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Polk students browse through the book fair in the castle hall (the library) at the school on Monday evening.

A Medieval Book Fair at Polk

Hundreds of students and their families attended the annual book fair at Polk Elementary School on Monday evening, Oct. 20. The theme this year was medieval times and book fair chair Whitney Austin organized the event. The library at the school was transformed into a great hall of

a medieval castle. The magician Flabbergast the Wizard held court in the multi-purpose room entertaining the guests with magic tricks. The Medieval Fantasies Company along with the Queen and her court held a knighting ceremony in the gym followed by a medieval weapons and armor demonstration.



Penny Hairston, Polk principal Pree Ann Johnson, book fair chair Whitney Austin, Carla Carter, Lady Dagryning and Sir Blackwolf greet guests at the entrance to the magic show.

Students raise their hands when the wizard calls out for volunteers for the next magic trick at the book fair.



Beachcomber To Boat Club

Abandoned building to be rebuilt for Old Dominion Boat Club.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

The Beachcomber Restaurant, an abandoned building on the Alexandria Waterfront, will soon be restored as the new home for the Old Dominion Boat Club. Architect Michael Winstanley presented a model and series of blueprints of the new Beachcomber to the Waterfront Commission at its Oct 21 meeting in City Hall. The renovations would keep the original design of the building, but new external layers and internal features

pay homage to the building's heritage on the Potomac River's shore.

The Beachcomber sits at the end of Prince Street, across Strand Street from Big Wheel Bikes. Built in 1945, the Beachcomber was once a seafood restaurant that jutted out into the water. The site was bought by the city in 2006, but the building has been abandoned since that time and fell into a deeper state of disrepair.

"At one point there were postcards made of the beachcomber," said Michael Winstanley, "Today the beachcomber is in disrepair.

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Family and Friends Mourn Georgina Parks

Former ACPS speech pathologist, civic volunteer dies of cancer.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

In the fall of 1967, Roger Parks was checking out "the impressive young freshman" girls at the University of Kentucky when he met the woman who would change his life.

"I saw Lyn Routenberg and made a drunken phone call at 2 a.m. to ask her out," Parks recalled with a laugh. "After she cursed me out and hung up on me, a fraternity brother of mine fixed me up on a blind date to cheer me up. I only went because the girl was in

the sorority with the prettiest girls on campus. That's how I met Georgina and we were together ever since."

Routenberg has remained close friends with both Roger and Georgina Parks since she made that fateful decision to spurn the young sophomore's advances.

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Georgina Ruley Parks

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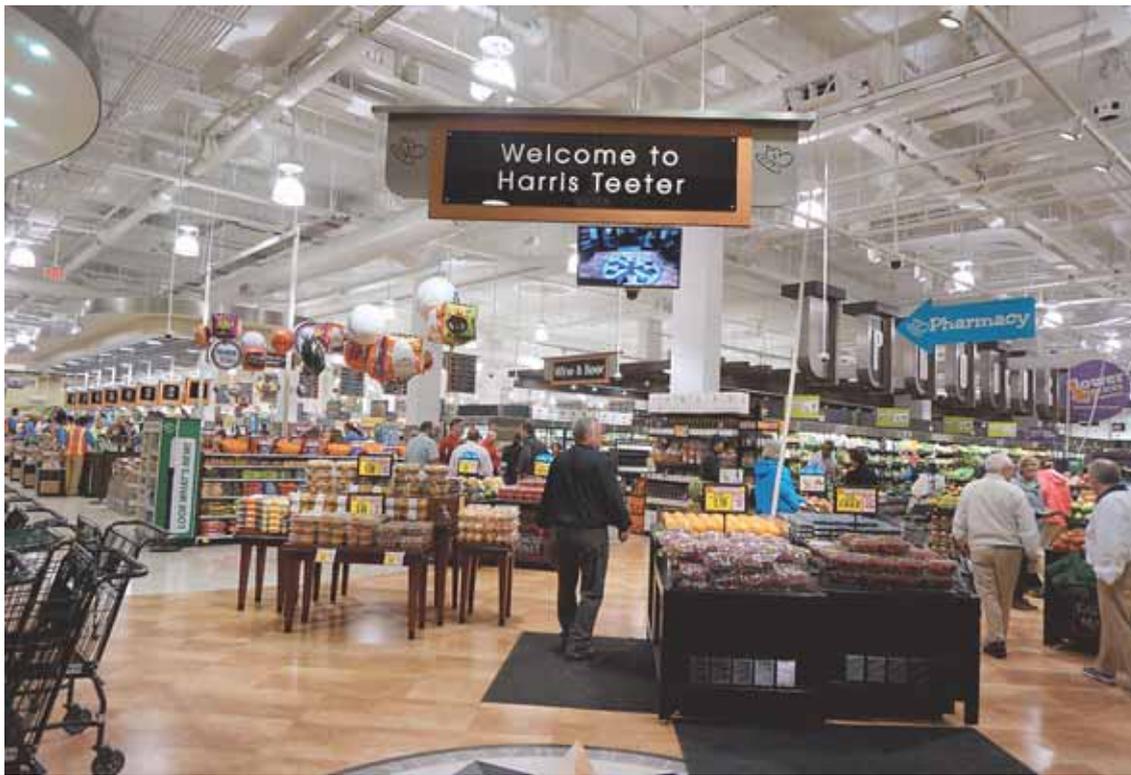
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Grocery store Harris Teeter opened its doors Oct. 21 for a “Taste of Teeter” night to celebrate the grand opening of the new Old Town location. Located at the corner of Madison and St. Asaph streets, the store is open 24 hours and features a full service pharmacy, prepared foods, wines and an outdoor seating area.

‘Taste of Teeter’

Crowds flock to opening of Harris Teeter in Old Town.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Deborah Henderson stood for hours cheerfully answering questions and directing shoppers to the proper aisles as hundreds of residents turned out for the “Taste of Teeter” night Oct. 21 to celebrate the long-awaited opening of Old Town’s Harris Teeter grocery store.

“I’m customer service friendly all the time,” said Henderson, a cashier at Alexandria’s newest grocery store. “If anyone ever has a problem, all they have to do is ask for me.”

Henderson is a full-time employee at the store located at the southeast corner of Madison and

North St. Asaph streets.

“What an amazing store,” said former Alexandria mayor and state senator Patsy Ticer. “I had no idea we could fit something so big in little ole’ Old Town. This is very much a benefit to the community.”

Located across from the Royal Restaurant, the 52,302 square-foot store features a pharmacy, prepared meals, salad bar, seafood and deli counter and outdoor dining. Two levels of underground parking are located below the store with escalator and elevator access to the shopping level.

“The entire store is phenomenal,” said store director Sharon Rodriguez. “This will be a great gathering place.”

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Lamonya Cofield and Patrick DePasquale handle deli orders for shoppers during the Taste of Teeter night Oct. 21 in Old Town.



Former mayor and state Sen. Patsy Ticer, left, and her daughter Virginia Baechler were among the first shoppers at the new Harris Teeter grocery store in Old Town.



Checkout clerk Sierra Marsh, right, finishes ringing up Angela Ripp at the new Harris Teeter grocery store.

Not Enough

Focus group identifies desperate need for more affordable housing in Alexandria.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Six years after the Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations (ACHSO) compiled a list of needs in the community, the group has met with local leaders to see what progress has been made. In regards to housing and affordable development in Alexandria, the answer is not much.

For many low income families in Alexandria, it is difficult or even impossible to find a place to live. Even if someone can find an affordable neighborhood or apartment complex, they are often faced with long waiting lists and low rates of turnover. In 2008, one of the biggest issues on the docket for ACHSO was the increasing need for affordable housing.

The 2014 focus group met at the Campaign Center on Tuesday, Oct. 21, to update the needs of the 2008 assessment. The

goal was to revisit the recommendations from the old report and to examine the role of housing providers in the efforts to achieve those goals.

The findings were that, while housing costs have continued to rise, there has not been proportionate development of low income housing. Many of the problems come from what is generally seen the high cost and high risk associated with developing low income housing. But the cost of not addressing the affordable housing crisis is even costlier. Without a permanent where people who could pay more are occupying units that

where bed space is even more limited and expensive to the taxpayer.

For many developers, the cost and risk is seen as even higher for residents with a criminal record, who are charged double or even triple the usual security deposit as “prepaid rent.” Even non-profit low income housing developers, like the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC), turn away residents with criminal records.

Melodie Seau, Landlord/Tenant Relations Division chief for the Office of Housing, noted that much of this can be im-

“If we don’t have a variety of rents available to people in this city, we may have a situation where people who could pay more are occupying units that have lower rents.”

— Michelle Krocker,
Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance

proved by engaging with local landlords. Michelle Krocker, executive director for the Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance, agreed that hosting meetings with local landlords could help alleviate their concerns.

“We can show landlords that resources are available for residents with a criminal record,”

Krocker said.

In terms of development, one of the main issues the focus group noted was the lack of housing between extreme low income housing and more moderate affordable residences. Many who live in the lowest tier of affordable housing could move into a higher tier if it were available, but cannot afford the next level available in Alexandria.

“If we don’t have a variety of rents available to people in this city, we may have a situation where people who could pay more are occupying units that

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Not the Victim's Fault

City officials draw attention to domestic abuse.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Every year, there are around 400 cases of domestic violence in Alexandria where the police can make an arrest. The city's hotline for reporting domestic abuse or sexual assault receives nearly 2,000 calls.

For the month of October, the city has made a special effort to draw attention to the issue. Nationwide, October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and in Alexandria this has meant a month of trying to spread information about domestic abuse at farmers markets and metro stops.

Among those leading the charge against domestic violence is Claire Dunn, the domestic violence and sexual assault division chief for the city's Department of Community and Human Services.

"Unfortunately, Alexandria is no different from any other city in the United States," said Dunn. "Our hotline gets close to 2,000 calls for both our sexual assault and domestic violence line every year. The good news is that Alexandria has a great response to domestic violence."

Dunn has worked in the DHCS since 1985, and praised the legal advances she's seen in Alexandria and Virginia since that time. In particular, she noted a law passed in Alexandria in 1988 that allowed police to arrest a perpetrator in domestic abuse cases if there was probable cause, meaning the spouse or child would not have to take the issue to court and file charges.

"Today, 25 years later, we're all still working together to make sure that victims get the services they need and offenders are held accountable," said Dunn. With assistance from the police, the department can work to provide treatment for the family and for the offender.

"The law takes [the arrest] out of the hands of the victims, which would normally require the victims to go to magistrate's office and swear out a warrant."

But Dunn says there's still work substantial work that needs to be done to prevent domestic violence. A large part of that battle is now being fought on the cultural mindset about the issue.

"The whole nature of domestic violence is still unfortunately on blaming the victim," said Dunn. "We see that in sexual and domestic violence. Holding offenders accountable is the job of the criminal justice system. When someone goes in to rob a bank, we never ask the people it happened do what they did to cause this to happen. We need to take responsibility from the crime out of the hands of the victim and to the offender, which is where it should be."

The DHCS has received vocal support from the community in these efforts. Camille Leverett, chair of the Commission for Women, expressed her office's support for the work done in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Division.

"[The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Division] is an important program to us," said Leverett, "and we support the work that Ms. Dunn and her team are doing on behalf of the victims of domestic violence in our community."

While the DHCS, like many government departments in Alexandria, has experienced the tighter budget than usual, Dunn says the office compensates with money from state and federal grants.



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An image of a tree on the wall of the city's Department of Community and Human Services displays ribbons to honor the victims of domestic violence.

"[The City Council] has very tough budgetary decisions to make every year, but they continue to be very supportive," said Dunn. "We also get a lot of grant funding... from the Violence Against Women Act of 1996. This funding comes down to the state and local programs to fund sexual assault centers."

Dunn noted that of her approximately 15 or 16 person staff, half of those positions were funded by state grant funding.

"[These staffers] are out at farmer's markets handing out fliers every weekend," said Dunn. "Every year we also do a hospital day for healthcare professionals. Very often when people are assaulted they go to family physician or emergency room, so we want to make sure that medical professionals in the city are aware of the services, that they respond accordingly and call the hotline or police if necessary."

Dunn appeared with Kate Garvey, director of the DHCS, on Mayor William Euille's program "Mayor Euille today."

"We need to focus on dating violence," said Garvey. "[We need to look at] what are the patterns being set early on, and having youth feel comfortable with stepping forward and asking 'this is happening, is this normal?' Adolescents need to feel comfortable that this is somewhere they can go to talk about this and that it is not a norm to be accepted."

For Dunn, the most rewarding part of the job is working with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. In particular, seeing their resilience, their strength, and their ability to move forward and stand up to their offender by looking for these services.

"You're not alone, it's not your fault," said Dunn, addressing anyone who may be suffering from domestic abuse. "There are a lot of people who can help you. Please contact the hotline at 703-706-4911."

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An Open Door, an Open Heart

At Carpenter Shelter

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
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It was 7:30 a.m. and Sharon Addison, the Davis Place Monitor, opened the door to Carpenter Shelter on Henry Street in Alexandria. About 14 homeless men and a few women were waiting to come inside. Most of them are locals and she knows them, but in the cold winter months some transients will move in. "This side of Carpenter Shelter is for the chronically homeless who literally live on the street," she said.

The homeless can spend from 7:30-11:30 a.m. inside where they can take care of basic needs such as eating, taking showers, doing laundry and sitting in chairs lined up in rows to watch TV or doze off.

She tries to connect them with mental health services, too. Addison walks into a room with two washers and dryers and a wall of small metallic lockers where clothes or belongings can be stored.

"I wash the towels to get them ready for the next morning when they return. Just a minute I need to go get some soap," she said.

Then she explains that when they leave at 11:30 a.m., the homeless head to Meade Memorial Church to have lunch and later in the day to Christ House to eat dinner. "A lot of them sleep in the parking garage."

Some of these street homeless graduate to next door where they can reside and receive lunch and dinner served by volunteers 365 days a year and where they are also provided life training skills. In exchange they are required to be abuse free and to look for work every day from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. A sign in the common room says "be positive, have faith, it gets better."

Mary Parker Lamm, deputy director of Carpenter House had earlier explained, "When they are ready they can move from the shelter to the residential section, but when they're not ready, it's like banging your head against a wall."

Addison adds that while some of her street homeless people move next door, "I see most of them come



Sharon Addison washes towels each day to have them ready for the homeless who will come the next day to take showers as part of the basic needs offered for the chronically homeless.

right back. I try to convince them to go forward, but most are comfortable here and are afraid of what to expect next. And on the other side they would have to be tested for drugs." She explains that a lot of them really think this is their home. "They have their own chair where they sat yesterday, and consider it their spot." She looks up and waves at a man through the large glass window in her office.

She points to a tall man with a blue shirt and slicked back blond hair mopping the floor in the large room where they watch TV. "He is the biggest panhandler. He calls himself the 'highway hustler' and came in bragging he had made \$160 between 6:30 and 9 this morning."

On the other hand, she remembers a guy and a girl. "The man came first and after a while they moved next door, got married and

got their own place and now live in Del Ray. They bring their baby back to visit." She pointed to a man with a cap and red jacket. "He is diabetic, and I helped him get food stamps. Every day he says thank you so much. He is on the list to move next door."

"Some days I get discouraged and I take it home with me. A lot of people here have mental illnesses. There is a woman; she just walked out the door. She is on K2 and has blood clots running all through her body. It frustrates me I can't do anything to help her. She says she doesn't care." But Addison says if they come in intoxicated or high she works with them. "I think they respect me. I tell them I may be better off but I'm not better." She says she loves this job because she goes home thinking, "I helped somebody today."

Addison has been here since November but previously was at the Bailey's Crossroads Shelter where she monitored patients. She came to this job by experience. "My father," she said, "got in an automobile accident and accidentally killed two people. Something happened to his mind and he disappeared." She continued, "I prayed he would end up in a homeless shelter and see a kind face." Eventually she found her father and helped him get out of the shelter. She said the homeless keep her motivated. "The struggle is real; this could be me."



Sharon Addison, Davis Place Monitor at Carpenter Shelter in Alexandria, says she loves her job because she can go home thinking, "I helped someone today." Pictures of her children line her office bulletin board. She points to a graduation photo of her daughter on her desk.



Chronically homeless can spend between 7:30-11:30 a.m. getting basic needs met at the Carpenter Shelter section for people who literally live on the street. There is another section of Carpenter Shelter that currently offers residence, lunch and dinner prepared by volunteers, access to computers and life skills for six families, 24 single men and 12 single women. They must be substance free and willing to look for work each day.

Schoettler To Perform 'The Hello Girls'

One-woman show at the Athenaeum.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
GAZETTE PACKET



Ellouise Schoettler

Chevy Chase storyteller Ellouise Schoettler will present her second one-woman show, "The Hello Girls: A Surprising WWI Story," at the Athenaeum Theatre in Alexandria at 7 p.m. on Nov. 4.

"The Hello Girls" tells the story of a group of female telephone operators drafted by Gen. John J. Pershing during World War I.

In 1917, Pershing posted an advertisement in U.S. newspapers for female telephone operators after the difficult communication between the French female telephone operators and American soldiers on the newly installed American Expeditionary Forces telephone system.

After her first one-woman show "My Forever Home," Schoettler wanted to do another personal story. She learned about a great uncle who fought in World War I through other older family members and thought it would make a great performance.

Originally, she wanted to do it on her great Uncle Walter Cobb who was a sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War I but she could not find enough information on him from her family members because most had been born after he died.

In an effort to find more information on the time period, she paid a visit to the Women in Military Service for America Memorial library in Arlington.

"The curator at the Women in Military Service library actually told me about the 'The Hello Girls' when I asked them about information on the period. They pulled different books for me to read," she said.

The more she found out about the women, the more she was interested in doing a performance to tell their story.

"Even though these women knew it was an 'experiment' taking female telephone operators to the battlefield, but they were determined to succeed

and prove they could do the job," she said.

Through her research, Schoettler was able to get to know some personal stories of the 233 women who answered the general's ad for bilingual telephone workers.

"It was interesting to learn that women dominated the role of telephone operators — it was another occupation choice for women besides the factory, domestic service, or work on the farm," Schoettler said.

Unlike her first performance "My Forever Home," the "The Hello Girls" differed because it was not a personal story. She had to write herself out of the performance and capture and tell someone else's experience to the audience.

"It has been an exciting process for me. I usually work on personal stories. This is a history program where I am working with other peoples' lives to tell the story. It is a challenge that is taking me in a new direction with my work as I would like to do more drawn from history where I can bring strangers to life," she said.

During her performance, she embodies three female telephone operators — Grace Banker, Olive Shaw and Merle Egan Anderson who was the chief operating officer in Paris during the Peace Treaty Negotiations after the end of the War.

"These women were very courageous and patriotic. They spent 12 days on a ship to France and with no idea of what they would face once there," she said.

In addition, Grace Banker

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PUBLIC INPUT

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.

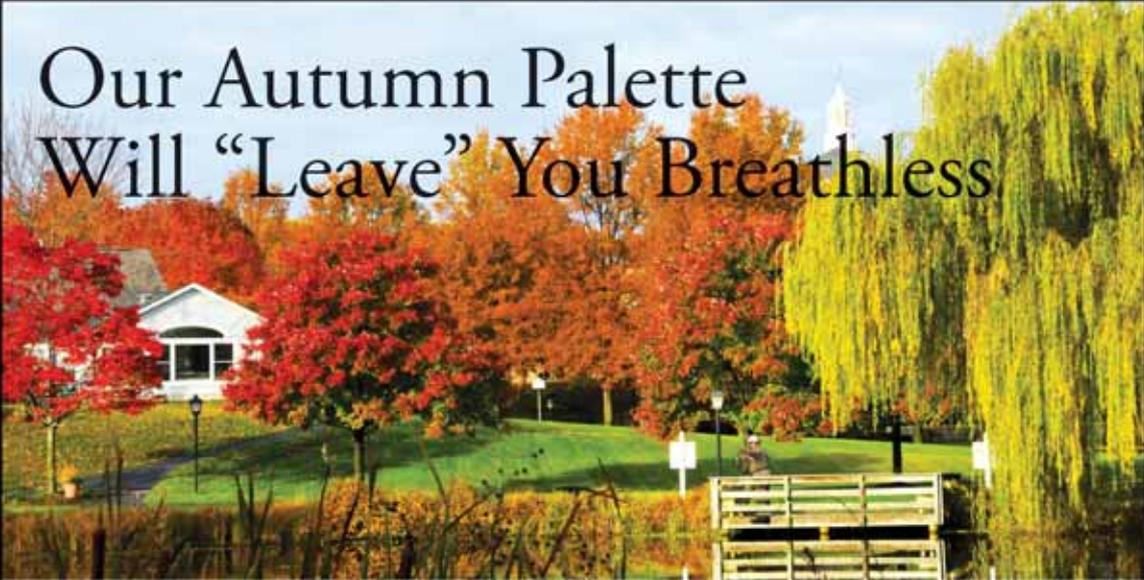
The City of Alexandria is seeking community input on the outcomes and priorities that are most important to residents as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 budget process. This year, as part of the What's Next, Alexandria initiative, the City will

seek input from the community throughout the development of the budget. This first phase of civic engagement is an online survey that asks community members to choose the long-term priorities most important to them. The survey, which is on the What's Next, Alexandria page, will be available through Nov. 5. Visit alexandriava.gov/Engage, or contact Arthur Wicks at Arthur.Wicks@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-3739.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking public input to inform a Park Improvement Plan for the City's existing neighborhood parks, characterized as being 0.5-10 acres and serving neighborhoods within 0.5 miles. The results of this plan will help determine budgeting priorities and recommendations for both short and long-term incremental improvements, ensuring that neighborhood parks serve Alexandria's needs now and into the future. Park Planning staff wants to know how the parks are used, what users like about the parks, and hope to see in the future. Visit <http://alexva.us/80193> to take an online survey about a neighborhood park. Or attend one of the following:

- ❖ **Saturday/Oct. 25**, 9-11 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. — Beach Park, Hooff's Run Park & Greenway, Timberland Park, Goat Hill Park, Landover Park, Angel Park, Hume Springs Park, and 3550 Commonwealth Avenue

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The "Fruit of the Loom" appear on the exhibit floor for an afternoon tour. Pictured are Laura Golden, Yaritza Perez, Kim Moninghoff and Mike Butler.

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Expo Highlights Trademarks

T-Markey greeted visitors in the Dulaney Gardens arriving to tour the annual U.S. Patent and Trademark (USPTO) Expo in Alexandria last weekend. T-Markey is the official USPTO mascot. Along with T-Markey was Waldo, Crayola Crayons, the Fruit of the Loom and the Peep. The gardens featured equipment from John Deere, Berg USA bikes and toys, a NASCAR vehicle and a pop-up garden of inflatables featuring registered trademarks.

Inside the exhibit hall more than 40 vendors displayed products and information on copyrighted materials. Display cases showed products with non-traditional trademarks such as the Burberry plaid, geographical indicators and examples of authentic copyrighted goods along with counterfeits.

Children's workshop, story time and patent and trademark seminars were held on the hour on both Friday and Saturday. Featured topics included: Counterfeiting & Piracy – Why Buy "Legit?"; Trademark Basics; Trademark Application Registration; USPTO Website Overview and Trademarks-Patents-Copyrights and Trade Secrets for U.S. Companies — Top Myths, Mysteries and Mistakes.

Can you find Waldo? Waldo (Ernesto Suarez) peers out from behind the official Peeps-mobile at the annual USPTO Expo on Friday, Oct. 17.



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PEOPLE

'Hello Girls' at the Athenaeum

FROM PAGE 6
 was just 26 years old and a college graduate when she joined the "The Hello Girls" and trained 33 women in operating the switchboard.

Schoettler views these women as the "precursors of modern military women".

"These women were really instrumental in conducting the war. When there was a battle going on or the set up for a battle, the number of calls would expand and they worked longer shifts," she said.

Despite their courage and patriotism, these women still faced the same prejudicial barriers as their counterparts back home once WWI ended. The U.S. Armed forces did not give the women an honorable discharge or their medals because only males could receive these awards.

However, the "The Hello Girls" would not be defeated. For more than 60 years, they fought to have the same awards and honor as their male counterparts who were involved in the war.

In 1979, the U.S. Armed Forces gave the women their honorable discharge and the medals they deserved. At the time, only 18 of the 233 "The Hello Girls" were still living.

Merle Egan Anderson was a key participant in their lobbying effort.

"I can't imagine fighting for something for more than 60 years. It reminded me of some individuals I worked with on ERA Campaign that held onto their principals and fought for them until the end," Schoettler said.

She also said that the sense of pride in themselves and their country made the "The Hello Girls" stand apart.

Even though many young adults and teens have grown up in the "Technological Age", she hopes that they will attend the performance and gain a knowledge of the pride of these women and how their contributions during World War I helped to foster the Suffrage Movement and in years later the Women's Movement.

In honor of the "The Hello Girls" contributions, Schoettler reads the names of 12 of the 18 women who received medals.

Schoettler, a native of North Carolina, has lived in the D.C. area since 1964. She has bachelor's degree from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in Washington and a MFA from American University. She performs across the country and has two cable shows ("Stories in Time" and "Stories in Focus") on Channel 16 in Montgomery County.



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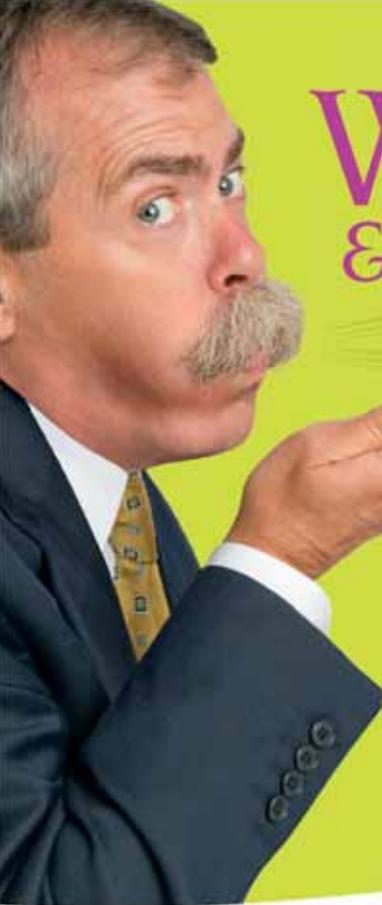
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Speak Up for Public Safety

To the Editor:

While the mayor, City Council and city manager are making plans to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on a waterfront plan and metro, the city's public safety departments are suffering.

There have been numerous cuts to the Alexandria police and fire department budgets over several budget cycles which in turn have adversely affected the safety of all citizens in the City of Alexandria. These budget cuts have failed to provide adequate resources to support our police and fire departments. Recently, we have had two armed robberies in or near our development. The perpetrator has yet to be arrested. We, like other communities, have had minor offenses committed in our development in the past, but these are the first serious crimes committed in our neighborhood, which have alarmed many of our residents. One might ask if the budget cuts were a contributing factor.

The Alexandria Police Department currently has several dozen officers less than their previous authorized levels of years past. These cuts in personnel have led to the disbandment of several specialized crime prevention units. Recently, several firehouses were being considered by city management for closure. Although the city manager and his personnel have received large salaries and raises, Alexandria police officers have had to endure cuts to their pay and benefits, making them among the lowest paid police officers in the



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Honoring Disabled American Veterans

In tribute to the service and sacrifices made by disabled American veterans, 23 North American T-6 Texans flew in formation down the Potomac River on Sunday, Oct. 12. The Potomac Flight was the culmination of the 15th annual Culpeper VA Air Fest. The 23 T-6 Texans are two-seater aircraft used as the advanced trainer for World War II pilots. The Potomac Flight flew above Frank Gallagher's Lightning sailboat on Sunday morning as he and his crew headed out to the starting line for the first race of the day at the Washington Sailing Marina on Daingerfield Island.

area. These cuts obviously affect recruitment and retention of highly qualified professionals. According to recent Alexandria Police Department statistics, violent crimes such as robberies and sexual assaults are currently significantly up over the previous

year. Furthermore, due to the high cost of living and lack of subsidized programs, less than 10 percent of the Alexandria police officers currently live in the city limits. One has to wonder how all these budget cuts affect crime prevention and public safety in our

city.

Most cities across the country are experiencing fiscal difficulties. However, during these difficult times a city, in my opinion, should focus their resources on public safety, schools and infrastructure. Anything else should be secondary until new fiscal streams are realized.

In addition, I feel that it is time for the Alexandria Police Department to have a Citizens Advisory Board, like most other major U.S. cities have. This board (made up of volunteers from city residents) would help the police department with communicating issues in their communities; discuss non-lethal use of force policies (use of mace; taser, bean bag rounds, etc. ...); discuss purchase of large armored equipment vs. needed equipment like communication upgrades and discuss placement of personnel in high crime rate areas. Just think what issues could have been prevented in Ferguson, Mo. if they had a Citizens Advisory Board?

I am asking all city residents to contact the mayor, council or city management and ask for two things: 1) Stop cutting our public safety budget. 2) Create a Citizens Advisory Board for the Alexandria Police Department. Let's all work

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OPINION

Afterschool Programs

Great for children, working parents and the community.

By TAMMY L. MANN
PRESIDENT & CEO
THE CAMPAGNA CENTER



A timely report hit the streets last week that zeros in on the powerful impact of after-school hours on children, parents and communities. "America After 3PM," published by the Afterschool Alliance, summarizes the value and benefits of afterschool programs. The report explores several issues including demand for programs, why parents value afterschool programs, experiences provided, participation rates by race and income, and barriers that keep children from participating. "America After 3PM" found that more children are participating in afterschool programs, at least 10.2 million compared to just 8.4 million in 2009. Even more striking is the data on the number of children, 2 in 5 (41 percent), who would participate if a program were available to them.

Bringing this closer to home, only 15 percent of children in Virginia participate in an afterschool program, but a dramatic 35 percent would if a program were available to them.

For those that do participate in afterschool programs, parents listed the following top five reasons:

- Safety (90 percent)
- Quality of care (87 percent)
- Convenient location - usually located in a school (85 percent)
- Hours match needs (83 percent)
- Child's enjoyment of the program (81 percent)

Parents also report a number of important benefits for children and the community. In particular 67 percent of Virginia parents agree that afterschool programs can help children gain workforce skills such as teamwork, leadership and critical thinking. Seventy-two percent of parents also agree

that afterschool programs help keep children from engaging in risky behaviors that can have long-term negative benefits for kids and the community (e.g., crime, teen pregnancy, etc.). Finally, afterschool programs help drive the economic engine of our communities, with 77 percent of Virginia parents agreeing that afterschool programs helps them remain employed.

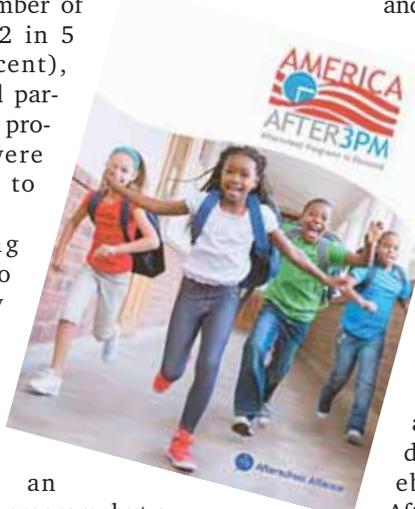
Here in Alexandria, The Campagna Center operates afterschool programs at the elementary, middle and high school level. Campagna Kids, which serves children in elementary school, reaches upwards of 1,000 children per year by offering before and aftercare during the school year and over winter, spring and summer breaks that

enable parents to remain at work without leaving children unattended.

Just as "America After 3pm" puts a spotlight on afterschool programs, so are The Campagna Center and others in Alexandria when we celebrate "Lights-On Afterschool" today, Oct. 23. Open houses will be

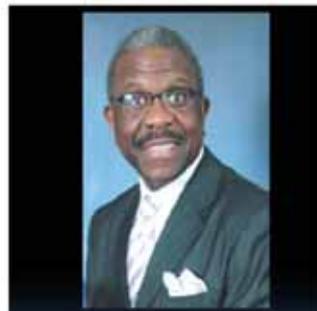
underway at Campagna Center programs, where parents, volunteers, Board members, Junior Friends and Supporting Friends will join with staff and implement activities that engage the creativity and imagination of children and youth in our community. Light's On Afterschool, in its 15th year, was created by the Afterschool Alliance to help communities around the country unite and raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs.

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Bryan B. Kirkes
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Need Right Place for Lights

To the Editor:

We hear over and over how students want a lighted field for sports. Coaches and staff

from the Rec Department express a need for sports fields for the entire city. And Alexandria does need sports facilities for everyone. Alexandria does need playing fields and green space.

But Parker Gray Stadium behind T.C. Williams High School is not the place for a lighted field. This field was never intended to be lit from the time it was built. Its very proximity to the surrounding homes shows us all that. The field is the buffer area between the school and the neighborhoods.

When the School Board had the option to relocate the field as part of the design

for the new high school, they chose not to, because they never intended to light this particular field. Instead, in 2007, they reiterated the promise made to never light the Parker Grey Stadium by making it part of the site plan for the school. There are tremendous drawbacks to lighting this particular field.

Primarily, there is the commitment made to the historic neighborhoods surrounding the school. This field would not be lit. There are ethical and moral implications to breaking this promise.

Second is the prohibitive cost; over \$4.2

million and that's only an estimate. There are other uses for that kind of money that would benefit all of the students in Alexandria, not just the select few who play high school sports.

What about needs for the schools, like improved educational instruction, additional teachers and counselors, more educational programs and renovating existing schools? Over \$4 million would go a long way to improving our children's future.

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Preparing for Certified Master Chef Exam

Army Navy Country Club's executive chef is one of 11 candidates this year.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
GAZETTE PACKET

In an era of "Top Chef" and other popular televised cooking competitions, it is hard to imagine a more grueling test than those on TV, dramatized with musical scores and commercial breaks. Chef Timothy Recher of Alexandria, however, is gearing up to take the most prestigious culinary exam that the American Culinary Federation has to offer. From Oct. 26 through Nov. 2, Recher will be taking the AFC's Certified Master Chef exam at Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts in Los Angeles.

"It's something I have been working toward for a very long time," Recher, the Army Navy Country Club's executive chef, said. "It's humbling and exciting."

Recher is one of only 11 candidates across the country taking the exam this year, which the ACF selected after a comprehensive application process.

Chef Ken Arnone, who has been an AFC Certified Master Chef since 2003 and is the chairman for the CMC Certified Master Pastry Chef Subcommittee, said that the exam has changed over the years but remains the most difficult culinary certification exam in the nation.

"This is the most difficult and comprehensive certification that exists for chefs in the United States," Arnone said. "This isn't a test that a Certified Executive Chef can wake up and say, 'I'm interested in taking it.'"

The American Culinary Federation, the largest professional chef's organization in the country, includes more than 20,000 chefs and cooks in more than 200 chapters throughout North America.

Recher said it is impossible to prepare specifically for the Certified Master Chef Exam, but instead, it is something he has

been working toward his career-long process of bettering himself as a chef.

"It has been a number of years," Recher said. "Through competitions, I have met Master Chefs who have been mentors. I would start talking to them years ago, getting information, going through the program online. Actively over the past year, it has been a lot more focused, but it's always been something I have been researching and looking into. There is no way that you can just study and pass the test. A Certified Master Chef has to have certain technique and knowledge of cuisine and the AFC is trying to validate this."

The 2014 candidates are looking to join the ranks of just 67 other Certified Master Chefs in the United States. These chefs have come from a variety of cooking backgrounds – culinary school, apprenticeship, and even self-teaching. Recher said he is the product of many great chefs who took a chance on him throughout his decades in the kitchen.

Recher began working at a restaurant while studying business at the University of Iowa, when he learned that he wanted to pursue the culinary experience.

"I wasn't one of those kids growing up cooking with his grandmother," Recher said. "I was a suburban kid in Chicago whose mother made casseroles. I was in high school, college studying business. And I got a job to make some extra money in a local restaurant and bar. It was like being on a team again. I liked the social aspect of it. It wasn't a desk job."

His love of the restaurant business led him to move to Boston, where he took his first role in the kitchen.

"I worked at TGI Friday's, where they asked if I knew how to cook," Recher said. "I must have made a thousand burgers. I learned how to survive in a kitchen, learned how to be consistent and fast, and how to work with other people."

From there, he worked in the kitchen of the Reston Hyatt as one of the chef's apprentices. He then became the assistant chef at the Market Street Bar and Grill next door.

In 20-plus years since his apprenticeship in Reston, he has worked in restaurants and hotels up and down the Eastern seaboard, gleaned lessons and perfecting techniques



Chef Timothy Recher

from a multitude of accomplished chefs.

His return to the D.C. Metropolitan area was to help open the Doyle Washington in Dupont Circle. As the executive chef working with the food and beverage director, he learned how to work around the clock, creating breakfast, lunch and dinner for hundreds of hotel guests every day.

Recher's first competition was an ACF gumbo competition in Annapolis, Md., which is how he first became involved with the ACF.

"There was a gumbo cookoff going on in Annapolis, and it was only open to chefs in ACFs, and my job paid for me to join it," Recher said. "I was a restaurant guy. I thought it was mainly for teachers and club chefs, but I found opportunity for everyone. Then a year later they held their national convention, where I was surrounded what seemed like thousands of chefs in white coats. I met some amazing people and learned so much in one day that I really got excited about the AFC and what it could offer me."

Recher, who is already an ACF Certified Executive Chef, is on his way to achieving CMC status at the end of this month. While he has no intention of leaving his current job, Recher said the title of Certified Master Chef is a huge personal goal.

"I love being a chef at the Army Navy Club, so it's not going to change that, but for me to be involved in this is a personal goal," Recher said. "Being a chef is not just a job for us, it's a life. It is a personal sense of accomplishment that I have been work-

ing on since I was 20 years old."

It has already been a busy year for Recher without a grueling, all hands-on eight-day exam in Los Angeles. He has already watched the Army Navy Country Club earn a spot on the Platinum Clubs of America 2014 list, a sought-after status for country clubs around the nation.

"I've been over there just over a year," Recher said. "When I was brought on, they just build a brand new club house. There are six restaurants and five kitchens; it's a huge place. I was brought in there to help invent the culinary program for the new club house. We are now ranked 91st in the country, and the top 4 percent of clubs. It has been a tremendous experience."

Recher said he has learned so much from other ACF certified chefs over the years through classes he has taken and competitions he has entered. Nowadays, he spends much time teaching other chefs in his kitchen as well. He said that while he is of course nervous, he is honored to be part of such a great network and its prestigious certification process, which at the end of the day prioritizes food over frills.

"It's such a gamut we all will be tested on," Recher said. "That's something I like about ACF and the certified chef programs. It recognizes that food is food."

One of the chefs that Recher has hailed as an inspiration during his career thus far has been Arnone. The two have been acquainted for roughly eight years, having met when Recher was president of a local AFC chapter.

"I was invited to come judge a competition," Recher said. "We stayed in touch afterward. As the Certified Master Chef, I feel it's important to keep mentoring chefs interested in the pursuit of this goal, or any level of certification. That's most of our community. We try to help coach and identify a chef's paths of success."

Arnone said that even without the CMC credentials, Recher demonstrates the ideal qualities of an AFC chef.

"He is incredibly passionate about food and the process of continuing to learn and grow," Arnone said. "He is always giving back. He is a true professional and a great representative of chefs in our industry."

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 14

Fairfax County has many lit fields, none is within 150 feet of residential homes. The Parker Grey Stadium track is within seven feet of a property line.

The School Board is relying on information from a feasibility study that used 20-year-old data instead of more recent data to determine zoning, light spillage and some costs. The proposal ignores the long-standing lighting ordinances for the city and the height restrictions for the schools.

Also ignored are the guidelines for amending a site plan by imposing huge financial cost and burden on neighborhoods whose families have lived here long before there was a T.C. Williams High School. The schools of Alexandria may indeed need a lighted field for their sports, but Parker Grey Stadium is not the place. It was never built to be lit.

There are other places more appropriate within the city: near George Washington Middle School, which had a lighted field for years and near Renew Alexandria to mention two.

What exactly are the priorities of this School Board to consider spending over \$4 million on a high school stadium? Why isn't this School Board behaving in a fiscally responsible way and why are they so anxious to teach the children of Alexandria that promises and commitments don't matter if it's inconvenient? These are not the moral and ethical standards leaders of our city and school board should be demonstrating.

This School Board should consider building a new facility for these students in an appropriate location, that doesn't destroy surrounding neighborhoods and the value of the homes that surround the school — for many the most valuable asset they own.

Kathy and Steve Harkness
Alexandria

Examining Senator's Record

To the Editor:

Who is Senator Warner? The senator is not necessarily reflected in his words.

I have taken the time to write and meet Senator Warner to find out who he really is by asking him questions about the key issues of his term: Obamacare, the debt and illegal immigration. He replied, but didn't answer any of my questions and he was always unavailable to meet, so I have to look elsewhere — his voting record ...

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SCHOOLS

A Dream Come True

Alexandria Book Shelf Turns 1, dedicates MVCS location.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Summer school paid off for Mount Vernon Community School principal Peter Balas, who officially opened the newest Alexandria Book Shelf Oct. 6 as part of the DreamDog Foundation literacy program.

"We worked hard to get this built," Balas said as the Book Shelf officially opened for business. "We created the bookshelf over the summer and located it in a location that is easily accessible to all of our 820 students. This is a great program and we are excited to have it here at MVCS."

MCVS Art teacher Sara Bukoski created the design and painted the bookshelf, located in the school's main lobby, in preparation for the ribbon-cutting ceremony that also celebrated the one-year anniversary of the ABS program.

"Alexandria Book Shelf provides access to books all year round for our low-income children, not just at the holidays or back-to-school time," said Lorraine "Rainey"

Friedman, executive director of the DreamDog Foundation, the organization that created and runs the ABS program. "In just one year, with incredible support from our community, the program has provided more than 50,000 books to our at-risk students where they live, play and go to school."

ABS has provided books for children in need at preschools such as: Child and Family Network Centers and ALIVE! Child Development Center, Title 1 Schools in ACPS, Alexandria Recreational Centers, Alexandria Regional Housing Authority, FACE Centers (Family and Community Engagement Centers), Head Start programs, Child Find and preschool play groups they facilitate, local shelters (including domestic violence shelters), Community Lodgings and Boys and Girls Clubs among other locations.

Erica Jones, co-coordinator for ABS, was on hand doing double duty as Jazz the Dream Dog during the ceremony.

"The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights has just released guidelines to ensure equal access to all educational resources from AP courses to library books," Jones said. "That's where ABS really makes a difference. We have a rich resource of books in our city and ABS shares this essential resource with our city's at-risk children on a daily basis."

Groups that have collected books and



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Students of Mount Vernon Community School pose for a group photo Oct. 6 with their principal Peter Balas, ACPS School Board chair Karen Graf, DreamDog Foundation executive director Lorraine Friedman and other teachers and volunteers to officially open the newest Alexandria Book Shelf.

donated to Alexandria's Book Shelf include: Girl Scouts, public and private schools, churches and synagogues, Old Town Boutique District, Moms groups, preschools, ACT for Alexandria, private businesses and the city's rec centers.

The National Science Teachers Association donated 500 new STEM books with 100 of those books going to MVCS as part of the dedication ceremony.

"Today's dedication was a celebration of what we have been able to accomplish in year one of the Alexandria Book Shelf program," Friedman said. "The community response has been incredible, with Alexandria proving once again how generous and caring we are as one community."

According to Friedman, a BB&T Light-house grant provided the funds to give away hundreds of books in Spanish and English. Each book is stickered with the ABS logo

and can be returned to any ABS site at any time.

"We have a wealth of resources, in this case books, right here in Alexandria," Friedman said. "And it is so heartwarming to see people come together to share, give and make a difference for our own children."

ACPS School Board chair Karen Graf was also on hand to celebrate the newest ABS site.

"Tell all your friends that there are great free books here and pass it on," Graf told the students gathered for the ribbon cutting. "I would have loved to have been able to come and take any book I wanted — to read whenever I wanted — at this age. The DreamDog Foundation and the Alexandria Book Shelf program is a real gift to our community."

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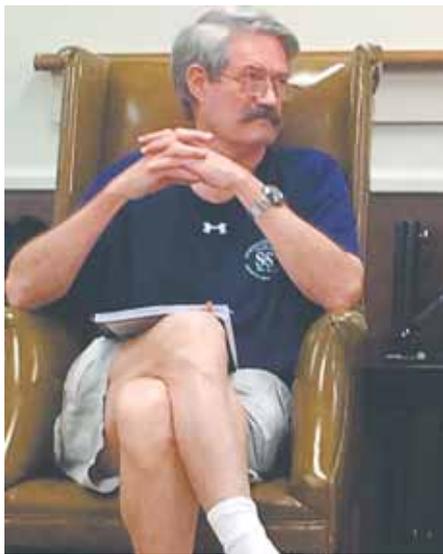
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Melissa Berkowitz (Janet) and Adam Newland (Brad) rehearse.

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LTA Stages 'The Rocky Horror Show'

Campy rock and roll musical to play from Oct. 25 to Nov. 15.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
GAZETTE PACKET

It's time to do the time warp! Just in time for Halloween, the Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the campy musical, "The Rocky Horror Show," from Oct. 25 through Nov. 15, 2014. The spoof of old-time horror flicks that inspired the 1975 cult film follows an innocent couple, Brad and Janet, as they seek shelter at an old castle on a dark and stormy night. It is there that they meet a mad scientist who has been experimenting with creations of his own.

The film version starring Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Barry Bostwick is one of the most successful and longest-showing midnight movies of all time (almost 40 consecutive years). It became the Saturday-night show famous for audience participation with patrons dressing in costumes, shouting back dialogue, singing the rock songs, and throwing "props" at the screen.

Director Kristofer Kauff said at its core, "Rocky Horror" is an homage to the B-horror films of the 1940s, '50s and '60s, like "The House of Wax" and "The Creature From the Black Lagoon," among others. One thing that kept popping into his mind was to direct the play in live 3D, he said, fol-

lowing the lead of "movie houses and drive-ins with audiences wearing those 3D glasses, eating popcorn, screaming and laughing at the screen." He added: "Live 3D theatre is not an easy task, and I certainly did not want to pull focus from the actors, music, dancing and story being played on stage."

Finding an arc for the characters on stage was also a challenge, he said. "It's important that actors understand their relationships and why they are doing what they are doing, or the audience will never truly buy in to what is happening in front of them."

Jay A. Cohen, co-producing along with Richard Schwab, said that "Rocky Horror" is a classic that was too tempting for him to pass up. "'Rocky Horror' represents all my old friends going crazy and lining up in drag to see the movie, and now I have a chance to relive it and make it and reclaim some of that craziness," said Cohen.

For those who went to see it in the 1970s and 1980s, Cohen said, "it's a chance to reconnect with those wild and carefree evenings of people getting crazy, and for the 'Rocky Horror virgins,' it is a chance to see what all the fuss was about — and get in touch with that little freak that's inside all of us."

Actor Matt Liptak plays Riff Raff, the slightly unhinged assistant to the mad scientist Dr. Frank N. Furter, who is best known for singing "The Time Warp" song. "The role of Riff Raff, like all the roles in this show, are so iconic, that our main goal has been to find that balance between the film's por-

trays and our own staging and style," he said.

As far as challenges, he said the music is pretty much non-stop from start to finish. "On top of the one-song-after-the-other feel, it's all very fast-paced and in-your-face rock music," he said.

He hopes the audience has a good time, regardless of how absurd the whole thing is. "It's twisted, comical, sexual and bizarre but it's also 'Rocky Horror,' and I think if the audience comes in ready for a zany ride, they won't be let down."

Patrick M. Doneghy plays the role of the magnetic Dr. Frank N. Furter, a man of science who comes from another world in search of love — to no avail. "So he has decided to do what any mad scientist would do. He is going to make his perfect mate," he said.

Doneghy said the show is a love letter to old horror movies, and that he would like the audience to see in Frank touches of those old-school B-movie villains and heroes. Above all, he said, "I hope the audience has fun. Lots and lots of fun."

Paige Taylor plays the role of Magenta, an alien who acts as a servant and who has an unusual relationship with her brother. "They feel abused and taken for granted and you see their anger and rebellion grow as the play goes on," she said.

She said the challenge was that "Rocky Horror" is such a cult classic that it was hard to get away from a lot of the same stereotypical ways of playing the characters. "Being a fan of the show myself only fueled me

to step away from the original character and allow myself to find my own version of her," she said.

Richard Fiske plays the narrator who is an academic studying and explaining these strange people and their unconventional customs. He said, "This ain't Shakespeare. We want to get the Alexandria audience's canes a-tappin', to suspend disbelief (and judgment, better and otherwise), cast decades aside, throw the top down and careen down a dirt road toward the creepy castle in the moonlight."

Because LTA is producing a live performance, however, the audience is asked to limit their participation. The following "props" will not be allowed: water pistols, candles, rice, lighters, matches, noisemakers, confetti, toilet paper, toast, cards, hot dogs, and prunes. One public performance — the midnight show on Friday, Oct. 31 — has been designated a "participation performance." Audience members at this performance are encouraged to bring newspapers, flashlights, rubber gloves, and bells. Dressing up for any performance is encouraged, as long as the costume is appropriate and does not block sight lines of other patrons.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., is staging "The Rocky Horror Show" from Oct. 25 through Nov. 15, 2014. The show runs Wednesdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m.; with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. There is a midnight show on Friday, Oct. 31. \$25-\$30. Call 703-683-0496 or visit thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays

during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

"Metamorphosis" Juried Art Exhibit.

Runs through Sunday, Nov. 2, Thursday noon-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon-9 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m. Del Ray Artisans

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Art Display. Through Oct. 5 at Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College. Electronic Aesthetics by sculptor Eric Celarier and painter Glen Kessler will be on display, and viewing is free and open to the public. Open Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hacking Objects of Desire. Through Oct. 19 in the Target Gallery. Norwegian Sámi artists Joar Nango, Silje Figenschou Thoresen, and Sigbjørn Skåden examine pertinent questions about commercialism and globalism.

Saving Mount Vernon. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the

historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Through My Eyes. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit

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Play. Runs Oct. 10-25. 8 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Fort Hunt Road. Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" will be presented. Visit www.acctonline.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 26 at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 101 Eisenhower Ave. "All Creatures Great and Small" is an animal themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofit organizations receive a percentage of each sale. Monday-Thursday, noon-7 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/AWLA for more.

National Treasure Tour. Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed for more.

October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition. George Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written.

Art Exhibit. Runs through Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. "Beyond the Edge" Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Photography Exhibition. Through Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 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.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com for more.

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 landscape 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 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 meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit 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 or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday from Oct. 20 (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandria.gov/gadsbystavern or call 703-746-4242.

Pottery Classes. 1-4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Oct. 19, Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

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Collage for Kids: Thursdays through Oct. 23, 4:15-5:45 p.m. or Saturdays through Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m.; Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/registration-fall2014.htm to register.

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

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Fashion Show and Luncheon. 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club. The Yacht Haven Garden Club will be presenting their 31st annual fashion show. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. Contact Terra at admommy@verizon.net or 703-340-4555 for more.

Dine and Drink. 5:30 p.m. The Westin, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Awareness event 3-5:30 p.m. in lobby. 10 percent of all dinner and bar proceeds benefit the Vola Lawson Breast Cancer Memorial Fund. Visit alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/dchs/WebBoxes/2014BreastCancerAwareness.pdf.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band. \$25. Visit www.johnjorgenson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Halloween Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane. The Alexandria NOVA Band will perform. The concert is free and open to the public. Call 703-845-6252 for more.

Evening of Music. 8 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Trombone Quartet will perform. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 24-25

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 5:30 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Alexandria's ghosts and goblins will fill the Lee-Fendall House garden with hundreds of colorful toy-filled Halloween pumpkins for local children to discover. Other activities include crafts, refreshments, spooky stories and a costume parade. Admission is \$12. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

Brewing History. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A special beer dinner, brewing demonstration and private mansion tour. Learn more about how beer was brewed in early America. \$95. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Steep Canyon Rangers. \$29.50. Visit www.steepcanyon.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Special Halloween Tour. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. For one night only, Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its

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SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Historical Tour. 9 a.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Step back in time to John Carlyle's 1780 Funeral. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Le Tour d'Alexandria Library. 10 a.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Alexandria Library is hosting its second annual bicycle tour of all library locations. Registration is required. Call 703-746-1754 for visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to area of the estate no available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St. The "We've Been Burned: Alexandria's Firefighters During the Civil War" walking tour will explore firefighting during the Union occupation. Tour four of the five firehouses and learn what happened if there was a fire in the occupied city. For ages 10 and older. \$6 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. Reservations are required, space is limited. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net for more.

Breast Cancer Event. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Sugar House Day Spa and Salon, 111 N. Alfred St. Guests will enjoy polish changes, hand massages, organic facials and hair styling. There will also be raffle prizes including gift cards and other products. Visit sugarhousedayspa.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 25-26

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Enjoy autumn activities including wagon rides, wheat treating, 18th-century dancing demonstration, and straw bale maze, and more. Included in estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SATURDAY/NOV. 15

The Rocky Horror Show. Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is \$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25-SUNDAY/NOV. 30

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Trick or Treat with the Boo-tiques. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. More than two dozen shops of the Old Town Boutique District will be handing out treats. Visit oldtownboutiquedistrict.com for more.

Fall Fun. Noon-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwin Hall Lane. There will be pumpkins for sale and decoration, a photo

TORPEDO FACTORY ASSOCIATE ARTIST GALLERY

Studio 12. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. About 20 artists will be showing their work in two-week exhibitions through the end of 2014. This dynamic pop-up gallery provides an opportunity for many of the associates to have their work on view. Visit torpedofactory.org/events/ for more.

- ❖ **Oct. 20-Nov. 2:** Ellen Kolansky, paintings; Maria Simonsson, fiber sculpture; Ann Noel, paintings; and Ellen Delaney, paintings
- ❖ **Nov. 3-16:** Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs
- ❖ **Nov. 17-30:** Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Branden Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media
- ❖ **Dec. 1-14:** Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudki, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic
- ❖ **Dec. 15-28:** Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilyn Spindler, paintings

booth for children and parents to pose for spooky pictures, pony rides, moon bounces, a cake walk and lunch is included. Call 703-765-6118 for more.

Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade.

2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

Concert.

4 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra, conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 24th season with a performance of G. F. Handel's pastoral opera, "Acis and Galatea." Call 703-442-9404 or visit www.newdominion.org for more.

Historical Haunt Tour.

6-10 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St. Revisit the funeral of Alexandria co-founder John Carlyle and learn about early American mourning practices. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 26

Doggy Trick or Treat. 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Pet owners will be able to visit local business that will be handing out various treats. Call 703-888-2818 or visit www.thedogparkva.biz.

Halloween Parade.

2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte Ave. This parade has historically attracted thousands of participants. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

Second Vocal Competition.

2:30-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Partners for the Arts will be holding their final vocal competition round. This event is free and open to the public. Visit www.partners4thearts.org for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Pumpkin Coloring. 5-7 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 1700 Duke St. Children ages 5-9 will have the opportunity to paint a pumpkin. Visit www.wholefoodsmarket.com/stores/alexandria for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch as actor David Keltz returns to the Lyceum to reenact famed storyteller Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Alexandria shortly before his death. Admission is \$15. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/ Lyceum for more.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest. 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants will strut down the catwalk in the outdoor courtyard, modeling their Halloween finest. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.jackson20.com for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit www.laurieanderson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine

Cruise. 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests with costumed-pup in tow to cruise around the Potomac River on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's festivities. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com for more.

Book Talk Program.

7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Annual Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

Trick-or-Treat. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gerald Albright. \$35. Visit www.geraldalbright.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Halloween Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Revel in an evening of merriment among art at the Halloween Costume Ball, where guests will be entertained with music, food, drink, a silent movie and work by local artists. Costumes are required. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Community Fun Days. Hopkins House, 5904 Richmond Highway. Activities will include games, balloons, face painting. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Inviting Native Pollinators. 2-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp explain what threatens native pollinators and teaches you how to invite pollinators into your landscape. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Sinead O'Connor. \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

20th Century Masterworks for Violin and Piano. 3 p.m. at The



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Virginia American Water is proposing to install a water line underneath South Washington Street from I-95/I-495 to Church Street. Due to the location of the project adjacent to St. Mary's Cemetery, Alexandria Archaeology has requested that Virginia American Water conduct an archaeological investigation between South Washington Street and the western edge of St. Mary's Cemetery to determine if the project area has the potential to contain unmarked burials. The investigation will not include the excavation of any identified burials or the removal of any human remains, if encountered. This investigation is scheduled to occur in October and November 2014. A copy of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Permit Application for Archaeological Removal of Human Burials as well as statement regarding the disposition of any encountered burials and human remains can be obtained by request from Hao (Steven) Chen of Virginia American Water at Hao.Chen@amwater.com (703-706-3889) or on-site during the course of the archaeological investigation.

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Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Michael De Sapio (violin), accompanied by Teodora Adjarova (piano), presents a program of 20th century neoclassical works. Recital is free of charge but donations are appreciated. Email michaelmartind@gmail.com for more.

Venetian Masquerade Scholarship Ball. 7-11 p.m. Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Proceeds from this event will fund preschool scholarships for children from low-resourced and military families. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Art Show Reception. 1:00-3:00 pm. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Come to the Horticulture Center and Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and see the work of artist Don Joseph DiFiore, photographer Chris Fedderson and artist Erika Ridgway. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S.Pitt St. An inspirational all saint choral evensong will be held with a reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Call 703-549-3312 or email grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 3

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer Songwriter, Richard Marx will be performing. Tickets go on sale July 25. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

The Hello Girls. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A surprising World War I story written and told by Ellouise Schoettler. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

Richmond Fine Arts Flowers and Tea Getaway. 11:30 a.m.-6:30p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Richmond for a guided tour of the 12th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Eclectic Guitars: featuring Eric Johnson and Mike Stern. \$45. Visit www.ericjohnson.com, www.mikestern.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Presidential Salon with James Madison. 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation with the President. \$15 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-9

Orchestra. 4 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Premiered at the Opera House" with The Metropolitan Chorus, featuring Carmina Burana. Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Soprano Elizabeth Kluegel will perform. Tickets are \$25. Call 703- 765-0063 or visit solaconcert.eventbrite.com for more.

Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane. The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra 20th Anniversary Concert will include Symphony No. 1, by Beethoven, The Hebrides Overture, Mendelssohn and Songs from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Tickets are \$20. Visit musicreunion.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Proceeds from the sale of tables to vendors will benefit FCC's outreach ministry. There will also be a pancake breakfast that morning. Contact Sherri Carpenter at cbikerchic@hotmail.com or 703-963-0072 for more.

Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a stone trough of hypertufa for a natural looking container that is ideal for succulents, conifers and rock garden plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.



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Untouchables: On Mentoring

BY MICHAEL E. SMITH

I've been privileged enough to have traveled around studying and working for nearly half my life. Now at 32, as an educator and artist, I find it irrefutable that I return to my roots at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. It was here in 1991 where I was introduced to an organization called, The Untouchables. While the organization is staying strong in 2014, I would like to remark on the need for service in hopes of reaching out to many of my peers to embrace the obligation of mentoring.

MENTOR OF THE MONTH

The growth of the child depends on that of the community; the parent, the teacher, the preacher, the neighbor. This is one thing that working with The Untouchables, as a member and as a mentor, has taught me. As someone who grew up in a single-parent home, The Untouchables offered me more than just time with my own peers but also relationships with many professional men that I would have otherwise never met. These were men that had careers and families and had grown up in the same community in which we were growing.

It was encouraging to see the young and older men pack ourselves in that one room at Charles Houston; all for a common purpose and goal. The greatest act anyone has performed for anyone else has been to clear the path for them. This is what makes mentoring so important. Even for us men who have not reached the level of success that we envision, we still have many lessons to offer our young men.

We all have gifts and wonders but we distress everything when we don't humble ourselves and



Michael E. Smith at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

serve. Children are the future, because they are us and they are those who used to be. The impression we leave makes us all worth the while.

The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP) was created in 2006 to ensure that quality mentors and mentor programs are available for Alexandria's youth and young adults in need. There are 11 professionally managed programs in the partnership that need adult mentors. To learn more about AMP, visit: <http://www.alexandriava.gov/Mentoring>

Energizing the Community

BY KATHARINE DIXON
PRESIDENT AND CEO
REBUILDING TOGETHER
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Brrrrrr! Cooler temperatures are a signal to many Alexandria residents that it is time to prepare their homes for the winter. However, for homeowners of limited means, many of whom are elderly, disabled, or veterans, the cost and effort involved in the seasonal upkeep of a home is often beyond their financial and physical capabilities.

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Even though it may not be obvious, inside homes with normal exteriors, owners may be coping with a variety of problems that will worsen during cold weather. Earlier this year, a father of six who worked hard as a landscaper to feed and educate his children, needed to weatherize his home so he could afford to live safely in it. Physical disabilities related to his life as a laborer prevented him from doing so himself.

To help, Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers stepped in to make energy efficient updates and restore his residence to a safe, comfortable home so he is able to continue to remain in the community he loves. Most of our clients are like this man — people who are proud homeowners, but who due to life circumstances, have a hard time maintaining their homes and making ends meet.

On Oct. 25, Rebuilding Together



Weatherization can save homeowners' energy costs.

Alexandria volunteers will be performing these upgrades and others as part of our Energize Alexandria event, a day of winterizing homes across the city. They will weatherize and provide free energy-efficient upgrades to homes of low-income veterans, disabled, and elderly residents.

Beyond this event, we are encouraging people to winterize and do energy upgrades for neighbors in need. It can help them remain in their homes. Here is a list of easy, energy-saving upgrades:

❖ **Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills:** By using a programmable thermostat, homeowners can save about \$180 annually.

❖ **Insulate attic hatches:** Attics—including attic doors—are a great place to add more insulation to make a home more comfortable and efficient.

❖ **Set water heater to 120 degrees:** According to the Department of Energy, every 10 degree reduction in water temperature will save 3-5 percent in energy costs.

❖ **Cover AC:** Covering window or wall-mounted air conditioning units with a "jacket" during the winter months will keep a home warmer and save money.

❖ **Caulk around doors and windows:** Caulking—along with weather-stripping—will cut energy use, saving nearly \$200.

❖ **Seal windows:** Hardware stores carry plastic film that can be applied with ease to windows, saving money and helping minimize cold drafts.

Many of our clients live in older homes, which tend to be energy inefficient, often resulting in vulnerable homeowners spending three times the average for heating and electricity.

This winter, if more people can devote an hour helping a neighbor in need, they can change a life, save energy, and help strengthen our community. If you know an Alexandria homeowner who could use help, visit RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or call 703-836-1021.

Kathryn Papp
Alexandria

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 18
border:

As Milton Friedman said a welfare nation can't have open borders. A civilized/free society is absolutely dependent on the rule of law.

Senator's Actions: Voted for Amnesty and voted against securing the border which threatens our national security: illegal aliens are coming into our cities and as many illegal immigrants are on welfare, this burdens ourselves and our children economically. In addition, infectious diseases, criminals and terrorists are coming across the border. Obamacare:

Senator Warner Actions: Voted for Obamacare: with many people losing healthcare, doctors and having increased premiums, taxes and U.S. debt. Fully implemented, it will destroy the dignity/freedom of private health insurance and health care.

The consequences of Senator Warner's actions/votes — like President Obama's — are not reflected in his speech: eg. a labor force participation rate at a 36-year low and record number not in the labor force.

Like President Obama, Senator Warner's actions are insufficient to prevent the spread of Ebola either through the airlines, or through our southern border.

Perhaps one just needs to understand President Obama, as Senator Warner has voted for President Obama's major initiatives and uses his political trickery.

James Hubbard
Alexandria

What's Best For Students?

To the Editor:

Political capital is usually earned in advance and then spent to pursue an elected official's policy agenda. However, in the case of our newly elected school board (and unusually silent superintendent) ... they want their capital cake awarded upfront and through no effort. How is this being done ... by making a loud shout out for stadium lights at T.C. Williams High School. The fact that the educational performance has not yet proven their abilities and skills

seems quite immaterial. Clear benefits for students are missing from the media campaign.

In reflecting on the dialogue between neighbors, school board, superintendent, and city what is striking is the nearly complete absence of an articulate and convincing argument from the superintendent and board as to how a lighted stadium will benefit all students will benefit in their pursuit of a long, active, and healthy life. Especially when the school training for this comes as a result of longer hours on a playing field dedicated almost exclusively to spectator sports ... where sitting down is how you exercise.

Mrs. Obama has made it her mission to challenge the root causes of obesity. Her signature initiative is named "Move." Life-long exercise habits formed in school are the start, and high school is one of the last stops before guided programs teaching good exercise habits can touch everyone. Which leads me to wonder: how many students are on a football team? How many students are on a track team? How many students on a tennis team? How

many students need to find a sport they can easily participate in by moving throughout their life? All of them.

How can T.C. Williams' sports and exercise training support "Move" for less cost, more impact, and better neighborly relations than a lighted field? Yoga — free weights — jogging — walking — cycling — wrestling — par course — calisthenics — isometrics — dancing — even meditation. These can be integrated into one's life, and classes in how to do that, and sustain the effort, can be life changing — literally. There is no political cost or community bad feelings; in fact there is a lot to gain for everyone.

So, we hope the newly elected board members and superintendent of Alexandria's schools can shift their team to score big to provide all T.C. Williams students the kind of training and assistance they need to help them enjoy daily exercise throughout their lives. Let's shine the light on life-long student benefits, not votes.



The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's Director of Animal Care Abbie Hubbard (left) and veterinarian Kim Danoff of Marden's Ark Refuge in North Carolina, with birds captured from a house in Del Ray.



Birds nesting in the home's rafters rather than their cages.

PHOTOS BY AWLA

Pet Rescuer Needs Rescuing

... as birds multiply in home.

BY BARBARA S. MOFFET

All's quiet now at the bungalow in Alexandria's Del Ray neighborhood, except for the occasional squawk of an exotic bird called a cockatiel. The bird, a finch called Mrs. Green and an aging rabbit named Bun Bun are all that remain of a menagerie-turned-emergency that existed just a few months earlier.

The home's owner, Curt, had been a hard-working carpenter — a workaholic, he says — specializing in renovating historic houses in Old Town. But he developed severe pain in his back, and he eventually had to start turning down jobs, the pain defeating his best efforts.

Always an animal lover who'd lived with a series of dogs and cats, Curt didn't hesitate when a friend asked if he could take on some zebra finches that had been rescued from someone who could no longer take care of them. "I love birds — I've always fed wild birds," Curt said. Soon, he was harboring other rescue birds — parakeets, cockatiels, Society finches, and the newborns of the fast-breeding zebra finches. Headquartered in cages on Curt's dining room table, the birds — yellow, green, white and smoky-colored — thrived on spinach, lettuce and carrots from Curt's garden along with their birdseed. The "family" was completed with another rescue — the rabbit Bun Bun, who seemed to tolerate the flock, even as seeds dropped on his head, Curt said.

But as Curt's back pain grew worse, he found it ever more difficult to keep up with the birds. When he'd let them out of their cages to exercise their wings in the house, he couldn't get them back in. Soon, they started building nests in exposed rafters in the house's ceiling and suddenly, it seemed, Curt no longer had a handle on precisely how many birds were sharing his home, or exactly where they all were.

Curt remembers what followed as something of a nightmare — male birds swooping down to get food and deliver it to females nesting somewhere in the

rafters; the floors populated with tiny, featherless young learning to walk; fledglings just learning to fly accidentally landing in toilets or falling behind the stove as they attempted to land. At night, mice would take over, feasting on birdseed that coated the floors and climbing onto the table and into the cages.

Finally, a friend alerted the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) to the situation, and three Animal Control officers — Brian Rees, Doug Gudakunst and Alex Cooke — were dispatched. They quickly determined that full protective gear, including, suits with hoods, two layers of gloves and respirators, was needed to enter the house. "The house was really quite a mess, two or three inches deep in birdseed, feces and other debris, birds flying loose everywhere," said Gudakunst. "But the birds appeared in good shape — mobile, clean and good coloration."

Curt could only stand by and watch, agonizing. "I was out of my mind over it, until they explained that they would keep the animals at the shelter and I could get some of them back," he said.

Over a period of three days the officers netted bird after bird, as a veterinarian stood by to check them out; most were deemed in good condition, though three had to be euthanized. In the end, 28 birds and Bun Bun were removed and taken to the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, which the AWLA operates. Many of the birds were ultimately transferred to a bird sanctuary in North Carolina.

Suspicion that the house might have a gas leak brought the Alexandria Fire Department in, and the marshal then decided to condemn the house until it could be completely cleaned and made safe. An exterminator was called in to cope with the burgeoning mice population. Curt spent seven weeks living elsewhere, occasionally visiting his animals at the shelter with the help of Animal Control Officer Rees.

Despite the trauma he experienced, Curt, the pet rescuer-turned-rescued, has a few fond memories of the ordeal. "It was fun to work with Brian and Doug and Megan," he said. "I have nothing but great things to say about the Animal Welfare League — they really saved me."

Note: If you need help with an animal situation in Alexandria, contact the AWLA at 703-746-4774 or visit www.alexandrianimals.org. The Vola Lawson Animal Shelter is located at 4101 Eisenhower Ave. in Alexandria.



Two cockatiel residents of the Del Ray house.

PHOTO BY BARBARA MOFFET



Alexandria Country Day School students Kate Malnak and Rosie Fisher came out in the rain last Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15, to help unload the second delivery of pumpkins to the 'Patch' at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

Pumpkin Patch Returns

It is the 21st anniversary of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill fall fundraiser, the Pumpkin Patch. This year's sale opened on Oct. 5 and runs through Oct.31. The Patch is open from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily. In addition to the pumpkins and gourds, home-made soups and baked goods (including apple crisp) are available for sale. All of the profits goes to support the following charities: Alexandria Hospital Board of Lady Managers, Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, ALIVE!, American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem, Carpenter's Shelter, Capital Caring, Child & Family Network Centers, Christ

House, Christmas Families in August, Community Lodgings, Five Talents, Greater Washington Interfaith Power & Light, Haiti Micah Project, Heifer Project International, Hogar Escuela (Costa Rica), Hopkins House, The Kelly Foundation, Offender Aid & Restoration, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, St. Clements Homeless Overflow Shelter and the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy.

The Pumpkin Patch is located in the churchyard of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill at 3606 Seminary Road just west of the intersection of N. Quaker Lane in Alexandria.



Amanda Arnaud of Spurger, Texas, and Robert Cathcart of Spartanburg, S.C. drove the trucks carrying the pumpkins from the Navaho Indian Reservation in New Mexico to Alexandria. The truck drivers also volunteered and helped the students unload the cargo.



The pumpkins are grown on the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico, and they are distributed and consigned to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill and over 1,300 other churches of various denominations throughout the nation. These partnerships support over 300 jobs on the reservation, as well the programs of participating churches.

BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Beachcomber To Be Rebuilt for Boat Club

FROM PAGE 1

Our hope is to reconstruct the beachcomber very similar to how it is today.”

According to Winstanley, the core of the design emulates the piers and the working waterfront. The objective was to honor the history of the Beachcomber while maintaining functionality as a boat club.

“We’ve integrated the design of the Beachcomber building and picked up the aesthetic of the existing piers,” said Winstanley. “We’ve kept the utilitarian base that is typical of boat typologies.”

But while the architects were happy with the design, and it was approved by the Board of Architectural Review, there were still sentiments that the building focused on the Beachcomber and waterfront legacies but neglected the history of the Old Dominion Boat Club.

“The boat club was a rowing club, and so we asked ourselves how we could represent that in an architectural form,” said Winstanley. “We started looking at the type of boats that were used. They’re quite beautiful. So we started looking at wood construction and boat construction and saying ‘What if the boat builders were actually the people building the club?’”

The building’s design was not met with universal approval by the Waterfront Commission. Councilman Paul Smedberg expressed what he believed would be concerns from the community.

“My experience has been, if this were presented ... the first thing out of people’s mouths would be ‘this has no connection



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MODEL BY MICHAEL WINSTANLEY ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS

The current Beachcomber building and the artist’s rendering of the redesign.

to Old Town and its history and the warehouses,” Smedberg said. “One might say it’s modern, or contemporary.”

“Boathouses are built to a contemporary period to where it is established, historically,” answered Winstanley. “We think that tying the boat club to the act of boat building is tying it into the history.”

“I’m actually talking about the look of it,” Smedberg continued.

“So am I,” Winstanley retorted. “We think this is a chance for the boat club to establish itself as an important identity in Old Town.”

Townsend Van Fleet, president of the Old Town Civic Association, stressed the need for the development on this project to be sequenced with the other construction in Old Town to avoid closing off all of the streets in Old Town. Van Fleet also called

on Al Cox, historic preservation manager and architect for the Department of Planning and Zoning, to give his opinion on the project.

“The Board of Architectural Review ... was fairly effusive in their appreciation of this form and the evolution of the boat club in its third location,” said Cox.

Winstanley noted that the design process had faced several complications. The clubhouse requires 45 parking spaces without interfering in the process of moving boats into the water. A jib crane, an arm that lifts and moves boats into and out of the water, was considered as an option to replace the boat ramp. Ultimately, a design was found that allowed club members to park while leaving a free lane for boats to be brought to the water. The building also had to be raised to 14 feet above sea-level to meet

FEMA flooding regulations. The regulation allows for a lobby and storage space on the first floor, but the primary usable areas of the boat club are on the second two floors.

The new boat club building also had to integrate with the city’s plans for the waterfront redevelopment.

“We have the added burden of designing a structure [the city] is going to build around later, and that’s a little complicated for us as well,” said Winstanley. “The whole idea is to provide a lot of activity along the waterfront but to step it back so it’s not directly on top of it.”

In spite of these restrictions, Winstanley says everything in the building’s design will be within the existing codes.

“Building will be designed according to zoning,” said Winstanley. “We will not be asking for any exceptions.”

Family and Friends Mourn Death of Georgina Parks

FROM PAGE 1

“I always feel a bit uncomfortable telling that story,” said Routenburg. “But no one got a better laugh or enjoyed telling it more than Georgina.”

Married shortly after Georgina’s graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1971, Roger and Georgina Parks moved to Alexandria and would be together for more than 43 years before her death from cancer on Oct. 16. She was 65.

Born Jan. 7, 1949 in Lexington, Ky., Georgina Ruley Parks was the younger of two daughters born to Helen Logsdon Ruley and George Woodrow Ruley. Known as George to her family and friends, she grew up on Swigert Avenue and graduated in 1967 from Bryan Station High School where she was an all-state violinist.

After her arrival in Alexandria, Georgina Parks worked for the Alexandria City Public Schools from 1972 through 1986 as a speech-language pathologist where she created innovative strategies and techniques for working with young children with disabilities.

In 1986, she founded The Clinical Connection, a quarterly idea source for speech-language pathologists working with the young communicator and served as its editor and publisher. Georgina and her husband Roger partnered in building Ameri-

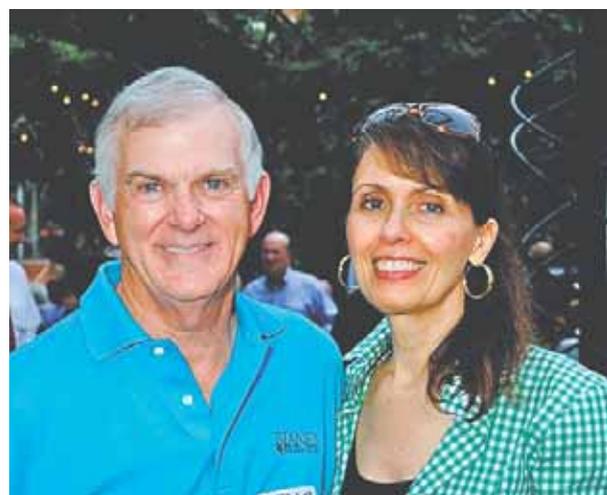


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Longtime Alexandrians Roger and Georgina Parks were married for 43 years.

can Advertising Distributors of Northern Virginia, a direct mail advertising agency, where she served as vice president for 35 years.

“I remember when we first collaborated on that first doggone holiday book,” recalled Potomac Riverboat Company vice president Charlotte Hall of the city’s popular retail and restaurant coupon book. “Georgina was always so full of ideas but didn’t care who got the credit. She just wanted to get things

done.”

An active volunteer in Alexandria’s Chamber of Commerce and a strong advocate for women in business and professions, Georgina was also an accomplished composer and pianist.

“Georgina was always so full of life,” Hall said. “I never saw her without a smile.”

A member of the Kappa Delta Sorority, Georgina Parks remained lifelong friends with many of her fellow “KDs.”

“George was the glue that held our group together,” said Lyn Peck. “We were the wild children and she was the voice of reason.”

Routenburg agreed.

“George was a treasure to us,” she said. “The bond we had for 47 years is incredible. She was an amazing woman and we were fortunate to have her in our lives as long as we did.”

Known for her love of life and enduring friendships, Georgina Parks was also famous for the yearly Derby party she and Roger Parks hosted in the D.C. area for Kentucky ex-pats, neighbors and other close friends.

More recently, Georgina Parks was a de-

voted full time caregiver for her mother for 14 years.

“We will remember her for her unconditional friendship, beautiful smile and the joy we felt when we were with her,” Routenburg said.

“After she was diagnosed with cancer last year, her faith, hope and love lived out so courageously before us.”

Georgina Parks is survived by her devoted husband Roger; her loving sister, Diane Ruley Williams (Ben) of San Diego, as well as a wide circle of friends and cousins from Virginia, her beloved Kentucky and throughout the country.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Nov. 6 at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, at 2:45 p.m. Following the service, family and friends are invited to a celebration honoring Georgina on the Cherry Blossom Riverboat at the Alexandria City Marina at 6 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the ACT for Alexandria Community Fund, 1421 Prince St., Suite 220, Alexandria, Va., 22314 or www.actforalexandria.org.

“Her mother Helen said it best,” Joni Carluzzo, another close friend recalled. “When I asked ‘what did you do right in raising her?’ she said ‘I didn’t do a thing. Georgina was just born good.’”

PEOPLE

Greer brothers Julian, 7, Charles, 13, and Miles, 9, front, are joined by their parents Jeremie and Elena, at right, and sister Leila, 3, after being presented the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Athlete of the Month Awards Oct. 21 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. With them in back are ASC president Allan Kaupinen, Mayor Bill Euille and Redskins great Mike Nelms.



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ASC Welcomes Redskins Great Nelms

Student-athletes of the month honored.

Mayor Bill Euille was on hand to present a key to the city to Washington Redskins Super Bowl champion and Pro Bowl punt returner Mike Nelms as the Alexandria Sportsman's Club held its annual Redskins Night Oct. 21 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

"Encouragement is everything," said Nelms, who emphasized the irreplaceable role that encouragement plays at all levels of youth and athletic development. "So many kids don't have anyone to blow the wind in their sails."

Prior to sharing his journey of life in the NFL, Nelms helped ASC president Allan Kaupinen present the Student-Athlete of the Month Awards. This month's honorees included the three Youth Titan Football-playing Greer brothers, consisting of Charles Greer (George Washington Middle School), Miles Greer and Julian Greer (both of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School).

Awards for outstanding achievement were also presented to T.C. Williams senior field hockey star Emily Moncure and Bishop Ireton's junior goal-scoring machine Joey Faddoul.

A moment of silence was held for Alexandria residents Grover Payne, Jr., a past president and founding member of the Alexandria Sportsman's Club in 1947 who died Sept. 2, and local legend Jim Parker, co-founder of the Hard Times Café, who died Sept. 6. Both men were remembered as longtime ASC supporters who made instrumental contributions to the city's local youth sports initiatives.

Nelms, a devout Christian, also told the crowd, that while the timing of blessings in life may occasionally feel disappointing, whether in sports or business, to "trust in God's plan for you. His timing is always perfect."

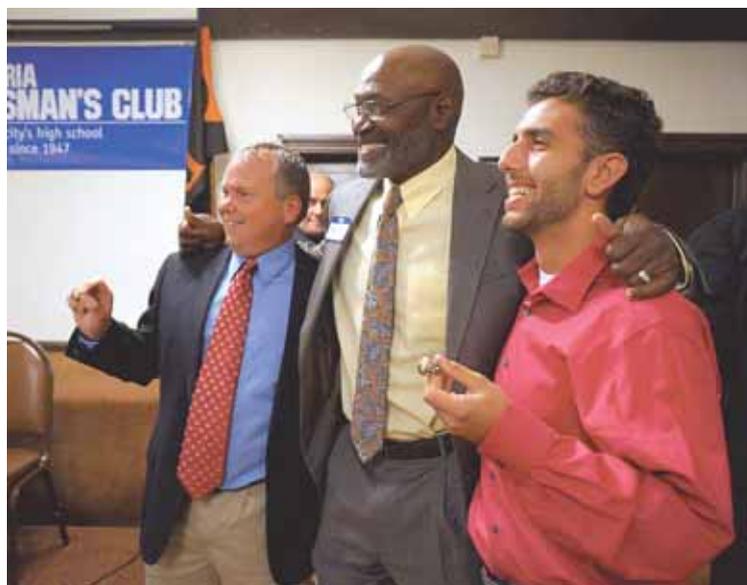
Nelms closed his remarks by acknowledging the role the Sportsman's Club plays in Alexandria.

"Everything that the ASC does is so amazing," he said. "From the awards to giving these scholarships, I appreciate what you do for these kids and I applaud you."

As is the ASC tradition, Hard Times Café donated chili for the Redskins Night banquet following the awards ceremony, and Noel Kaupinen of McEneaney Associates donated the provisions for the social hour. The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will meet again on Tuesday, Nov. 18 for a special commemoration of the Old Oaken Bucket high school rivalry. www.alexandriavasports.org



Emily Moncure, right, a field hockey player at T.C. Williams, shows off her ASC Athlete of the Month award Oct. 21. With her is field hockey head coach Bill Heresniak.



Bishop Ireton soccer player Joey Faddoul, right, and BI coach Jon Norem each hold one of Redskins great Mike Nelms' Super Bowl rings while posing for a photo with the three-time Pro Bowler at Redskins Night Oct. 21 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Joey Faddoul was presented the Athlete of the Month award earlier in the evening.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Majd Jarrar shows a visitor to the fall fair one of the corn snakes that are living at the Buddy Ford Nature Center which is located in the rear of the Ramsey Elementary School.

Fall Family Fun Festival

Hayrides, pumpkin painting, karate lessons, a puppet show and live entertainment from the Jay Armsworthy & Eastern Tradition Band were just a few of the attractions at the annual

Family Fall Fun Festival at the Armistead Boothe Parke on Saturday, Oct. 18. The annual festival is sponsored by the Alexandria Department of Recreation and Cultural Activities.

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❖ **Saturday/Nov. 1, 9-11 a.m.** at William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave. — Mulligan Park, Stevenson Park, Luckett Field & Skate Park, Ewald Park, Taney Avenue Park, Chambliss Park Children are welcome to join the workshops and provide their input at a 12 and under park planning table. For additional information, including a map of the neighborhood parks, visit the project website alexandriava.gov/65170 or contact Dana Wedeles at 703-746-5491 or Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Walk it Out. Registration 8-8:45 a.m., walk begins at 9 a.m. Oakland Baptist Church, 3408 King St., Alexandria. Breast cancer awareness event. Visit www.customink.com/signup/awn71hw3.

Public Input. 9-11 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Residents near Beach Park, Hooff's Run Park and Greenway Timberland Park, Goat Hill Park, Landover Park, Angel Park, Hume Spring Park and 3350 Commonwealth Ave., will have the opportunity to share their opinions on these particular public parks. Contact Dana Wedeles at 703-746-5491 or Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov for more.

Assemble Go-Kits for Seniors. 9-11 a.m. Make a Difference Day Service Project. Volunteer Alexandria is looking for 25-50 volunteers (youth, families and seniors) to assist in assembling 250 emergency preparedness Go-Kits that will be distributed later to seniors residing in the City of Alexandria. The starter kits will include such items as flash lights, emergency blankets, hand warmers, hand sanitizer and information on what to do during an emergency or disaster as well as information on how to expand and personalize the kits to meet the needs of each individual. Visit www.volunteeralexandria.org for more.

'Sticker Shock' Kickoff. 10 a.m. at the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, 720 North St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Following the

press conference, teams of youth and adults will visit more than 50 participating retailers in Alexandria and affix stickers to alcohol products. Visit www.healthieralexandria.org for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 27

Leaf Collection Starts. The City's leaf collection program runs through Dec. 27. There are three ways to recycle your leaves each season: rake leaves to the curb for vacuum collection, place leaves in paper leaf bags for curbside collection, or compost leaves and yard waste on-site. Information about leaf collection zones, collection dates and more www.alexandria.gov/leafcollection or call 703-746-5323.

Advisory Group/Community Meeting. 6 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. There will be an open house with City staff and Advisory Group members from 6-6:45 p.m. before the 7th Oakville Triangle-Route 1 Corridor Advisory Group-Community meeting at 7 p.m. Advisory Group meetings are open to the public and members of the community are encouraged to attend and participate. The meeting agenda and meeting materials for the Oct. 27 meeting and the summary from the Sept. 22 meeting will be posted at www.alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=76672.

Public Talk. 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. The Hermitage presents "No Outlet: Fixing Alexandria's Sewers" with Nathan Gardner Andrews. Reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or agendaalexandria@aol.com for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

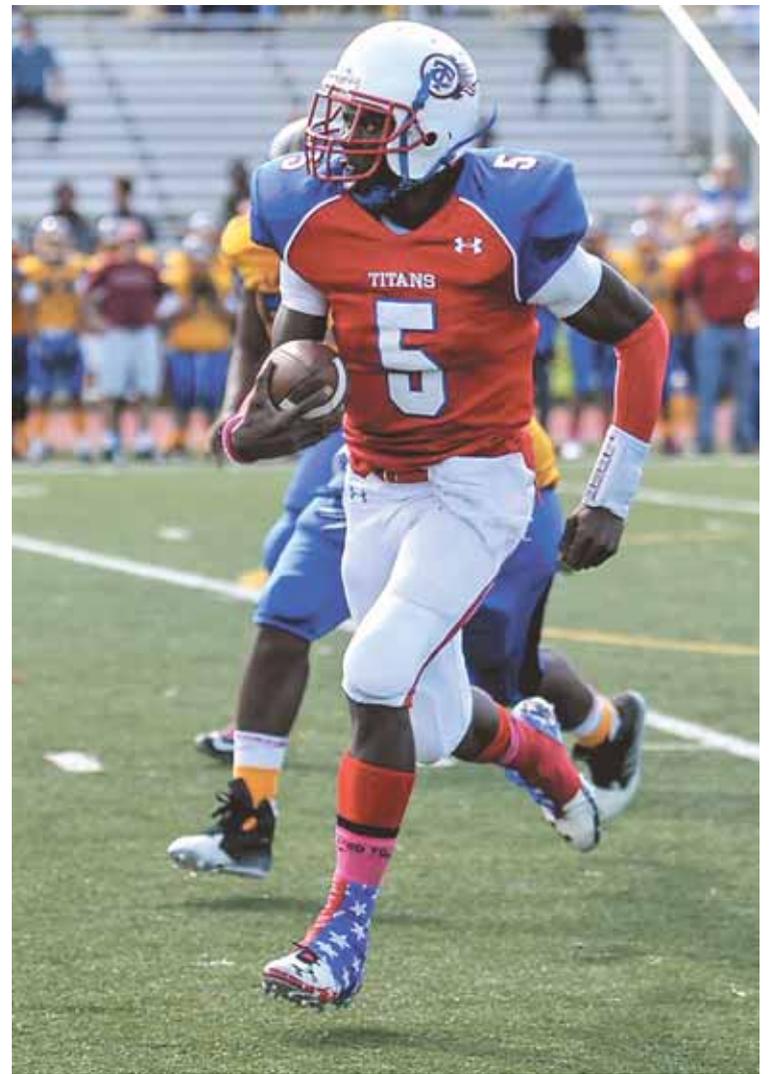
College Night Virginia. 6 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. A free, college-planning event. Get answers to questions about college admissions and paying for college, free pizza and a chance to win one of three \$500 scholarships and raffle prizes. Register at www.acps.k12.va.us/face-centers. Contact Margaret Feldman at margaret.feldman@acps.k12.va.us or 703-824-6730.

SPORTS



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams defenders attempt to tackle Lee's Jonathan Walters, who amassed 201 total yards of offense and scored four touchdowns on Oct. 18.



T.C. Williams quarterback Darius Holland scored three rushing touchdowns and threw for two more during a 40-38 victory over Lee on Oct. 18.

QB Holland Carries Titans to Victory

T.C. Williams wins shootout against Lee, 40-38.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams defense had no answer for Lee playmaker Jonathan Walters, who amassed 201 total yards of offense and scored four touchdowns during a thrilling shootout in Alexandria.

Luckily for the Titans, T.C. Williams senior quarterback Darius Holland was even better.

Holland accounted for five touchdowns, including a 6-yard run that gave the Titans the lead with 1:25 remaining, and T.C. Williams defeated Lee 40-38 on senior day at

Parker-Gray Stadium.

Holland ran wild against the Lee defense, making plays with his legs when the pocket collapsed. The 6-foot-3, 185-pound Holland carried 16 times for 178 yards and three touchdowns.

Holland broke free for a 50-yard run on the Titans' third play from scrimmage. Early in the second quarter, No. 5 scrambled out of the pocket and raced 41 yards for a touchdown. With the Titans down by five late in the fourth quarter, Holland used his legs to convert a fourth-and-20, picking up 23 yards to keep the game-winning drive alive. Three plays later, Holland's 6-yard touchdown run put the Titans ahead to stay.

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Joe Dickinson completed 7 of 18 passes for 107 yards and two touchdowns.

The Cardinals will host Potomac School at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

TC Field Hockey Upset In Conference Tourney

The T.C. Williams field hockey team lost to Woodson 1-0 in double overtime in the opening round of the Conference 7 tournament on Oct. 20 at Minnie Howard.

The loss ended the Titans' season.

TC finished the year with a 12-4-1 record.

Holland also scored on a 4-yard run during the opening play of the second quarter.

"That kid, he's the truth," Lee head coach Clarence Martin said about Holland. "Every play we had to keep somebody spying him and he still found ways to make plays. He's a dynamic kid ... and he's a superb athlete."

Holland couldn't get much going through the air during the first half, but junior receiver Colson Jenkins helped inject life in the Titan passing game during the fourth quarter.

Trailing 32-19, Jenkins turned a screen pass into a 59-yard touchdown, escaping Lee defenders before racing down the right sideline.

Down by six, Holland fired a dart to Jenkins in the end zone, but the receiver failed to make the catch. Despite the drop, T.C. head coach Dennis Randolph didn't lose faith in No. 6.

"He's an excellent receiver," Randolph said. "We went back and we ran the same play. ... I said, you're going across the field and they can't cover you."

On fourth-and-10, Holland went back to Jenkins, who made the catch and scored an 18-yard touchdown despite being interfered with by a Lee defender.

"I just had to make up for it," Jenkins said. Jenkins caught six passes for 105 yards and two touchdowns. Holland completed 13 of 33 attempts for 171 yards and two scores.

"I had confidence that he wouldn't let me down twice," Holland said. "Colson did a great job today."

Holland also played defense for the first

time this season, making his presence known with a thunderous hit as a defensive back.

"In situations where they're passing the ball a lot, we've got to put our best athletes back there and Darius is one of them," Randolph said. "He needs to be on the field as much as possible."

The performances of Holland and Jenkins nearly went for naught as Lee's Walters found the end zone for the fourth time, scoring on a 51-yard run to give the Lancers a 38-33 advantage with 2:37 remaining in the contest. But T.C. responded with a go-ahead touchdown with 1:25 remaining, and Lee missed a 43-yard field goal in the closing minutes.

Walters, listed at 6 feet 2 and 190 pounds, carried 10 times for 83 yards and three touchdowns. He had four receptions for 118 yards and a score. He also attempted one pass.

"He is a Swiss Army Knife — that's a great saying," Martin said. "He does it all for us. He's a great athlete, a great kid. He's going to be playing football somewhere in some school next year. He'll continue to do that in college. He's just getting started."

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak for the Titans (2-5), who hadn't won since beating Dunbar of Washington, D.C. in the season opener on Sept. 6. Lee lost its fourth straight and dropped to 1-6.

"They haven't stopped fighting all year," Randolph said.

T.C. Williams will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. Lee will host West Potomac on Friday.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bishop Ireton Football Beats Paul VI

The Bishop Ireton football team improved to 6-2 with a 20-13 victory over Paul VI on Oct. 17 in Fairfax.

The Ireton defense had five players finish with double-digit tackles, led by Nigel Bullard's 13 stops. Josh Ammon had 12 tackles, Bernie Hayes III and Alex Duke each had 11 and Charlie Ladd finished with 10.

Sophomore running back Perris Jones carried 15 times for 100 yards and caught two passes for 45 yards. Drew Smith and Sam Smith each had a touchdown recep-

HOME SALES

In September 2014, 167 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,662,500-\$105,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,662,500-\$326,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode	Subdivision
208 VIRGINIA AVE	6	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,662,500	Detached	1.65	22302	JEFFERSON PARK
1117 PRINCE ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,675,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	0
720 BRADDOCK RD W	5	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,500,000	Detached	0.72	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
1 WILKES ST #50	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,460,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	HARBORSIDE
513 QUEEN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,420,000	Townhouse	0.10	22314	OLD TOWN
709 KAHN PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,400,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING
205 GLENDALE AVE W	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,300,000	Detached	0.19	22301	ROSEMONT
722 UNION ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,299,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING
2209 IVOR LN	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.22	22304	IVOR LANE
112 GIBBON ST	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,010,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	POMMANDER
124 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$985,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	BRANDT TOWNHOUSE
1221 KNOX PL	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Detached	0.46	22304	PICKETTS RIDGE
337 S FAYETTE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
115 Lee N #406	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$865,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	TORPEDO FACTORY
400 PAYNE ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$855,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
808 MOUNT VERNON AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$824,900	Detached	0.13	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
706 RAMSEY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.09	22301	ROSEMONT PARK
118 WALNUT ST E	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.09	22301	ROSEMONT
1300 DUKE ST #B	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	DUKE CONDOMINIUM
515 JANNEYS LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Detached	0.16	22302	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
703 BRAXTON PL	5	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$785,000	Detached	0.17	22301	GEORGE WASHINGTON PARK
1116 SAINT STEPHENS RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Detached	0.46	22304	FOREST KNOLL
927 TAYLOR RUN PKWY E	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.19	22302	ALBERT V BRYAN
207 PINE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.17	22305	MOUNT IDA
425 LEE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Semi-Detached	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
4904 WAPLE LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Townhouse	0.05	22304	CAMERON STATION
106 COMMERCE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	CHELSEA
111 PAYNE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	OLD TOWN
20 SPRING ST W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.10	22301	TEMPLE PARK
409 WEST ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$692,500	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PARKER GRAY
3603 NORRIS PL	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.12	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
420 COLUMBUS ST N	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03	22314	CARRIAGE WORKS
125 PITT ST S	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN
1203 W BRADDOCK RD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,500	Detached	0.17	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
255 MEDLOCK LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$638,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
1608 COMMONWEALTH AVE	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	DEL RAY
123 MARTIN LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$626,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	CAMERON STATION
4645 KEARNEY CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.04	22311	STONEGATE
3402 ALABAMA AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.17	22305	BEVERLY HILLS
1113 MICHIGAN CT	2	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
314 MASON AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.10	22301	BRADDOCK
222 MEDLOCK LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$593,500	Townhouse	0.04	22304	CAMERON STATION
403 OLD TOWN CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN STATION
3823 COURTLAND CIR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	SUNNYSIDE
501 SLATERS LN #1009	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$579,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	MARINA TOWERS
433 NELSON AVE E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22301	DEL RAY
335 ASHBY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$569,000	Townhouse	0.06	22305	DEL RAY
213 MONROE AVE E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.12	22301	COTTAGE PARK
712 ALFRED ST S	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,900	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	PATRICK HENRY
910 POWHATAN ST #204N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	900 N WASHINGTON ST COND
205A SPRING ST E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Duplex	0.06	22301	DEL RAY
1115 CAMERON ST #205	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	THE PRESCOTT
228 WEST ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	OLD TOWN ALEX
2181 JAMIESON AVE #1707	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
1625B HUNTING CREEK DR	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$534,900	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
2423 CENTRAL AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.13	22302	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
3921 CHARLES AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	SUNNYSIDE
906 CHAMBLISS ST N	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.28	22312	LINCOLNIA HILLS
1250 WASHINGTON ST #615	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$524,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	PORTO VECCHIO
3101 MOSBY ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.07	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
5324 THAYER AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.16	22304	BROOKVILLE
1216 MICHIGAN CT	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.01	22314	NETHERGATE
1250 WASHINGTON ST #315	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	0.02	22314	PORTO VECCHIO
1214 FRANKLIN ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$507,000	Townhouse	0.05	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES
2121 JAMIESON AVE #2007	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
525 BELLEFONTE AVE E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	RIVER TERRACE
3814 CHARLES AVE	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$498,400	Townhouse	0.04	22305	SUNNYSIDE
410 ASHFORD LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.03	22304	EDSALL RD T/H
1608A HUNTING CREEK DR #A	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
333 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,000	Townhouse	0.03	22301	ROSEMONT
219 GENTRY AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04	22305	WARWICK VILLAGE
116 WESMOND DR	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.15	22305	LYNHAVEN
1621 HUNTING CREEK DR #A	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.02	22314	OLD TOWN GREENS
213 COMMONWEALTH AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Townhouse	0.04	22301	ROSEMONT
119 WESMOND DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Townhouse	0.03	22305	LYNHAVEN
191 SOMERVELLE ST #403	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$444,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
1608 SUTER ST #1608	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$443,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	BAGGETT TRACT
289 CAMERON STATION BLVD #506	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$437,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
291 CAMERON STATION BLVD #103	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$437,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
6037 RICKETTS WALK	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$434,000	Townhouse	0.03	22312	QUANTRELL MEWS
2580 NICKY LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$429,000	Townhouse	0.02	22311	SEMINARY HEIGHTS
132 CAMBRIDGE RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Duplex	0.07	22314	CAMERON HEIGHTS
620 PAYNE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	22314	JEFFERSON HOMES
343 SOUTH PICKETT ST #27	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	TOWNES OF HILLWOOD
1610 KENWOOD AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$419,900	Townhouse	0.05	22302	KENWOOD TOWERS
337 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$418,000	Townhouse	0.05	22301	ROSEMONT
375 S PICKETT ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,500	Attach/Row Hse	0.02	22304	TOWNES OF HILLWOOD
1138 PORTNER RD	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22314	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
204 LYNHAVEN DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$404,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	22305	LYNHAVEN
1809 KENWOOD AVE #302	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	KINGSGATE
1907 KENWOOD AVE #1907	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	KINGSGATE
3760 JASON AVE	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$392,500	Townhouse	0.02	22302	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #338	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22304	CAMERON STATION
5108 DONOVAN DR #302	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22304	CARLTON PLACE
524 WEST ST N #202	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$384,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	COLECROFT
1905 KENWOOD AVE	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	KINGSGATE
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1410	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$372,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	CARLYLE TOWERS
1567A VAN DORN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.02	22304	PARKSIDE AT ALEXANDRIA
1111 ORONOCO ST #129	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$359,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	0.02	22314	THE MONARCH
400 MADISON ST #1205	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.02	22314	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
3245 GUNSTON RD	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$348,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	PARKFAIRFAX
602 N PELHAM ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Duplex	0.08	22304	CITY OF ALEXANDRIA DUPLEXES
108 ROBERTS LN #201	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	22314	FORT ELLSWORTH
3109 RAVENSWORTH PL #220-3109	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$337,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	PARKFAIRFAX
4318 DUKE ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Townhouse	0.07	22304	WAKEFIELD
3233 VALLEY DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	PARKFAIRFAX
1762 DOGWOOD DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$326,000	Townhouse	0.02	22302	BEVERLY HILLS

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2. not appreciated or understood.
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Alexandria to New Orleans: The Human

BY DONALD M. SWEIG, PH.D.

Continued from last week's Gazette Packet.

What is also clear from the slave names on the manifests of the slave trade ships is that the enslaved African-Americans of Virginia and Maryland did have a rich and extended family structure. Numerous families appear on the manifests, from young slave men and women with one infant, through apparently husbandless mothers, often with several children, occasionally an apparently wifeless father with children, and finally complete, even three-generational families. For example, a manifest for February 1832 includes Ben Thomas and his wife Milly, both age 40; their three daughters, Ann, Serina,

PART IV and Matilda, ages 20, 18 and 13; three sons age 18, 11, and 9; and a 20-month old infant who was clearly the child of 20-year-old Ann Thomas.

In another case, on the manifest for the *Tribune* in October 1835, appears the name Dick Johnson, Senior, age 75, and directly below that Dick Johnson, Jr., age 19. The junior and senior seem to tie the two men together. Was the older man the younger's father or grandfather? If, as seems likely, the manifest was filled in by asking each slave his or her name as they boarded the ship, the family pride reflected in the answer of Dick Johnson, Senior and Junior is apparent.

Family groups accounted for only a small percentage of Armfield's early shipments, a mere seven percent for the first three years. This percentage later doubled to 14 percent of all slaves shipped, and after 1834, when market pressure not to separate families increased, the number of slaves shipped in family groups increased to more than 37 percent for the final three years of Armfield's operation.

In one shipment in 1834, for example, we find an impressive array of African-American slave families and family names: King — mother and six children, ages 5 to 20; Luckett — mother and four children, 7 to 13; Dorsey — mother and four children, 9 to 18; John and Hannah Gage and children 4, 2, and two months; Speake — seven children only, ages three to 17, including twin girls aged 10; Lucy David — age 22, her infant son and three other children; Gaige — mother and three children; Paine — mother, father and two children; Charles and Permillia Greene with five children ages two months to nine years; Butler — mother and two children, 13 and 7; and Amelia Blackwell with four children, ages 8, 5, 3 and 1.

Such a large number of families in one shipment of slaves most likely came about by Armfield buying an entire plantation laborforce, probably at an estate auction. Even though this 1834 shipment of families was not an isolated incident, Armfield was a careful and shrewd businessman. If



COURTESY, ELIZABETH COPPINGER, BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENN. (1981)

Photograph of the grave marker of John Armfield in Beersheba Springs, Tenn.

he bought more families it was surely because he needed to do so, most likely for solid business reasons.

The local planters from whom Armfield bought his slaves were the prime targets of the abolitionist pressure not to sell slaves or divide slave families, and many planters may have had misgivings about the moral rectitude of human bondage. If a planter saw slave families owned by a neighbor torn asunder by a trader, he might decide to manumit his slaves in his will, rather than consign them to a similar fate. But, if he had confidence that the trader would at least respect the family ties, the planter could, perhaps, allow his executors to sell the slaves and, at the same time, still keep peace with his conscience. Therefore, the significant increase in the percentage of slaves apparently purchased in family groups after 1834, combined with Armfield's excessive assurance to the abolitionists regarding his respect for slave fam-

ily integrity, suggest that Armfield was responding to social pressure and protecting the source of his slaves by buying rather than separating more slave families.

But, despite the assurances given to both Leavitt and Andrews that groups of slaves who were acquainted and family groups sold easier and for a better price, and that the firm would never sell so as to separate husbands and wives or mothers and children, and despite the increase of slave families in Armfield's shipments, the high percentage of apparently husbandless mothers and of young single adults suggests that such separations were quite common, especially before it became better business to buy families after 1834.

It also seems unlikely that John Armfield and his partner made a fortune trading slaves in only eight years, and became the largest dealer in Virginia and Maryland by asking every slave they bought whether or not he wanted to leave home. Armfield may

or may not have purchased the problem slave, that he was offered for "twelve and a half cents," but it seems most improbable that so shrewd a businessman as he, would refuse what was essentially a free slave, whom he could sell in New Orleans for \$500 to \$1,000, simply because the slave had a wife on a nearby plantation. The large number of single women among Armfield's slaves, the 80 percent of women with children but without an apparent husband, the 84 percent of males without any identifiable family, all suggest that African-American family disruption of all kinds was common. Armfield and his agents simply bought what would sell.

In the case of the young children after 1829, and of families after 1834, what would sell worked to the benefit of the slaves. But the ready market for prime-age, single men and women in the Deep South and the higher percentage of such individuals among the Alexandria shipments testify to the disastrous effect of the slave trade on African-American slave marriages and families. And, the number of slaves involved was not insignificant.

Leavitt reported in 1834 that 1,000 slaves had been shipped the previous year and that Franklin and Armfield alone would dispatch 1,200 slaves in the coming year. For 1835, the available manifests (others are still missing) indicate that over 1,400 slaves were exported that year. A veritable surfeit of slaves flowed from Alexandria to New Orleans: 318 in three weeks in February; 201 in March; 352 in five days in October; 344 in 10 days in November; 281 in December; 140 in January 1836. A total of 977 slaves were shipped in the last three months of 1835 alone (1,117 with the January shipment).

In November 1836, Armfield's last shipment, an astounding 254 slaves were dispatched on one ship, the *Isaac Franklin*. The majority of these slaves probably came from northern Virginia and southern Maryland, but it seems significant that even the Baltimore trading houses complained of difficulty obtaining slaves, and only 208 slaves were shipped from Baltimore in 1836. All of this testifies to the business success of John Armfield as a trader, and to the importance of his "establishment" on Duke Street in the history of Alexandria.

Franklin and Armfield retired from the slave-trading business late in 1836. Two of the firm's ships, the *Tribune* and the *Uncas*, were sold to William H. (Yellow-House) Williams, a well known trader in the federal city. The "slave pen" on Duke Street and the ship *Isaac Franklin* were sold to George Kephart, Franklin and Armfield's former agent in Frederick, Md. Kephart may have been less careful about his reputation and more anxious for a fast profit than Armfield. He is reputed to have shipped as many as 400 slaves at one time in the *Isaac Franklin*.

In the early 1850s, the Duke Street es-

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Tragedy of the Interstate Slave Trade

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establishment was conveyed to “Price, Birch and Co.,” slave traders who had operated in Washington City, and had been driven from the District of Columbia by the slave-trading prohibition of the Compromise of 1850. This firm’s name was on the building when it was captured by Union troops in 1861.

The available evidence indicates that John Armfield was neither an iniquitous barbarian nor an enlightened humanitarian, but rather a shrewd businessman. When it was good business to divide families and sell young children, he did so. When it became better business to maintain the slaves in family units, he did that. Because Armfield was on good terms with the selling farmers and planters of Virginia and Maryland, and because he was able to monopolize the local trade, he was clearly operating by, or establishing himself, the local standards for moral and ethical propriety in the buying, selling, and treatment of slaves. Other traders operating in this same market would have been subject to these standards in order to stay in business. To do less for the slaves might have jeopardized the willingness of owners to sell their slaves; to do

more would have increased costs, decreased profits, and given the edge to Armfield’s competition,

Standards for slave traders became more restrictive as time passed. The number of young children sold singly declined in response to legal, and presumably, public pressure. At the same time, the proportion of slaves sold in family units increased — also because of social pressure. Yet, the large number of young, single men and women sent south from Alexandria indicates that African-American slave marriages and families were frequently disrupted to obtain those slaves most marketable at New Orleans — the prime field hands.

Finally, and most importantly, analysis of the business orientation of the slave traders must not be allowed to obscure the personal, human experience of the African-American slaves, who were the essence of the trade. It was the African-American men, women, and children who were bought, separated from their families, sold, and transported to New Orleans (not John Armfield, Isaac Franklin, nor the northern abolitionists), who testify, even in their silence, to a new and painful understanding of the human tragedy that was the real and actual cost of the Alexandria – New Orleans

slave trade.

Epilogue: John Armfield eventually retired to his plantation in Beersheba Springs, Tenn. He died there on Sept. 20, 1871 (apparently at age 74). His slave-trading partner, Isaac Franklin, died on his Tennessee plantation on April 27, 1846, at age 57. Franklin’s estate has been estimated to have been valued at perhaps \$750,000 (in 19th-century value), most acquired from his slave-trading operations. All of the Franklin and Armfield “establishment” on Duke Street in Alexandria,



COURTESY, ELIZABETH COPPINGER, BEERSHEBA SPRINGS, TENN. (1981)

John Armfield as an old man.

except the original house built by General Young, was torn down after the Civil War. That original building at 1315 Duke Street, and some of the adjacent land to the west, was archaeologically investigated in the 1980s and is still standing today, and is a National Historic Landmark.

Detailed information regarding the lives and fate of the thousands of African-American slaves bought by John Armfield in Alexandria and later sold by Isaac Franklin in New Orleans may be lost to history. Doubtless, many of their descendants are still living in Louisiana, Mississippi, east Texas (and elsewhere), a testimony to the hardiness of their forebears who endured the painful experience of being the essence of the Alexandria-New Orleans slave trade.

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Little Development for Low Income Housing

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have lower rents," Krocker said.

"We show the number of market rate units that are affordable, but we don't know who's in those units," said Eric Keeler, division chief of Program Administration for the Office of Housing. Keeler also added that many of those residences are occupied by low income occupants like students or

young professionals who may only live in those residences for a year or two. "It's a difficult number to come up with."

With the current budgetary restrictions, Keeler noted that the city's focus on low income housing is currently on redevelopment of existing sites rather than construction of new ones. One site along Beauregard Street is being

converted into housing for senior citizens.

Moving forward, the focus group noted that in addition to low income housing development for citizens to upgrade into, the city needs to address housing for substance abusers and sex offenders. Like other citizens with criminal records, it is nearly impossible for substance abusers of registered sex offenders to find housing.

They are seen as high risk to development communities and surrounding neighborhoods despite various programs provided by the city and nonprofits to mitigate that risk.

According to Jessica Lurz, homeless services coordinator for the Department of Community and Human Services, development of low income housing in Alexandria is often fought by other citizens.

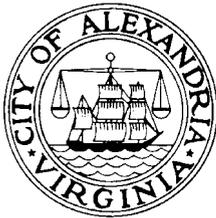
"Resource rich neighbors prolong the process for non-profits in court," Lurz said, adding that part of developing affordable housing is dispelling many of the misconceptions in the surrounding communities.

"There is an incredible lack of knowledge on what affordable housing actually is," said Katharine Dixon, executive direc-

tor of Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a nonprofit that helps repair homes in the city.

Angie Rodgers, a representative of Peoples Consulting LLC and the focus group's facilitator, expressed surprise that residents in a heavily Democratic city would oppose low-income housing. Various members of the board cited underlying racial tensions in parts of the community as a potential root cause and a lack of outreach to low-income communities from the city.

"Alexandria is Democratic," said Krocker, "but not necessarily progressive."



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA SECOND HALF 2014 REAL ESTATE TAX AND REFUSE FEE ARE DUE NOVEMBER 17, 2014

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Shoppers check out one of the prepared foods self-serve buffets during the Taste of Teeter night Oct.21.



Co-manager Tonya Skinner, left, and cashier Deborah Henderson great customers during the grand opening of the Harris Teeter grocery store in Old Town.

Harris Teeter Opens in Old Town

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Town resident Annette Hinaman agrees.

"We've always been shortchanged when it comes to supermarkets in Old Town," Hinaman said. "Other places have stores like Wegman's but not us. Finally there is a store that will have my business."

Featuring eight checkouts lanes and six USCAN checkouts, the Old Town location marks the second Harris Teeter in Alexandria and the 45th in Virginia. Like the Harris Teeter in the Foxchase Shopping Center in the West End, the Old Town location is open 24 hours. Pharmacy hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

"I'm impressed by how beautiful and clean the store is," said neighborhood resident Angela Ripp. "It is not cramped at all. It is good to see this much space in Old Town."

The site of the newest Harris Teeter is an assemblage of five parcels that were mostly empty buildings and vacant lots. In addition to creating 150 permanent workforce jobs, the store will generate millions of dollars in additional tax revenue for the city.

"The support from the community has been tremendous," said Theo Androus, a native Alexandrian as well as a partner in the project. "It was a long time coming but it's exciting to finally welcome Harris Teeter to Old Town."



ARHA president Roy Priest, second from left, is joined by staff and board colleagues Bernadette Lambert, Sandra Fowler, Anjolie Haynes and Ian Hawkins at the opening of the new Harris Teeter grocery store.

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George Mason Elementary School teachers past and present came out to support the Survive the 5K: (From left, top) Julie Westcott of Alexandria, Katie Rudolph of Arlington, Laura Greeson of Fairfax, Laura Aristizabal of Fairfax, Leanne Dellibovi of Burke, Elizabeth Wood of Alexandria, Mary Lu Mahoney of Arlington, Caroline Doughtey of Arlington, Meagan Carrick of Arlington, (bottom) Robin Thompson.

Pounding the Pavement

First annual 5K raises awareness of teen driving safety

BY TIM PETERSON
GAZETTE PACKET

Robin Wallin of Alexandria has been training for this day at Cameron Run Regional Park for three months. She and sister-in-law Carolyn Wiser of Baltimore used a seat-to-5K app on their smartphones to prepare for the Oct. 4 race, encouraging each other through Facebook messaging.

But much more than for the exercise, Wallin was here to support her friend of 17 years and fellow Alexandria City nurse Robin Thompson. Thompson's daughter Ashley Renee died in a car crash on June 10, 2003.

"Anybody who has a teenager who's learning how to drive knows the anxiety of the parent," said Wallin. "And I certainly walked through that with Robin too."

Ashley was a sophomore at Lake Braddock Secondary School: a strong student, dedicated competitive gymnast and licensed driver. One day she borrowed a friend's car to drive home from school, lost control of the vehicle within a mile of her house and slammed into a tree. She died on impact.

Crash investigators ruled out alcohol, speed, phone and other passengers as contributing factors. Ashley was a skilled driver, but her training and experience hadn't prepared her to regain control of an unfamiliar vehicle.

Robin Thompson created an awareness, training and advocacy organization in honor of Ashley called The Art of Driving. She's spent the last decade on a mission to elevate conversation that youth crashes are both predictable and preventable.

That's where the "Survive the 5" in the race's title comes in. It's a reference to the

top five reasons for teen crashes and injuries: Driver inexperience, Drive distractions, Excessive speed, Not wearing a seatbelt and Alcohol and illegal drugs.

"It's not a topic a lot of people want to talk about," said Thompson, buzzing around her organization's first annual 5K like a master hostess. "Getting people to understand just how serious a problem it, that it is truly an epidemic. This is not a transportation issue; it's a public health issue."

Where previously the CDC had listed car crashes as the leading killer of adolescents aged 15-19 (between 3,000 and 4,000 deaths annually), that figure was updated last month to show crashes are the single leading cause of death and injury among all youth.

Thompson had wanted to do a 5K for years to help raise awareness of the issue and increase the reach of The Art of Driving's program of awareness responsibility training for teenage drivers and their parents, and work with school groups and civic organizations. Finally a year ago, Thompson began attending 5Ks and simply taking notes.

"I just started putting it together, piece by piece," Thompson said, "and I have an awesome community behind me that believed in the cause. I think from the looks of this morning, we did it."

267 runners and walkers of all ages, shapes, sizes and dog breeds came out, including a strong contingent of teachers and students from George Mason Elementary School. "She took such a personal and tragic thing in her life and turned it into a positive," said Laura Aristizabal of Fairfax. "Her daughter is still living. How many lives is Ashley going to touch through her mom? It's incredible."

"If by keeping Ashley's memory alive today I just keep one child alive, then it's all worth it," said Thompson. "That's what this is all about. Keeping our children safe."

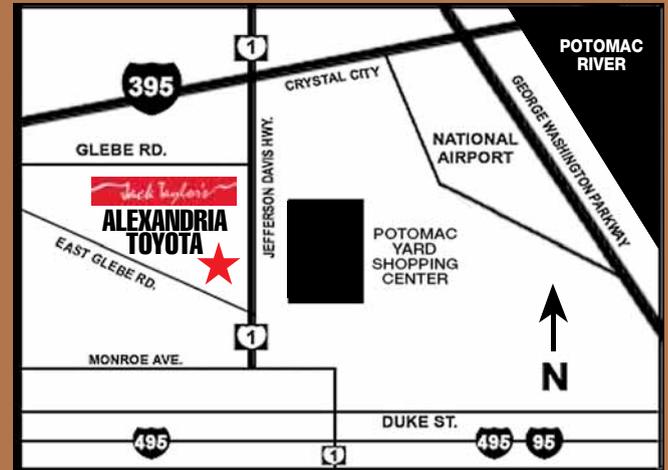
For more information about Ashley's story and The Art of Driving programs, visit www.theartofdriving.org.

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