



Nathan Carter holds the door as minister J. N. Turner carries in two more turkeys for the afternoon give-away at Mama Reacer's.



Lyric Hawkins sets out the turkeys on a spare table in the café.

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Giving Thanks by Giving Back

For 10 years before each Thanksgiving, Nathan Carter has been on a mission. With the help of his mother and siblings, he provides free turkeys to low-income residents of Alexandria as a way of giving thanks and giving back.

Carter's mom, Mama Reacer, opened a soul food café near the corner of Monroe and Mount Vernon avenues a few years ago. That was the pick-up location for this year's benefit give-away. Carter pays for the turkeys and volunteers work to help distribute them. Recipients flocked to the café on Monday, Nov. 24 and waited outside for the truck to arrive. Traffic was difficult and Carter did not arrive until 3:30 p.m. but everyone waited. Lyric Hawkins, former hair salon owner on Patrick Street provided care bags for the women. Carter's



Mayor Bill Euille hands out the turkeys to residents.

brother Randolph commented that this is about community and inspiring others to do the same for those in need.



Lyric Hawkins delivers "Heart of Stone" care bags to Mama Reacer's Soul Food Café on Monday afternoon.



Ida A. Campbell of WFW Radio, Macarthur Myers and the Rev. Sandra Butler-Truesdale of the DC Legendary Musicians.

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence

Local nonprofits Bethany House and ALIVE face challenges during holiday season.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

"I thought if I loved him enough, he would change." Jasmine Witcher, interim executive director for the Bethany House domestic violence shelter, says she hears these words all the time. Since 1979, Bethany House has been one of Alexandria's non-profit organizations devoted to taking in victims of domestic abuse and helping them rebuild their life.

Bethany House has a busy holiday schedule lined up. For Thanksgiving, the group gives families who've been in the shelter a turkey and traditional side dishes, all

donated by Lockheed Martin in bags provided by Alexandria's Whole Foods. Bethany House relies heavily on local donations, particularly from businesses, civic groups, and church congregations. Bethany House operates on a budget of \$700,000, 85 percent of

"The need is great. If we added 20 more beds, they'd be filled tomorrow."

— **Jasmin Witcher, Bethany House**

which goes directly into providing services. With a paid staff of nine, Bethany House is primarily run by volunteers.

Currently Bethany House is attempting to raise funds for an additional four bedrooms and new kitchen space for their oldest and smallest shelter; renovations are estimated to cost \$500,000, 71 percent of their usual budget.

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Incoming executive director of ALIVE Diane Charles (left) and outgoing executive director Kenneth Naser (right)

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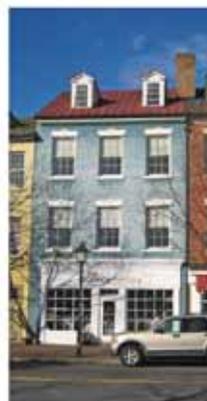


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Glory Days ASC celebrates Old Oaken Bucket rivalry.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
AND KEVIN MCCANDLISH
GAZETTE PACKET

From George Washington High School's opening in 1935 until 1968, Thanksgiving mornings were synonymous with the pinnacle matchup of Virginia high school football. Residents and visitors braved plummeting temperatures and postponed culinary preparations to attend the grand spectacle of talent and grit known as the Old Oaken Bucket rivalry between GW and Arlington's Washington-Lee High School.

"The late 1940s marked the height of popularity for the game," said local sports historian Greg Paspatis. "The crowd could reach 10,000 to 12,000, and in 1947, George Washington began a defense of nine consecutive Bucket victories."

According to Paspatis, GW football standout Tommy Ennis returned from World War II that same year. His quest for a forum for the fellowship of Old Oaken Bucket participants gave birth to the Alexandria Sportsman's Club, which hosted a tribute to the Old Oaken Bucket rivalry Nov. 18 at the Old Dominion Boat Club.

"The inaugural game was played at King Street's Baggett Field," Paspatis said as game alumni and fans, including former Alexandria Mayor and GW cheerleader Patsy Ticer, gathered to reminisce about the rivalry. "The game was a 12-9 GW victory."

Storied figures emerged from the rivalry over the years, beginning with GW's first running back, Paul Shu. Shu starred at Virginia Military Institute and was a 10th round NFL draft pick in 1940 before landing in the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. Legendary coach A.E. "Rasty" Doran skippered the GW squad from 1938 until 1945, culminating with his own Hall of Fame induction.

Washington-Lee alumni Warren Beatty



Alexandria Sportsman's Club president Allan Kaupinen, standing, introduces Old Oaken Bucket Night Nov. 18 at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Guest speakers included Super Bowl X hero Reggie Harrison (W-L alum), GW alum and former Alexandria Mayor Patricia Ticer, and GW alum Carleton "Shady" Schelhorn.

(class of 1955) and Super Bowl VII MVP Jake Scott (amidst the undefeated 1972 Miami Dolphins season), together with GW class of 1965 quarterback Skeeter Swift (who went on to play professional basketball), all became part of the showdown's legacy.

The most famous Old Oaken Bucket game occurred in 1956, when in the waning seconds of a 0-0 tie, W-L's Wayne Ballard set up for an improbable 42-yard field goal. With the season hanging in the balance, Ballard delivered a booming strike that rode the breeze, boomeranging towards the up-rights.

As teammates would recall, all seemed lost from Ballard's aim. The pigskin never-

theless collided with the crossbeam and bounced over for a stunning victory. The miraculous ending also gave Washington-Lee the Virginia High School Football State Championship.

The story appeared in national publications such as Sports Illustrated, and 20 years later, the Washington Post fall sports previews recounted the tale.

Timeless narratives reignited as luminaries and competitors gathered to recall what the game meant to the area.

"It seemed as if the whole of Northern Virginia flooded the stands and circumference of the field," recalled Ticer of the crowd that gathered during her years as a GW cheerleader in the early 1950s.

Mayor Bill Euille, also a GW High School alumnus, told the ASC crowd of the strong communal spirit in the match's later years while Carleton "Shady" Schelhorn, a defensive lineman for GW and then the University of Virginia, described his reverence for the earlier backfield tandem of Paul Shu and Lee Fones. Fones went on to play at Elon University before serving as director of the Alexandria Department of Recreation.

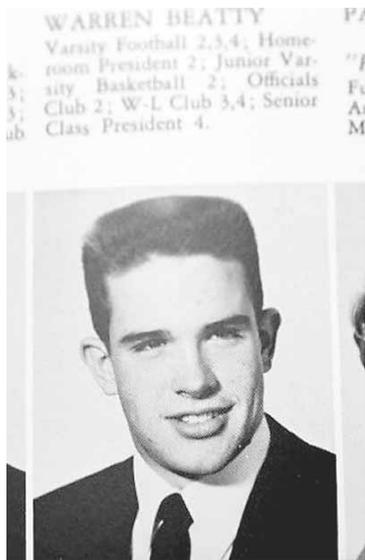
Washington-Lee was well represented as alumnus and Super Bowl X hero Reggie Harrison amicably touted his side's dominance at the latter bookend of the rivalry. The final 1968 iteration featured a score of 46-6, thanks to six Harrison touchdowns.

Ballard, W-L's hero from the 1956 matchup, gathered at the ASC event with teammate Gene Sherman. The two were greeted by jeers and cheers as half of the packed ODBC hall applauded and the other half grimaced during a radio play-by-play broadcast (provided by W-L alumnus Murray Barnes, Jr.) that was seamlessly synchronized with black-and-white footage of the infamous strong-legged play that handed GW a crushing defeat.

The tradition came to an end with the institution of state playoffs after the 1968 season, thereby conflicting with a Thanksgiving Day game of stature. The matchup itself concluded with games in 1969 and 1970 on alternate dates, but the Old Oaken Bucket had seen its last true pailful of excitement.

The final record ended at 21-12-3 in favor of Washington-Lee.

"It's fitting for the Sportsman's Club to host Old Oaken Bucket Night in the week before Thanksgiving," said Paspatis, who was the driving force behind the event. "With many of the game's most celebrated contenders and admirers together again, the bonds and relationships forged by the contest are as alive and formidable as ever."



Warren Beatty, a standout football player at Washington-Lee High School, starred in the Old Oaken Bucket games in the mid-1950s.



ASC president Allan Kaupinen, left, presents the Athlete of the Month award to Episcopal High School field hockey standout Laura Bratton. With them is EHS athletic director Damian Walsh, who nominated Bratton for the award.



The Nov. 25, 1964 Gazette devoted nearly a full page to pre-game coverage of the Old Oaken Bucket rivalry between Alexandria's George Washington and Arlington's Washington-Lee high schools.



Paul Shu was a running back on the first GW High football team in 1935. A standout at VMI, Shu was a 10th round NFL draft pick in 1940 and elected into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 1983.

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Lawsuit Over Rezoning Hits City Council

Neighbors oppose change allowing restaurant.

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

A lawsuit against the City Council by local residents claims that the rezoning of a residence on Princess and Washington streets, allowing it to become a res-

taurant, deprived the residents of equal protection of the laws. The property, located at 329 North Washington St., also faces the adjacent cobblestone Princess Street. On Oct. 18, the City Council considered the application to rezone the property and on Nov. 15 approved two ordinances that al-

lowed the building to be re-zoned. "The council's decision was the product of a sham proceeding," according to the lawsuit. "The council's decision was unreasonable, arbitrary, and capricious; amounted to illegal spot zoning; and denied the plaintiff's constitutional guarantees of due process

and equal protection of the laws." The residents are represented by C. Bryan Wilson and Matthew C. Monahan of Williams & Connolly LLP, a litigation firm in Washington D.C., who referred questions and comments on the case to the text within the suit.

The lawsuit argues that the City Council did not adequately consider the impact of rezoning on the surrounding Princess Street neigh-

borhood, despite comments made in a 1997 City Staff Report that the property "served an important land use/urban design function" as the "entrance into primarily residential neighborhoods."

"The 1997 report was for the rezoning of the next door building, which was being rezoned in the same way," said Karl Moritz, acting planning director for the City of Alexandria. "Washington Street is a mix of residential and commercial, it's not just commercial like on King Street. It's very much part of the character to have commercial and residential on the street. What's special about this application is that they're using the existing historic building; it's just a different use for the same structure."

Additionally, Moritz has said that the restaurant has agreed to keep loading and unloading for the restaurant on Washington Street and will have parking space available off-site.

One aspect of the suit is the allegation that the restaurant's owner, Margaret Ticer Janowsky, used the influence of her mother Patricia Ticer, former mayor of Alexandria and former state senator, to help secure the zoning application. Ticer attended the City Council meeting on Oct. 18 and was honored by the council. Some local residents requested that council members with personal relationships to the Ticers recuse themselves from the decision, namely Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg who had received \$1,000 in donations from Ticer.

"A number of us had a few words about this," said Silberberg. "I took the suggestion seriously and I did speak to the city attorney about it. [Some citizens] suggested that we should recuse ourselves, but the applicant is not the senator, her daughter is."

Lawsuits against the city are not unusual, but don't often target City Council specifically.

"The city is subject to a number of claims for a variety of reasons, typically an alignment is knocked by a pothole or someone fell in a city facility, city vehicle damaged vehicle; minor claims," said Craig Fifer, director of communications and public information for the City of Alexandria. "Lawsuits that challenge actions of City Council are less common but they're not entirely rare."

CLARIFICATION

Last week's story, "I Wanted a Better Life," on the life of Nelson Greene Sr., should have included credit to Sarah Becker for her Living Legends profile of Mr. Greene which was incorporated in the Nov. 20 Gazette Packet article.

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Alexandria National Cemetery in December 2013

Wreaths Across America in Alexandria

For the third year, St. Rita American Heritage Girls Troop VA1381 is participating in Wreaths Across America to honor the nation's veterans and their families on Dec. 13, by laying wreaths on the gravesites in Alexandria National Cemetery for Christmas. The first year the girls went to help, the cemetery had only 400 wreaths, so the girls were told to place a wreath on every 12th grave. The girls made a commitment then to work to fill the cemetery with wreaths. Last year the troop obtained sponsorships for more than 800 wreaths, and it was able to place one wreath on every fourth grave. This

year the girls are hoping to place a wreath at every other grave, on their way to covering every grave next year. The troop's site for the wreaths project is: http://give.wreathscrossamerica.org/site/TR?team_id=5312&fr_id=2966&pg=team

The deadline is Dec. 1, to allow for Wreaths Across America to order the wreaths and have them delivered to the cemetery on time.

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PEOPLE

Crafting a Floral Centerpiece

The art of flower arrangement.

BY SHIRLEY L. RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Scott Marchand puts hanging amaryllis in the green foam oasis rings. “See how it is giving it a kind of cascading look. I put my greens in first,” he says. “This is going to be an open, airy floral arrangement in fall tones as a centerpiece for a table. So it will be designed to look good all around and perfect for a Thanksgiving table. “I’m more of a European designer, not Western; you know that roundy, moundy pom, pom stuff. And,” wrinkling his brow, “I never use carnations.” He says local suppliers know his style and sometimes call him to remind him of an interesting flower that is available.

PEOPLE AT WORK

The customer for this morning’s order at Patina on Franklin Street asked for certain kinds of flowers. He takes out the bittersweet branches dotted with orange berries. “This adds color.” Next come the large, white balls of hydrangeas. “They add a different depth and shape, also texture.” Marchand stands back and looks at the emerging arrangement for a moment, then adds hydrangeas to key spots. He pulls the circus roses and lilies out of the cooler behind him. “The lilies add height. I wish you could see the lilies. By tomorrow they will be open, and you could see the fullness of the arrangement.” He strategically places the roses together in “a river of color running through the arrangement.” He says this is so you can see the bottom of the arrangement.

Marchand said he has been doing this since 1981 when he owned Flowers Unique for a while. Then on to Marchand Limited in Del Rey. Next another shop, “you know that warehouse on Royal,” and back to Flowers Unique before retirement a year ago. He met Kimberly Weiler and Amanda Dorko who own Patina, a furniture and gift shop, and started working with them as an add-on arranging flowers. The inspiration began in high school when he was delivering flowers, and the woman at the flower shop started teaching him the basics. On to college where he majored in political science but “it wasn’t for me.”

In his southern accent, not completely lost from living in Memphis, Marchand says he doesn’t like to manipulate flowers, “I like to have them look like they are growing.” Every arrangement is different. He starts out with the color and size. “I like different flower shapes and multi-dimensional.” There is no



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Scott Marchand adds an accent of circus roses as “a river of color going through the arrangement.” Amanda Dorko, who owns Patina with Kimberly Weiler watches as the arrangement takes shape.

rule of thumb to always add threes or odd numbers of flowers. Just make it look pretty.”

At this time of the year he is working on arrangements and wreaths for the holidays. He said he is also doing a house for the upcoming Scottish Walk in Alexandria. “I will do a centerpiece for the dining room table and in the kitchen a taller accent piece for the island that doesn’t take up a lot of room.”

People buy flowers all year round. “Some people can do their own flowers, and some people just can’t.” But he said flowers used to be really big in the ‘90s and then they slowed down.

“The economy I think.” His knife slices easily through the stems of white kale that will be inserted to add more texture. “I can always tell when someone has borrowed my knife,” he says. It’s like your kitchen chef’s knife. It’s not the same afterward.” Finally he adds the blue thistle. “A little bit of blue ties it all together with the colors in the vase. Just add this and I’m done.” After working quickly for half an hour with the finished vision in his head, Marchand stands back to survey the finished centerpiece. He draws, “Ah hope she likes it.”



Scott Marchand puts the greens in first on his centerpiece floral arrangement of fall tones at Patina on Franklin Street.



Half an hour later after visualizing the arrangement step by step to add texture, height and dimension, Scott Marchand gives one last look to his final work of art.

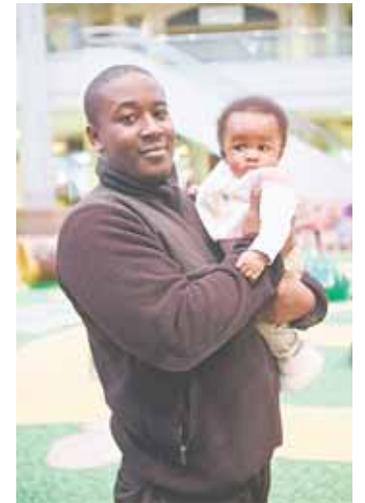
VIEWPOINTS

What are you thankful for?



John Kincheloe, Alexandria: “I’m thankful for the health of my family and for my little boy Charlie. He’s 9 months old, today.”

Clement Bredu and baby Raven: “I’m thankful, just to be with my family”



Yvonne Soto, Alexandria: “I’m thankful that my children are grown and for my two grandchildren.”

Kalkidan Lemma, Alexandria: “I’m thankful for God.”



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RENÉE RUGGLES
GAZETTE PACKET

Hope for the Holidays

Tis the season of giving: of gifts, of parties and of thanks. But what should be a time of hope and happiness too often can be a time of despair for Alexandria's vulnerable and low income families.

"Many people don't realize just how great the need is right here in Alexandria," said longtime resident Hazel Rigby. "Thankfully, there are people like Keith Burns and Willie Bailey who are working hard to help fami-

lies and children in need, not just during the holidays but throughout the year."

Burns and Bailey, both native sons of the city, teamed up to distribute more than 75 Thanksgiving turkeys and complete meals Nov. 22 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

"We came together to make sure as many Alexandria residents as possible would have a nice Thanksgiving meal," said Bailey, founder of the nonprofit Firefighters 2 the

Many could use more volunteers, donations.

Rescue. "Also, we wanted to provide a new coat and shoes to those that needed them."

In addition to the Thanksgiving dinners, Bailey and a team of volunteers from the Alexandria fire, sheriff and police departments distributed more than 350 new coats and 200 pairs of shoes to local children and adults in need.

"Keith has never forgotten where he came from," said Rigby of the 1990 T.C. Williams graduate and two-time Super Bowl cham-

peon. "He and his family have done so much to give back to this community. In joining forces with Willie, they are making even more of a difference in the lives of so many families."

Other local organizations like the Salvation Army raise funds to provide basic services to those in need throughout the city.

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Holidays Are About Giving

Give thanks and share; tens of thousands of families around us are in need.

The holidays are about giving, and giving thanks. The holidays are about children and family. The holidays are about sharing, about joy. The holidays are about being thankful and about faith and appreciation. The holidays are about alleviating suffering for others.

Surrounded by the bounty in so many neighborhoods in Northern Virginia, many of us see little signs of the massive unmet needs here. But in Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 52,000 of the students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals, a significant measure of poverty.

In Arlington more than 32 percent of the students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals; that's 7,452 students at last count.

In Alexandria, 8,582 students are poor enough to receive free or subsidized meals. That's 60 percent of the 14,222 students enrolled.

These are children who are living in families who may be on the brink of homelessness, families who must choose between medical bills, car repair, heat and food. These are children who may not be sure that they will have a meal between the meals they get in school. School holidays can bring

SCHOOL	School Code	Membership	AVERAGE Daily Attendance	FREE	REDUCED	TOTAL	% OF ENROLLMENT
John Adams	230	970	921.50	543	113	656	67
Charles Barrett	120	458	446.45	118	29	147	32
Patrick Henry	50	603	579.36	400	98	498	82
Jefferson-Houston	90	447	420.77	295	36	331	74
Cora Kelly	160	347	336.27	277	33	310	89
Lyles-Crouch	80	396	386.36	89	14	103	26
Douglas MacArthur	110	703	681.27	195	29	224	31
George Mason	100	542	529.00	163	16	179	33
Mathew Maury	60	445	430.95	143	18	161	36
Mount Vernon	30	819	794.82	426	56	482	58
James Polk	220	704	685.23	373	108	481	68
William Ramsay	190	882	853.32	638	120	758	85
Samuel Tucker	333	749	719.25	346	109	455	60
SUBTOTAL Elementary Schools		8,065	7,784.55	4,006	779	4,785	59
F. C. Hammond Middle	170	1,444	1,397.45	844	227	1071	74
George Washington Middle	10	1,228	1,191.82	496	56	552	44
T.C. Williams - Minnie Howard Campus	40	758	712.73	362	69	431	56
T. C. Williams High - Main Campus	210	2,727	2,521.95	1407	336	1743	63
SUBTOTAL Secondary Schools		6,157	5,823.95	3,109	688	3,797	61
GRAND TOTALS		14,222	13,608.50	7,115	1,467	8,582	60

uncertainty and hunger, a far cry from the celebrations, gifts and plenty that we associate with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Hundreds of homeless students attend the public schools, and their needs are greater.

There are literally hundreds, probably thousands, of ways to give locally this season. Here are a few ideas. We will rerun this list again during the holiday, so let us know what we have missed.

— MARY KIMM

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services for elders enabling them to age with dignity.

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- ❖ ACT for Alexandria, 703-739-7778, www.actforalexandria.org, Nonprofit and donor services.
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- ❖ Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, 703-525-7177, www.aachhomeless.org.
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OPINION

Six-Billion Reasons To Persevere

BY TOM KUHN

“Can you read me the answer you came up with?”
 “Six-million ...”
 “Wait ... look again.”
 “Oh yeah! Six-billion...”
 “Did you ever think you would be able to do a math problem that would have an answer in the billions?”
 “No!” He said, sheepishly grinning from ear to ear.
 This is the actual answer to a math problem I gave to my mentee, Oscar, to reinforce his multiplication tables. I have worked with Oscar through Casa Chirilagua’s mentoring program for two years, and I can honestly say that while such moments as these are hard won... they are deeply satisfying. Prior to arriving at the place of being able to answer a problem whose solution was in the billions, we’d had a battle.

MENTORING

During our time together, I’d seen tremendous progress in Oscar’s reading. He says: “I enjoy reading with my mentor; he helps me when I get stuck on a word.” But that enjoyment was something he grew into over time. Math was a different story. He hated it so much he finally outright refused to do it even at the cost of earning stickers towards the field trips to laser tag and movies that mean so much to him. The pain on his face at that moment made me realize there was something deeper going on and that perhaps we needed to take a break. For a solid month we only did fun things together, until he said



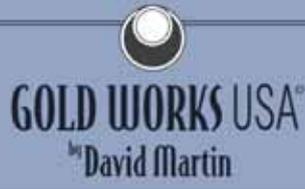
Tom Kuhn and Oscar

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he was ready to start again. That respite seemed to have given his mind and spirit enough breathing room to try again with math. Suddenly, he was flying through his multiplication tables, (mostly) willingly and with a much better attitude.

I think the old saying “less is more” is true when it comes to mentoring. Being willing to step back and take a deep breath, even when mentees are under so much pressure to catch up, can be more helpful than pushing through at any cost. And it’s so important not to underestimate the power of a sense of competence gained from visible achievements. Shortly after figuring out this math problem, Oscar said he’d learned from his mentoring time “to try my best and to not give up.” The mileage he gained getting the answer to a billion dollar question right was just what the doctor ordered for him to experientially know he has what it takes to learn math, and that perseverance brings rewards.

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Giving Thanks for Anti-Hunger Programs

Working to keep children fed.

BY MEREDITH SMALL

When I was a kid, Thanksgiving meant stuffing myself beyond the point of comfort, flitting gleefully between turkey, casseroles, sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, and of course pie. The object was to eat to the point of needing to loosen the belt, and then wait a few hours until there was room to start all over again with leftovers. As a young person, I had a vague sense that my family and I came together during Thanksgiving with the expressed purpose of showing our gratitude for each other and for food on the table. Mostly, I was just thankful for the pie.

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Now, as an adult with a family of my own, I wonder – how can I raise my children to be thankful not just for the meal in front of them, but also for our broader community and the people who are working day-in and day-out to make Northern Virginia such a great place to live?

It starts with an understanding of the challenges that our community faces. I was surprised to learn that right here in Alexandria, there are 3,470 children who are at risk of going hungry every day. That's one out of every 7 kids who might not have enough to eat today, and tomorrow, and the day after that.

It's easy to assume that childhood hunger is just a problem in big cities or in very rural parts of the state, but the fact is that food insecurity is a growing problem in the suburbs too. A recent report by Virginia Fair Share says that the number of children

newly eligible for free- or reduced-cost school lunch programs is rising much more quickly in the suburbs than in urban areas, rural areas or small- or mid-sized towns. In short: in the wake of the 2008 economic crash, we are seeing the new face of childhood hunger in America.

Any number of children struggling with food insecurity is a problem — no kid should go hungry — but that problem could be so much worse if it wasn't for the outstanding local anti-hunger organizations and the federal policies that are successfully reaching families in the greatest need. ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) does incredible work that we should all be thankful for; every month their staff and volunteers provided 5-day supplies of fresh produce and foods to about 600 families through their Last Saturday Food Distribution program. Federal programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) help more than 47 million Americans afford a nutritious diet in typical month; 70 percent of SNAP participants are part of families with children.

These programs are making a difference. Although poverty overall remains a key national concern, a recent report by the group Half in Ten found that the number of children in poverty is on the decline. That's in large part because of anti-poverty and anti-hunger programs that work. And that's something we can surely be thankful for.

If you haven't already, contact ALIVE! at www.alive-inc.org and sign up to volunteer.

Small is the program director for Virginia Fair Share Education Fund, a nonprofit grassroots field and advocacy group, working to make sure everyone gets, pays, and does their fair share; and plays by the same rules. Find out more at <http://www.fairshareonline.org/edfund>.

mained was a promise — legally codified — that because their property boarded the field, lights would not be installed. This was reinstated in the agreement that paved the way for construction of the new T.C. Williams.

There is a photo of our mayor at a reception honoring Mr. Greene during the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. If the mayor is indeed the driving force behind installation of night lights at T.C. Williams and the quote attributed to him with respect to the city's promise to the remaining members of the African American Woods community, "agreements are meant to be broken," is accurate; it constitutes an immoral affront to Mr. Greene's pioneering civil rights achievements. He wanted a better life, to be respected and treated equally in the eyes of the law; it would be a sad irony for Bill Euille's legacy to include accomplishing what Jim Crow laws could not. I hope the allegations against the mayor are false, he needs to make a public declaration. Silence will only substantiate the aforementioned assertion.

Roy R. Byrd
Alexandria

Education, Not Facilities

To the Editor:

Mr. Roberts is right ["Bullies in High Office," Letters, Gazette packet, Nov. 20]. "The bullies running Alexandria ... have recruited another member to their cabal: School Board President Karen Graf..." Not only did Graf champion the monstrous construction of District A's newly reopened K-8 Jefferson-Hous-

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Alexandrians Can Be Thankful

BY HARRY M. COVERT

Pilgrims, there are lots of things for us all to be thankful and not just for this Thanksgiving Day.

Here in the Commonwealth of Virginia, just to pick an argument with our northern colleagues, the first Thanksgiving between the Pilgrims, colonists, settlers and Indians was held on Dec. 4, 1621 at Berkeley Plantation in Charles City County, Va. I wasn't there of course but historical reports from the period are detailed that the spread was magnificent and everybody enjoyed themselves.

The joy of the annual feast with all kinds of turkeys and chickens and hams and all sorts of vegetables was certified by a Virginia-born figure, Woodrow Wilson, the 28th president born in Staunton, Va., son of a Presbyterian minister. Before moving into the White House as a Democrat he was governor of New Jersey. Before that he was president of Princeton University.

Wilson signed Proclamation 1256 for Thanksgiving Day 1913 on Oct. 2, 1913.

He wrote: "Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday the twenty-seventh of November next as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to almighty God." I checked around and could find no local personages who remember that day.

It can be reported he also wrote his own speeches and was pretty good at it.

As Alexandrians and other northern Virginians enjoy their pumpkin and mincemeat pies, the thankful lists are quite large. In no particular order here are a few from this quarter to consider.

The Wilson Bridge is operating with grand success. It's been widened and often allows all kinds of charitable walks and runs.

Other appreciations can include the following:

An Alexandrian is back as a member of Congress from the 8th Congressional District. Am-

bassador and former Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer succeeds Boston-born Jim Moran, former Alexandria mayor now completing two elected decades in the House of Representatives. His legacy is large.

During the first few months of the year the city police department's vice squad was busy as if on loan from Las Vegas. Although no official reports were released at Wheeler Avenue, a number of "working girls" were discovered visiting Old Town and other spots. Business was booming.

Alertness by the distinguished coppers roused about 20, according to documents and those in the know. The professionals pleaded guilty and paid some fines. All apparently were taken into custody, some posted bonds because they were from California, New York, Atlantic City and North Carolina. Others were released on their own recognizance — they promised to appear in court. They did and paid fines for their illicit conduct around Duke Street and upscale hotel facilities.

Success of the vice arrests was ended without public knowledge or announcement. The diligence ended abruptly. Naturally, no one wants to believe there is any crime within Alexandria's confines, but some sort of acknowledgement could have been made. On this wonderful holiday it's not necessary to mention the hoteliers who obviously and unwittingly allowed their nicely appointed rooms to be used. No guesses, please.

It can be reported that no juvenile delinquents, I mean underage boys and girls, were involved in the bawdy house operations and disruptions. Neither does this report include similar activities in Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William or Loudoun County. These jurisdictions spend lots of time and jail space for domestic assaults, car-jackings, abductions, drug offenders and once in a while, a murder or two.

No offense is intended to the grand people of Alexandria with this report of some titillation. The city is unable to equitably tax the personal services activities, but all can rest assured that the Commonwealth collects, sooner and not later, at least throughout the courtrooms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Better Life ... But Not Today?

To the Editor:

I was moved and humbled by the tribute to Nelson Greene Sr. on the front page of the Nov. 20 edition of the Alexandria Gazette Packet. It served as a subtle reminder of the city's morally corrupt treatment of the African American community even after passage of the Civil Rights Act. It is difficult to face this part of our history. It was interesting to compare the underlining theme of the Greene story with the opinion piece, "Why Does Alexandria Celebrate Birthday of George Washington?" The first story reminds us of a shameful segment in the city's history, the second an aspirational view — cloaked in the birth of the nation, its affiliation with a Founding Father, the Commander of the Revolutionary Army and first President. It's not one view trumps the other, rather it's an acknowledgement of two realities, and I applaud the editorial staff for publishing both.

Disturbing for me, if true, was another letter to the editor, in which it is alleged Mayor Bill Euille is perpetuating the city's immoral treatment of what remains of the once thriving African American Woods community by advocating the city rescind its agreement with the community and clear the way for night lights on T.C. Williams High School athletic fields. The city essentially stole the property on which T.C. Williams stands from the African American community in the 1960s, using eminent domain and paying pennies on the dollar. This cleared the way for the school and forced many historically rooted Black families out of the area, the other intended consequence. The one small concession to those who re-

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ton School, she now runs roughshod over District B. No light bulb moments for her board. Education is the issue, not facilities. The news story "Preparing for the Next School Budget" is wrong when it says Jefferson-Houston School "is currently projected to be 91 students under its maximum capacity of 447 students by the end of the 2014-2015 school year." The staggeringly expensive K-8 School was built for 750-800 students and opened half empty. ACPS is the taxpayers' worst nightmare. Planning is poor and not likely to improve. Jefferson-Houston's middle school is grossly under capacity. But so was the nearby George Washington Middle School at the time Jefferson-Houston's construction commenced. The recently released Jefferson-Houston enrollment numbers are fluff. They include the 80 children now enrolled in the city's federally-funded HeadStart program. Why does ACPS favor such reporting? Because capacity not education; athletics not education are the topics du jour.

ACPS champions one boondoggle after another; mostly in Mr. Roberts "historically disrespected communities."

Elizabeth Harrison

The Best of Old and Historic District?

To the Editor:

The Board of Architectural Review (BAR)

of the Old and Historic District conducted its third concept review work session of the North Robinson Terminal development this past week. From this session, it is evident that comments from earlier BAR work sessions made little impact upon the developer, since the discussion has changed to items of little importance.

Since the terminal on Oronoco Street is adjacent to the Old and Historic District, the Planning Commission and the Council have asked the BAR to advise them on how this development compares and connects in scale and compatibility with developments south and west in the Old and Historic District. The development in question involves three buildings, one on the west side, and two others on the east side of Union Street.

First, according to the zoning guidelines the Westside building may be built to 66 feet, but with a penthouse the overall height results in an 80-foot structure looming over the community. This building will house not only a hotel, but it will also have 17 condos on both ends of the building. From this depiction, it is evident that the mass and scale of this building is not appropriate for the waterfront. Additionally, the irregular street grid of this building is not in accordance with Alexandria's historic street grids, and stands apart from the overall waterfront plan as developed by the city. Next, on the east side of Union Street, a 300-foot "wall of glass" building defies the imagination,

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NEW PRICE! Wonderful Cape Cod with extended UL. Light and bright 3BR/2BA. Hardwoods. Gourmet kitchen. Fireplace. Screened rear porch/beautiful landscaping. New furnace, AC, HWH, baths, front walkway/trails. New driveway and wall, new drainage front and back.



Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012
ALEXANDRIA / Seminary Walk \$ 269,900

Pristine 2BR/1BA condo with new kitchen cabinets, granite, new gas range and microwave, renovated bedroom; hardwoods in living/dining rooms; W/D in unit, new carpeting and more. Huge balcony off living room overlooking trees. Storage galore. Minutes to eateries/shops.



Klanci Vanderhyde 703.919.4660
ALEXANDRIA / Villamay \$ 925,000

Sited on a beautiful landscaped corner lot, this large 5BR/3.5BA Colonial has a modern open floorplan. The open kitchen/family room has high vaulted beamed ceiling and a sun porch leading to outside Patio. LL offers an enormous rec room, the 5th BR and laundry. 1



Brian Hong & Jerry Beamer 703.929.5764
ALEXANDRIA / Carlyle Towers \$ 424,900

Move In Ready - largest 1 bedroom/sitting area with floor to ceiling windows. Enclosed balcony off living room, separate dining neutral kitchen, upgraded carpet/padding. Ample closets/1 storage unit. Garage parking. www.brianandjerry.com



Martha Deal 703.622.6797
ALEXANDRIA / Porto Vecchio \$ 459,000

Great for Investors! Large 1BR with sunny exposure, eat-in kitchen and marble foyer. Open balcony with sunset views overlooking river, tennis courts and golf course. Hardwoods. Large walk-in closets/extra storage. 1 garage space. Sale subject to lease.



Val Klotz 703.303.9744
ALEXANDRIA / Rosemont Park \$ 839,000

Expanded 3BR/2.5BA - Dan Colonial just steps from "The Avenue" and Braddock Metro. Open ML floor plan has formal living room/ fireplace, dining room opens to family room with wall of windows. Large eat-in kitchen walks-out to deck/yard. Off-street parking.



Cindy Nelson 703.965.7562
ALEXANDRIA / Rose Hill Farm \$ 695,950

BRAND NEW HOME! No expense spared with this deceptively large, 4,268 sq ft, 5BR/4.5BA home. 1st floor and upper MBRs with full baths. 3 separate living spaces include an au-pair suite. Gas furnace and cooking. Main level laundry. Huge lush backyard/deck. Metro.



Catherine Foltz 703.626.6914
ARLINGTON \$ 500,000

NEW PRICE! Move-in ready home! Home offers everything you are looking for including hardwood, large kitchen with stainless steel appliances, gas and granite, open floor plan, wet bar, and gas fireplace. 4BR/3.5BA, family room and garage.



Mary Lou Sage 703.851.5441
ALEXANDRIA CITY \$ 195,000

Enjoy this 1BR/1BA condo that is located in a park-like setting. Just a short walk to "The Avenue" in the Del Ray area of Alexandria. The kitchen/bath are updated, hardwoods in living room and bedroom. 2 parking spaces outback. EZ access to Metro bus, Crystal City, DC.



Mike Lekas 703.927.9895
ALEXANDRIA / Old Town \$ 677,900

NEW PRICE! Charming and updated garage townhome just blocks from King St and Metro. 2 bedroom suites. Chef's kitchen has SS appliances, black granite, breakfast bar. Updated roof HVAC and baths. Private rear courtyard with patio leads to heated garage.



Val Klotz 703.303.9744
ALEXANDRIA / Stoneybrooke \$ 499,900

Turn-key home tastefully renovated from top-to-bottom. Open kitchen to dining and living rooms. Deck and fenced back yard off kitchen. LL has 1BR/1FBA, great for guests, and 2nd family room with fireplace. Perfectly sited on cul-de-sac on 1/4 acre. 2 car garage. 5BR/2BA.



Michael Manuel 703.615.6317
ALEXANDRIA / Rivergate \$ 949,900

PRICE IMPROVED! Semi-detached townhouse backing to 2 parks, bike path and the Potomac River. Wood floors thru-out, gas fireplace, private patio and open floor plan for entertaining. Master and loft have cathedral ceilings. 3BR/2.5BA. 2-car garage. The Best!

ENTERTAINMENT

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

Mount Vernon Virtual Tour.

Website users can now transport themselves to George Washington's Mount Vernon in a click of a mouse or touch of a screen through a new virtual tour. Featuring 29, 360-degree panoramic images, more than 200 points of interest, and dozens of in-depth videos highlighting architectural details, objects and anecdotes, the tour recreates the experience of being at the estate in an unparalleled way.

www.mountvernon.org/virtualtour

Tavern Toddlers.

Weekly open playtime continues every Monday throughout holiday season. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day.

www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242

Post-photography: Beyond the Print.

Through Nov. 30. Public reception Thursday Nov. 13, 6-9 p.m. In a new Target Gallery exhibition, 31 artists experiment with alternative applications of traditional photographic images through a variety of work in wood, glass, fabric, and other media. torpedofactory.org/event/post-photography.

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.

"Beyond the Board" Art Exhibit.

Through Feb. 22. Prudential PenFed Realty, 4900 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans' presents "Beyond the Board." A portion of artists' sales go to the PenFed Foundation, supporting active military families, veterans and their families. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/gww/ 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 landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult;



FILE PHOTOS

The first visitor to greet Santa and Mrs. Claus, Luke Harrington, fell asleep waiting for his turn during the 2013 City Holiday Tree Lighting event.

Lighting up the Holiday Season

Kick off the holiday season at the 2014 City of Alexandria Tree Lighting Ceremony at Market Square, 301 King St., on Friday, Nov. 28, with a pre-show concert by the holiday tree with the Adoration Ringers of the First Baptist Church at 5:15 p.m. The formal tree lighting ceremony begins at 6 p.m. Admission is free and the event will occur rain or shine.

Mayor William D. Euille and Santa Claus will light the City Holiday Tree in Market Square. Entertainment features a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, performances by West Springfield High School Madrigals and the Little Theatre of Alexandria, caroling and a community sing-along.

Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation for more.

\$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.forward.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 (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.

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.

WEDNESDAY/NOV26-SUNDAY/DEC.28

Broadway Christmas Carol. Runs through Dec. 28 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Enjoy the show Wednesday-Thursday, 8 p.m., Fridays, 8 p.m., Saturdays, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Alexandria Tree Lighting. 6-8 p.m.



Following the 2013 tree lighting, members of the Alexandria Choral Society sang Christmas carols beneath the tree.

Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Annual event featuring lighting the City tree, performances and a visit from Santa to open the Christmas season. Pre-show concert begins at 5:15 p.m. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Calendar.

Hangout with Santa (and Mrs. Claus). 1-5:30 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Alexandria. Storytelling will begin at 4 and 5:30 p.m. Santa will lead a sidewalk parade, playing his bagpipes, up to the Christmas tree lighting in Market Square. Cocoa, coffee and cookies will be available for purchase as well as a full menu for those wishing to dine. www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/events.

FRIDAY/NOV28THROUGHDECEMBER

Tree Sale. Beginning Friday, Nov. 28 and continuing weekends through December, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Enjoy music, warm drinks and cookies by the fire, while surrounded by frasier fir trees. Sales benefit of community outreach programs and local schools. Choose to have 10 percent of the sale amount go to St. Aidan's Day School or a local, public elementary school. St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.com for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28 -TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Christmas in Mount Vernon. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon decks the halls with themed Christmas trees on the estate and festive greenery in the Mansion. Visit www.mountvernon.org/christmas for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 1-3

Amalia's Fancy by Will Artley. 6:15, 7:00 and 7:45 p.m. Tres Hermanas, 4580 Duke Street, Alexandria. Chef Will Artley is teaming up with Travis Hester to pay homage to his mom

with Amelia's Fancy, a pop-up experience featuring dishes that highlight his Mexican heritage and global travels. The fixed-price menu will include 11 dishes, \$75 including tax. Beverages and gratuity are extra. Reservations are required and can be made at www.roughindustries.com/collections/amalias-fancy

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Christmas Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St., Alexandria. Dan Gifford will share his research in a presentation titled "Tidings of Comfort and Joy: Christmas Postcards and their Surprising Contexts." Tickets are \$5. Contact 703-746-4994 for more.

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. \$10. A night of swing dance fun with music by with Hot Buttered Nuggets. www.gottaswing.com or 703-359-9882.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3-MONDAY, JAN. 5

"Friend Me" Exhibit. Through Monday, Jan. 5. Opening reception Thursday Dec. 11, 6:30-8 p.m. The Art League Gallery, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Jeweler Whitney Staiger melds together her friends' public avatar with an aspect of their private selves on her handmade brass cameos in her first solo exhibit. www.theartleague.org 703-683-1780.

THURSDAY/DEC. 4

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone perform. \$45.00. Visit peternoone.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 5-6

Live Music: Dar Williams. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Dar Williams, honoring the 20th Anniversary of "The Honesty Room." \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.darwilliams.com.

Annual Scottish Christmas Walk

Weekend & Parade, 9 a.m. onwards at Campagna Center, 418 South Washington St., Alexandria. Tour historic Old Town homes decorated for the season, wander through a marketplace full of unique seasonal gifts, purchase greenery for your holiday decorations, enjoy fine Scotch at the Taste of Scotland, and take in the sights and sounds of the unique Scottish Christmas Walk Parade. Proceeds will benefit educational programs that provide vital pre-K education, after school programs, tutoring and mentoring, family support services and English classes, all serving 1,700 Alexandrians daily. For schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Scottish Walk Parade. 11 a.m. Old Town Alexandria, parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets. More than 100 Scottish Clans, pipe and drum bands, Scottish dancers, re-enactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries and, of course, Santa Claus will march through the streets of Old Town. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/scottish-christmas-walk-weekend or www.visitalexandriava.com/events/44th-Annual-Campagna-Center-Scottish-Walk-Parade/983

A Soldier's Christmas at Carlyle House. Noon-4 p.m. at Carlyle

ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMAN

Val Hawkins, a Vietnam veteran and president and CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, with three of his paintings included in the Art League's veteran-focused exhibit.

Year of the Veteran Art Exhibit

The Art League's Injured Military Personnel Arts program, in partnership with the USO, Combat Paper and the Arts in the Military, is exhibiting the artwork of veterans through Dec. 10 in the Market Square and Vola Lawson Lobbies at City Hall, 301 King St. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/impart or www.alexandriaveterans.org.

CALENDAR

House, 121 N. Fairfax St. The Christmas event will feature re-enactors from the First Virginia Regiment, as well as costumed interpreters from historic Carlyle House who will highlight colonial life in Alexandria during the holidays at the time of the American Revolution. Visit carlylehouse.org for more.

Holiday Open House. 4-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. During the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Holiday Open House, artists will keep their studios open late for visitors to find handmade gifts. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Boat Parade. 5:30 p.m. near the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy the 15th Annual Alexandria Holiday Boat Parade of Lights. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/holidays for more.

Holiday on the Avenue. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon and E. Oxford avenues. Discover the holiday spirit with a visit to Del Ray for the annual holiday tree lighting and a special appearance by Santa Claus, who will lead carols and sit for photos with children. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. Convergence, 180 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Exciting holiday concert featuring the Alexandria and George Mason University Potomac Arts Academy Encore Chorales. Free. www.encorecreativity.org

Dance in the Gallery: A Demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Northern Virginia branch, presents a

demonstration of social dancing of Scotland. www.nvfaa.org

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Nutcracker in a Nutshell, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, Old Town Alexandria. Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria and Lorton will present their pint-sized, 30-minute version of the Nutcracker for younger audiences, along with a breakfast. Tickets are \$38 for children, 10 and younger, and \$48 for adults. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org for tickets.

"Advent Cantata." 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. Presented by New Dominion Chorale, works by Benjamin Britten and Thomas Beveridge. General admission \$30; \$25 seniors; \$5 students, children; \$20 groups of 10 or more. Free parking. Call Margaret Volpe at 703-442-9404, visit www.newdominion.org or email info@westernpresbyterian.org.

Music in the Gallery. 2 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. The Mount Vernon Flutes perform holiday classics. www.nvfaa.org

MONDAY-TUESDAY/DEC. 8-9

Musical Audition. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Audition to be a Beverly Hillbilly. Children ages 13-18 are welcome to audition.

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, through Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

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

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

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

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

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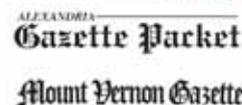
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ENTERTAINMENT

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MONDAY/DEC. 8

A Peter White Christmas. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9-10

Live Music: Aaron Neville. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Christmas with Aaron Neville. \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/DEC. 9

Santa Will Visit. 1-3 p.m. at CVS, 1636 Belle View Blvd, Alexandria. Guests will receive a free photograph with Santa and goodies. Call 703-768-7044 for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 11

"Friend Me" Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m. The Art League Gallery, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Jeweler Whitney Staiger melds together her friends' public avatar with an aspect of their private selves on her handmade brass cameos in her first solo exhibit. Exhibit runs through Monday, Jan. 5. www.theartleague.org 703-683-1780.

Whiskey Store Tour 2014. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Featuring Tab Benoit with Tommy Castro and Samantha Fish. Tickets \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Second Thursday Live: The Aloha Boys. 7 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. \$10 admission.

The Aloha Boys have played Carnegie Hall, The Birchmere and The Kennedy Center. They bring the warm aloha spirit on a cold day. www.nvfaa.org

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 13-14

Historical Candlelight Tour. Saturday, 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, 3-6 p.m. at various locations in Old Town. This holiday event blends chocolate and history through special tastings, seasonal decorations, period music and tours highlighting chocolate through time. Visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Civil War Christmas. Noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visitors will meet a Civil War-era Santa at this family-fun holiday event exploring how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Visit apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/.

Holiday Concert. 8 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

Nutcracker in a Nutshell. 3 and 7:30 p.m. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria campus, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. A condensed version of the classic holiday ballet performed by The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to any of the performances for the U.S. Marine's Toys for Tots program. Tickets are \$25 and are available in advance at www.thecenterforballetarts.com or 703-273-5344. Tickets will also be available at the door.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Colonial Favorites. 2-4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Colonial English Handbell Ringers will return with their annual concert at the Lyceum, featuring a group of 12 performers. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Chocolate Class. 12:45 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn how chocolate goes from cocoa bean to beverage in the 18th century. Participants will participate in the process and taste a final product. Tickets are \$8 per child. Call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 19

Carbon Leaf. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

Kwanzaa Celebration. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The museum's annual program explores the history and significance of Kwanzaa. Learn about the principles of Kwanzaa, a seven-day cultural celebration. Tickets are \$5. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org for more.

Christmas Illuminations. 5:30-9 p.m. Sip hot chocolate while watching fireworks over the Potomac. This is a limited capacity event. Advance ticket purchase is suggested. Tickets are \$30 adults, \$20 youth (6-11), children five and

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ENTERTAINMENT



Scouts from Troop 600 at Stratford Landing Elementary School carry the lead banner for the Campagna Center in the 2013 Scottish Walk parade on Saturday morning.

44th Scottish Walk

The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, D.C., partners with the Campagna Center and the City of Alexandria to host the annual parade. The iconic Scottish Christmas Walk Parade takes place on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11 a.m., when more than 45 Scottish clans dressed in colorful tartans will parade through the streets of Old Town, joined by pipe and drum bands from around the region, as well as terriers and hounds. More events Friday and Saturday include a Taste of Scotland (Dec. 5), Deck the Halls with Santa (Dec. 5), Heather and Greens sale (Dec. 5-6), Holiday Marketplace (Dec. 6) and the Campagna Center's Holiday Designer Tour of Homes (Dec. 6). Free for parade, holiday marketplace and heather & green sales; \$110-290 or Taste of Scotland; \$35 for Designer Tour of Homes; \$20-\$35 for Deck the Halls with Santa. Visit www.scottishchristmaswalk.com for more.

CALENDAR

under are free. Visit MountVernon.org for more.
Orchestra. 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Holidays in Paris." Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 21

Skincare Treatments from Garden and Kitchen. 1-2 p.m. Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Mellenie Runion of Truly-Life Eco Gifts explains how to use simple ingredients for a healthy skincare regimen. www.nvfaa.org

MONDAY/DEC. 22

A John Waters Christmas. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY/DEC. 22-24

Breakfast with Santa. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St., Alexandria. Have breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus before they take off for the big night. \$10 per child (age 0-12) and \$15 per person (age 13+) includes a continental breakfast, visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and tax. Tickets required. Limited amount for every seating. Reservations www.unionstreetpublichouse.com/breakfast.

SATURDAY/DEC. 27

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes. \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

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Sunday/Dec. 28

Hank Williams Tribute Show. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

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The Great Gadsby's

A weekend at Alexandria's Gadsby Tavern

BY VERNON MILES
GAZETTE PACKET

Supposedly, The Hunt Ball at the historic Gadsby's Tavern in Alexandria took place the evening of Nov. 22, 2014. But inside, there was nothing to indicate it was not Nov. 22, 1800. The Hunt Ball was part of the tavern's weekend of historic festivities, beginning with a banquet on Saturday and ending with a lunch hosted by Founding Father and America's third President, Thomas Jefferson.

The rhythmic tapping of shoes upstairs and the faint sound of the live music only deepened the historic atmosphere of the game room immediately below the dance hall. The candle-lit room housed two gaming tables; one for a game of dice, but the main attraction was the card game Whist.

Steve Diatz, an Alexandria resident dressed in the uniform and invented persona of early American naval officer Nicholas Armitage, taught guests the rules of the games. In many ways, it was practice for his trip to New Orleans in January to host games at the bi-centennial of the battle fought there. Diatz has been attending events at Gadsby's tavern since 1982.

"My favorite was on Nov. 5, 2005," said Diatz, and after pressing from the gathered



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Guests Nastassia Gross (left) and Steve Diatz.

guests, continued. "I took, in marriage, my wife Heather in the upstairs ballroom. It was a theme wedding, the scenario was Nov. 5, 1945. We made it a World War II welcome home victory wedding. Everyone dressed in '40's attire."

Many of the attendees were historical re-enactors who attended as historical characters of their creation. Nastassia Gross played a former slave who worked with the British following the Dunmore Proclamation that freed all slaves who fought for the loyalists.

Things were momentarily awkward at the card table when Gross found out that the gentleman sitting next to her, Diatz, was a patriot. The tension passed when the two

began gossiping about the gambling addiction of a local loyalist commander.

According to Gretchen Bulova, the director of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, balls like the one on Saturday are a link to Alexandria's past. The event was originally planned to be "The Jefferson Ball," with Jefferson re-enactor Bill Barker in attendance.

Jefferson, along with George Washington, John Adams, James Madison and James Monroe were known to have attended the tavern during their times in Washington. However, Barker's trip to the tavern had to be delayed until the following day, so the theme changed to reflect the popular 18th and 19th century sport of hunting.

"One of our ball goers had mentioned to us several months ago the idea of a 'Hunt Ball,'" said Bulova. "All of the songs and dances were related to the hunt."

The Hunt Ball was one of five thrown each year by Gadsby's Tavern. In the past, others have included a "Bread and Butter Ball," named after an 1760 entry in Washington's diary where he recalled attending a ball in Alexandria where bread and butter were offered served in notably large quantities. Tickets to the Hunt Banquet and Ball were \$120, or \$45 for the ball alone.

The next day, Gadsby's lunch with Jefferson featured Madeira, a wine



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Bill Barker as Thomas Jefferson

Jefferson was particularly fond of. The wine was served with fried oyster, biscuits, slices of roasted duck and a chocolate mousse. Tickets to the event were also \$45.

At the lunch, Jefferson spoke on a variety of topics, from political discourse to his relationships with fellow Founding Fathers' John Adams and Alexander Hamilton.

"As we continue to move the more swiftly into the future, our past will move equally as fast behind us," said Barker, as Jefferson. "Therefore will we not be the more prone to forget?"

The next event at Gadsby's Tavern is a tour of Alexandria by candlelight on Dec. 13 and 14. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, \$5 for kids.

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LETTERS

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since it does not connote any connection to the Old and Historic District. It rather resembles the massive condo buildings proposed by EYA at the South Robinson Terminal location. If the BAR goes along with the developer on its proposed use of glass, it will be not in accordance with its "buildings of architectural merit" criteria.

Lastly, an 8,000-square foot-community building/pavilion is contiguous to the 300-foot-glass building, but it appears to be a building without a purpose. On the first floor, this building was initially to be a museum, art center, history repository or community center. However, no one has made a decision on its purpose. In addition, the development plan calls for a second floor that will house three condos. This is an unlikely proposition, since the noise from the first floor will make living in a condo above any of these purposes to be very uncomfortable.

The net effect of these three buildings is glass, and more glass, which is fine for Miami Beach, or National Harbor, which are unique venues in their own right.

However, if one looks at the city's waterfront model or at the picture of this development accompanying the Waterfront Plan's goals and guidelines, there is no resemblance whatsoever.

From the very first day that the city embarked upon its Waterfront Plan, it was stated that all the waterfront developments should reflect the best of the Old and His-

toric District. This proposed development will reflect a riverscape that is neither unique in appearance nor historic in character.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Einstein in Old Town

To the Editor:

In the dusky early evening hours of Nov. 19, no fewer than four parallel universes collided on the corner of Pitt and Cameron in an astronomically rare incident, known informally as a "multi-modal mash-up." Within the space of less than 2.14293 milliseconds, two quick moving pedestrians, rounding the identical corner, froze within nanometers of one another, while emitting audibly high squeaks.

This was swiftly enhanced by ped1@Pitt stepping out into the crosswalk, where a near collision of bodies followed ... as a small, close in, hyper-speed, dark particle (nicknamed "the biker") bore down. Simultaneously, in the same low-light intersection, two large, slow moving entities, propelled by four rapidly orbiting tubes, began to arc towards one another on an imminent smash path.

Lesson: Complete Streets are superb demonstrations of how extraordinary collisions of parallel universes might occur. Or, was

this just a cocktail hour divertissement orchestrated by the famous ghosts of Old Town? You decide. I was there, or was I?

Kathryn Papp
Alexandria

A Vegan Thanksgiving

To the Editor:

This week, President Obama will pardon two turkeys to promote the turkey industry. Every one of us can exercise that same pardon power by choosing a nonviolent Thanksgiving observance. It's a most fitting way to give thanks for our own life, health, and happiness.

The 240 million turkeys killed in the U.S. this year have nothing to give thanks for. They are raised in crowded sheds filled with toxic fumes. Their beaks and toes are sev-

ered. At the slaughterhouse, workers cut their throats and dump them into boiling water, sometimes while still alive.

Consumers too pay a heavy price. Turkey flesh is laced with cholesterol and saturated fats that elevate the risk of chronic killer diseases.

Labels warn of food poisoning potential. This Thanksgiving, I won't be calling the government's Poultry Hotline, wondering how that turkey lived and died, or dozing through the football game. Our Thanksgiving dinner may include a "tofurky" (soy-based roast), mashed potatoes, stuffed squash, chestnut soup, candied yams, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and carrot cake. An internet search on vegan Thanksgiving and a visit to my local supermarket will provide me more recipes and delicious turkey alternatives than I can possibly use.

Ashton Gunter
Alexandria

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Domestic Violence Shelters Offer Relief Year-round

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Bethany House currently operates two emergency shelters and can accommodate 10 families, up to 25 individuals, but says there is a demand in the community for more.

"The need is great," said Witcher. "If we added 20 more beds, they'd be filled tomorrow."

Even if Bethany House is unable to provide shelter, the organization offers additional resources. In emergency cases where the victim is in immediate danger and no room at the shelter is available, Bethany House will contact a local hotel and provide a temporary respite until a more permanent housing situation can be found.

While many domestic abuse shelters offer victims a temporary home for 30-45 days, Witcher says Bethany House separates itself from others by engaging in a four- to six-month program that focuses on establishing self-sufficiency. Bethany House helps women find jobs and affordable housing once they have left the program.

"We are committed to making sure these women are self-sufficient," said Witcher. "30-45 days is not long enough to literally rebuild your life. We also provide a two-year active care program. If you have a job at McDonalds and have two or three children to support, that can be very difficult."

Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically (ALIVE!), another Alexandria non-profit organization, also operates a home for victims of domestic abuse. Families that come to ALIVE can live in the shelter for one or two years. The shelter, built in 1972, was originally operated as a homeless shelter but evolved into a domestic violence shelter. The facility currently houses four mothers and 10 children.



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Bethany House fundraising consultant Shelli Vasser Gilliam (left) and interim executive director Jasmin Witcher (right) hold up a sign with messages of lessons people have learned about domestic abuse.

"The objective is to provide case management and help with the situations that led them there," said Kenneth Naser, retiring executive director. "We're trying to deal with the issues that brought them here in the first place. We want to get them into permanent and stable housing."

ALIVE's budget this year is \$1.4 million, which includes the cost of its child development center for economically disadvantaged families, its most expensive program to operate. While some revenue comes from parent fees, Virginia pre-school initiative funds, and city subsidies, ALIVE is still heavily reliant on donations and volunteers.

"More than 93 percent of our budget goes directly into programs because the organization is primarily volunteers, with the exception of the pre-school which requires paid staff for licensing," said Naser, estimating that the organization had at least 700 permanent volunteers. "When you're in the business of giving food and giving financial assistance away, money is always an issue."

At Bethany House, events around the holidays are part of building a healthy community and giving the women and children a sense of normality. One of their major projects every year is a "Christmas Shop" where new items donated by local stores of individuals are arranged to allow families to browse through the selection of potential gifts as if they were shopping at any other store.

Recent awareness to the issue of domestic violence following the video of NFL player Ray Rice physically assaulting his girlfriend has created a problem Bethany House did not anticipate.

"Like many shelters, we've seen an increase in calls to our helpline as more people become aware of domestic violence, but there hasn't been an increase in the volunteer or financial support," said Witcher. "We cannot keep pace with the demand we have."

Bethany House usually sees a surge in donations and volunteers around the holidays, but Shelli Vasser Gilliam, a fundraising

consultant with the organization, said that domestic violence is a year-round issue.

"That need also goes for the other 10 months of the year, not just November and December," said Gilliam. "We would love to have time and skills and talents in those other 10 months."

While both organizations have religious affiliations, Witcher says that Bethany House does not exclude applicants for assistance due to sexual orientation, religious faiths, race or other background. The organization offers spiritual counseling and a Bible study, but says they would never actively push people into those programs. Witcher says counseling, even without any religious affiliation, is one of the most valuable programs Bethany House offers.

"It's hard to move forward when you're still dealing with the emotional scars," said Witcher.

After three and a half years of working in Bethany House, Witcher and Gilliam both said they've developed more compassion and empathy for women in domestic violence situations.

"Having worked in this field, you begin to understand it's not as easy as just picking up your things and leaving," said Witcher. "People think that if they stay, things will change, but it won't. [The abuser] is violent, then they're sorry, and it won't happen again ... until the next time it does."

"It's gratifying to see what an organization can do to help lift people up and see them be self-reliant," said Diane Charles, Naser's replacement as the incoming executive director of ALIVE.

Donations to Bethany House and ALIVE can be made at bhv.org or alive-inc.org/donations.htm.



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Slye Miller and Georgia Grace Ruhlen pose as angels in the Christmas Crèche at St. Mary's School Bazaar on Saturday afternoon. Proceeds from the photo donations benefitted Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg.



Working to save money for college, Callie and Casey Olenik of C&C Creations offered an assortment of handcrafted beaded jewelry.



Bonnie Fairbanks displayed one of her Byers' Choice handcrafted carolers, The Ghost of Christmas Present.



Vivian Kyles offers Ceramics by Eleanor for sale.

St. Mary's School Hosts Christmas Bazaar

St. Mary's School held its annual Christmas Bazaar at the school on Green Street on Saturday, Nov. 22. Vendors filled the gymnasium with tables offering clothing for dogs, dolls, children and adults, jewelry, personalized stationery, holiday

decorations and household goods and accessories and more.

Craft and game rooms were set up by volunteers for the children to create holiday treats and decorations.



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More than 75 Thanksgiving dinner meals await distribution to families in need Nov. 22 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Along with the meals, the nonprofit Firefighters 2 the Rescue gave away 350 new coats and 200 new pairs of sneakers to children and adults as part of its annual holiday.

Hope for the Holidays

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donation — it is greatly appreciated.”

This year’s campaign officially kicked off Nov. 7 and will run citywide through Dec. 24 with a special Christmas Eve kettle set up at Market Square. Every dollar received in an Alexandria kettle remains in the community to support local programs and services.

Citing a 15 percent increase in need for services, the Salvation Army is asking donors to consider additional giving when contributing to this year’s Red Kettle campaign.

“I encourage everyone to consider additional giving this year to help us respond to the increase in need in our community,” Clarke said. “Your donation will support services including the Emergency Disaster Services mobilizing canteens, which feed and hydrate first responders and survivors during disasters, and many other programs which are all made possible because of your generous donations.”

For most charities, 50 percent of donations are made between Thanksgiving and Christmas but not every household always has funds to contribute. In lieu of a financial donation, the gift of time and service is just as valuable.

Neighborhood churches and religious organizations give out turkeys or serve meals on Thanksgiving. Christ House, Christ Church and Meade Memorial all provide meal programs and can use volunteers this time of year.

For more traditional giving, ACT for Alexandria is a community philanthropic foundation that acts as an umbrella organization for more than 100 Alexandria agencies.

“If someone is thinking about giving but not sure where to give,

I’d love for them to give me a call,” said ACT executive director John Porter. “Part of what we do is connect people to causes which are of interest to them but they may not have the knowledge to understand where the need is in the community.”

In addition to supporting immediate causes, ACT established the ACT NOW Fund for future needs or when a crisis develops during the year.

“Individuals interested in charitable giving sometimes donate to a national organization when they can give to that same cause locally,” Porter said. “But when they give back to the community they directly see the benefit of their involvement.”

Other sponsors of the Charles Houston Thanksgiving dinner event included Operation Warm, Braddock Metro Civic Association, ACT for Alexandria, Volunteer Alexandria, 7-Eleven Corporation, Columbia Gardens Cemetery, Bennie & Dina Evans, Progressive Firefighters Inc., Charles Houston Advisory Council and FOCUS North America.

“I can’t thank our sponsors enough,” Bailey said.



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Firefighters 2 the Rescue founder Capt. Willie Bailey crowds around with Marsha Gallagher, who volunteers her time for the annual holiday drive.



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Alexandria resident Hazel Rigby, left, helps distribute 350 coats to children and adults in need Nov. 22 as part of the Firefighters 2 the Rescue Thanksgiving holiday food and clothing drive at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Rigby and her husband are longtime volunteers for the local nonprofit.



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Retired Air Force Col. Mike Hillestad, third from left, spearheaded a toy drive that collected more than \$1,500 worth of toys on behalf of retired military personnel for Toys For Tots. Pictured with Hillestad Nov. 19 at O’Connell’s Restaurant are Sgt. Ada Canizaleztejada, co-sponsors Dave Brubaker, Jace Sotomayer and Terry Scherling, and Cpl. Diego Deazeveda.



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The Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign raises funds for programs that provide basic needs to local residents. Board chairman Walter Clarke (back, second from right), joined volunteers from American Legion Post 24 in Market Square last year as part of the annual drive, which will run through Dec. 24.



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Alexandria Fire Chief Robert Dube, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Police Chief Earl Cook join volunteers from all three departments to distribute Thanksgiving turkey meals, coats and shoes to families in need Nov. 22 at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

Thanksgiving Family Time Important to BI's Faddoul

Junior finished with 28 goals, 16 assists during fall soccer season.

Joey Faddoul was the top offensive threat on a Bishop Ireton boys' soccer team that finished 14-6-2 during the fall, reaching the WCAC tournament semifinals and the VISAA state quarterfinals.

Faddoul, a junior, led the Washington, D.C. area with 28 goals, according to stats from the Washington Post's allmetsports.com. He was also a facilitator for the Cardinals, totaling 16 assists. Faddoul's performance earned him first-team all-WCAC and second-team all-state honors.

Faddoul recently participated in a Q&A via email, sharing some insight about his Thanksgiving plans.

Q: What are your plans for Thanksgiving?

Faddoul: Well, usually on Thanksgiving I go to my cousin's house and we have a great time together. Family is important to me.

Q: Do you or your family have any annual Thanksgiving traditions?

Faddoul: Nothing overly special. My family goes to my cousin's house where my whole family gathers around and enjoys each other's company.

Q: Does your family incorporate sports into Thanksgiving? If so, how?

Faddoul: We watch football, but of course a soccer ball is always around, though!

Q: What is your favorite thing to eat on Thanksgiving?

Faddoul: I'm not picky at all, but I'd have to say it's between the turkey and macaroni and cheese.

Q: The Bishop Ireton boys' soccer team reached the WCAC semifinals and the state quarterfinals. What are your thoughts on how the season went, overall?

Faddoul: I have mixed emotions on the season. I'm extremely happy because we proved so many people wrong and grew as a team and a family and we had a very successful season, but that was not our goal. Our goal was to win a state and conference championship, but we learn and grow from this season.

Q: What is your favorite memory from your first three years of playing soccer at Bishop Ireton?

Faddoul: To be honest, every moment is unique. Just being with the team and laughing when we're off the field but it's all business on the field. Every moment is great and I wouldn't take it back if I had the chance.

Q: What are your future soccer plans?

Faddoul: My goals are to definitely go to college and eventually go pro because I love the game and would love to make it my job.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Faddoul: My favorite artist would have to be either Kendrick Lamar or J. Cole because they make music about real-life issues and situations, not only material things.

Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Faddoul: My favorite movie is "The Lion King" because it shows how someone can be strong and courageous even in bad times and bad situations, and it shows loyalty.

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

Faddoul: I've travelled to France and Germany for soccer and it was a fantastic experience.

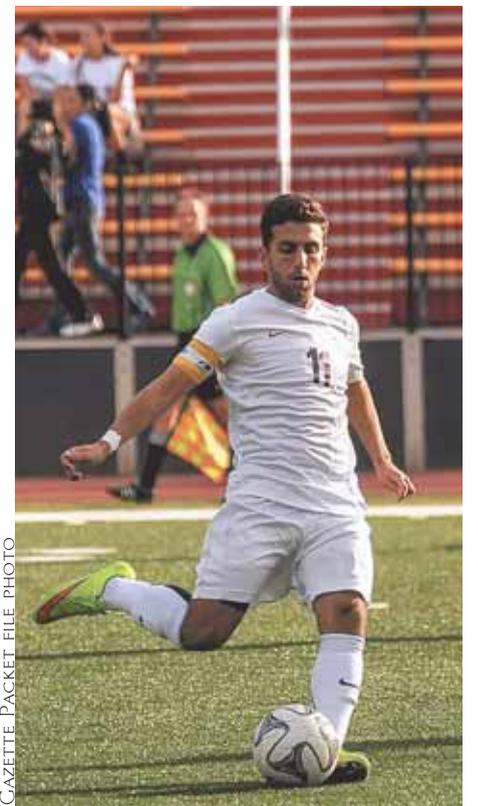
Q: Who are your favorite pro sports teams?

Faddoul: My favorite sports teams would be the Redskins for football and Manchester United for soccer.

Q: Who are your favorite pro athletes?

Faddoul: My favorite professional athletes would be Kobe Bryant, and Ronaldinho because of their competitive drive and attitude they have toward the sport they play and the fun they have doing it.

— JON ROETMAN



Bishop Ireton junior Joey Faddoul scored 28 goals in the fall.

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HOLIDAY GIVING

The Christ Child Project opportunities for involvement include: adopting a child/children, shopping for gifts, pricing at the store, and working during the store hours. Food elves are needed for the Ingathering of Gifts, Sunday, Dec. 7 and for volunteers working in the store on Dec. 12. To volunteer, contact Carolyn Carbaugh, cscarbaugh@verizon.net or call 301-292-2102. Visit www.HistoricChristChurch.org.

Holiday Sharing Sponsors Wanted. The Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) invites the public to help make the 2014 holiday season brighter for the most vulnerable community members – low-income families, foster children, and elderly and disabled residents — through the annual Holiday Sharing program. Contact Suzanne Kratzok at 703-746-5663 or holidaysharing@alexandriava.gov for more.

Volunteer Alexandria is partnering with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Resources to support the 24th annual Holiday Sharing program. The program provides new, unwrapped gifts and toys for children ages 1 to 13 in the Alexandria community. Groups are encouraged to hold parties or happy hours as enjoyable ways to get friends and co-workers together to donate. To participate, groups can create their own collection bins or have them delivered by a volunteer. To view a list of items needed and where to drop them off, visit www.volunteerallexandria.org and click on the Holiday Volunteering tab. Volunteers are still needed to sort and distribute gifts on Dec. 19 and 20. Visit www.volunteerallexandria.org. To sign up for a collection bin, email Marion Brunken at mbrunken@volunteeralexandria.com.

Toy Drive. Runs through Dec. 12. The Weichert family of Companies recently announced the start of its 36th Annual Toy Drive. Members of the community are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the company's sales offices. The toys will be delivered throughout the holidays in conjunction with local charities that assist financially and physically disadvantaged children. Visit www.weichert.com/offices/ for

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Toy Drive. Runs through Dec. 15 at Sheehy Honda of Alexandria, 2434 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Drop off new, unwrapped toys to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Call 703-660-0100 for more.

PUBLIC INPUT

Proposal to Name Park in Memory of Nancy Dunning. The Del Ray Business Association forwarded a proposal to name the park parcel at 2802 Mt. Vernon Ave., located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth avenues, "Nancy Dunning Garden." More than 25 years ago when "The Avenue" was boarded up buildings with very few shops, Nancy Dunning, known as the "Queen of Del Ray," saw a different Avenue and dedicated her life to see it blossom and thrive. The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal via email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Nancy Dunning Garden, or by mail to RPCA, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. The City Council will receive all comments received or postmarked by Friday, Nov. 28. Contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, at 703-746-5504 or jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

Fort Ward Park Research Project. Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Office of Historic Alexandria seeks public assistance in finding photographs documenting gravestones at Fort Ward Park before 1980. Archaeological investigations have recently confirmed locations of at least 40 unmarked graves. These gravesites post-date the Civil War fortification for which the park is named, and are associated with a significant African American community known as "The Fort" that developed at the site after the Civil War and remained until the park was created in the 1960s. Visit www.historicalexandria.org. Those who may have such photographic evidence of gravestones in Fort Ward Park may email archaeology@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4399.

THURSDAY/NOV. 27

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. 10 a.m. Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Christ Church and Beth El congregations have come together for shared worship on Thanksgiving

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By LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams varsity softball players Amal Bouh, Calla Zane, Shayla Brown, Amanda Dorris and Kayla Schelley greet shoppers and offer raffle tickets for sale at the annual holiday craft fair last Saturday.

TC Hosts Holiday Craft Show

Girls from the TC varsity softball team greeted shoppers to the annual school craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 22. More than

40 artists and craftsmen set up booths in the school cafeteria offering a selection of home and gift ideas.



LaVerne Edwards of Edwards Exclusives crochets a small purse at the annual craft show.



Artist T'Nia Neal poses for a photo with her brother and an assortment of her GemZoan World creatures.

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MONDAY/DEC. 1 AND WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Adult Mental Health First Aid Training Class. 4-8 p.m. 4480 King St., Room 514. Demonstrates the initial help given to a person showing signs of mental illness or a mental health crisis. The eight-hour course teaches risk factors, warning signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use disorders; the effects of the illnesses and an overview of treatments; and a five-step action plan for helping someone with symptoms. Contact Donielle Marshall at 703-746-3523 or donielle.marshall@alexandria.gov. Register at survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/MHFARegistration.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Lower School Admission Group Tour. 8:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. SSSAS, Lloyd House, Lower School Campus, 400 Fontaine St. For prospective JK/K/1st parents. An opportunity to tour Lower School campus, talk with a parent guide, meet administrators and see faculty in action. The tour will conclude with a presentation by the Lower School Director. Registration required, contact April Toman at 703-212-2705 or atoman@sssas.org.

Upper School Admission Visiting Day. 8:10 a.m.-3 p.m. SSSAS, Main Office, Upper School Campus, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Prospective students are invited to spend a day visiting St. Stephen's & St. Agnes to experience what it's like to be a Saint. Contact Scott McLeod at 703-212-2706 or smcleod@sssas.org or visit www.sssas.org.

Waterfront Plan Open House. 6 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. The city will discuss a draft proposed for the waterfront plan implementation. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Waterfront for more.

Advisory Committee Meeting. 7-9 p.m. at Samuel Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Drive, Alexandria. This meeting will focus on pedestrian and bicycle goals and objectives, and key areas needed for pedestrian and bicycle connectivity. Contact 703-746-4047 for more.

Museum Closing. Dec. 3-Jan. 30. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will be closed for repairs and restoration. Projects include roof replacement, plaster repairs and repainting of the historic retail space. Contact 703-746-3852 or visit www.apothecarymuseum.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Foster Parent Orientation. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The City of Alexandria will hold a free, no obligation information session for prospective foster parents. An agency representative will be on hand to answer any questions and explain the requirements to foster and/or adopt. Call 703-746-5858 for more.

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

The Christ Child Project. Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Food elves needed for the Ingathering of Gifts. To volunteer email Carolyn Carbaugh at ccarbaugh@verizon.net or call 301-292-2102. Visit www.HistoricChristChurch.org.

MONDAY/DEC. 8

Upper School Admission Visiting Day. 8:10 a.m.-3 p.m. Main Office, Upper School Campus, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Prospective students are invited to spend a day visiting St. Stephen's & St. Agnes to experience what it's like to be a Saint. Contact Scott McLeod at 703-212-2706 or smcleod@sssas.org or visit www.sssas.org/page.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 10

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OBITUARY
CARY, NC: Lillian McCarter Wright Andrews. wife of the late Col. John Taylor Andrews, Jr., passed away on November 15, 2014 in Cary, NC at age 95. Daughter of Rose Wheeler Wright and William McCarter Wright, M.D., she was born in Baltimore, Maryland on October 23, 1919.

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Obituary



Phillippe - Catherine McCorquodale, 75, formerly of Atlanta, Georgia and Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia died November 14, 2014 surrounded by her family. Born in Washington, D.C., she graduated from Anacostia High School and then went on to earn her bachelor's degree from Florida State University where she was a member of Zeta Tau Alpha. She began working at the Presbyterian Church U.S. in 1975 and later became the first woman in the denomination to be named Associate Stated Clerk. Kay, as she was known, was responsible for the organization of the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church USA General Assembly and also staffed many national committees. Kay was an active member of Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia as well as the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Old Town, Alexandria, VA where, at both churches, she served as a member of session as well as on many other committees. She was an avid tennis player and after retiring, enjoyed traveling, watercolor painting, tutoring children in a literacy program and hosting many lovely parties for friends and family in her home. Gracious, elegant, beautiful and wise, she will be greatly missed. Kay is survived by her husband, Bill, three children, Beth Roach and husband Tom of White Plains, NY, Brice Shipley of New Haven, CT, David Phillippe and wife Maria of Hoffman Estates, IL, two sisters, Claire Cappio and husband Jim of Greenville, SC and Ann Burkhardt and husband Bruce of Atlanta, GA and four grandchildren, Henry and Lawson Roach, William Shipley and Christopher Phillippe. A memorial service will be held to celebrate her life at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on Friday, December 5 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be welcome at: Heifer International, www.heifer.org or Old Presbyterian Meeting House, www.opmh.org.

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OBITUARY
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Originally from Alexandria, he more recently resided in Luray and then Fredericksburg, VA.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Niklewski, and step-father, Martin Niklewski. He is also survived by his loving Aunts, numerous cousins and close friends.

A funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 11:00 am, with the family receiving friends an hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria, VA at 2 pm.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, the Virginia Association of Worker's for the Blind - Burkeville Lodge, the American Heart Association or to a charity of your choice.

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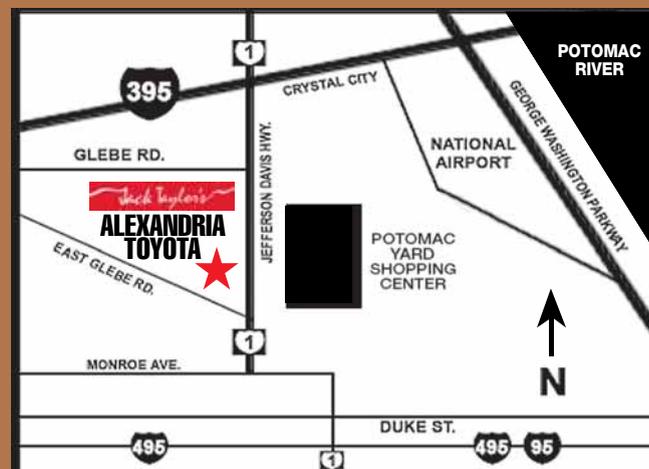
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