

Agents of Change

Students from around Fairfax County recognized for promoting peace.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

After a friend of South County High School senior Sakira Coleman was sexually assaulted while running on a local public path, Coleman decided to take action and started the "Fight for Your Right to Run at Night" program. "I don't like feeling helpless," Coleman said. "This is about raising awareness."

The senior has also served as president of the school service club "Stallions Lend a Hand" and volunteered at Greenspring Retirement Community, a workload that in addition to actual schoolwork requires "no sleep ever" to maintain.

Coleman and 22 other peace-promoting students and student organizations were recognized March 15 at the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, held at Mountain View Alternative High School in Centreville. From anti-bullying event organizers to student association presidents and volunteers in the community, the student leaders were chosen for exhibiting high moral and civic values.

"The number of ways to peace is limited only by the human imagination," said Dr. Margaret Fisher with the Peace Awards coalition as she opened the program. "Seemingly endless suffering in the world can give way when we join our strengths together."

The peace awards started in 2006 with one high school and faith-based sponsorship. The event has grown such that now each public high school and three private schools in Fairfax County may select students for the awards and there are 14 faith-based and secular sponsors.

This year schools were also able to select organizations to honor, including: the Anti-Bullying Committee of Cedar Lane School in Vienna, the Dare to Care anti-bullying group of Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria and The Peer Mediation Program of J.E.B. Stuart High School in Falls Church.

As students were called to the stage in the Mountain View auditorium, they received a copy of Mark Andreas' book "Sweet Fruits from a Bitter Tree." Along with a monetary award, each student also chose a charitable organization to which \$100

Wadia Mahzabeen, a senior at West Potomac High School, demonstrated in front of the Embassy of Bangladesh, singing the country's national anthem and speaking out against the proposed execution of war criminals handed verdicts by the 2013 Bengali War Crimes Tribunals.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE
Amina Nahavandi (right), a senior at the Islamic Saudi Academy in Mount Vernon, is announced by Dr. Margaret Fisher (left) at the Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County and recognized for her peace-promoting work with Model United Nations, the Community Service Club and Muslim Student Association.

would be donated in their name.

Guest speaker Vickie Shoap, restorative justice specialist for Fairfax County Public Schools, addressed the audience once the students were recognized.

"When I looked at what these students have done," said Shoap, "I was humbled and lifted. There is hope for the future."

Shoap referenced the nonviolence and civil disobedience that characterized the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, commenting that "We're all fighting for human rights."

"We're change agents," she continued. "It's hard to talk about things that are difficult in their communities." But, Shoap said, "You're connected to a growing global community of peacemakers."

Though mostly upperclassmen were recognized with peace awards, Seungmin Lee of Rocky Run Middle School represented the next wave of peacemakers. His artwork was featured on the back of the event's program and won first place in the Fairfax Lions Club 2014 Peace Poster Contest.

Lee used colored pencils to depict a red, white and blue dove flying over a globe and a peace sign, with hands of various skin tones reaching towards it.

"It's about people sharing, understanding each other, that peace is beautiful," said Lee.

Sakira Coleman commented that although the students receiving awards have done a lot for promoting peace and reducing violence, "There's always more to do. It's nice to see we've already started."

Award winners not present included Nimra Bilal, a senior at Mount Vernon High School; Hanna Shiferaw, a senior at Quander Road School in Alexandria; and Reem Mohamed, a senior at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Help Shape County Budget

Citizen ideas on budget and services sought.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Despite a damp, dreary Saturday morning, several dozen people turned out at the South County Government Center for the first of two community dialogues on the proposed budgets for Fairfax County government and schools. The meeting along Route 1 began in the morning, followed by a similar event at the Fairfax County Government Center in the afternoon. Both were hosted by Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

"When we adopt the budget, we are investing in the priorities of our community," Bulova said in her opening remarks. The format for the event included explanatory presentations of both budgets by

county officials, a question-and-answer session, and small group brainstorming.

The breakout groups were a chance for individuals from the community to have a discussion with county representatives about which government services they felt were more or less valuable, as well as long-term ideas for reducing county costs.

Fairfax County's Chief Financial Officer Susan Datta gave an overview of the FY2016 budget, highlighting the county's heavy reliance on real estate taxes and underperforming local economy and housing market as factors contributing to the projected budget shortfall.

"Fairfax County is clearly seeing the impact of the Sequester and problems going on at the federal level," said Datta.

"This is a stalled recovery," Bulova said. "It's important to look at all services; are there different ways for us to grow and proceed into the future?"

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Homeowner Shoots Burglary Suspect

Charges are pending an investigation for a 27-year-old northern Virginia man who was shot while allegedly attempting to enter a private residence on the 5700 block of Lenore Lane in Alexandria, according to Fairfax County Police.

Officers responded to a report of a burglary around 8:40 a.m. on March 17. They identified the homeowner as a 48-year-old man, who shot the stranger in the upper body with a handgun. A stun gun, the apparent weapon of the suspect, was also recovered.

Police apprehended the injured suspect after he retreated on foot to Telegraph Road and tried to hail a school bus going by the intersection.

After being taken to a hospital, the suspect's injuries were described as non-life threatening.

Fairfax County Police encourage anyone with information to contact Crime Solvers: online at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).

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FHES Spanish Immersion Program Marks 25 Years

FROM THE FORT HUNT ELEMENTARY
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Over the past two-and-a-half decades, about 1,000 Fort Hunt students have moved on from their primary schooling years having learned more than just the three Rs. They also came away speaking Spanish.

This year, the school celebrates the 25th anniversary of its inclusion in the Fairfax County Public Schools World Language Immersion Program.

In 1990, 52 Fort Hunt first-graders started learning half of the day (language arts and social studies) in English and the other half (math, science and health) in Spanish. Fort Hunt was among seven pilot schools in the school district for partial-day immersion.

During the following years, Fort Hunt added one grade level at a time to the program and now has 350 students learning Spanish immersion in grades 1 through 6. The school admits 75 new students to the immersion program each year using a county-wide lottery system. Immersion students are assessed on their language knowledge during third and sixth grades.

Today, 16 Fairfax County elementary schools participate in the World Languages Immersion Program, seven of them teaching Spanish, while the rest teach French, German, Japanese or Korean.

TEACHING CHILDREN a new language through instruction in other disciplines requires a special skills set for the instructors who do this every day. Some of Fort Hunt's eight Spanish immersion teachers are na-

tive speakers, while others have learned the language through years of schooling and exposure.

Lisa Rubenthaler is the partial-immersion lead teacher. She teaches Fort Hunt's fourth-grade immersion students and is in her third year in her position. Rubenthaler fell in love with Spanish language and culture during a high-school visit to Spain, going on to study Spanish in college and moving to Madrid for a three-year stint after graduation. She says elementary students pick up language quickly without even realizing what they have learned and they are not afraid to make mistakes or experiment with the language. "For those students who continue with Spanish in high school it also gives them a major advantage in the work force and gives them access to many different countries and cultures," she said.

Isabel Gonzalez has been teaching Spanish immersion at Fort Hunt for 16 years and is currently teaching second-grade. "I not only get to teach students my favorite subject, math, but also my native language," Gonzalez said. She was born and raised in Spain and moved to the United States in 1998. Gonzalez said exposure to different languages and cul-

tures at an early age will help immersion students get a broader view of the world, as well as give them better opportunities for college and careers. "An English-only world is becoming something of the past," she said.

Juana Miller has worked as part of Fort Hunt's immersion program for seven years, six years as an instructional assistant. This is her first year as an immersion teacher. A native Spanish-speaker, Miller was born in Lima, Peru. She said she enjoys witnessing children who had no experience with Spanish make progress in speaking and understanding the language. "Learning a new language opens children's minds to different cultures and teaches them to appreciate the valuable things that people of different nationalities and cultures have to offer," Miller said.

Stephen Halliday is in his second year at Fort Hunt. He teaches 5th grade Spanish immersion. He was born and raised in Arizona, near its border with Mexico. He later lived in Mexico for a while. He says he loves the cultural aspect of the immersion program and watching students learn about their culture in relation to other cultures. He feels the immersion experience will help students communicate better in a society that now considers Spanish its second language.

Veronica Lindeman has been teaching for eight years at Fort Hunt and she says Spanish is literally "in her blood." Lindeman was born in Peru. Her mother was from Madrid and both her father and her late husband had careers as diplomats. Lindeman said there are both cognitive and academic benefits to learning a second language. Students who learn a second language become more flexible and creative and often better master and understand their own native language in the process.

Rosa Callejas has been filling in for Lindeman this year. She's a native Spanish speaker of Salvadorian nationality and has studied Spanish from 7th grade through college. She was secretary for the National Spanish Honor Society in high school. "Being a part of the Fort Hunt Spanish immersion program this year has been a great experience to share my passion for the language."

Daviel Cruz is in his second year at Fort Hunt and teaches 6th grade Spanish immersion. Cruz was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where Spanish was his first language. "The rewarding part about teaching Spanish to elementary students is being able to see the thrill young children get from learning Spanish and how proud they are of themselves," he said.

Rachael Smith is in her first year teaching Spanish immersion at Fort Hunt. Ms. Smith grew up surrounded by Spanish speakers and Spanish culture. While attending Middlebury College, she participated in a Summer Spanish Immersion Program and did a portion of her student teaching at Raul Pavón Bilingual Bahá'í School in the mountains of Otavalo, Ecuador.



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Fort Hunt Elementary Spanish immersion teachers (from left): Isabel Gonzalez, Daviel Cruz, Rachael Smith, Juana Miller, Lisa Rubenthaler, Rosa Callejas, Stephen Halliday



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Los Quetzales dancers showcase the traditional dance of the state of Jalisco, widely known worldwide as the "Mexican hat dance." The original name is "jarabe tapatio," meaning melodies of the Jalisco people.

To Perform

To commemorate Fort Hunt's 25-year connection with Spanish-language countries, the PTA will host an assembly for all students featuring the D.C. Mexican dance ensemble Los Quetzales. They will perform Wednesday, March 25 with their lively music, colorful costumes and dance numbers with links to several regions of Mexico. For more information about the group, visit www.quetzales.org.

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Help Shape County Budget

FROM PAGE 1

Bulova and Datta explained the county conducts its own "lines of business review," an evaluation of all county programs and staff that began in January to attempt to identify "right-sizing" for future revenue growth.

The proposed county budget already includes a reduction package of \$26.9 million.

"We've reduced effectively nearly every agency in Fairfax County," said Datta.

Even with the reductions, Fairfax County is still forecast to undercut what the Fairfax County Public Schools board has asked for in its proposed budget: a projected transfer shortfall of \$14 million.

Kristen Michael, assistant superintendent for financial services with FCPS, explained the school system has managed to cut over \$55 million from its FY2015 approved budget expenditures, as reflected in the

FY2016 advertised budget.

However, some of the unfunded, identified needs include lower class size, a family and early childhood education program, and student technology and connectivity.

The school board is scheduled present its budget to the Board of Supervisors April 7, with public hearings on that budget as well as the county's to be held April 7-9. April 28 is the proposed for the county to adopt its budget, followed by the school board adopting its budget May 21.

For more information on the proposed county budget, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget. More information on the Fairfax County Public Schools budget can be found at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2016.shtml.

Citizens are encouraged to participate and speak in the public hearings. To sign up, call the Clerk to the Board's Office at 703-324-3151 or 703-324-2391.

First Meeting Set for Police Commission

With endorsement, albeit non-unanimous, from the Board of Supervisors, the ad hoc commission organized by board chairman Sharon Bulova to review Fairfax County Police Department practices will hold its first meeting March 23.

A statement from Bulova's office said, "The commission will recommend changes, consistent with Virginia law, which would help Fairfax County achieve its goal of maintaining a safe community, ensuring a culture of public trust and making sure our policies provide for the fair and timely resolu-


tion of police-involved incidents."

The 34-member commission is comprised of 10 citizens, nine police representatives, five legal authorities, three academics and consultants, five members of the media and two county staff members, not including commission chairman Michael Hershman and Bulova. Though not on the original list presented by Bulova, a recent addition to the commission membership is Salvatore Culosi. Culosi's son, Dr Salvatore "Sal" Culosi, Jr., was killed by a Fairfax County Police officer Jan. 24, 2006 outside his Fair Oaks townhouse.

A current list of the commission members and more information on the commission itself is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission.

The public meeting is scheduled to take place March 23 at the Fairfax County Government Center, rooms 9 and 10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The government center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 27, May 18 and June 22, all at the same time and location.

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Son of Essie Myrtle Smith and Lewin Wheeler, Larry was born and raised in Alma, Ga. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1954, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed at Quantico, Va.

For over 40 years, he lived in Alexandria and worked in Washington, D.C. Employed by U.S. Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) and later by U.S. Rep. Jack Brinkley (D-3-Ga.) as his administrative assistant, Larry also served early in his career as Secretary of the Senate and assistant to Interior Secretary Stewart Udall. He finished his career at Hughes Aircraft as their congressional liaison.

Survivors include Joan Wheeler his wife of 57 years, Roxann

Wheeler his daughter, Mike Wheeler his brother, Karen Wheeler his sister-in-law, Derek and Jon Wheeler his nephews, John Scott McDonald and Rosemary Holton his cousins. In late April, the family will celebrate his life at two services, one at the Alma Methodist Church and the other at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church.

For those who are moved to memorialize him in some way, the family suggests a gift to the Skidaway Cat Program (non-profit), Jane Von Rutenberg, treasurer, 2 Moonbill Lane, Savannah, GA 31411, where Larry was a volunteer and supporter along with Joan, or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Fairhaven Funeral Home, Hubert C. Baker Chapel, Savannah, Ga., is in charge of arrangements. See www.fairhavenfuneralhome.net.

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Fairfax County

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From left: Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) talks with supporters and Mount Vernon residents Lyn Snodgrass, Alan Edelstein and Jim Seeley at Surovell's campaign kickoff for Virginia state senator.

Del. Surovell Kicks Off Campaign for Senate Seat

Mount Vernon residents Lyn Snodgrass, Alan Edelstein and Jim Seeley engaged Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) in a banquet room of The Landing restaurant in Woodbridge.

"He's been trying to do things down in Richmond," said Seeley, who came to The Landing to support Surovell kicking off his campaign for state senator representing the 36th district. "He's thoughtful and he's a winner," Seeley added.

Surovell, a longtime Mount Vernon resident and graduate of Mount Vernon High School, first announced his intention to run shortly after the current 36th district Sen. Linda "Toddy" Puller (D) announced she would not seek re-election. This event on March 14 marked the official campaign kickoff.

"When you lose somebody like that, those are huge shoes to fill," said Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), and Surovell "understands the history of the Commonwealth."

Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49) spoke to the 33 percent of the 36th district who speak a language other than English at home. "This community is forgotten far too often," he said, adding that he believes Surovell has been a great advocate for that population.

Puller also gave Surovell her full endorsement. "He really is a product of Mount Vernon," she said. "I'm thrilled to have Scott running for my seat."

Surovell followed Puller at the podium and praised her work representing the 22,000 veterans living in the 36th district. "They've had no fiercer advocate than Sen. Puller," he said. "And she's been a tremendous advocate for the Route 1 corridor."

The current delegate went on to outline some of the bedrocks of his campaign plat-



Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), left, kicked off his campaign for 36th district senate seat on March 14, with help from current Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36), right.

form, highlighting working for transportation upgrades and redevelopment of the Route 1 corridor, getting better funding back to students in the area, striving for economic fairness and expansion of Medicaid, and taking steps forward on environmental issues such as solar energy and stormwater management.

"There are 200,000 people in this senate seat," Surovell said, "and only about 100,000 are registered to vote." Many of the rest, being children and adolescents too young to vote, Surovell confirmed his dedication to represent all of them.

When he first got to Richmond as a delegate, he recalled, and walked into the state capitol with the aged statue of George Washington, "the reality of it all hits you in the face. It's not about politics, it's about real people."

The first few days, he said, you wonder: "How did I get here. After a few days, you ask how did all these other people get here?"

— TIM PETERSON



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On Police Information and Secrecy

Time for change in public access to police information.

The first meeting of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission will take place next Monday, March 23, and it comes with hope for real change.

Police could take one step that would signal that they are serious about regaining public trust.

Police departments in Northern Virginia should let go of their relentless pursuit of secrecy. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports, dashboard video and many other sources of information without harm, all things that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold

“complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

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

It is only because of legal action by the family of John Geer, shot dead by a Fairfax County police officer in the doorway to his own home in August 2013, and the resulting court order that we know details of what happened that day. And what we now know confirms that the information released by police was incomplete and misleading at best.

We’ve learned that we cannot trust the leadership at the Fairfax County Police Department to tell the truth voluntarily on these matters. (See Editorial: “Not the First or Only Time,” Connection, Feb. 11, 2015.)

Repeating what we have said in this space many times: Police wield power unlike any

other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly force.

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

Most Northern Virginia residents think very highly of their police. We are very safe here. People understand that sometimes mistakes happen, that sometimes force is needed, and that sometimes police will exercise deadly force. What they are unlikely to accept is secrecy that shrouds mistakes, and failure to take responsibility for explaining events of deadly force.

It’s clear that discretion about when to withhold information cannot be left up to the police department.

—MARY KIMM, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

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Mary Kimm is a member of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission; news coverage of police issues will continue to be the responsibility of reporters at the Connection.

EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Be Part of The Solution

To the Editor

The schools in the Mount Vernon and Lee communities are scheduled to receive \$150 million worth of renovations and facility improvements over the next five years. There are a number of options that have been discussed in the context of the Capital Improvement Plan adopted in January 2015. We need to have the community’s input on the direction that the school system will take. Beginning Thursday, March 19, Fairfax County Public School staff will begin the first of four community engagements at our

area middle schools to discuss the options for school facility improvements and new programming. These meetings will provide all residents in the Mount Vernon and Lee regions the opportunity to hear from school staff about projected enrollment growth, school renovation/new construction needs, student programming needs and possible solutions to these needs. More information is available about these meetings at www.fcps.edu on the front page under Region 3 Facilities Meetings. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. on the following dates and locations:

- ❖ Thursday, March 19 at Twain Middle School
- ❖ Monday, March 23 at

Sandburg Middle School
 ❖ Wednesday, April 8 at Hayfield Secondary School
 ❖ Wednesday, April 15 at Whitman Middle School
 The agenda for each of the meetings will be the same; presenting draft guiding principles for decision making, providing overviews of current and projected enrollments, facility needs, program plans and a timeline for any future actions and securing detailed community feedback. The key to this process is community participation. We need you to attend to share your ideas, concerns and experiences with our staff. It is important that school staff better understand our communities’ values and needs. As your School

Board members, we have shared these values with staff many times. It is important for you to do so as well, so they can better support our community’s beliefs and commitment to ensuring the highest quality education for every child. Also, these meetings are the beginning of a longer process that will result in changes to many of our schools and programs.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the above meetings.

Dan Storck

Mount Vernon District Member
 Fairfax County School Board

Tamara Derenak Kaufax
 Chairman and Lee District Representative
 Fairfax County School Board

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Free Tax Preparation. Monday-Saturday, 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 5-8 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For taxpayers with low and middle income. All ages, with special attention to seniors. Federal and Virginia tax returns prepared and electronically filed by IRS-certified volunteers. Tax questions can be answered. Bring your photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), tax

documents, and your prior year tax return.

WEDNESDAYS/MARCH 11-25

Wednesday Lenten Program. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Join discussion on Praise and Thanksgiving Psalms as they differ from the Lament Psalm, and a presentation of the Alfred Street Baptist Church. Call 703-360-4220.

THURSDAY/MARCH 19

Tax Relief Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications; they may be eligible

for car tax relief and tax relief for renters. Department of Tax Administration staff will be available to assist with filling out the application form and answer questions. No appointment necessary. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta, or call 703-971-6262 (TTY 711).

TUESDAY/MARCH 24

Tax Relief Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 201, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain qualifications; they may be eligible for car tax relief and tax relief for renters. Department of Tax Administration staff will be available to assist with filling out the application form and answer

questions. Registration required. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta, or call 703-765-4573 (TTY 711) for an appointment.

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

Hearing Health Program. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. “Advanced Hearing Health Care” visits Hollin Hall Senior Center with a presentation and discussion of “Fall Risks” — the part and parcel of hearing loss. Free and open to the public. Call 703-765-4573 (TTY 711).

THURSDAY/MARCH 26

Kids’ Holy Week Service. 5:30 p.m. at St Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Through music, story

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Family Matters Prevent colon cancer for self and loved ones.

BY MEGAN BEYER

It may never feel like a “good time” to have a colonoscopy. You might have already used the excuse that the preparation day before a colonoscopy is unpleasant and cuts into your busy schedule — and then you put it off another year. But momentary discomfort or inconvenience is a small price to pay for saving your life.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of death from cancer in the United States. Only 40 percent of colorectal cancer cases are found in the early stages when it is most treatable. Consider the implications of not getting screened, or of a family member putting off screening until it is too late. If you are over 50 years old and of average risk, you should get screened for colorectal cancer. Those at higher risk may need to be screened earlier. And colorectal cancer, long thought of as a disease of older adults, has been rising in young adults — which makes it especially important for people of all ages to be aware of risk fac-

tors like tobacco use, obesity and heavy drinking, as well as family history.

March is National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. There is no need to be uncomfortable talking about colorectal cancer. Make this a conversation topic in your family and encourage them to speak with their health care professionals about getting screened. Nearly everyone has lost a loved one to cancer, and colorectal cancer is a disease that takes too many lives each year. This year an estimated 132,700 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Worse, nearly 50,000 people will die from it. In 2014 about 136,830 people are predicted to be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the United States, and about 50,310 people are predicted to die of the disease. Don't become a statistic. Start taking preventive steps today.

Determine your family history of cancer and talk with your health care professional about colorectal cancer screening options. Experts recommend both men and women

over 50 of average risk get screened. A colonoscopy allows medical professionals to examine the entire colon and remove any polyps (pre-cancerous growths) before they ever become cancerous.

When colon cancer is found early, it is more treatable, and the five-year survival rate is 90 percent. If you cannot or will not have a colonoscopy, there are a variety of other screenings available, such as a virtual colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy or double-contrast barium enema. Talk to your health professional about what is best for you.

Some people need to start screening earlier because they are at a higher risk of colon cancer — they have personal histories of colorectal cancer, pre-cancerous polyps or inflammatory bowel disease; family histories of colorectal cancer, polyps or a hereditary colorectal cancer syndrome; or have Type 2 diabetes.

Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates are highest in African-American men and women; incidence is about 25

percent higher and mortality rates are about 50 percent higher than those in Caucasians.

Healthy living is a vital step to cancer prevention and can lower risk for colorectal cancer.

Maintain a healthy weight and stay active by exercising regularly for 30 minutes at least five times a week. Eat a nutritious diet low in red and processed meats (such as bacon or sausage) and full of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Do not smoke and only drink alcohol in moderation. Use these tips to live a healthier life today, and share this information with family and friends.

Colorectal cancer is treatable, especially if caught early. Talk with your family and loved ones about ways to reduce their colorectal cancer risk. Visit www.preventcancer.org for more information about cancer prevention and early detection.

Megan Beyer is the wife of U.S. Donald S. Beyer Jr. (D-8) and is a member of Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program of the Prevent Cancer Foundation. All statistics are provided by the American Cancer Society.

COMMENTARY

The Top 20: A 2015 Legislative Summary – Part II

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

This is Part II of my column regarding the Top 20 legislative highlights from the 2015 General Assembly session. Last week, I discussed the top 7. Here are the rest.

#8 - Uber Legalized

The legislature authorized ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft. See my prior columns about problems with these services (N).

#9 – Child Care Regulations Strengthened

We lowered the threshold for state regulation of childcare facilities from six to five children excluding the proprietor's kids and required criminal background checks for all employees and volunteers (Y).

#10 - Veterans

We passed bills to establish two new veterans care centers in the state (Y) and to allow veterans to receive certain academic credits at community colleges for training and educational programs they completed during their military service (Y). Another bill would require the Department of Education to determine how to track students



with a parent in the military to help children of military families can get federal aid (Y).

#11 - Limiting “Big Brother”

We passed legislation limiting warrantless collection of personal information by law enforcement unrelated to pending criminal investigations (Y). This includes license plate readers and other types of passive data collection. We passed legislation prohibiting the use of drones for law enforcement without warrants except in emergencies and for training exercises (Y).

#12 - Justice for Sterilizations

We appropriated \$400,000 to compensate survivors of the state's eugenics program which sterilized more than 8,000 people between 1924 to 1979 at \$25,000 per person. (Y).

In 2002, then-Gov. Mark R. Warner offered “the commonwealth's sincere apology for Virginia's participation in eugenics.” He called it “a shameful effort in which state government never should have been involved.” Virginia would be the second state, after North Carolina, to compensate victims.

#13 – Voting Restricted

We passed legislation requiring mail-in absentee voters to provide copies of photo identification unless they are active duty military (N).

#14 - Autism Insurance

We passed legislation that will help about 5,000 Virginia children ages one thru 10 receive health insurance coverage for autism treatments (Y).

#15 - Medical Marijuana & Legal Hemp

We approved a bill legalizing the possession of oil derived from marijuana for people diagnosed with severe epilepsy (Y). We also legalized industrial hemp so we can go back to exporting ropes and sails or something (Y).

#16 – Heroin Crisis

Heroin use and overdoses are on the rise. We passed legislation creating immunity from prosecution for certain persons reporting overdoses in progress (Y).

We also expanded a pilot to encourage the use of opioid overdose counteractant drugs by law enforcement (Y) and granted probation officers access to Virginia's Prescription Monitoring Program to ensure

probationers are not abusing prescription drugs (Y).

#17 - Off-Label Prescription Drugs

We passed legislation to expand terminally-ill patients' access to investigational drugs, under a physician's supervision if an experimental drug has cleared the first phase of clinical trials but has not yet received final approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (Y).

#18 – Ethics “Reforms”

We passed legislation creating a \$100 gift limit, but lifting the \$250 overall cap on donations from a single donor (Y). We also prohibited gifts and contributions to the Governor while negotiating grants.

#19 - Tax Refunds

We abolished the unsound policy requiring that tax refunds be issued on debit cards (Y).

#20 - State Song

Virginia might finally have not just one, but two state songs – “Our Great Virginia” and “Sweet Virginia Breeze” (N).

Please email your feedback and suggestions at scott@scottsuovell.org. It is an honor to serve as your state delegate.

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and movement, kids will get an age-appropriate walk through Holy Week. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Boater Education Course. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus Hall at 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. To legally

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7079 an enrollment form.

SUNDAY/MARCH 29

Palm Sunday. 8:30-10:30 a.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

“Social Media Marketing, Part 1.”

8:30 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway. Learn how to use applications like Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and how to measure success. Free. Visit www.sfdc.org.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal. 6-8 p.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Fellowship meal and prayer service. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.

FRIDAY/APRIL 3

Good Friday Service. 7:30 p.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. John's passion gospel is at the center of the Good Friday service. Seminarian Morris Thompson will preach. Free. Call 703-360-4220 for more.



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The Right Fit: Choosing a Summer Camp

How parents can ensure positive summer experiences for their children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Though the official start of spring is still days away and the fridity of winter is still recent on the minds of many, Janelle Wright, a Potomac, Md., mother of two, has already mapped out the summer for her children.

Wright did research before signing up her 13-year-old daughter, Corrine, in an academic camp geared toward boosting her English composition skills, and enrolling her 12-year-old son, Teddy, in a camp for children whose needs fall just outside the norm.

Indeed, experts say social interactions, a chance to have fun and an opportunity to fill the time between family trips are just some of the benefits of summer camps.

There are camps for every child, no matter their needs.

"I spoke to the camp and shared with them up front that my son might need help socializing with other kids," said Wright. "He might need directions repeated to him. I did that so I could drive away in peace knowing that he'd be fine. It's different for my daughter because she doesn't have any challenges. I don't have to call the camp and talk to them like I do with my son."

WHETHER A CHILD is typical or falls slightly outside the norm, doing a bit of research and exercising forethought are good ideas when selecting summer programs. In fact, advanced planning and registration for summer camp is essential in the Washington, D.C., region, say educators.

"It's important to find an activity that kids already like to do. It's summer so kids should have fun," said Linda Guly, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington.

"Choose a camp where they won't feel lonely. It helps to sign them up with a buddy, especially in late elementary and middle school so they'll have one or two people at camp they already know. That really does matter."

If choosing a specialty camp, summer



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When choosing a summer camp, parents should consider signing up their children with friends to decrease the chance of loneliness.

might not be the time for embarking on a new activity, however. "Summer camps may not be a time to have kids do something completely new," she said. "For example, if a child has never played golf, you might not want to invest money in a golf camp if you aren't sure your child will enjoy it. A child needs to feel like this is not school where they are struggling to learn a new activity."

The most important thing is for parents to do their research.

"Interview the camp director," said Lois McCabe, head of school for The Diener School in Potomac. "What does the day look like? How structured or unstructured is it? It is good to have a mix of both."

This is particularly true for children with special needs. "You want to make sure the camp understands the needs of special needs children," said McCabe. "You don't want to throw them in this big unstructured environment with other kids and hope for the best. You want to make sure your child's peer groups understand your child."

"Parents should consider a camp that taps into their child's strengths, the size of the groupings during the day," said Susan J.

Johnson, Ph. D., of Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria. "Consider the length of time for each activity."

Johnson advises that parents try coordinating their child's attention span with the camp's schedule. "Match camp schedule with body clock of the child," she said. "Schedule afternoon camp for children who naturally sleep late in the mornings, for example."

INFORM THE CAMP'S STAFF if a child has allergies, medical needs or phobias. For special needs children, Johnson says camp counselors and directors should be "aware of a child's specific learning disabilities, and trained in how to teach children with learning disabilities, present directions, teach multiple strategies for learning new skills and always incorporate hands-on learning activities."

For children who are prone to feeling anxious about going to camp, Johnson suggests parents do a practice run to camp and visit the campus or building. "This will ease first day anxiety and give the camper self confidence that he or she knows his way

around," she said. "Meet the counselors if possible."

There are also options if parents want their children to enjoy typical camp activities like swimming and arts and crafts combined with academics. For example, Wright chose an English program at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac for her daughter.

"[Our] summer programs encompass academics for credit or enrichment and the arts [including] visual, performing and culinary," said Monique McMillan-Jackson, director of summer programs. St. Andrews also offers sports and technology camps.

Campers who attend Summer at Norwood in Potomac can expect to "camp outside the lines," said Kevin Rechen, director of auxiliary programs at Norwood School. The school's camps run the gamut from art, science, technology and adventure to academics, dance, sports and theater.

SOME DAY CAMPS are structured to allow parents to choose the week their child will attend camp based on the camper's interests.

"We have a theme for every week that is packed with field trips and special events" said Fred Lowery, owner of Kiddie Country in Burke, which is running 11 weeks of camp this summer. "All of the camp activities are related to the theme. There are field trips to the Maryland Science Center, a Washington Mystics game, Reptiles Alive and Hershey Park. On site, we have everything from mad science to jugglers to swimming."

Traditional camp experiences, like opportunities for socializing with peers, are still found in specialty camps.

"As [campers] learn to identify, measure and combine ingredients, they are also learning important life skills, working together as a team and ultimately creating a delicious meal," said Jennifer Bashaw, curriculum development coordinator at Tiny Chefs, Inc. "Children leave our camps with a greater confidence in their kitchen skills and personal creativity."



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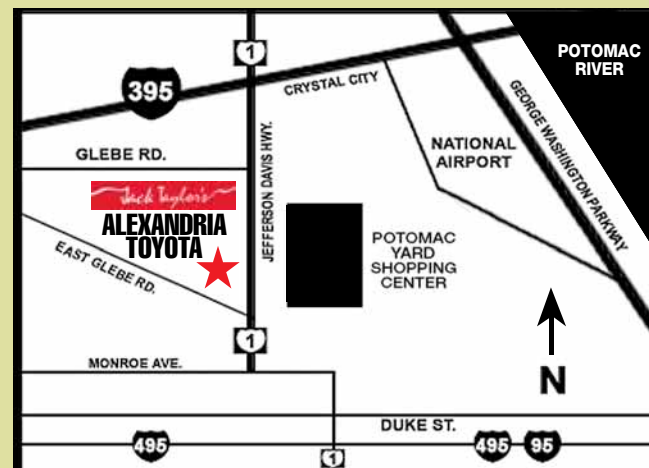
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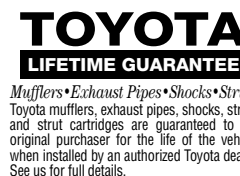
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Aldersgate Stages 'Pride and Prejudice'

Jane Austen's tale of manners and misunderstanding in class-conscious England.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is putting on "Pride and Prejudice," Jane Austen's classic tale of manners, love and misunderstanding in class-conscious England in the early 19th century. Directed by Mary Ayala-Bush, the show runs through March 29.

The play follows the humorous consequences of matchmaking gone wrong (and right) among the five Bennett sisters — Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Catherine and Lydia — who have been raised well aware of their mother's fixation on finding them husbands and securing set futures.

Ayala-Bush said "Pride and Prejudice" provides an opportunity to showcase wonderful characters and situations, and she loves presenting period plays that allow you to transport yourself to a specific time and place in the past.

"It's adult playacting at its best," she said.

She said the play condenses a large novel into two hours of acting with multiple subplots, a large cast, each with their own agenda.

"With a cast of 16, it's important to have each of the actors understand and create the characters' backstory in order to allow the dimensions of the character to show on stage and to better engage with the other characters."

She added that a great deal of time was spent in understanding the relationships,



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Cal Whitehurst and Heather Norcross star in "Pride and Prejudice," through March 29, at Aldersgate Church Community Theater.

motivations and the rationale for what each character is saying and doing in this play. In addition, the period of the piece requires specific manners, posture and accents to convey the time, situation and location.

Cal Whitehurst plays Mr. Bennett, an upper middle-class landowner in 19th Century England and a father of five daughters. Because he doesn't have a son, under the terms of his estate, the property will pass to a cousin after his death.

"He finds the highly feminine atmosphere in the house a bit overwhelming and often retires to his library for a little peace and quiet," Whitehurst said.

He said speaking with an upper-class English accent while not losing the meaning

of the dialogue and the emotions behind the words was a challenge.

"Also, one has to maintain the very formal stance and gestures appropriate to the period." But because "Pride and Prejudice" is so popular, "My portrayal has to stand up against the preconceived idea of Mr. Bennett that many members of the audience will have based on having read the book or seen other actors in the part."

Whitehurst said he hopes audiences will find the same pleasure in the play that fans of Jane Austen find in her novels — and will get the chance to immerse themselves in a world very different from their own — a highly stratified society in which conventional behavior was strictly enforced.

Heather Norcross is playing Mrs. Bennett, a mother and matchmaker with five adult daughters.

"She understands little about proper manners and loves to talk," Norcross said. "Her greatest joy in life would be seeing all her girls married and [she] will do anything possible to see that happen."

She said the challenges in the role were the sheer number of lines and a short rehearsal schedule pocked with bad weather.

"Couple the amount of lines with antiquated language, an accent, and a character voice — that was a challenge," she said.

Jenni Patton plays Elizabeth Bennett, the "independent daughter" who is opinionated, strong-willed and smart, and with great heart for the people she cares the most about.

"She is very self-possessed, and isn't afraid to speak her mind or stand up for what she wants — but she is also gracious enough to admit when she's wrong," said Patton.

She said a challenge was working with Jane Austen's language and giving it life for a modern audience.

"It could so easily be stiff and boring, but it certainly doesn't have to be," she said. "There are cultural nuances that aren't obvious to a modern reader at first blush, and

I've really tried to draw those out so the relevance, and at times the rather biting humor, doesn't get lost just because we don't talk that way anymore."

She said the emotional cadences of the story are so timeless, and this is one of the most enduring love stories of all time, precisely because it is at its heart the story of love's ability to break down barriers. "We can all stand to be reminded of that every now and again."

Gary Cramer plays Mr. Collins, a cousin of Mr. Bennet's who he has never actually met before. Cramer said, "From the start, it is clear that he's not going to be picky about which daughter he targets ... anything young and female will do nicely if she is 'an active, useful sort of person.'"

Being a bit pompous, lecherous, oily and tone deaf in the ways of wooing, Cramer thinks that his character is in the script for comedy relief purposes.

"Some of Mr. Collins' distinct habits are clearly indicated in the script, but the fun and challenging side of bringing an already quirky character to life is to add my own spin to it without changing the dialogue or the author's intent."

"As hard as it may be for some to accept the old-fashioned courtship behaviors, social niceties, and restrictions put upon women as shown in this play, it offers a good opportunity to learn a bit about how these things were done in 'the good old days.' He added, "It may even generate some after-show discussion about how much (or how little) things have really changed for the better in terms of setting the foundations for a good marriage since then."

ACCT is presenting "Pride and Prejudice" through March 29 in the Wesley Hall of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. The show runs Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10-\$15. Visit www.acctonline.org.

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"In and of the Land." Through Sunday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and during performances at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern

Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive, Alexandria. "In and of the Land" is a two person exhibition of recent work in paintings by Clive Pates and ceramics by Virginia Rood Pates. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/Gallery for more.

"Four." Through Sunday, March 29 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 319, at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. The Torpedo Factory gallery presents "Four," featuring photographer Julie Patrick, mixed media artist Kara Hammond, painter Jill Finsen and painting/mixed media artist Barbara Muth. TAG will present a new show each month. Visit torpedofactory.org for more.

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

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MARCH 5-APRIL 6

"Reconstructing the Landscape."

Through April 6 at The Art League, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. "Reconstructing the Landscape" features large-scale abstract paintings by Claudia Cappelle. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

MARCH 6-29

"DREAM ON!" Runs through Sunday, March 29 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Local area artists use any media to explore and express their dreams in the "DREAM ON!" exhibit at Del Ray Artisans gallery. Using their imaginations, artists interpret their dreams—from weird to wonderful, scary to surreal. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 7-22

March 150. Through Sunday, March 22 in the Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. The exhibition will feature 200+ works of original art by local arts, all created on 10" square panels and sold for \$150 each, until the night of the Art Party on March 20, when all the work is discounted to \$100. Visit torpedofactory.org/event/march-150/ for more.

MARCH 12-APRIL 10

Michael Graves Memorial Exhibit.

Library hours at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The architect and designer of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, Mr. Michael Graves, passed away on March 12, 2015. The Library has devoted a memorial table of his work along with a feature on the Alexandria Library website. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

MARCH 24-MAY 3

Art Exhibit. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Two new exhibits will be on display at the Multiple Exposures Gallery by artists Susan Meyers and Colleen Henderson. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

MARCH 11-29

Blossom's Rainbow. Runs through Sunday, March 29. 10:30 am. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Wednesdays-Fridays and Sundays. In the show, a painter's brush sets a young cherry blossom's world into motion. Infused with whimsical dance, vibrant colors, and dynamic live music, join Blossom on her journey from the red mountains down to the indigo city in this new piece that celebrates Japanese culture. Best for children ages 2-5 and their families. Arts on the Horizon is a theatre company that produces original work exclusively for children ages 0-6 and their families in Northern Virginia and the DC metro area. \$8, tickets online or

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THURSDAY/MARCH 19

"A Breath of Spring." 6-8 p.m. at Artfully Chocolates, 506 John Carlyle Drive, Alexandria. Art Exhibit and reception featuring the art of Alexandria artists Eric Nelson and Nancy Ziegler with complimentary appetizers and chocolates and wines available for purchase. Door prizes for the first 50 guests. Free, open to the public. Call 703-346-8699 or email lindsay.hutter17@gmail.com for more.

Living Legends. 6 p.m. at Patent and Trademark Office Madison Building, 600 Dulany St. Attend an exhibition of "Living Legends of Alexandria," an ongoing photo-documentary project about the city. Tickets are \$45 through March 12; \$50 through March 17; \$55 at the door. Visit www.alexandrialegends.com.

Annual Children's Concert. 7:30-8:45 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 5000 Dawes Ave. Rescheduled due to snow, the The Northern Virginia Community College NOVA Alexandria Band, the John Adams Elementary School Orff Ensemble and the George Mason and Jefferson-Houston Elementary Schools Jazz Band will perform a variety of musical selections. Free. Call 703-845-6252.

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THURSDAYS-SATURDAY/MARCH 19-21

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FRIDAY/MARCH 20

Opening Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Join tonalist painter Kevin Fitzgerald for the opening reception of his annual solo exhibit. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

Washington's Irish. 7-9 p.m. at in the Robert H. and Clarice Smith Auditorium, Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, George Washington's Mount Vernon invites guests to explore the history related to the Irish during the Revolutionary War with a performance by Derek Warfield and The Young Wolfe Tones. A reception featuring Irish food will take place in the Vaughn Lobby following this performance and cultural music discussion. \$75 per person. Visit mountvernon.org/irish for tickets.

March 150 Art Party. 7-11 p.m. in the Target Gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Target Gallery is raising money for special exhibitions and outreach programming with the 5th Annual Exhibition Fundraiser, March 150. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. The exhibition will feature 200+ works of original art by local arts, all created on 10" square panels and sold for \$150 each, until the night of the Art Party on March 20, when all the work is discounted to \$100. Visit

torpedofactory.org/event/march-150/ for more.

The Oak Ridge Boys. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Swing Dancing. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Local band leader Owen Hammett will direct the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Tickets are \$4 at the door. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 20-22

"Bye Bye Birdie." Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Rock and roll heart throb Conrad Birdie comes to Sweet Apple, Ohio, to bestow his #1 fan with a goodbye kiss before entering the Army. \$12. Purchase tickets at www.mvcc.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 21

Firehouse Museum Tour. 11 a.m.-noon at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S Alfred St. Families are invited for an in depth tour of the Friendship firehouse. Attendees will also learn about firehouse procedures and equipment. \$5 for adults, \$4 ages 10-17. See www.friendshipfirehouse.net.

Gourmet Cheese Tasting. 2-5 p.m. at Balducci's Alexandria, 600 Franklin St. Partake in gourmet cheese tastings, and learn more about the craft of cheesemaking from experts. Free. Visit www.balduccis.com.

Studio Recital. 3-4 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Andrew Wilson Trumpet Studio Recital: Andrew Wilson and students (trumpet) and Karin Firsov (piano), perform works by Scarlatti, Sousa, Sachse, Mouret, and Barker. Free. Call 202-258-0822.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Lesson, 6:30 p.m.; dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

Tom Rush. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Folk singer Tom Rush will perform. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

SUNDAY/MARCH 22

Wonders of Science. 1-4 p.m. at The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St., Old Town, Alexandria. The Apothecary Museum hosts a day of 18th-century natural and medical science exploration and demonstrations. Discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how they were used – and if they worked. This hour-long program includes a tour of the museum, with new groups beginning every 30 minutes. Recommended for 3rd grade and older. \$6, children and adults. Reservations recommended, space is limited. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or call 703-746-3852.

Book Talk. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Join Garrett Peck and Partner's Brewhouse for a beer-and-book double header to celebrate Garrett's sixth book, "Walt Whitman in Washington, D.C.: The Civil War and America's Great Poet." After the book talk, Peck will lead a short walking tour of the historic Andrew Wales Brewery sites in Old Town.



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NAACP Women's History Month Event. 2-5 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The Alexandria Virginia chapter of the NAACP will celebrate Women's History Month with Alexandria native, author and community activist Nisa Harper who will discuss her second book, "The Legacy of Fathers.....The Pain, The Power, and the Promise." Free. Call 703-684-6190.

Winter Warmer Tea with Rebecca Ramsay Reese. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 138 North Royal St., Alexandria. Sip a special blend of tea from Gadsby's Tavern Museum, "take" a cup of American Heritage Chocolate, and eat period-inspired delicacies, both sweet and savory, with your 21st-century friends. \$35 per person all inclusive. Reservations are required. To make reservations and purchase tickets, call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov. Ticket also includes a tour at 2:15 or 2:45 prior to the tea.

MONDAY/MARCH 23

Ballroom Dance Class. Beginning class 7-7:45 p.m., advanced class 7:45-8:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Gary Stephens teaches the Fox Trot, Waltz, Tango, Swing,

Salsa, Meringue, Rumba, Cha-Cha and Samba. \$15. Call 703-505-5998 or email garystephans@me.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 24

"Corsica and Sardinia." 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Conne Rubinstein presents the first in a series of "travelogues." Free. Reservations required, call 703-765-4573.

Army in British North America. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. Historian Erica Nuckles presents a lecture on the journey of Charlotte Brown, a British widow and mother who served as matron of the British army in North America during the Seven Years' War. \$5. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx.

National Chamber Players. 7:30 p.m. at Pendleton Hall, Ainslie Arts Center, Episcopal High School, 3900 West Braddock Road. Gustav Mahler's Das Lied von der Erde arranged for chamber orchestra by Arnold Schoenberg and Rainer Riehn. Guest vocalists will be Patricia Green, mezzo soprano, and Gordon Gietz, tenor. Free. Call 703-933-4135 or email vdp@episcopalhighschool.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 24-MAY 31

"Intricacies" Exhibit. Various Times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Ln. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara unveils her "Intricacies" exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

History Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. join historian Erica Nuckles as she relates

the journey of Charlotte Browne, a British widow and mother who served as matron of the British Army in North America during the Seven Years' War. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 26

Art and Book Sale. 1-5 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Ln, Alexandria. Find art, children's books, and individually priced books. Visit the Hollin Hall Mansion for flat-rate prices on books, puzzles, CDs, and DVDs. \$5 a bag on Saturday. Visit www.mvuc.org.

SWAN Day. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Poet Shelly Bell will host an evening of poetry, dance, music and the visual arts by women artists. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Air Force Band Concert. 8 p.m. at Lyceum History Museum, 201 S Washington St. The United States Air Force Band-Woodwind Quintet and Chamber Trio offer a public concert. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Eggstravaganza at Four Mile Run. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at Four Mile Run Farmers and Artisans Market, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. This is an early Easter event featuring a visit by the Easter bunny and several Easter egg hunts for children. Free. Visit theaterchurch.com.

CRAVE Micro-Granting Dinner. 5-8 p.m. at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. The Torpedo Factory Art Center and Convergence will host a CRAVE (Creating Resources for Artistic Vision and Engagement) micro-granting dinner. Attendees hear four short

presentations on new arts-related projects. After an interactive communal dinner, they vote and the chosen presenter receives an on-the-spot grant. Tickets are \$15 for dinner and a vote. Visit ourconvergence.org.

Orchestra. 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Les Misérables." Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 29

Dance in the Gallery. 2 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Take a sneak peek at the group's spring concert lineup. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Exhibit Reception. 2-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Two new exhibits will be on display at the Multiple Exposures Gallery by artists Susan Meyers and Colleen Henderson. Attend the reception. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

10th Annual Spring Forward. 6-9 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S Union St. Nonprofit Community Lodgings is hosting their annual Spring Forward event featuring a silent auction, live music, an open bar, and dinner. Tickets are \$50 in advance, and \$65 at the door. Email info@community-lodgings.org.

MARCH 29-APRIL 26

"Art and Story." Through April 26 at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Del Ray Artisans presents artworks illustrating the power of art and story. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW.

MARCH 30-APRIL 25

Art Exhibit. The Torpedo Factory, The Associates Gallery, studio 319, 105 North Union. Ceramics artist Bev Andrews, painter Ann Noel, mixed media artist Gail Spencer Saour and fine arts photographer Jo Ann Tooley will present work for an exhibit titled "Layers." Visit torpedofactory.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 31

Cookie Class. 6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Larry Calvert leads a class on how to make hand-decorated sugar cookies. All supplies included. \$45 for the general public, \$35 for NVFAA members. Visit www.nvfaa.org, email lcavert@ttrsir.com to RSVP.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 1

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S Pickett St. The Kelley Walters Band will provide the music for a night of swing dancing. \$10. Call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 2

Tango Concert. 7:30p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. QuinTango with guest Carina Losano, will perform an interactive concert and a Q&A. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 3-5

Easter Egg Hunt. Friday, 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at The Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. \$12 for children 12 and younger, \$5 for all others. Visit leefendallhouse.org.



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SPORTS

The Hunted'

Defending Champion BI Girls' Lax open seasons with win over Georgetown Visitation.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

After a three-goal performance against Georgetown Visitation on Tuesday, including the game-winner with 5:44 remaining, Bishop Ireton senior Kelly Mathews tried to describe the difference between the Cardinals' outlook in 2014, and how they approach things now after winning WCAC and state championships last season.

"Last year, we were the hun... how's the thing go?" Mathews said. "Now we're the hunted. You know what I mean."

Mathews and other members of the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team are still getting used to the pressure that comes with being defending champions. The Cardinals enter the 2015 season ranked No. 3 in the nation by USA TODAY after returning the majority of the team that won the school's first WCAC title and defeated national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes for the first time in the VISAA state championship game.

Ireton opened the 2015 season on Tuesday against Georgetown Visitation, ranked No. 11 nationally by USA TODAY. The Cardinals weren't on top of their game, but pulled out an 11-9 victory in Washington, D.C.

Ireton jumped out to a 6-1 lead, but Visitation chipped away and cut the Cardinal lead to 7-6 at halftime. The Cubs tied the score at 9 with 8:02 remaining in the second half, but Mathews answered with what proved to be the game-winning goal with 5:44 left.

Ireton's Kaitlin Luzik added an insurance goal 33 seconds later.

"We all knew going into this game that we needed to prove a point that it wasn't a one-time thing," Mathews said, referring to last season's success. "We're here to repeat and do big things. It means a lot that we started off well, got into a bit of a bad scene and then came out on top. I think it's good that we showed ourselves that we can come out of tough situations."

"... I think going into last season, we weren't as sure what we were capable of, but this year we have a target on our back, so we have a lot of work to do."

What does Tuesday's season-opening victory mean?

"It means we've got a lot to learn," Ireton head coach Rick Sofield said. "We found a way to win; good teams do that when they don't play their best. ... I'm proud of them for finding a way to win, but we need to play with more poise. We have enough experience on this team where we just need

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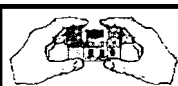
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OBITUARY

Robert "Rob" Michael Kearnes, 37, a resident of Cape Coral since 1986, formerly of Alexandria, VA, passed away Sunday, March 15, 2015 in Cape Coral. He was born July 25, 1977 in Alexandria. He is survived by his mother, Pamela Kearnes of Cape Coral; his sister, Lori Kearnes of Cape Coral; a brother, Skip Kearnes also of Cape Coral; two aunts, Laura Saville of Strasburg, VA and Dawn Zacharias-Speakman "AD" of Cape Coral; five nieces and nephews, Melinda Kearnes of Cape Coral, Brooke Kearnes of Fairfax, VA, Casey Kearnes of Fredericksburg, VA, Katie Kearnes and Zack Kearnes both of Locust Grove, VA; his former wife, Angela M. Kearnes of Cape Coral; two step children, Kevin McDermott and Kaila-Ann Merricks both of Cape Coral; many, many cousins; his life-long best friend, Dave Knollmueller; as well as his 4 legged children, Bear and Cane.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00AM, Saturday, March 21, 2015 at Grace United Methodist Church, 13 SE 21st Place, Cape Coral, FL 33990 with Pastor Joe Wingard officiating. Interment will follow at Coral Ridge Cemetery, 1630 SW Pine Island Rd., Cape Coral.

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Julia Anne Perry Pattie, age 103, of Alexandria, VA, passed away March 11, 2015. She was born May 16, 1911 in Orange, VA to Frank B. Perry and Lula Inez Perry. She is survived by Currell L. Pattie and his wife Carol Pattie; 3 grandchildren: Jennifer Brazendale (Carl), David Pattie (Laura), and Brian Pattie; 3 great grandchildren: Luke Brazendale, Hannah Brazendale, and Sydney Pattie.

Julia was a true Christian, loving and giving to all. Julia received her Master's Degree from Duke University. She was a natural born teacher and a beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She cherished her neighbors and was generous to all who passed her way. She will be missed by those privileged to know her.

A visitation will be held Sunday, March 15, 2015 from 2-5 PM at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home. Services will be held at First Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA, Monday, March 16 at 10 AM. She will be buried at The Graham Cemetery, Orange, VA at 2 PM.

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LARRY MYRON WHEELER, LT. COL USMC (RET. RESERVES) SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

SAVANNAH - Larry Myron Wheeler, Lt. Col USMC (Ret. Reserves), passed on March 5, 2015 to be with the Lord at Hospice Savannah.

Son of Essie Myrtle Smith and Lewin Wheeler, Larry was born and raised in Alma, Georgia. He graduated from the University of Georgia in 1954, where he was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and was stationed at Quantico, VA.

For over 40 years, he lived in Alexandria, VA, and worked in Washington, D.C. Employed by Georgia Senator Richard Russell and later by Georgia Congressman Jack Brinkley as his administrative assistant, Larry also served early in his career as Secretary of the Senate and assistant to Interior Secretary Stewart Udall. He finished his career at Hughes Aircraft as their Congressional liaison.

Survivors include Joan Wheeler his wife of 57 years, Roxann Wheeler his daughter, Mike Wheeler his brother, Karen Wheeler his sister-in-law, Derek and Jon Wheeler his nephews, John Scott McDonald and Rosemary Holton his cousins.

In late April, the family will celebrate his life at two services, one at the Alma Methodist Church and the other at Skidaway Island United Methodist Church.

For those who are moved to memorialize him in some way, the family suggests a gift to the Skidaway Cat Program (non-profit), Jane Von Rutenberg, treasurer, 2 Moonbill Lane, Savannah, GA 31411, where Larry was a volunteer and supporter along with Joan, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Bishop Ireton senior Kelly Mathews scored three goals against Georgetown Visitation on Tuesday.

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to be smarter."

Kelly Larkin finished with three goals and two assists for the Cardinals.

"[Larkin was a] real catalyst for us on the offense," Sofield said. "Visi took away our feeds from behind, that was something we did well against them last year. It was obvious they game-planned for that. We have more tricks in our bag, so we went to something else and it was Kelly's chance to shine today and she took advantage of the opportunity and she did great."

K a y l a Duperrouzel scored two goals for Ireton, and Luzik, Charlotte Sofield and Lexi Ledoyen each had one. Luzik and Charlotte Sofield each had an assist.

Charlotte Sofield, the 2014 WCAC Player of the Year and University of North Carolina signee, said Ireton's defense, including the performance of sophomore goalkeeper Amelia Cole, propelled the Cardinals to victory.

"I think our defense really stepped up in this game," Charlotte Sofield said. "Our attack was not clicking as well today and our defense really made the stops that we needed. Our goalie really made key saves. Amelia had big shoes to fill — her sister [and last year's goalkeeper], Olivia, is now playing at Florida. Being a sophomore stepping up and starting is hard, and she really pulled it together for us today."

Cole finished with nine saves.

Shortly after winning last season's state championship, Rick Sofield ordered T-shirts for summer workouts.

The shirts have a

target on the back, symbolizing what the Cardinals would face after their 2014 accomplishments. He said Ireton has the same "six games in May" mentality, when the Cardinals try to improve during the regular season before winning three WCAC tournament games and three VISAA state tournament games.

Ireton passed its first test of the 2015 season, beating a fellow nationally-ranked team. Next up for the Cardinals is a home game against Roland Park Country School (Baltimore) at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Roland Park Country School is ranked No. 8 by USA TODAY.

"We have talked about how different it is to be a competitor when you're the one who's in the lead," Rick Sofield said. "We talk about it the context of running a race: if you're right behind the girl in the lead ... and you're staring at her back, you're tracking her and she doesn't know you're back there and she doesn't know you're coming. That's what I told them: This year, we're the ones out front and people are running us down and there's some girl out there who's working hard, who is trying to come up behind you and so you can't let up. You can't get complacent, you've got to keep going hard."

"I think going into last season, we weren't as sure what we were capable of, but this year we have a target on our back, so we have a lot of work to do."

— Bishop Ireton senior Kelly Mathews

JROTC

West Potomac Cadet CSM Kelia Aardema finished second at the Forestville Military Academy "Commander's Award" board, where she competed against over 30 other HS JROTC leaders.



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The Alexandria Community Services Board is holding a public hearing to receive comment on the needs of Alexandrians with mental illness, intellectual disability or a substance dependency, and on the proposed Plan of Services (Performance Contract), available at www.alexandriava.gov/dchs. The hearing will be Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at 720 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. To sign up to speak or to send comments, call 703.746.3523 or email Donielle Marshall. Comments can also be faxed to 703.838.5070.

ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 15-02-11

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools would like to issue the following change to this previously advertised Request for Proposal to provide an Electronic Professional Development Management System.

The proposal opening date has been changed to on or before 3:00 pm, March 23, 2015.

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