Will Carluccio’s Beat Site’s Jinx?

Long-shuttered landmark at 100 King has storied past.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

The jinx of 100 King St. dates back to the Corn Exchange, the ill-fated original purpose of the building. When grain merchants failed, the soaring 25-foot ceilings were used as retail space to sell groceries and feedstuffs. Ground-floor retail space was reserved for Diamond tires in the 1920s. Since that time, the building has business after business open and close. More recent years have seen the landmark building boarded up and seemingly abandoned. Now London-based Carluccio’s is hoping to break the curse of 100 King, opening its first American location here in Old Town.

“They looked in Chicago and they looked in New York and they chose this building at the foot of King Street as the place where they wanted to build their American showcase and enter the U.S. market,” said Stephanie Landrum, vice president of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership.

The international chain started in 1999, when Italian chef Antonio Carluccio opened the first Carluccio’s Caffe in London. Since

On the Road Again

Longtime director heads back to Florida.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

When Rich Baier came to Alexandria in 2000, the city had few bike lanes and no BikeShare. Monroe Avenue Bridge was a twisted jag that created gridlock on Jefferson Davis Highway. The idea of dedicated lanes for transit would have seemed alien. Now the longtime director of the Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services is stepping down to take a position as director of public works for Sumter County, Fla.

“It’s bitter-sweet,” said Baier, who is paid $167,000 a year here in Alexandria. “My parents will be an hour and a half away, but it’s hard because my kids grew up in Alexandria.”

Since Baier was first hired in 2000, Alexandria has doubled its recycling rate from 25 percent to 50 percent. City leaders say that’s largely because Baier worked to make recycling a priority. He also brought pedestrian countdown signals to Alexandria, the first city in the region to have that technology. Later this week, as he says goodbye to the city, Baier will take
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Gay couples anticipate same-sex marriage in Virginia.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

Dwayne and Rodney Byrum will be at the Fairfax County Courthouse long before it opens this Thursday on a civic mission decades in the making — to become one of the first same-sex couples to receive a marriage license in Virginia. The couple has already been married on reality television, appearing in the pilot episode of the TLC show “Wedding Island.” The marriage took place on Dec. 12, 2012 at 12:12 p.m. in Vieques, Puerto Rico.

That was reality television. This week, the marriage license will become a real-life reality.

“We’re bouncing off the walls happy. It’s come along a lot faster than we ever dreamed than it would.”

— Dwayne Byrum

Liane Rozzell, left, and Linda Kaufman exchange wedding vows in a 2010 District of Columbia service.

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On the Road Again

part in cutting a ribbon on the region’s first dedicated lanes, a new project that connects Braddock Road to Crystal City.

“There are probably more people that have Rich Baier’s personal cell phone number than any other department head in the city,” said Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks. “It’s because he gave it to them, and he said if you have an issue you call. He didn’t always agree, but he was always available.”

A NATIVE OF Pittsburgh, Baier took an interest in roads as a college student at the University of South Florida. While studying civil engineering and mechanics, he started working with Professor Myron Haden on something called “cathodic protection.” Essentially, that’s a process of using a sacrificial metal to take the pounding abuse from Florida saltwater. Baier said Haden made the classes interesting, and it sparked an interest he maintains today.

“I remember Richard as a student who was very personable and inquisitive,” said Haden, who now runs an engineering firm in Tallahassee. “He was a pleasure to have in class and a pleasure to have involved in the professional societies.”

By the time Baier got a master’s degree in industrial engineering, he was already working at the Florida Department of Transportation. He eventually worked his way up to becoming a division chief, then took a job with the city of Clearwater. Then, in January 2000, the city of Alexandria hired Baier and the rest, as they say, is history.

“Sure I didn’t agree with him about everything,” said Yvonne Weight Callahan, former president of the Old Town Civic Association. “But my garbage was always picked up by competent people.”

ASKED ABOUT his memories of Alexandria, he said he enjoyed sparring with council members on the dais and working with civic leaders in the streets. He acknowledged that he was sometimes the focus of bitter commentary on everything from pollution to bike lanes. But when he looks back, Baier said in a cell phone interview from Florida this week, he does not recall the complaining and the bad times.

Instead, he thinks of a city where people care enough to complain.

“Alexandria is really unusual because people get involved in and they stay involved,” said Baier. “They give years of their lives to projects and programs.”

Baier Council Yearbook, 2000 to 2014

◆ Most Entertaining: Justin Wilson
Baier says Wilson’s “rapid-fire” questions are thoughtful and entertaining.

◆ Funniest: Lois Walker
Baier says he admires the late councilwoman’s “dry wit.”

◆ Most Challenging: Paul Smedberg
Baier says Smedberg is “the most probing steward of the taxpayer.”

◆ Most Easygoing: Lonnie Rich
Baier says Rich is a easygoing lawyer who is also a “southern gentleman.”

◆ Best Dressed: James Banks
Baier says the city attorney is a “snappy dresser, from head to toe.”

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In Charge on the River

Piloting Nina’s Dandy.

By Shirley L. Ruhe

Captain Ryan Wojtanowski, “call me Captain Ry,” writes in the radio log where every official transmission must be recorded. He calls to get a count of the number of passengers and crew aboard. Tonight there are 160 passengers and 17 crew including deck hands, chef and waiters, and smooth-voiced Susie at the piano. He gets the Chesapeake weather forecast with no hazardous weather predicted, northwest winds at 5 knots and one-foot waves. He critically eyeballs the tide. “The tide is important,” he says, “because if it is too high we can’t fit under the bridge and need to take an alternate way ... although it doesn’t happen very often.”

He gives the mandatory DOT water safety announcement, yells “all lines clear, hands aboard, aye” as the blast of the engine kicks in. He still likes to use the traditional French commands but says most have disappeared. “So if you hear me say pon pon you know it means pay attention to something serious.” He departs the pier at Zero Prince Street and heads up the 25-foot deep channel a mile to the oars. “Heard that?” he says as the sound of a cheer goes up overhead the pilot house. “They are setting up the equipment to dance. This cruise we have a number of young people and they like to dance in the open air.”

Captain Ryan “Ry” Wojtanowski logs in as he begins the three-hour cruise on Nina’s Dandy departing the pier at Zero Prince Street in Alexandria.

Captain Ry says, “I have a good situation. As head captain I can control the schedule that allows me to do what I like here and then to fit in travel, work on projects and write.” I like what I do although it’s considered a milk run, much easier than other ships I’ve been on in the past.” But he says, “there are bears and lizards,” and he is a bear so by September he is tired of the heat and ready to take off for visiting friends and camping in Maine.

He said things are usually calm and this has been an especially beautiful summer. But every once in a while there is a medical emergency, he says with a sigh, “like when someone who is allergic eats the clam chowder even though he knows it has clams.” The emergency response time on the water is very quick.

His hands rest easily on the big wheel as he points out the view of the lights on the Georgetown fountain in the distance. He says, “during the lunch cruise, I give a historical talk about the sites as we pass by.” As he heads back from Georgetown, a nearly full moon lights up the return. The three-hour dinner cruise comes to a close, as he gently eases the ship back to the dock while a faint Washington Monument glimmers over his shoulder.

The Fourth of July is the most popular cruise and some returning every year for the same event. And there have been a few weddings. He says about two-thirds of the guests are local with many returning customers and a third are tourists. “Hear that?” he says as the sound of a cheer goes up overhead the pilot house. “They are setting up the equipment to dance. This cruise we have a number of young people and they like to dance in the open air.”

At Work

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Benefit Concert

Alexandria band Fuse Box played in the Pentagon’s five-acre, central courtyard in a benefit concert on Aug. 13 for Feds Feed Families, the federal government charity that has collected 25 million pounds of food to fight hunger. Fuse Box headlined Feds Feed Families’ “Cover the Map” rally; the Pentagon’s 30,000 employees contributed nonperishable food items to support the Capital Area Food Bank.

In Memory of Chick Armstrong

From left, Javonta Campbell, Travis Berry, Joshua Jordan, Reggie William and Joshua Asear organized the Northern Virginia Alumni Classic, a basketball game in remembrance of coach Chick Armstrong, at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center on Saturday, Aug. 2. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Carpenter’s Shelter.

Snapshot

Ruth and Thomas Hummel walk hand-in-hand up Queen Street on a quiet Sunday.

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Long-shuttered Landmark Has Storied Past

The roaring 1920s brought automobiles to Old Town, which created a market for tires and inner tubes. Lindsey eventually went into business with Charles Nicholson, and the two created the Linsey-Nicholson Corporation.

According to a contemporaneous account from the Alexandria Gazette in the 1920s, the business had six salesmen roaming Northern Virginia and Maryland. The location at 100 King was the flagship of the operation. “It is the center of the wholesale district,” the Alexandria Gazette reported in 1922. “It handles a complete line of staple and fancy groceries, notions, flour, feedstuffs, etc.”

NOW 100 KING is about to be reborn again, this time returning to an earlier use as a retail outlet for high-end groceries. The gas carriage lamps will be removed. The market will offer a variety of Italian items, everything from fresh pasta and balsamic vinegar to prepared food. The historic granite steps will be sunk into the ground so the entrance will be fully accessible.

“Nothing will be removed from the site,” said Tracz. “We’re trying to make sure we are as conscious about historic preservation as we can.”
**Bulletin Board**

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* Recreation.
  * Power-On for grades K-6 is offered weekdays from 2:30-6 p.m. at John Adams Elementary School, Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, Charles Barret Recreation Center, Charles Houston Recreation Center, Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and William Ramsay Recreation Center.
  * Power-Up for grades 6-8 is offered at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, weekdays from 3:15-6 p.m. A transportation option is available for students attending George Washington Middle School.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Suicide Prevention Plan. Through August 15.

The Community Services Boards (CSBs) of Northern Virginia are asking community members to complete a brief survey to provide important information for the development of a regional suicide prevention plan. This survey is open to anyone, share this information with others who may be interested in completing the survey.

The survey is available at www.surveymonkey.com/s/6SHN2NQ.

**The City of Alexandria** is seeking community input on existing walking and bicycle issues and needs, and ideas for improving the environment for walking and biking.

An online survey and interactive map can be accessed from the project webpage www.alexandriava.gov/pedbikeplan. Visit alexandriava.gov/PedBikePlan for more on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan.

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**My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular.**

—Adlai Stevenson
Accountability for Police in Northern Virginia

There is more transparency in the police shooting in Ferguson last week than in police shootings in Northern Virginia.

This is not Ferguson, and tanks do not roll down the streets of Northern Virginia driven by police officers pointing sniper rifles at residents. But police departments here are engaged in serious and significant abuse of power. This is the perfect moment to do something about it.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold “complaints, memorandum, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That approach to using their exemption means they have decided to withhold any documents they can without an analysis of whether they should, whether the case is open or closed, whether they are about a police-involved shooting or information requested by a family about a homicide victim.

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With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

It’s time for a change.

— MARY KIMM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Matter Of Trust

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be best if they moved to, and stayed in, Crystal City.

Kenneth J. Wolfe
Alexandria

Is New Building Enough?

To the Editor:
As the new Jefferson-Houston school building gets rave reviews and is about to open its doors to students this fall, I watch with anticipation to see over the next year (or years) whether a new building is enough to attract families, diversify the student body, and change the tide of the past 10 to 11 years of failing to meet testing benchmarks. The School Board would counter that it is not just the new building.

Jefferson-Houston recently became an official International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme school and the Superintendent is seeking a new lead principal to help guide Jefferson-Houston to new heights. My prediction is that the majority of parents and students will not take a chance on Jefferson-Houston un

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**Schools**

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

The following Virginia Tech students from Alexandria were among those honored at the university’s spring commencement ceremony held May 16, in Lane Stadium. John Heinz received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in biochemistry from the College of Science. Jesse Arnold received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science. Vincenzo Caballero-Acuna received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering. Jesse Valenzuela received a Bachelor of Science degree in human development from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. Thomas Saxton received a Bachelor of Science degree in natural resources conservation from the College of Natural Resources and Environment.

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Steve Kingrick 703.683.0480 WASHINGTON

Alexandria Gazette Packet
8002 Brandy Dr $795,000
Class: Colonial Located off Parkway!
Just minutes from Old Town, this beautiful colonial is in prime setting on gorgeous 1/2 acre corner for just steps from River Bikeway, S all the Parkway amenities. Features include open floor plan, sunroom, expanded kitchen w/ dramatic informal dining area. Hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, fireplace, finished lower level, central air, side walk & 2 garages. Best price for large home in this price bracket! OPEN SUN 8/18, 1-4 PM & 8/19 P 9, 2-4; S River Farm Rd, R Brandy Dr.

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Franka Roberts 703.938.8484 ALEXANDRIA 1.290 w OPEN SUN 9/1 - 2-4
FRIDAY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE 404 OGDEN DRIVE
Old Town Fairfax. Take another 30. This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home is completely remodeled, new windows, new HVAC, new appliances, new lighting, new bathroom, new kitchen. New carpet, new paint.

Mike Maxwell 703.761.5357 ALEXANDRIA 3.125 w 1.964 w
2 level condo w/ private entrance. Full bath (2nd floor) open onto living room through sliding glass doors. Eat-in kitchen includes new large refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave, tile floor and new appliances. 2nd level is great for entertaining. Tenants pay extra for utilities.

Mayawill 703.659.5965 ALEXANDRIA 2.395 w OPEN SUN 8/24 - 2-4

Russell Smith 703.555.5720 ALEXANDRIA 2.225 w OPEN SUN 8/24 - 2-4
Features of the 2nd floor include beautiful hardwood floors, new lighting, new 6 panel doors, new glass doors, new paint, new lighting. 2nd floor bedroom has entertainment room with new painting, new lighting, new carpet,-new appliances. Washer/dryer in unit. 2 car garage included.

Debra Bell 703.599.9790 ALEXANDRIA 2.296 w 1.390 w

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FOR LEASE

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Contemporary Rambler/No-Frills/Compact! Wait to View Club from this fabulous home. Glass window walls make for exceptionally bright, any atmosphere & capture natural beauty of property. Solid oak w/ numerous special features include: bright oak floors, large glass walled rear room with fireplace, bedrooms w/ new carpet and new paint, 3 updated baths, framed vanity mirror, walk-in closets in all bedrooms. Large windows, basement, setting on 1/2 acre level lot.

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Save the Date

Art at the Center celebrates with their 6th Annual Big Chalk Draw Friday, Aug. 29, 8-10 a.m. in the Art at the Center parking lot. This is a free community art event. The event will once again collect school supplies and back packs to benefit children in need in the area. Art at the Center is located at 2804 Sherwood Hall Center. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artattheheartcenter.org for more.

Food & Drink

Summer Restaurant Week. Through Aug. 24, in neighborhoods throughout Alexandria, including Old Town, Del Ray, Carlyle and West End. $35 for a three-course dinner or $35 for dinner for two. Menu options vary by location. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3310 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.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pastas, sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues. Call 703-838-4714 or visit 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.4mrunmarket.org for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Sundays through November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables as well as apples, pears, and seasonal pears. 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 for more.
ENTERTAINMENT

on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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

SATURDAY/AUG. 23
Meet The Designer, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pethage, 2391 South Dove St. Meet Laura Cren, founder and designer of Corn Dog Collars (and cat collars). Corn Dog Collars offer fun patterns on coordinated webbing for to show off a pet’s personality or to join in seasonal fun. Visit www.pethage.com or call 703-209-5044.

Artist Material Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Vendors, along with many artists, will be selling or trading a variety of art supplies for uses across the visual media. Free admission. Visit http://torpedofactory.org/events/artist-material-market/ for more.

Fall Vegetable Gardening. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Come and learn all you need to know to keep your garden growing during the fall and winter months. The program is free, but registration is required. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarita@gmail.com.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Mary Bridget Davies. $25. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Live music. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents folk singer/songwriters Al Petteway and Amy White. Tickets $15-$18. Discounts available for Focus members. Visit www.focusmusic.org, or contact Herb Cooper-Lexy at 703-380-3151 or herbfocusmusic.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Bassoonist Aaron Golber and pianist Stephen Bertino perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 25-FRIDAY/NOV 21
Young at Art. Opening Reception, Aug. 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27
Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Larry Graham and Carlene Carter perform. $29.50. Visit www.carlenecarter.net or herbpedierson.com, or call 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy’s assassination, the annual Alexandria Veterans Day Parade will be held Saturday along Old Town Alexandria’s King Street. According to Old Town Alexandria, “The parade is one of the oldest parades in the country that has been held continuously for 50 years.”

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ENTERTAINMENT

Stained Glass

Artist Joseph Cavalieri, who combines modern elements with time-honored processes used by Medieval stained glass artists, will appear at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. on Tuesday, Sept. 2, 6-8 p.m. He will be showing images of his hand-painted and silk-screened stained glass works and will do a demonstration of silk screening on glass. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com for more.

CALENDAR

at Marker Square, 300 King St. The US Navy Band will be holding a concert as part of the British Challenge and memorial of the War of 1812. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812 for more.

Honors Ceremony. 4:30-5 p.m. at Alexandria National Cemetery, 1450 Wilkes St. There will be an honors ceremony as part of the official British Challenge featuring the Continental Color Guard with Fife and Drum. Seating opens at 4:15 p.m. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812 for more.

Bill Kirchen. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. $25-50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31
Yacht Race. 11 a.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St. As part of the official British Challenge Team Alexandria (Old Dominion Boat Club) will take on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a Yacht Race. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812 for more.

Signature Event. Noont-5 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Waterfront Park will be transformed into a festival to commemorate the events of the War of 1812. Meet townspeople of 1814, enjoy boat tours of the river, listen to the U.S. Navy Sea Chanters, Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps and learn more about the War of 1812 through a variety of hands-on activities and information booths. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812 for more.

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Tug of War. 3:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Watch as Team Alexandria (City of Alexandria Fire Fighters) takes on Team Britain (British Defence Staff, UK Embassy) in a tug of war. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.

Presentation and Recognition of British Challenge Winners. 4:15 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. There will be presentations and recognition of the Cricketers, Yacht Race and Tug of War winners from the British Challenge. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/1812.


MONDAY/SEPT. 1
International Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. This multicultural festival features ethnic foods and drinks, live entertainment, children's rides and games, hango, and a raffle with a grand prize of $10,000. Festival proceeds benefit local non-profit groups as well as the Shepherd's Gate grant program. Free admission. Visit http://gscc.org/getinvolved-intlfestival.php for more.

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TUESDAY/SEPTEMBER 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12
Sculpture Workshop. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Ave. Artist Laura Hummel teaches a mixed-media sculpture workshop about how to repurpose new or vintage materials and more. $55-$65. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/birdworkshop.html for more.

Dedication Ceremony. 10 a.m. at the Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial along Church Street, just west of the intersection with South Washington St. The City has created a new webpage for the event on the homepage of the Office of Historic Alexandria, at www.historicalexandria.org. Visit for additional activities surrounding the dedication.

All the President’s Pups. 10 a.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Bring dogs to explore the Estate and learn about canine life at mount vernon. $5 for dogs, in addition to estate admission for humans. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6
Live Music. 6-9 p.m. at 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 for more.

History Presentation. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. British naval historian Andrew Lambert presents “When John Bull Came to Town: The British Challenge in the War of 1812.” $10 per person. Seating is limited. Purchase tickets at shop alexandriamona or call 703-746-4242 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5
Electronic Athletics. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlegeler Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Cierlier and Glen Kesler. Free. Visit https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html.


SUNDAY/SEPTEMBER 7
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Dance. Lessons at 6:30 p.m., dance at 7-9 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chamblois St., Alexandria. Country-Western themed dance with music provided by a DJ. Smoke and alcohol free. Bring your own refreshments. NVODA members, $10; non-members, $12; children under 18 with a paying adult, $5. Visit www.nvodva.org.

www.ConnectionNewspapers.com
Extending Summer Reading

Local educators say reading is just as important as youngsters get ready to go back to school.

Book Suggestions
Suggestions from Melissa Davis, head of Lower School, Alexandria Country Day School

Toddler/Pre-School suggestions:
- Naming Books
  - “What Is It?” by Tana Hoban
  - “Red, Blue, Yellow Shoe” by Tana Hoban
  - “Max’s First Word” by Lucy Cousins
- Toy Books
  - “Pat the Bunny” by Dorothy Kinhardt
  - “Where’s Spot?” by Eric Hill
  - “The Napping House” by Audrey Wood
- Rhymes and Songs
  - “Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes” by Zita Newcome
  - “Hush Little Baby” by Marla Frazee
  - “I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly” by Rosemary Wells

Grade school suggestions:
Picture Books (gr. k-2):
- “Peck Peck Peck” by Lucy Cousins
- “Peanut Butter and Jellyfish” by Jarrett Krosoczka
- “The Pigeon Needs a Bath” by Mo Willems
- “Gaston” by Kelly DiPucchio
- “Don’t Play With Your Food!” by Bob Shea

Chapter Books (gr. 3-5):
- “Operation Bunny” by Sally Gardner
- “The False Prince” by Jennifer Nielsen
- “Oliver Twist” by Charles Dickens
- “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens

Middle School Fiction (ages 12+):
- “Midwinterblood” by Marcus Sedgwick
- “Counting by 7s” by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- “Fortunately, the Milk” by Neil Gaiman
- “Operation Bunny” by Sally Gardner

Concept Books
- “Carlo Likes Counting” by Jessica Spanyol
- “The Wild Things Are” by Maurice Sendak
- “Pizza” by Emily McCully
- “Exactly the Opposite” by Tana Hoban

Pattern/Predictable Books
- “Where’s My Teddy” by Jez Alborough
- “When Dinosaurs Came With Everything” by Philip Pullman
- “Where’s the Green Sheep?” by Allan Ahlberg

Wordless Books
- “Truck” by Donald Crews
- “The Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats
- “Pancakes for Breakfast” by Tomie dePaola
- “I Love Guinea Pigs” by Dick King-Smith

Conceptual Books
- “Rain Dance” by Kathi Appelt
- “Carlo Likes Counting” by Jessica Spanyol
- “Wheels on the Bus” by Simms Taback
- “Ten, Nine, Eight” by Molly Bang

Pattern/Predictable Books
- “Where’s spot?” by Eric Hill
- “The Napping House” by Audrey Wood
- “Rosie’s Walk” by Pat Hutchins

by Simms Taback
- “The Wheels on the Bus” by Paul Zelinsky
- “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Bill Martin
- “Each Peach Pear Plum” by Allan Ahlberg
- “I Love Guinea Pigs” by Dick King-Smith

by Allen and Janet de Paola
- “Tomie de Paola’s Mother Goose” by Tomie de Paola
- “A Movable Mother Goose” by Robert Sabuda

by Steve Emberley
- “Chrysanthemum” by Kevin Henkes
- “Go Away, Big Green Monster” by Ed Emberley

by Janell Cannon
- “Stellaluna” by Janell Cannon
- “Jamberry” by Bruce Degen
- “Loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves” by Jane Lampen

by Jennifer Nielsen
- “Counting by 7s” by Holly Goldberg Sloan
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- “Where’s the Green Sheep?” by Allan Ahlberg

by BeltKitchen
- “Alligator Arrived with the Apples” by Cres- cent Dragonwood
- “A Book of Letters” by Ken Wilson-Max

by Emily McCully
- “Exactly the Opposite” by Tana Hoban
- “My Feet” by Aliki
- “I Love Guinea Pigs” by Dick King-Smith

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Removing Barriers to College

By Marilyn Campbell

Parents and students attend a college readiness presentation at Westover Public Library in Arlington. While completing the necessary paperwork to attend college can overwhelm some, local educators say there are community resources to help.

“Paperwork can sometimes hinder some students from attending because they may not know how to follow up in regards to what documents to submit, or may be afraid to do it and get discouraged if they do not have someone to help them figure out how to complete paperwork and requirements,” said Laydy Reyes, George Mason University.

REYES HAS SEEN FIRSTHAND how a simple bit of assistance can mean the difference between attending college and not. “[There is] a Mason student who comes from a single parent household. … The student was granted a scholarship through the Early Identification Program and Mason’s financial aid services that has helped to pay for the student’s college education,” she said. “The student is currently a senior working on a degree in bioengineering.”

Mason’s Early Identification Program (EIP) has a long record of helping first generation students from low-income families cross some of the hurdles to a higher education. “Mason’s Admissions Office plays an instrumental role of support in coordinating with EIP regarding the college application process so that it is more simple, and that our students receive advice and resources to complete the application and successfully transition to Mason,” said Reyes.

Some of the services that George Mason University offers are college essay and resume workshops where students have access to a computer lab and assistance completing college entrance essays. Mason also has no-cost Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) workshops where students and their families meet in a computer lab and get assistance completing financial aid forms.

At Marymount University, newly accepted students receive an acceptance package with detailed instructions on completing forms. The university hosts campus visit days where students can learn about the school and get assistance completing necessary paperwork. Financial aid officers are also available to help students identify available scholarships and ensure that all financial aid paperwork is complete. Services offered by the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, including the Catholic Charities Education Program, can also assist students who might experience difficulty cutting through the college paperwork red tape.

“Christian Area Network and Hogar Immigrant Services are two programs that can help students complete paperwork necessary for college,” said Maria Drule of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Arlington County Public Libraries can also be a source of assistance. Local school counselors and other counseling professionals offer free or low-cost assistance.

“I … am available for one-on-one assistance with an appointment,” said Kathryn Oberg of Arlington County Public Libraries. “For quick help, patrons are encouraged to approach a professional librarian at any one of our branch libraries for assistance finding information.”

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Where to Go for Help with College Paperwork

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Arlington County
❖ Catholic Charities, www.ccdva.net
❖ Arlington County Public Library, http://library.arlingtonva.us/programs/education-programs/college/
❖ Marymount University, www.marymount.edu/parents

Fairfax County
❖ George Mason University, http://eip.gmu.edu/
❖ Department of Family Services, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/disabilities/transition.htm

City of Alexandria
❖ Alexandria County Public Schools, www.acps.k12.va.us/icw/counseling/career-center/
❖ George Mason University, http://eip.gmu.edu/

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Jennifer Topping
Alexandria

Animal Waste
Fouls Water

To the Editor:

Reciently the drinking water of 400,000 Toledo residents was fouled by animal waste. With unfettered growth of animal agriculture and ineffective discharge regulations, it will happen again in our own state.

The problem has become pervasive. Waste from chicken farms has rendered ocean off the East Coast unfit for fishing. Waste from Midwest cattle ranches carried by Mississippi River has created a permanent “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico larger than

Secretary of State James Monroe and the Alexandria Dragoons scout British soldiers landing at Benedict, Md., on the Patuxent River.

National Park Service/ Gerry Emblenton

Battle of Bladensburg – August 1814

By Ted Pulliam

This is the seventh of a series of articles telling how Alexandrians were affected 200 years ago by the War of 1812. For earlier articles in this series, go to alexandriagazette.com.

On Aug. 18, 1814, authorities in Washington learned that British warships were sailing up the Patuxent River in considerable force. Was Washington their target? Taking no chances, the authorities immediately ordered the District of Columbia militia, including the Alexandria Brigade under General Robert Young, to report for duty.

Simultaneously, they ordered General Young to dispatch the Alexandria Dragoons to meet Secretary of State James Monroe in Maryland at 4 a.m. the next morning. Several days earlier, they had been tasked with Monroe to the fiasco of the Battle of Bladensburg, the British victory that enabled the British army to seize Washington.

Monroe had volunteered to ride to the Patuxent “to find and reconnoiter the enemy.” No one seemed to think it unusual for a 56-year-old secretary of state to go on a scouting expedition, but Monroe was a veteran of the Revolutionary War with a bullet wound in his shoulder to prove it. Thus, on Aug. 19 at 1 p.m., Monroe rode out to seek the British accompanied by 25 or 30 Alexandria Dragoons as his escorts and messengers.

The Dragoons were led, as they had been on their adventurous ride to the Patuxent in June, by Alexandria druggist Captain William H. Thornton. Members of the Dragoons included relatives of several prominent Alexandrians. Young Privates Thomas and William Herbert were sons of Thomas Herbert, president of the Common Council. Commodore Samuel Thompson, 21, was the son of prosperous merchant and wharf owner Jonah Thompson of 209-211 North Fairfax Street, for whom Thompson’s Alley is named. Private Robert Conway, age 22, was the nephew of former Mayor Richard Conway, who in 1789 had loaned money to George Washington so Washington could clear his Virginia debts and go to New York to become President of the United States.

On the morning of the 20th, Monroe and the Alexandria Dragoons arrived on a hill overlooking the Patuxent about three miles from Benedict, Md. Monroe quickly sent one of the Dragoons to President Madison with the news that the British were disembarking numerous soldiers at Benedict. Where they were headed — to Washington, Annapolis, or Baltimore — was unclear.

For the next several days, Monroe continued to follow the British army as it marched north generally parallel to the Patuxent River, and he continued to send, by the fast-riding Dragoons, messages about the enemy’s movements and strength to General William H. Winder, the American army’s commander, President Madison, and even the French ambassador.

Although General Winder commanded the American army, he had only limited military experience, and that experience included blundering into the British lines near Lake Ontario, being captured, and remaining a prisoner for almost a year. While the British army was marching through Maryland, the American army under Winder only monitored the British from afar while repeatedly moving backwards and forwards uncertain as to the enemy’s destination. Historian Henry Adams wrote, “Thus for days the British army was marching toward Washington by way of Bladensburg, a town of about 1,500 inhabitants on the east bank of the Eastern Branch (now the Anacostia River) six miles from Washington. There the road to Washington led over a bridge crossing the Branch at a spot where it narrowed and could be waded easily.

On the morning of Aug. 24, Winder ordered his army to Bladensburg. There the army was positioned disjointedly by individual unit commanders, by Monroe employing Captain Thornton’s Alexandria Dragoons, and by Winder into three parallel lines on the west side of the Branch facing the British in the town on the opposite bank. The lines, however, were too far apart to support each other effectively.

Early in the afternoon, the British charged. After being checked briefly by fire from the Americans, these veterans of battles against Napoleon quickly rallied, crossed the bridge or waded through the Branch, and swept through the American’s three lines one at a time, driving most of the largely inexperienced and tired American soldiers off to Washington at a run.

President Madison, Secretary of State Monroe, and other civil leaders were near the first line when the battle started. They soon moved to a place behind the third line, and when all appeared lost, they hastily retreated into Washington and then through it to the Virginia or Maryland countryside.

The Alexandria Dragoons also retreated, but it is unclear what they did next. Some probably accompanied Monroe as he moved about the Maryland countryside, but many of them had been dispersed earlier in various directions while carrying messages. As a captain of another American cavalry unit reported: “The Alexandria troop . . . had so many detached on duties [elsewhere], as left but a few scattering ones on the field [at Bladensburg].”

In the meantime, Alexandria’s infantry under General Young missed the Bladensburg Battle entirely. Initially it had been assigned a position in Maryland three miles behind Fort Washington to guard the fort from attack by land. Then on the morning of the battle, Young was ordered to abandon that position and march to the Eastern Branch bridge into Washington.

Before he reached that new position, however, he was ordered to cross the Potomac into Virginia. Then, after some of his men had embarked on boats to take them across the river, he received new orders to occupy a position north of Fort Washington. Finally, as the main army was retreating through Washington, Young again received orders to cross to Virginia, which he wearily did that night. Encamped west of Alexandria, he awaited further orders.

Meanwhile, word reached Washington and Alexandria that seven British warships were sailing up the Potomac River with only the poorly designed Fort Washington blocking their way.

MAIN SOURCES:
“Through the Perilous Fight” by Steve Vogel; American State Papers, Military Affairs.

Snapshot
Buzzing through the summer.

See Letters, Page 26

Jennifer Topping
Alexandria

Animal Waste
Fouls Water

To the Editor:

Recently the drinking water of 400,000 Toledo residents was fouled by animal waste. With unfettered growth of animal agriculture and ineffective discharge regulations, it will happen again in our own state.

The problem has become pervasive. Waste from chicken farms has rendered ocean off the East Coast unfit for fishing. Waste from Midwest cattle ranches carried by Mississippi River has created a permanent “dead zone” in the Gulf of Mexico larger than
Senior Services of Alexandria’s volunteers — both young and old — have been delivering Meals on Wheels seven days a week throughout the summer months. Volunteers come from school organizations, non-profits, youth groups, faith communities and a dedicated group of individuals. Alexandria’s seniors know they can count on home delivery of two healthy meals every day thanks to these organizations.

St. Stephens & St. Agnes School students Derek Thomas and Ian Lloyd.

St. Stephens & St. Agnes School students Connor Padgett, Miguel Arrate and Torrae Scott.

The City of Alexandria’s Division of Aging and Adult Services.

The Old Presbyterian Meeting House Service Sunday volunteers.

Kenny, participant of St. Coletta’s of Greater Washington and Senior Services’ nominee as the Meals on Wheels Association of America volunteer of the year.
TC Football Looking To Build on 2013 Playoff Berth

Coach Randolph: Titans lacking senior leadership.

By Jon Roetman
Gazette Packet

The class of 2014 played a huge role in helping the T.C. Williams football program end a 22-year playoff drought. Jeremiah Clarke, now a defensive tackle at the University of North Carolina, was a force on the offensive and defensive lines. Malik Carney, now a linebacker at UNCG, delivered blows on defense while shouldering the load on offense as a running back.

There were many others who made significant contributions to the Titans’ first playoff berth since 1990: Kevin Perry, Rashawn Jackson, Tyrice Henry, Philip Tyler, Timmy Rattanaphone and the list goes on. Those guys are gone.

What the Titans have left entering the 2014 season are a handful of experienced seniors, a load of talented youngsters, and a need for leadership.

“The one thing that was really evident last year was we had a bunch of seniors that cared and really wanted to make a difference and change,” head coach Dennis Randolph said. “They didn’t miss a summer workout … that’s why we were so successful last year, because they stepped up. This year we don’t have a tremendous amount of senior leadership.”

T.C. Williams finished 7-3 during the 2013 regular season, qualified for the playoffs, and lost to South County in the opening round. If the Titans are to build off last season’s success, it will start with senior quarterback Darius Holland (6 feet 3, 190 pounds), who returns for his second season as a varsity starter.

“Everybody looks up to him,” Randolph said, “so how Darius goes is how we’re going to go.” Holland’s physical talents were evident during his junior year, but his lack of experience at times led to questionable decision making. Holland said he has a better understanding of down and distance, such as not needing to throw deep in a third-and-manageable situation.

“I feel a lot more confident,” Holland said. “I feel that my football IQ and knowledge of the game is enhanced.”

Holland will be surrounded with a talented group of skill-position players. Junior running back Mahlique Booth (6-0, 165) is a speedy track athlete who briefly showed his talents at the varsity level as a sophomore before missing the end of the season with an injury. Seniors Terry Jordan (6-2, 180) and Isaiah Clarke (6-2, 180) are the Titans’ outside receivers. Clarke, the younger brother of Jeremiah Clarke, ran track last season but did not play football.

“I know what I can do,” he said. “Being the new guy, not a lot of people are expecting me to be a threat, so I have that surprise factor.”

Junior Colson Jenkins (6-0, 165) and sophomore Hassan Atimbo (5-9, 157) are the inside receivers.

“One of the things we have is tremendous athletes,” Randolph said. “We have a running back who is a speedster. We have a quarterback who can run, we have two inside receivers who can run the ball and they can run open in space, and we have two guys that can go deep.

“Skill-wise, we have some excellent talent.”

On the offensive line, senior Nick Stone (5-10, 200) will start at center. Junior Gareth Markel (6-0, 180) will start at left guard. Junior Ravon Bridges (6-0, 250) is expected to make an impact at one of the line positions.

Defensively, the Titans have switched to a 3-4 scheme. Sophomore Ryan Thaxton (6-4, 210) and senior Boubacar Diallo (6-0, 220) will likely see time on the line. Senior Chris Gannon (6-1, 187), Jenkins, and sophomores Matt Sloan (5-10, 167) and Teyan Williams (5-10, 192) will likely start at linebacker.

Senior Mohamed Keita (5-5, 171) could also make an impact at linebacker.

Juniors Chris Waddell (6-1, 150) and Tavaris James (6-1, 173) could be impact players in the secondary.

T.C. Williams will open the season at home against Dunbar at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 6. The Titans host Oakton on Sept. 13. “I think they have a taste in their mouth [of] what it’s like to get in the playoffs and compete,” Randolph said, “so they want to build on that.”

Titans 6th Grade Boys Team Takes National Title

Team brings home National Travel Basketball Association 2014 Championship title.

During the week of July 20 through July 28, the Alexandria Titans 6th and 9th grade teams traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C. to participate in the National Travel Basketball Association Nationals Championship Tournament. More than 300 teams were represented during this week-long tournament. Parental support, local donations and fundraising helped the teams afford the opportunity to stay in Myrtle Beach and to compete in this national tournament.

The Titans 6th Grade Team played seven games in which they were victorious in all except for one. They were given the opportunity to replay the team they lost to in the championship game and came out victorious and to be crowned the 2014 NTBA 6th Grade National Champions. Most of the players on the 6th grade teams have played in the city’s Recreation Department League since the age of 8 representing the Charles Houston, William Ramsey, MacArthur, Cora Kelly and Nannie J. Lee Recreation Centers. The ages of the boys now are 12 and 13.

Coaches Reginald Diggins and Willie “Giz” Jones are also from Alexandria and have taken the 6th grade boys to several championship victories in local tournaments and now they are the national champions in their grade group.

The 9th Grade Team advanced to the semi-finals in which they took their first defeat which eliminated them from the championship game. Marvin J. Elliott, the commissioner of the Alexandria Titans organization and former coach of the 6th grade Alexandria Titans, believes this team of young athletes has nothing but “great things in their future.” In addition to the 6th and 9th grade teams Elliott also has a 4th and 7th grade team in the Titans organization.
RESOLUTION OF INTENT
TO ADOPT AND CHANGE CERTAIN RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

"BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises, Inc. hereby signifies its intent to change certain rates, fees and charges to become effective October 1, 2014 and hereby sets the date of Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at the Authority’s administration office, 1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 for a public hearing to receive comment regarding same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer is hereby directed to have published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Alexandria, for two consecutive weeks, notice of the proposed change in the schedule of rates, fees and charges and the day and time of the public hearing.

The purpose of the proposed change is to convert from quarterly to monthly billing effective October 1, 2014. The preliminary schedule of rates, fees and charges are:

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Master Metered (Residential Apartments and Condominiums) and Non-Residential Service

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Preliminary Schedule of Rates

Other Fees and Charges

In addition to rates for continuing service, the Authority has previously determined the fees and charges for the following services as set forth below:

Industrial Pretreatment Fee:
The annual Pretreatment Permit Fee for permitted industrial users shall be:
Significant Industrial User- $1,500 per year
Non-significant Industrial User- $ 500 per year

Deduct Meter Fees:
A one-time application fee to establish a new deduct meter shall be $500, paid in full at the time of the application.
The charge for inspection of each deduct meter is $100 per occurrence.
The charge for reading a deduct meter is $50 per reading per occurrence.

Late Payment Charge:
10% of the unpaid balance on accounts not paid within 21 days of their billing date.

Returned Check Fee:
Handling charge for all returned checks shall be $35 per occurrence.

Service Termination Related Fees:
Water service shut-off fee shall be $45 for each occurrence.
Water service restoration fee after shut-off shall be $45 for each occurrence.

Security Deposit:
All Customers opening a new account to establish wastewater treatment service or to re-establish sewer service due to non-payment and for which there is no existing deposit on account shall pay a security deposit in the amount specified below.

Minimum Deposit Requirement

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All other rates, fees and charges currently in force shall remain unchanged.

Summer Evening Concert

The Alexandria Harmonizers performed at Market Square on Friday, Aug. 15, as part of the city’s summer concert series. The chorus, founded in 1948, specializes in one of a cappella’s most challenging forms, four-part harmony. Beginning as a “men’s harmony club,” the group has grown into a world-class chorus with 80 to 100 men on stage, numerous medals from international competition, and performances in Canada, China, France and Germany. For more information on upcoming performances, bookings, visit www.harmonizers.org.
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21 Announcements

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Louise LeCompte Hopkins

Louise LeCompte Hopkins, 85, of Alexandria, Virginia, died Friday August 15 at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer. She was a member of the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary for the past 30 years serving as Manager of the Gift Shop. She also served on the INOVA Board for 23 years. Prior to her service to the hospital Louise was Choral Director at Mount Vernon High School, retiring after 30 years with Fairfax County Schools. During this time she directed annual musicals and holiday Madrigal performances throughout the Alexandria area which became long standing community traditions. Louise served 2 years as President of the Auxiliary, was a weekend volunteer with Select Seconds, and worked tirelessly many years with the Mount Vernon Hospital Lights of Love benefit. Her valued service to both Mount Vernon communities, the high school and hospital, was frequently apparent with visits of many former students stopping into the gift shop for heart-warming hellos and hugs.

Louise was born in Frankfort, KY April 28, 1929, to the late Dr. Porter H. Hopkins, and Elizabeth Sophia Scott Hopkins of Alexandrya, VA and Somerset, KY. She is survived by her sister Margaret Scott Hopkins Hieronymus of Springfield, Virginia and four nephews: Robert (Kristy) Hieronymus, of Marietta, GA; William Hieronymus, of Falls Church, VA; David (Karen) Hieronymus, of Pinehurst, NC; and John (Laura) Hieronymus, of Gaithersburg, MD. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Joan Hopkins Farmer of Alexandria, VA, and Toccara Giff.

Louise is a graduate of Georgetown College and received a Masters in Education from the University of Kentucky. Prior to her service to Fairfax County Schools, Louise taught in the Louisville Kentucky School System. Louise was an avid Redskins and college basketball fan (UK) and in earlier years enjoyed golf, bowling, and croquet.

Visitation and a Celebration of Life service will be held at the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St, Alexandria, VA at 1:00 pm Friday, Aug 22. Interment will follow at Mt. Comfort Cemetery, 6600 S Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Louise’s name to the INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary.

Condolences may be made online @ www.demainefuneralhomes.com

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