came about pretty easily," she said.

In "Centipede Dragon: A Benevolent Creature," Chen made the decision to portray the characters as Asian, something that she said does not always sell well.

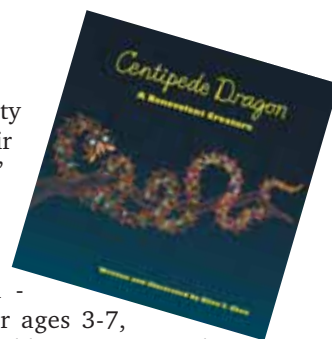
"Basically what is known as a fact is that books featuring children with minority kids don't sell. It's a sad fact. I'm trying to be part of the push to encourage writers to fea-

ture minority kids in their works," Chen said.

The book is recommended for ages 3-7, but older children may enjoy the book as well. The book is now available for purchase on Amazon.

As for lessons they may learn, Chen hopes that children learn about helping others.

"I really do hope that they see that helping others is not a bad thing, and thinking of others is not a bad thing," Chen said.



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## LTA Stages 'Spamalot'

**Musical comedy is based on "Monty Python and the Holy Grail."**

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Little Theater of Alexandria is staging the musical comedy "Spamalot" Aug. 2-23.

The irreverent play, which won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical in 2005, is adapted from the 1975 film "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." It originally starred Tim Curry as King Arthur, David Hyde Pierce as Sir Robin and Hank Azaria as Sir Lancelot on Broadway.

"It's 'Monty Python' with showgirls and dancing and musical tunes, and all the laughter of 50 years of 'Monty Python' condensed into one show," said director Wade Corder, 51, of Springfield. "It's just brilliant."

His biggest challenge was narrowing down the 100 people who auditioned to just 19 characters. "The most wonderful thing is that it worked," said Corder, a corporate accountant by day who is directing his first LTA show. "We have a fantastic cast."

He added, "I hope the audience will take away a memory and a good strong reminder to always dance and laugh and sing."

"For people who love to see spectacles, this is their show," said producer Rachel Alberts. "It will not disappoint."

"It's a parody of 'The Knights of the Roundtable.' And there's all sorts of songs, crazy characters, and Broadway theater parodies," Alberts said. "I think people will be interested because it's funny, silly and irreverent."

With a 14-piece orchestra, Alberts said LTA likes to do big musicals in the summer.

"There's heavy and serious things going on in the world right now, and this provides a wonderful escape from it all."

The cast has been rehearsing for eight weeks, and more than 100 volunteers have been putting last-minute touches on the show. Alberts said that LTA's costume designer has been working on costumes for almost a year now.

"We have so many people working behind the scenes to make this happen," said Alberts. "All of the actors and crew are volunteers. They are willing to put the time in — it's very gratifying to see the work look so professional."

Alberts said the show is comical, cartoony, bright and colorful. "It's a very positive show; it's got an incredible soundtrack. It's a true audience experience," she said.

James Hotsko, 34, of Heatherlea in Arlington, plays the role of King Arthur, who goes out looking for men to join his Knights of the Roundtable and gets charged with the quest to find the Holy Grail.

The fun part has been getting to interact with everyone and seeing what they are bringing to their characters, said Hotsko, who studied aerospace and ocean engineering and works as a naval architect. That, plus riding a horse with coconuts during rehearsals.

It may be a little cliché, but the play may teach the audience to look at the bright side of things, he said, "Life is what you can make of it; there's always going to be a silver lining."

He said one of the biggest challenges was trying to pick up the British accent. "We are trying to make sure that stays true," he said.

Ashlie-Amber Harris, 27, of Alexandria plays the role of Lady of the Lake. "She's a diva," she said. "She's beautiful, exotic and she brings a feminine aspect to the show.... Her character adds a different dynamic to the story."

"Spamalot' is not your typical theater show," said Harris, who works as a bar-



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**"He's Not Dead Yet" by the "Spamalot" Ensemble.**

tender. "We kind of make fun of musical theater and we make fun of huge Broadway productions like 'Phantom of the Opera' and 'Singing in the Rain.'"

She says that one of her challenges, after watching Tony Award-winner Sara Ramirez play the same role, was to try to be original and stay true to the essence of the character and make it her own at the same time.

"It's hard to bring your own originality to the character because [Ramirez is] so fantastic, she's so spot-on with her choices," Harris said.

Nevertheless, "This is a great show because it's so much fun and it's based off an extremely iconic movie," said Harris. "I think people are going to leave with a smile and they're going to be happy and feel good."

"Spamalot" is playing at the Little Theater of Alexandria from Aug. 2-23. Tickets are \$25-\$30. Show times are Wednesdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. with matinees on Sundays at 3 p.m. Little Theater of Alexandria is located at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).



**"Spamalot's" King Arthur (James Hotsko) with Katie Doyle and Christy Fischer in rehearsals.**

## CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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

**Photography Exhibit.** Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. through Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

**"Water."** Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea, lakes, rivers, taps, clouds, rain, snow, ice, the elemental liquids of life. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

### Francie Hester: Symbolic Spaces.

Through Aug. 3. Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, 4-6 p.m. Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Art exhibition, Symbolic Spaces, shifts from a linear, mathematical piecing together of sequences to examine time as infinite, fluid, without discrete beginning or end. Free. Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) for more.

**The Adventure.** Through Monday, Aug. 4. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 21. David Alfuth constructs intimate dreamlike worlds and architectural structures with his paper relief and 3D works. Free. Visit [www.theaterleague.org](http://www.theaterleague.org), or call 703-683-1780.

**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.

**Archeology in Action Tour.** Fridays in August. 11-11:45 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Take an inside look at the history of the Mount Vernon archaeology program and the current discovery efforts in progress. \$40 for four admission tickets, \$17 for adults, \$8 for children 6-11, \$16 for seniors. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Ice Cream Making.** Saturdays in August. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 3200 Mt. Vernon highway, Mount Vernon. Cool down with 18th century ice cream making demonstrations. Admission: Adults, \$18; Children, \$9; Under 5, free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Art Exhibition.** Through Sunday, Aug. 31 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artist Steven Walls will show "Transient States," a

solo exhibition, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. On Thursday, Aug. 14 there will be a reception from 6-8 p.m. and an artist talk at 7 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/](http://www.torpedofactory.org/partners/target-gallery/) for more.

**Blue Star Museums.** More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

**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/](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/)

[alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html](http://alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html).

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

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



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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](http://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 Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria — a \$26 added value — for free. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Art Exhibit.** Tuesday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Old Town Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. Art by Paul McGehee. Visit [www.paulmcgeheeart.com](http://www.paulmcgeheeart.com) for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**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

## AT THE LIBRARY

**Martha Washington Library,** 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Call 703-768-6700.  
**Kingstowne Library,** 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Call 703-339-4610.  
**John Marshall Library,** 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.  
**Sherwood Library,** 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 1

**Just Stories.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories for children of all ages.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. A conversation group for adults learning English to practice together.

**Wag a Tale.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Register to read aloud to Bella, a reading therapy dog. Ages 5-12.

**eBook Workshop.** 1 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Get eBook questions answered; bring your eBook reader and library card.

### MONDAY/AUG. 4

**Fun for 2's and 3's.** 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Stories and activities for ages 2-3 with adult.

**Preschool Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories, songs and fingerplays to encourage early literacy. Age 2-5 with adult.

**Read to the Dog.** 2-3 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog for a 15-minute session. Ages 6-12; registration required.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 5

**Spectacular Science.** 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Explore the secrets of fireworks, bubbles and more with Mad Science. Ages 6-12.

**Poetry Read-Around.** 6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Share favorite poems — your own or another's — in a small group setting. Facilitated by Peter Lattu, formerly of Olssen's Books.

**Spectacular Science.** 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Explore the secrets of fireworks, bubbles and more with Mad Science. Ages 6-12.

**Internet and Computer Training.** 8 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. One-hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills, and navigating the Internet. Call for an appointment, 703-768-6700.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

**English Conversation.** 10:15 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. A conversation group for adults learning English to practice together.

**Toddler Time.** 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Early Literacy storytime, for ages birth to 23 months with adult.

**Daytime Book Discussion.** 12:15 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. "Loving Frank" by Nancy Horan.



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**Summer Aquatics Classes.** For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation) or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or [claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov).

**Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning.** Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm](http://www.artatthecenter.org/classsummer14.htm) for more.

**Theater Camp.** Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions through Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit [www.mvccct.org](http://www.mvccct.org) to register.

**Cool Yoga.** Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit [www.prasadayoga.com](http://www.prasadayoga.com) for more.

**Metropolitan School of the Arts Classes.** 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner and advanced instruction in a variety of different dance forms, including tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance, contemporary, acting, combination classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as piano and guitar lessons. Registration is available online at [www.metropolitanarts.org](http://www.metropolitanarts.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 31

**Frolick Dogs Opening Ceremony.** 10 a.m. at Frolick Dogs Canine Sports Gym Club, 3208 Colvin St. A ribbon cutting ceremony and facility tour and demonstration to celebrate the area's first gym for dogs. Free admission. Visit [www.frolickdogs.com](http://www.frolickdogs.com) for more.

**Harry Potter's Birthday.** 5-9 p.m. at The Apothecary Museum, 107 Fairfax St. A tour of the museum as if it were part of the "Harry Potter" universe. \$6. Advanced purchase recommended. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/EventPurchase.aspx> to purchase tickets.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Big Smo, opened by Denum Jones. \$20. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 1

**Monty Python.** Pre-reception, 7 p.m., show, 8 p.m., post-reception after, at The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. A fundraiser for the Pentagon Visitor Education Center, showing "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." Suggested \$40 donation to The Pentagon Memorial Fund. Contact Tina McCrea at [Tina@thelittletheatre.com](mailto:Tina@thelittletheatre.com), or call 703-683-5778 x1.

**Kenny G.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere,

3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$65. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

**Artisan Gallery Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Seven artists present "Board and Beyond" art exhibit. Gallery is open through Aug. 31 after opening reception. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**Friendship Firehouse Festival.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 105 S. Alfred St. The annual festival will include vendor and exhibit displays on the street in front of the firehouse, and tours of the firehouse museum. Free. Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net) or call 703-746-4994 for more.

**Family Dig Days.** 1:30-3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial grounds, 101 Callahan Drive. Help City archaeologists screen excavated soil from a real dig on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Reservations required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a participating adult. \$5 per person, fee is non refundable. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399 for more.

**Dance.** 7-9:30 pm. Lesson, 6:30-7 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4701 N. Chambliss St. BYO refreshments. Couples, singles welcome; smoke- and alcohol-free. \$12 general admission, \$5 age 17 and under with paying adult. Call 703-860-4941 or visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) for more.

**Live Music.** 7-11 p.m. at Tim's Rivershore Restaurant & Crab House, 1510 Cherry Hill Road, Dumfries. Fuse Box, based in Alexandria, is performing for the last public show before college starts. Free admission. Visit [www.facebook.com/events/587084751404469](http://www.facebook.com/events/587084751404469) for more.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**History Book Club.** 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This History Book Club event will focus on Thomas E. Crocker's book "Braddock's March: How the Man Sent to Seize a Continent Changed American History." Free Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0035 for more.

**Civil War Sunday.** 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archeology Museum, 105 N. Union St. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or call 703-746-4399 for more.

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A violinist, violist, cellist, clarinetist and pianist perform music by Darius Milhaud. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Marc Cohn opened by Amber Aubarth. \$45. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 5

**Steve Prince.** 8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. A presentation of Steve's work and illustrations of his techniques. Free. Call 703-629-3620 or email [tatyana.ss@verizon.net](mailto:tatyana.ss@verizon.net) for more.

## TUESDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 5-31

**Multiple Exposures Gallery.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Fine art photography exhibition. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.



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**The current Friendship Firehouse was built in 1855, underwent remodeling in 1871 and restored by the city in 1992. The firehouse now serves as a city museum.**

**Station 204 firefighter Rick Muse helps Ben down from one of the fire trucks on display at the 2012 Friendship Firehouse Festival.**

## TUESDAY/AUG. 5-MONDAY/SEPT. 8

**Art Exhibit.** Opening reception, Aug. 14, 6:30-8 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. An art exhibit titled, "Scapes and Structures." Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Purple Heart Ceremony.** 1 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. Join Chapter 353 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart to commemorate the anniversary of the oldest military decoration in the world. \$8 for children, \$16 for seniors, \$17 for adults. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Live Music.** 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/Inn](http://www.mountvernon.org/Inn) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with Jay Hayden and V.

Rich. \$25. Visit [www.jworldrecords.com](http://www.jworldrecords.com), <http://vrchmusic.com>, or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## THURSDAY/AUG.7-SUNDAY/SEPT 21

**Art Exhibit.** At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/influence\\_inspiration](http://www.theartleague.org/content/influence_inspiration) or call 703-683-1780 for more.

## AUG. 5 THROUGH SEPT. 7

**"Fire."** Through Sept. 7. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St. The artists' imagination is "fired" by heat, flames, burning, passion, fiery tempers, anger, explosive situations, camp fires, BBQs, and fireflies to

# Friendship Firehouse Festival Aug. 2

Alexandria's historic Friendship Firehouse will celebrate its 240<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Aug. 2 at the annual Friendship Firehouse Festival from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on S. Alfred Street between King and Prince streets.

"This is a fun, community-wide event," said organizer Bill Kehoe. "There will be free tours of the museum, firefighting apparatus on display and free fire helmets and balloons for kids. It's always a great time for everyone in the family."

Held at the historic Friendship Firehouse, the festival celebrates the role of firefighters throughout history. The event will feature a collection of antique fire equipment and a display of modern fire apparatus by the Alexandria Fire Department. Other attractions include craft booths, food vendors and free birthday cake.

Known as "George Washington's Fire Company," the Friendship Fire Company was founded in 1774 as Alexandria's first fire company. Located at 107 S. Alfred St., the building was originally built as a firehouse in 1855 and now showcases historic firefighting equipment, including hand-drawn fire engines, leather water buckets, axes and sections of early rubber hose.

"The Festival is a great way to support the community and learn about the history of firefighting," Kehoe said. "And we cut the birthday cake at 11 a.m. It's a block party where everyone has a good time."

The 100 block of South Alfred Street between Prince and King streets will be closed to traffic for the festival. Admission is free.

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— JEANNE THEISMANN

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## FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Drawing and Painting Clinic.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Adults with an artistic eye will learn different techniques for using colored pencils and acrylic paint. \$74 per person. Call 703-642-5173 for more. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) to register.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Buster Poindexter (aka David Johansen). \$29.50. Visit [www.facebook.com/officialBusterPoindexter/](http://www.facebook.com/officialBusterPoindexter/) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Cirque du Soleil.** 8 p.m. at National Harbor. Cirque du Soleil performs "Amaluna." One hundred percent of proceeds from ticket sales go to support The Campagna Center. \$120. Visit [www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna](http://www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna) for more.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**Art Workshop.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Draw butterflies from colorful photographs and explore the techniques used to take colored pencils a step beyond their traditional use. \$74. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) or call 703-642-5173 to register and for more.

### Pole Dancing Competition.

Compulsory round, 10 a.m. Performance round, 2 p.m. at Pretty Lady Pole Fit Studio, 7702 East Richmond Highway. Women and men ages 16 and up compete for a spot in the 2015 PDA championship in New Orleans. Visit [www.prettyladypolefit.com](http://www.prettyladypolefit.com) for more.

**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](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**Hometown History Bus Tour.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road, Franconia. The Franconia Museum will be holding a bus tour traveling from the museum and ending with refreshments at Nalls Produce. \$25. Call Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or Don Hakenson at 703-971-4294 for more.

**Jane Austen Ball.** 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. This 1790s era ball will include English country dancing, live music, a period-inspired dessert collation and "iced refreshments." Period attire is optional, "after-five" attire is encouraged. Tickets are \$45 per person and reservations are required. Visit <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/>

## FOOD & DRINK

**Mount Vernon Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm) for more.

**Kingstowne Farmers Market.** 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm) for more.

**Old Town Farmers Market.** 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email [oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov](mailto:oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov).

**Del Ray Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Contact [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net) for more.

**Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays through November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit [www.4mrmrmarket.org/](http://www.4mrmrmarket.org/) for more.

**West End Farmers Market.** 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit [www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket](http://www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket) for more.

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## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 9-10

**Summer Sidewalk Sale.** Hours vary by retailer at Old Town and Del Ray. Moved inside in case of inclement weather. Free. Visit [www.VisitAlexVA.com/SidewalkSale](http://www.VisitAlexVA.com/SidewalkSale).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 10

**Family Day.** 1-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 138 N. Royal St. Explore the magic of history with a tour of the tavern. Adults: \$5; Children: \$3. Visit

[www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) for more.

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Cellist Philip Wolf and pianist Stephen Bertino perform Grieg and other short pieces. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 12

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dick Dale. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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Alan McKenzie, the Baltimore Aquarium guide for the event, leads a group through the Australia exhibit, including Boys and Girls Club members Sandra Achia, Hanny Bushura, Paola Zavala, Edwin Garcia, Eliseo Valenzuela and Mercy Grace Francisco.



The group poses outside the aquarium's STEM labs. Pictured among the hanging colorful "jelly fish" are Eliseo Valenzuela, Mercy Grace Francisco, Monica Baker, Yohana Cruz, Moises Zavala, Wonhee Kang, Paola Zavala, Brenda Zavala, Brian Delcid, Sandra Achia, Edwin Garcia, Hanny Bushura and the tour guide Alan McKenzie.

# A Night at the Aquarium for Fairfax Youth

Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington members take a private overnight tour of Baltimore's National Aquarium.

BY VERONICA BRUNO  
THE GAZETTE

Ten students from the Fairfax branch (Murraygate chapter) of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington got a sneak peak of Shark Week by spending the night among them at the Baltimore Aquarium at the seaport in Baltimore. They spent a "night at the museum" as part of the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) program sponsored by COX Communications last Friday, July 25. They explored the National Aquarium without the crowds and toured several behind-the-scenes labs and STEM classrooms, watched a fun 4D movie, and participated in question and answer sessions with the aquarium guides. Perhaps the biggest highlight was

viewing the sharks in the viewing tank from above.

COX Virginia funded the trip as part of its partnership with the Discovery Channel, a program that provides a preview episode of Shark Week to local children each year. The curriculum was designed to combat the academic setbacks that many students suffer when not involved with educational programs over the summer. According to the National Summer Learning Association, children who are exposed to quality educational and development programs and opportunities over the summer are better prepared to return to school in the fall.

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Washington provides a safe haven for youth after school and when the schools are not open. The club provides opportunities and fun activities for the students as well as mentorship programs.



Alan McKenzie, the Baltimore Aquarium guide for the event, showed the group several shark jaws and teeth in the STEM lab of the aquarium. Sandra Achia, Hanny Bushura, Monica Baker and Moises Zavala observe McKenzie's demonstration.



Alan McKenzie points out the many hazards to fish found in the ocean. Also pictured are Moises Zavala, Yohana Cruz and Hanny Bushura.

PHOTOS BY VERONICA BRUNO/  
THE GAZETTE



The group also experienced a movie in 4D about salmon migration and life cycle. Seated in the front row are Moises, Brenda and Paola Zavala, Yohana Cruz, Mercy Grace Francisco, Edwin Garcia, and Eliseo Valenzuela. Seated behind them are Monica Baker, Sandra Achia and Hanny Bushura.



# Former Governor's Case Goes to Trial

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angry that there was not enough money for their family, not enough time for her."

After a successful public career that culminated in the the governor making the short list to be a running mate for Republican presidential hopeful

**"Opening statements are critical and the reason for that is it's kind of like a first date. You only get one chance to get it right."**

**— Rich Kelsey, assistant dean of the George Mason School of Law**

Mitt Romney in 2012, McDonnell has fallen very far very fast. He's now engaged in the fight of his life, but not on the campaign trail. This time he and his wife are facing a 14-count indictment from federal prosecutors who say the McDonnells were acting in secret to take money and gifts in exchange for taking action to benefit Jonnie Williams, who was trying to obtain scientific testing from state officials for his nutritional supplement made from tobacco.

"This case is about the McDonnells lining their pockets with secret gifts and cash," said prosecutor Jessica Aber. "Bobs for Jobs — that's what he was supposed to do, just not in exchange for money."

**THE CORRUPTION TRIAL** of the former governor and his wife is unprecedented in Virginia politics, where commonwealth has enjoyed a reputation of relatively clean government. That is until recently. A grand



**Bob McDonnell was the attorney general when the new federal courthouse opened in Richmond. Now he's facing prosecution in a seventh-floor courtroom.**

jury is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the resignation of a Democratic state senator who was offered a job at the tobacco commission, the same organization that Williams was targeting in his effort to promote Anatabloc. In his opening statement for Maureen McDonnell, defense attorney Bill Burck said the first lady of Virginia was a "true believer" in nutraceuticals and became a "favorite playmate" for Williams as her marriage fell apart.

"You will even hear evidence that she had a crush on Mr. Williams," said Burck. "Jonnie Williams is very good at using people to get what he wants."

If opening statements this week are any indication, Williams will be at the center of the trial as each side presents evidence to the jury. For prosecutors, he's the star witness — the whistleblower who was given immunity from prosecution in exchange for

exposing how the governor and his wife accepted \$150,000 in exchange for using the power and prestige of the Governor's Mansion. For lawyers representing the McDonnells he was a scheming manipulator who turned state's evidence to keep himself out of jail. "He thought of himself as a big fish," said Burck. "But he knew Governor McDonnell was an even bigger fish."

**OPENING STATEMENTS** offered each side an opportunity to make an initial impression with members of the jury, a way to establish a connection and make promises about evidence to come. It was also an opportunity for some moments of high drama.

The lawyer for McDonnell played two videos of the governor engaged in economic development and quoted from a book titled "Once an Eagle." He outlined a case in which the governor's defense will be that

he was merely promoting Virginia products.

"He eats Virginia ham. He drinks Virginia wine," said Brownlee, who once ran for attorney general. "My guess is that if he smoked, he would smoke Virginia cigarettes."

The lawyer for Maureen McDonnell focused much of his opening statements to attacking Williams, who he said has changed his story several times. Burck compared it to an iPhone that keeps getting a new operating system. Version 1.0 was the original and unadulterated version, the one that denied wrongdoing and supposedly lied to prosecutors. Version 2.0 was when he struck a deal with prosecutors and told a different story. Even as the trial date approached, Burck said, Williams changed his story seven more times.

"That's nine different versions, and each one keeps getting better for the government," said Burck. "Which Jonnie Williams are you supposed to believe?"

**PROSECUTORS SPENT** their opening arguments laying out a timeline they say shows official actions were taken shortly after gifts were offered or loans were received. In one dramatic moment, for example, Williams shows up at the Governor's Mansion with a blank check. But Aber was also careful to manage expectations, acknowledging that prosecutors do not have one singular piece of evidence that shows the sweep of the conspiracy case. "No single witness will be able to tell you this entire story from soup to nuts," said Aber. "The defendants are way too sophisticated for that."

Legal experts say the opening statements play an important role in setting the tone for jurors and letting them know what to expect. "Opening statements are critical and the reason for that is it's kind of like a first date. You only get one chance to get it right," said Rich Kelsey, assistant dean of the George Mason School of Law. "It's about building a story that makes sense and answers their questions before they know they have questions."

## Laurel Hill Master Plan Meets Final Approval

**Construction expected to begin this fall.**

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday to approve the plan to develop the site of the former Lorton prison.

When construction is completed, the mixed-used community will include 412 residential units at market rate, 110,000 square feet of office and retail space, and 20,000 feet of community space.

The residential units include 225 apartments in previously prison dorms and workshops, 157 new townhomes, six condos and

24 new homes.

According to a county press release, this was the final decision needed for construction to begin.

Groundbreaking for the first phase is expected to begin this fall, and will create 165 apartments and 107 new homes. The Alexander Company and Elm Street are the developers for the project.

Fairfax County will pay an estimated \$12.7 million of the \$188 million project. The second phase will begin in late 2016.

The development will take place on the site of the former Lorton prison, which Fairfax County bought the property of for

\$4.2 million in 2002. It is expected to create 300 new jobs and generate \$2.5 million in tax revenue annually.

Housing and restaurants will bring revenue to the area, according to supervisors. The Lorton Workhouse Arts Center, located on the site of the former prison, was a topic of discussion in January when the Board of Supervisors voted to assume part of the workhouse's loan.

"I was pleased to support the re-planning and re-purposing of Laurel Hill," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, in a statement in June. "Fairfax County's purchase of the former Lorton Prison has provided the opportunity to create a vibrant community in



**A map demonstrating the Laurel Hill Master Development Plan, at the site of the former D.C. prison.**

the South County area. Providing attractive tax-producing residential and retail uses is a real victory and the right decision for our board."



# SPORTS

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## West Potomac Grad Lescher To Play Baseball at Penn

**Pitcher enjoys  
Creedence  
Clearwater Revival  
and tacos.**

**B**illy Lescher joined the West Potomac varsity baseball team at the end of his sophomore season and was a key contributor during his junior and senior campaigns.

In 2013, Lescher threw a perfect game during an 11-0 season-opening victory over Mount Vernon. West Potomac went on to reach the Patriot District semifinals and Lescher received honorable mention as a pitcher.

As a senior, Lescher garnered second-team all-conference honors and helped the Wolverines finish runner-up in Conference 7.

Lescher will continue his baseball career as a pitcher at the University of Pennsylvania. He recently participated in a Q&A via email.

**Q&A: What made Penn the right fit for you?**

Lescher: Penn is in a great city [Philadelphia] and I loved the campus, coaches and the players.

**Q&A: What was your reaction when you were accepted into an Ivy League school?**

Lescher: I was ecstatic. It's an honor to be going there.

**Q&A: What will your major be? What position will you play?**

Lescher: I'm not really sure what I'll be majoring in but I'm thinking international relations. And I'll be pitching.

**Q&A: At what age did you start playing baseball? Have you always**



Billy Lescher and the West Potomac baseball team finished runner-up in Conference 7 in 2014.

**been a pitcher? When did you realize playing college baseball was a possibility for you?**

Lescher: I started playing baseball when I was 4. And yes, I have always wanted to be a pitcher. I thought it was the coolest position because of how the pitcher controls the game. I realized college baseball was a possibility during the summer going into my senior year. I was on a showcase team and I noticed that I had begun throwing much harder with better pitches and pitch control.

**Q&A: How many years were you on the West Potomac varsity?**

Lescher: I got called up to the varsity team toward the end of my sophomore year and then played my junior and senior years.

**Q&A: What position(s) did you play when you weren't pitching?**

Lescher: When I wasn't pitching I was playing first base, which was a blast to play.

**Q&A: Did you play any other sports at West Potomac?**

Lescher: At West Potomac, I was a member of the swim team my freshman and sophomore years, and did dive team my junior year.

**Q&A: What is your favorite memory of playing high school baseball?**

Lescher: My favorite memory while playing baseball at WP would be either throwing a perfect game against Mount Vernon my junior year or just playing baseball every day with my best friends.

**Q&A: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?**

Lescher: If I could to go back and change one thing during my high school athletic career I would probably have worked harder in the offseason during my earlier years. Would've helped my game when I was younger.

**Q&A: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?**

Lescher: I'm most looking forward to meeting my new teammates and getting to play at the next level.

**Q&A: What is your favorite food?**

Lescher: Favorite food is a tough question, but I'm going to have to go with tacos.

**Q&A: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?**

Lescher: Music is also tough, but I'd have to say some old Creedence Clearwater Revival.

**Q&A: What is your favorite movie? Why?**

Lescher: Favorite movie would have to be 'Old School.' Will Ferrell gives me a good laugh.

**Q&A: Do you play video games? If so, which one is your favorite?**

Lescher: I do play video games and I would have to say it's a toss-up between NHL and FIFA for my favorite.

**Q&A: What is your favorite hobby outside of baseball?**

Lescher: Outside of baseball, my favorite hobby is probably playing Wiffle Ball with my buds, or swimming.

**Q&A: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?**

Lescher: The farthest away from D.C. I have been was probably Los Angeles when I was younger.

**Q&A: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?**

Lescher: I'm a huge Nationals fan, and I also follow the Redskins and the Caps, as well.

— JON ROETMAN

### SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Revisions to the master calendar for **Fairfax County Public Schools** were approved by the Fairfax County School Board on Thursday, July 24. The 2014-15 school year begins on Tuesday, Sept. 2, and ends on Friday, June 19, 2015. In total, the revised 2014-15 school year calendar includes seven teacher workdays to offer teachers time for staff meetings and professional development, as well as three teacher staff development days, four strategic planning days, and six days with a two-hour early release for teacher directed time. The length of the school year remains the same, but the number of days for students has been reduced from 183 days to 180 days. By eliminating the shortened Monday schedule for elementary schools, FCPS was able to make changes to the calendar that comply with state accreditation for 990 hours of instruction. The 990 instructional hours also eliminates the need to make up inclement weather days at the end of the school year if fewer than 13 days are missed. Visit [www.fcps.edu/hr/calendar/SY14-15StandardCal.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/hr/calendar/SY14-15StandardCal.pdf) for more.

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#### VIRGINIA TAX HOLIDAY

Families in Virginia will get a **sales tax break** on clothes and supplies for school when the state holds its annual Virginia tax holiday, Aug. 1-3. To be eligible for the tax break, school supply items must be priced at \$20 or less, and clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. Visit [www.tax.virginia.gov/](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/) for a complete list of eligible school supplies and clothing items.

#### SUMMER MEALS FOR CHILDREN

**Fairfax County Public Schools** will participate in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's summer food service program for children who qualify for free and reduced lunches during the school year. Free meals that meet federal nutrition guidelines will be provided to children at approved sites throughout Fairfax County. To find a location, contact the FCPS Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

#### REUNION INFORMATION

**The Groveton High School class of 1964** is looking for contact information for as many classmates as possible. The planning for the 50th reunion is underway, however only a small number of people have been contacted. If a Groveton graduate of '64 and interested in attending next September's reunion email contact information to [GHS64@verizon.net](mailto:GHS64@verizon.net).

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

#### TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

**Mental Health First Aid.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47).

#### NOVA SENIOR OLYMPICS

**Registration for the senior olympics** is open for the 10 day of competition from Sept. 13-24. Events include track and field, tennis, handball, dominoes and more. Registration is \$12 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 by Dec. 31, 2014. Online registration opens July 1 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). Call 703-228-4721.

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## SPORTS

# Ireton Grad Cunningham To Play Lax at Rhodes College

**Former Wolverine helped Cardinals win WCAC, VISAA titles.**

**K**endall Cunningham started her high school lacrosse career as a standout freshman at West Potomac. She transferred to Bishop Ireton prior to her sophomore season, and spent the next three years helping the Cardinals become a championship program.

In 2014, Cunningham's senior season, Bishop Ireton defeated Good Counsel to win the WCAC championship, and beat national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes to win the VISAA state title. Cunningham scored three goals during the Cardinals' 9-7 win over SSSA.

Cunningham, who received WCAC honorable mention as a senior, will continue her lacrosse career at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn. She recently participated in a Q&A via email.

### Q&A: What made Rhodes College the right fit for you?

Cunningham: I am very interested in studying abroad, joining a sorority, and playing lacrosse. At Rhodes I can do all of that, where at a D-I school I would be limited to only lacrosse. I also really wanted to go to school down south, and Memphis is a great city with awesome music and food.

### Q&A: What will your major be? What position will you play?

Cunningham: I plan on majoring in business and commerce, and I will be playing attack and some midfield.

### Q&A: At what age did you start playing lacrosse? When did you realize playing college lacrosse was a possibility for you?

Cunningham: I started playing lacrosse at 8 years old and I realized in the eighth grade



**Former Bishop Ireton lacrosse player Kendall Cunningham is seen during her junior year in 2013.**

that lacrosse would be something I would like to continue to play after high school.

### Q&A: Ireton won the 2014 WCAC championship game against a Good Counsel team that had beaten you in the tournament final the previous year. What did it feel like to win the WCAC title?

Cunningham: Good Counsel has been a serious rival for us since I transferred. We had a tough in-season game against them and they were expecting to come out on top again during this year's WCAC championship game. It made the 10-goal victory [17-7] that much sweeter.

### Q&A: The VISAA state title came against national powerhouse and fellow Alexandria school St. Stephen's & St. Agnes. What did it feel like to win the state title?

Cunningham: it really put Bishop Ireton girls' lax on the map. Scoring three out of the nine goals that day was the best feeling

ever, especially after being down 4-0 in the first few minutes. BI lax is now seen as a force to be reckoned with.

### Q&A: You were a standout on the West Potomac lax team as a freshman before transferring to Bishop Ireton. How would you describe the experience of changing schools, including the change from public to private?

Cunningham: It was definitely a big change for me. I was depended on by team a lot more as a freshman. On the Ireton lax team, we all depended on each other equally, and everyone had a job on the team. Transferring from public to private was hard but paid off in the long run.

### Q&A: What is your favorite memory of playing high school lacrosse?

Cunningham: My favorite memory was winning the WCAC and VISAA championships during my senior season.

### Q&A: If you could go back and change one thing about your high school athletic career, what would it be?

Cunningham: There is nothing I would have changed. I had an awesome experience at both West Potomac and Bishop Ireton. I had the best of both worlds.

### Q&A: What are you most looking forward to about the transition from high school to college?

Cunningham: Continuing my athletic and academic success. I am excited to be a part of the Rhodes women's lacrosse team.

### Q&A: What is your favorite food?

Cunningham: Baked ziti.

### Q&A: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Cunningham: Arctic Monkeys. They are unique and they have a diverse style of music.

### Q&A: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Cunningham: All of "The Fast and the Furious" movies. I am a big fan of Paul Walker, for obvious reasons.

### Q&A: What is your favorite hobby outside of lacrosse?

Cunningham: Jet skiing and boating at my river house.

### Q&A: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Cunningham: Costa Rica.

### Q&A: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Cunningham: I am a die-hard Redskins fan. I love football. I also enjoy watching the Capitals and Wizards.

— JON ROETMAN

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**Assisted Living Residents** needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/), email or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5861, TTY 711.

The **Adult Day Health Care Centers** need marketing assistants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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**Hollin Hall Senior Center** is looking for a DJ ballroom and dance instructor. The Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah

Road. The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** is looking for social companions for participants on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. and front desk volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon and 3:30-4:30 p.m. Located at 8350 Richmond Highway. For these and other volunteer opportunities call 703-324-5406 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults).

Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a volunteer assistant from 11 a.m.-noon, on Tuesdays to assist with activities and on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-noon. Call

703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov).

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs Spanish speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Program** needs a volunteer to greet people and answer phones Mondays-Fridays from 9:15-9:30 a.m. to start as soon as possible. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov), or visit

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**NOVA Long-Term Care Ombudsman** is in need of volunteer advocates for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Northern Virginia. Contact [lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5861 to volunteer or for more information.

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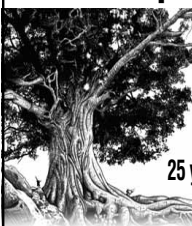
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**OBITUARY**



**Capt. Robert Edward Mansell**

Capt. Robert Edward Mansell, 69 of Alexandria died at home on July 21, 2014 surrounded by his family. He was born on Feb. 27, 1945 to the late Robert Lee and Nellie Vivian Mansell. Bob graduated from West Chester University with a B.S. in 1967, the University of Pennsylvania with a Masters in Physical Therapy in 1969 and the Medical College of VA with a Masters in Public Health in 1975.

Bob's career took him to Staten Island, NY; San Francisco, CA; Fort Worth, TX and Alexandria, VA with service in the United States Public Health Service, the Food and Drug Administration and the American Physical Therapy Association before he retired in 2003. Of his varied career, he most enjoyed his time as a physical therapist as it gave him the greatest opportunity to help people.

Bob was an avid volunteer in the community. After losing his father at a young age, he wanted to help promote and protect children. He coached his daughter's soccer team for many years and tutored at the local elementary school. His hobbies included golfing, walking in nature, playing volleyball, reading poetry and following Premier League Soccer. He had a heart of gold and an infectious belly laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Lorraine of Alexandria, VA; his daughter, Marinn Mansell of New York, NY; and his brother Richard of Keyser, WV. He was pre-deceased by his sister, Marsha Mansell.

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**NOTICE**  
Dr. Dossola wants to notify his patients that he has retired from active practice of Medicine, and has closed his office at 5272 Dawes Ave., Alexandria, VA 22311 on 06/30/2014.  
Dr. Dossola wishes to thank all his patients.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING is hereby given that Alexandria Renew Enterprises (AlexRenew) will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on its PRELIMINARY BUDGET for the FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2015 on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at AlexRenew's Administrative (J) Building located at 1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA. The preliminary budget is available for examination by the public online at [www.alexrenew.com](http://www.alexrenew.com) and during regular business hours at the above address. Copies will be made available upon request - phone (703) 549-3381 ext. 2260. July 31st and September 4th

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation is recommending the Simpson Park Playground and Passive Use Lawn renovation project ("Project") to the National Park Service for partial funding made possible by assistance from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) is soliciting public comment on the Project. In 2013, RPCA developed a Simpson Park Improvement Plan (as part of the Citywide Parks Improvement Plan), which included a recommendation to renovate the playground and adjacent lawn, based on community feedback. The plan proposes restoring open space to accommodate multiple passive uses and help to balance the type of activities in Simpson Park. An adjacent playground renovation will include areas with rubberized surface, areas for different age groups, and more tree canopy for shade. The design will also improve the connection to passive use areas.

RPCA is accepting comments for 30 days from initial announcement with a deadline of August 31. A concept plan for the project is available online at <http://alexandriava.gov/recreation/info/default.aspx?id=65170#Citywide> and the RPCA offices at 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Prior to the grant award, comments must be provided in writing and may be submitted where the plans are available, by mail or email. Contact information: Dana Wedeles, [dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov](mailto:dana.wedeles@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5491. If awarded, RPCA will hold community meetings to discuss and review design concepts.

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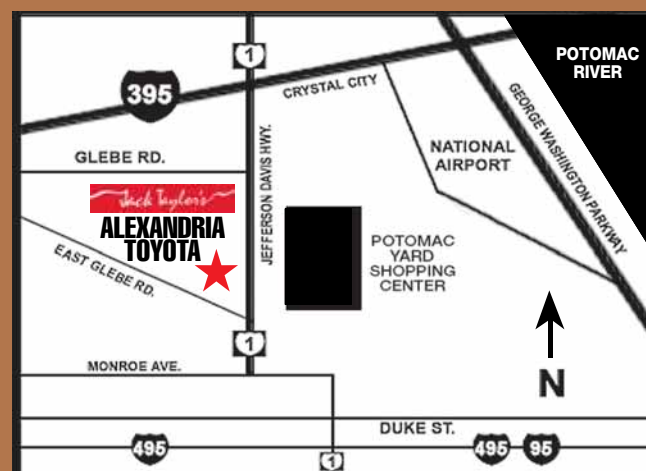


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**MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.**

DOES NOT APPLY TO ALL VEHICLES. PLEASE SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. OFFER EXPIRES 8/31/14. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA. TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL.

## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE 30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE

**\$159<sup>99</sup>**

Synthetic \$10 More

**Includes:** Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BASIC MINOR SERVICE PERFORMED EVERY 5,000 MILES OR 6 MONTHS WHICHEVER COMES FIRST

**\$79<sup>00</sup>**

2003 & NEWER  
Synthetic \$10 More

**Includes:** Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, inspect brakes, top off under hood fluids, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE DETAIL SPECIALS

**\$39<sup>95</sup>**

Wash & Vacuum

**\$139<sup>95</sup>**

Hand wash, wax

& interior cleaning

**\$295<sup>95</sup>**

Full premium detail

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE VENTILATION SPECIAL

**\$79<sup>95</sup>**

**Includes:** Clean condenser fins, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL

**\$139<sup>95</sup>**

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

**Includes:** 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.

Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR

**\$1<sup>00</sup>**

**GO TIRE?** NO CHARGE ROAD HAZARD PROTECTION, TIRE WARRANTY, AND FREE COURTESY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION. PRICE MATCH GUARANTEE. SEE SERVICE ADVISOR FOR DETAILS.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE HEADLIGHT RESTORATION SPECIAL

**\$89<sup>95</sup>**

Plastic lenses can yellow with age, reducing the vehicle's market value. Headlight brightness & the overall safety during nighttime driving. The headlight lens restoration from us allows you to shine and restore headlights to like-new conditions.



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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

**Includes:** Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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## TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE ROTATE & BALANCE SPECIAL

**\$59<sup>95</sup>**

**Includes:** Rotate and balance all 4 wheels and inspect brakes and tires.

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