

School Board Passes \$2.6 Billion Budget for 2016

Employees receive step pay increase but lose portion of planned market scale adjustment.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

\$ 7.6 million: That's how much Fairfax County Public Schools said the School Board needed to cut to meet the goals set out in its Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget.

When the board voted 10-2 on May 21 in approval of next year's budget, covering that gap brought the step pay increase for employees down from a market scale adjustment of one percent to 0.62 percent.

More than 70 percent of the total budget of \$2.6 billion comes from Fairfax County. The total transfer of \$2.01 billion to the school system's operating and debt service is over 52 percent of the county's general fund disbursement. That rate has been "consistent" for several years, according to the Fiscal Year 2016 Advertised Budget Plan.

The county transfer is a 3.4 percent rise from the Fiscal Year 2015 adopted budget plan, a difference of \$66.7 million. \$1.83 billion of that goes to school operations, \$187 million is the school debt service transfer.

In their Advertised Budget Plan, however, the School Board requested a \$1.84 billion transfer for operations. They asked for a \$70.6 million increase and got \$56.6 million.

Some additional money from the Virginia General Assembly and a decrease in employer contributions to the Virginia Retirement system helped reduce that \$14 million to \$7.6 million.

The School Board's Approved 2016 budget is a 2.2 percent increase over 2015, or



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The Fiscal Year 2016 Approved Budget for Fairfax County Public Schools passed by a 10-2 vote.

\$53.9 million. Though the budget team made \$61.4 million in reductions, pushing back school start times, adding full-day Mondays for elementary schools, enrollment increases and reducing class size in certain elementary schools were all factors contributing to the increase from 2015.

For the 2014-2015 school year, enrollment was 186,785, up from 183,895 the previous year. That increase cost the school system an additional \$19.5 million. For 2015-2016, the projection is a \$21.3 million increase to cover enrollment growth.

COMING IN UNDER the market scale adjustment and its effect on employees, particularly teachers, was a main subject of discussion during the meeting.

"It all comes down to our credibility," said Megan McLaughlin, representing the Braddock District. "Employee compensation

is a top priority. Tonight, we're taking one of our most important priorities and short-changing it."

McLaughlin introduced two variations on a similar amendment to the budget that would each restore the full market scale adjustment. She proposed cutting the recurring funding that allows students to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests for free, saving \$5 million.

To buy time for additional community discussion and problem-solving, her amendments also called for Superintendent Karen Garza to set aside one-time funding to continue paying for students' test fees in the 2015-2016 school year.

One of her proposed sources of that one-time funding was drawing from the school system's flexible reserve fund of \$8 million. That notion was an unpopular one among the majority of other board members.

Sully District representative Kathy Smith said drawing from the emergency fund as a one-time solution was "just not a fiscally responsible decision. You pray that you don't need it."

Elizabeth Schultz, representing the Springfield District, had prepared an amendment that proposed reversing the board's recent decision to raise future members' salaries in order to offset some of the budget reductions.

But after both of McLaughlin's amendments failed, she said, "It's clear we're not getting any traction." Schultz then rescinded her amendment, calling it "shameful."

During the discussion, board members voiced frustration with the Board of Supervisors for not fully funding their request.

"I'm very disappointed," said vice chairman Ted Velkoff. "I feel like the supervisors have unwittingly validated the cynics — you'll never be able to work with them."

Velkoff said more help could come from the General Assembly. "The focus needs to shift to Richmond," he said, where representatives are "failing to fund localities in the commonwealth. Frankly your Board of Supervisors and School Board don't have the tools they need in order to solve these problems."

At-large member Ryan McElveen acknowledged there are "always tensions between our two boards at budget time," but that "none of us wants to make enemies of the Board of Supervisors."

McElveen said John Foust (D-Dranesville) and other supervisors did "what they could

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Addo Approaches One-Year Mark as Inova Mount Vernon CEO

Improving patient experience, acute care among top priorities.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Washington, D.C. native Deborah Addo took the reins of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in June 2014. In November, just a few months into her tenure, the new Mark and Brenda Moore Patient Tower was opened. The main lobby is currently under renovation and there are plans to break ground on an emergency department expansion later this summer.

"When I walked in, one of the things I said was we need to make sure the facility mirrors the work that we're doing inside, because there really had not been a lot of

attention to some of the aesthetics," Addo said.

"We are a facility that is almost 40 years old. Sometimes I liken it to a woman which is going to turn 40: Sometimes you look around and say, 'Well maybe there's some work to be done.'"

Aesthetics are critical to recruitment, she said, and creating an overall environment that is more conducive to healing.

Approaching her one-year anniversary as CEO, the 2015 Chesapeake Physician Magazine "Trailblazing Woman in Health Care" explained her motivation to come to Mount Vernon, the challenges still facing the hospital and her vision for the future.

What attracted you to this hospital?

One was the Inova name is well-known when you think about health care that's state of the art, visionary. I really do credit [Inova chief executive officer J] Knox Singleton a lot for that, and [Inova president and chief operating officer] Mark Stauder. When you

look at what he has built here, it's incredible. That kind of thing is attractive. I wanted to go, somewhere I felt was prepared for health care for the future.

What does it mean to be a community hospital?

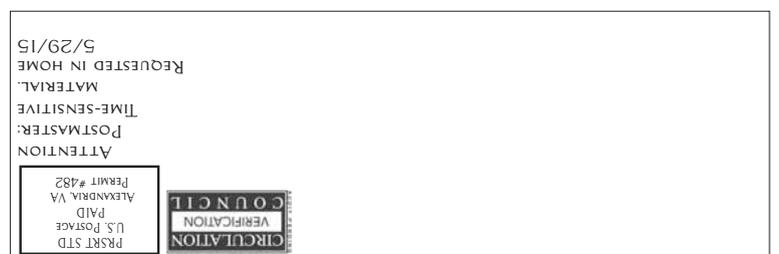
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Deborah Addo





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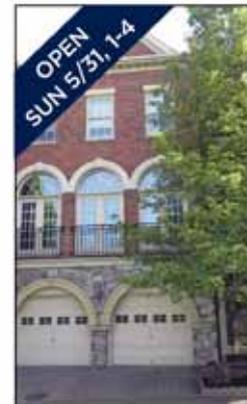


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PEOPLE

Local and Regional Lord and Lady Fairfax Crowned

Lardner and Tillett honored in Mount Vernon district.

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. announced the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax at the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 12 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

"The tradition of honoring Lords and Ladies Fairfax began in 1984 to recognize exceptional citizens of Fairfax County," according to Celebrate Fairfax. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors selects two people from each district who have demonstrated superior volunteer service, heroism or other special accomplishments.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland awarded the honor to Elisabeth B. Lardner and Martin W. Tillett.

"Ms. Lardner's brilliance is only outshone by her dedication to provide for others by giving families a community to call home where they can grow and thrive," said Hyland.

Lardner worked for 12 years as Mount Vernon's longest serving Redevelopment Housing Authority representative (RHA) and chairman.

"One of her many incredible abilities is to lead a group of individuals through difficult issues and find achievable solutions," said Hyland.

Lardner, a graduate of Harvard University's Urban Design Department and the University of Oregon's Landscape Ar-



The Board of Supervisors named the 2015 Lords and Ladies Fairfax on Tuesday, May 12.

chitecture Program, formerly served as the Housing and Community Development chair Mount Vernon Visioning Committee and served on every Area Plan Review Task Force for the last decade.

Even after resigning from the RHA this year, she remains active as chair of a community advisory task force to develop the North Hill property for affordable and workforce housing in the Mount Vernon District, according to Hyland.

Hyland called Tillett, his Lord Fairfax, a leader in the Springbank Community and "a crusader for the natural environment."

"He has advocated for the protection and preservation of our natural spaces and educated the Mount Vernon Community on the

critical functions they provide for our health and well-being," said Hyland. "Mr. Tillett is the author of a series of articles in the Mount Vernon Gazette on the 'Origin of Mount

Vernon Watersheds.' He traces a line through history on the importance they have had to wildlife, commerce and why their restoration is vital to our future."

Soule and McGhan honored in Lee district.

"For Ms. Elizabeth M. McGhan, a healthy community begins with kids and youth," said Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, who named McGhan's the Lee District's Lady Fairfax.

McGhan is a longtime president of the Garfield Elementary School PTA, president of Key Middle School, co-chair of Lee High School's All Night Grad Party and a bi-weekly volunteer at the Lee High School Career Center as well as family and aca-

demic mentor to a specific Lee High School student.

"And if that weren't enough, she also manages several Springfield Youth soccer teams," said McKay.

Of her work as PTA president, "McGhan sees the organization as a community building block where parents, teachers and ad-

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Dougherty Connects Chamber with Community

Focusing on small business and economic development.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Holly Hicks Dougherty has been the executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce for 14 years. She has worked with her board of directors to organize and manage a variety of activities, including sponsorship of an educational scholarship program for needy students, business-to-business networking programs, seminars on small business planning, outreach, and marketing. In addition, she has organized breakfasts and lunches in which she and the board arranges for experts and community and political leaders to speak before the chamber on various subjects of interest to the business community.

A breakfast at the Belle Haven Country Club was organized by the chamber to host a political debate between the four Democratic candidates seeking the nomination for the Mount Vernon Supervisor seat being va-



Dougherty

cated by Supervisor Gerry Hyland who announced his retirement. A new supervisor will be elected in November. Following the debate, Dougherty said, "After almost 30 years, Mount Vernon will be electing a new local government leader and spokesman for Mount Vernon. ... Among the issues of concern to us, the chamber would like to be assured that the person elected will be committed to support small businesses and promoting economic development in our region of the county. ... We look forward to working with [whoever is elected] to develop a more simplified land development process. Over the next six months, the chamber will be doing its part to generate an ongoing public conversation with the candidates for supervisor and the candidates for the two open state offices to inform them about what our priorities are

for the best interests of the near and long term future of Mount Vernon."

Chamber colleagues praise Dougherty's energy and communication skills.

Barbara Sullivan, executive director, Mount Vernon at Home and former chairman of the chamber, said, "Holly has and continues to be an effective advocate for small business owners in the Route 1 corridor. She finds time to promote local businesses and simultaneously raise money for educational scholarships for local area students who need the financial help. She is one of our most dedicated community and business leaders in the Mount Vernon community and I am very pleased to call her a colleague and friend."

Dan Rinzel, attorney, and former chairman of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, said, "Holly is an exceptional executive director of the chamber. She has accomplished much over the years through her energetic diligence and her ability to get members of the community with varied

Holly Hicks Dougherty

Executive Director, Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce

Husband: Steve

Children: Robert, Michael, Elisabeth, Alex.; Benjamin and Andrew

Community Volunteer: Edison High School PTSA; Boy Scout Troops 1103, 1183 and 1117

Church Volunteer: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Education: Brigham Young University, B.A. Communications

Prior to becoming the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce executive director, Dougherty worked for U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah). Later, she served in several senior positions during the Reagan Administration. This included assignments at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Department of Energy.

views to work together for the common good."

Sean Oconnell, current chairman of the chamber, said, "Holly is a warm and engaging personality and makes everyone feel welcome. She also has a good understanding of the issues affecting businesses in our region and therefore represents the best interests of our chamber members."



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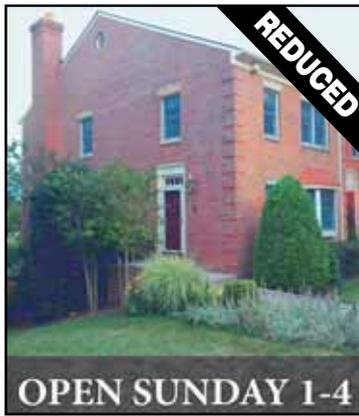
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Annual Gala Supports MVAH

On the banks of the Potomac River just off the Mount Vernon Parkway, the Mount Vernon at Home non-profit senior citizen service organization once again celebrated its annual gala fundraiser at the American Horticulture Society's site, River Farm on May 20.

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West Potomac High School Guitar Ensemble entertains guests. Front row: John Stewart, Ellen Adhanom, Paige Edwards and Beth Kanarek. Back row: George Wright; Dustin Chapman and Eliana Ransom.



The Alexandria Rotary Rooters Jazz Band provides musical entertainment.

Rules on Noise Set To Change

Board of Supervisors scheduled to resume discussion and vote on proposed Noise Ordinance on June 23.

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust asked to defer a proposal to adopt a new chapter of the county's noise ordinance to September so the board could have more time to weigh testimony of more than 30 speakers at the public hearing, May 12.

Instead, the vote was delayed until June 23. "You have a big challenge ahead of you, but peace and quiet in our neighborhoods is an important commodity to have," said Robert Winer, of Clifton. "More effort is needed to resolve the issue," said Joyce Harris, a 31-year resident of McLean. "Protecting the rights of residents in a residential neighborhood should be a primary goal of the ordinance. Please defer your vote and allow more time to develop a solution that works for this issue."

MORE THAN 30 speakers testified including: Greg Budnik who discussed helicopter noise from training runs at Fort Belvoir; Mark Grove of Fairfax whose wife was recuperating from cancer treatment and had to contend with music from a supermarket across the street that had permits to play music until 11 p.m.; Keith Elgin, worship director of Vine Church in Dunn Loring, who wants to create events such as outdoor movies and concerts during the summer months; to neighbors in Reston who say they can not get relief from noise of nearby dog parks; to those who take their dogs to dog parks to spare neighbors from noise.

Sheila Casey, of Reston, said she can hear mowers on a nearby golf course before dawn with maintenance crews sometimes using headlights on lawnmowers before 5 a.m. "All I know is when those lawn mowers are running, I can turn on my air conditioning, I can put in my earplugs, and I still hear the noise," she said.

Issues don't seem as simple when engaging with the details.

"When babies cannot sleep, when the elderly cannot rest, when a voice teacher cannot instruct, when a family cannot share a meal together on their patio, when a homeowner has to close her windows and move to another part of the house just to make a telephone call, when a cancer patient cannot recuperate and rest in her yard because music is ampli-

fied in the neighborhood at intrusive levels, then we know something is not right with life in Fairfax County," said Harris.

FAIRFAX AND OTHER Virginia governments have to rewrite their noise ordinance as a result of a Virginia Supreme Court decision overturning the ordinance in Virginia Beach, according to county documents.

The overall goals of the proposed Noise Ordinance is to recognize that there will always be certain levels of noise that occur in the normal course of daily living; to allow certain levels of daytime noise so that people can live, work and play during the day; and to minimize noise at night so residents have an appropriate quiet environment in their homes at night.

This would involve prohibiting certain activities, excluding certain activities from the Noise Ordinance, and other activities or sources of sound would be subject to maximum decibel levels, qualified by time, location and duration limitations.

Supervisors will also engage the School Board on the issue of amplified sound from high school campuses.

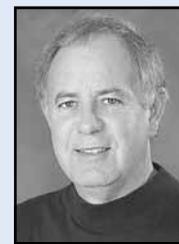
The noise ordinance covers everything from lawn mowers, barking dogs, loudspeakers at athletic fields and industrial operations.

For example, the noise of barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals that could be heard in a home with its windows closed is prohibited between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., according to county documents.

Other noise-makers that are specifically addressed, according to county documents:

- ❖ Using a loudspeaker or amplifier outside Sunday through Thursday between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., and between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and the day before a federal holiday.
- ❖ Many specifics of operating power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers; on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- ❖ Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- ❖ Collecting trash or recycling within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- ❖ Loading or unloading trucks outside within 100 yards of a residence between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- ❖ Using dog parks Sunday through Thursday between dusk and 7 a.m. or on Fridays, Saturday or the day before a federal holiday between dusk and 8 a.m.

For more, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/noiseordinance/>



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Addo Approaches One-Year Mark as Inova Mount Vernon CEO

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are the same people that you see in the grocery store, in the ballpark, see on the trail — because it's this connection. That's what community hospitals have to offer, it's us caring for us. I found that this community is very much engaged in what happens here.

How has the community reached out to you?

Before I started, [Mount Vernon supervisor] Gerry Hyland wanted to meet with me. He wanted to ensure that I knew the community's position on this hospital. At some point they wanted to close down Mount Vernon hospital. Then you know, sometimes if there's a level of distrust, where that comes from. I realize several years ago this might've been an issue, but the fact that we've invested \$80 million in the facility says to you that we're here to stay. I want to be able to put that to rest. Inova is committed to Inova Mount Vernon, to this community, and we are looking at making sure we're providing services that this community needs.

In addition to the aesthetics, what are some challenges you're facing?

We live in an age of transparency, there's a good thing about that. We live in an age of immediacy, there's a good thing about that. Now you can go on almost any website and find out things about us, who we are, how well we perform, how we compare to

Deborah Addo

Current Position: CEO, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
Born: Washington, D.C.
Residence: Old Town area of Alexandria
Spouse: Paul Samuels
Children: Step daughter Tasha who resides in Jamaica
Education: Bachelor's degree in psychology from Georgetown University, master's degree in public health from Walden University
Previous Organizations: Before coming to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Addo served as chief operating officer and senior vice president at Meritus Health Care in Hagerstown, Md., the largest healthcare provider in western Maryland. Previous to that, she served in leadership positions at Children's National Medical Center and Greater Southeast Community Hospital in Washington, D.C.

others, what people are saying about us, how people rate us. It does put you on notice. I think it's a good thing for hospitals. It forces us to do the things we should do right and we should do well anyway, but you can no longer hide it even if you wanted to.

How do you see the hospital performing — what is going well and where can you improve?

Where we have not cracked the nut yet is on the patient experience.

I want 90 percent or more of our patients saying that yes, I would recommend you, yes I would choose you.

All kinds of elements go into that. I'm pleased with where we are in the emergency department, not yet with where we are in acute care. So that's a place we're going to spend quite a bit of focus time, understanding exactly what our customer requirements are and making sure we're putting together the systems to meet those requirements.

What steps are you taking?

In June will be the first meeting of our Patient and Family Advisory Committee, made up of six community representatives and different staff members working with them. We're seeking the input from the people that we serve. Our executive for patient experience is a vehicle if they want to get a message to us, to funnel patient complaints and compliments.

How would you assess the hospital's behavioral health unit?

The behavioral health unit, rehab unit, total joint program, general medical surgical services — I would say we are doing well in many of those areas. Psych is a challenge anywhere. We do a good job here. I think in general we, society, don't have enough access for people in general. Also I think that in general we're underdiagnosed.

You've forged a career in healthcare leadership. What do you love about



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital chief executive officer Deborah Addo puts the focus on patient experience and improving facilities.

this line of work?

Last week when I walked in we had the harpist playing outside because someone was transitioning. It's something that's simple, and just so cool.

That was a moment that we had an opportunity to make a difference in a family's life. We're there

all along the way, there when you take your first breath, when you take your last breath, every step in between. Through those moments that are happy, that are not happy, throughout that process, what we do is kind of that connection. Not many people get to do that.

Looking Out for Senior Citizens in Mount Vernon

Barbara Sullivan leads organization that helps residents age in place.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Founded in 2007, Mount Vernon at Home now has almost 200 dues-paying members. Barbara Sullivan has served as the executive director since 2010. The MVAH mission is "to build a village of friends and volunteers offering solutions to support the lifetime independence of members to allow them to age in place."

MVAH relies almost entirely on private contributions and membership dues. The one exception is the county, through the Sherwood Regional Library, provides office space. But, as Sullivan said, "Our doors are always open to the library patrons or anyone, and it is a rare day when we are not

approached with questions about housing, health care, home repair providers, where to look for financial advice, etc. We don't turn anyone away and feel we are an important partner with the county government in helping residents."

"Barbara is a fierce advocate for the elderly," said Teresa Dixon, administrator for the Paul Spring Retirement Community. "Our seniors already face so many obstacles. Barbara believes the county government has an obligation to make services easily accessible to senior citizens in all districts of the county."

Colleague Mary Carroll Potter said, "Barbara is amazing; always calm, she readily offers helpful and wise advice. Earlier this week for instance, I told her about a member who had suffered a fall and was in pain. Although she was in the middle of dealing with a demanding schedule that day she immediately reached out to help."

Commenting on the election for the open



Barbara Sullivan

Mount Vernon District supervisor seat, Sullivan said, "The upcoming supervisor election is so important to us. Our next Mount Vernon supervisor will need to help us look for creative new ways to promote partnerships with other private organizations and government agencies. More public money for seniors transportation services would be nice but it is unrealistic to expect

government money when education and other county services are also looking for increases. Raising the property taxes is not the answer since that hurts seniors who are on fixed incomes. Part of the answer is creative use of the partnership concept. Also, more carefully planned new communities that are walkable and accessible for seniors. Expanding mass transit systems along the Route 1 corridor will help but it is not enough.

"In my view our biggest challenge and that of the incoming new supervisor in the coming years is to successfully integrate

Barbara Sullivan

Executive Director, Mount Vernon at Home (MVAH)
 Married to Barry Sullivan
 Children: Brendan, Barry Jr. and Bryan
 Professional Certification: Licensed Long Term Care Administrator
 Prior Employment: Assistant Administrator, Paul Spring Retirement Community

Mount Vernon with the rest of the county. We need to be a major player in the county's priorities for economic development to bring more attention to Mount Vernon. Also, we need to devote special attention to the poorly performing public schools. We need a Mount Vernon-area community college program so our young students have that option when they finish high school. We also need to have a locally-based adult continuing education program offering a wide variety of course offerings. Our residents, and especially seniors shouldn't have to drive 30 miles or more to the county courthouse, government center, or to use the education services that are now only provided to residents in the northern or western part of the county."

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Local and Regional Lord and Lady Fairfax Crowned

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ministration work together to create a healthy environment for students.”

McKay named Christopher M. Soule his choice to be this year's Lord Fairfax.

“He exemplifies community service,” said McKay.

Soule has spent a decade as president of the Jefferson Manor Citizens Association, one of the largest and most active civic associations in Lee District and is an active member and a leader of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations and is dedicated to revitalizing the Route 1 corridor.

He recently joined the board of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, a nonprofit economic development organization that promotes redeveloping and revitalizing the Richmond Highway corridor from the beltway to Fort Belvoir, said McKay.

Hanley and McAnaw honored county-wide.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova named Katherine K. Hanley, former board chairman, as this year's At-Large Lady Fairfax.

Hanley was first elected to the Fairfax County School Board, then the Board of Supervisors as the Providence District supervisor and then as Board of Supervisors

chairman.

“During her tenure, Ms. Hanley worked tirelessly with other members of the board, not only advocating for education, but also for human services and affordable housing. In recognition, a homeless shelter for families, was named after her. Recently additional transitional housing units called ‘Kate's Place’ were built adjacent to the shelter,” said Bulova.

Hanley was instrumental in the establishment of the Revenue Stabilization fund along with a significant investment in building Fairfax County's Information Technology infrastructure, said Bulova. “She was also a great proponent of transportation initiatives, helping to position the Silver Line for federal funding.”

After leaving the Board of Supervisors, Hanley served as Secretary of the Commonwealth, and is now on the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority, the Fairfax County Electoral Board and the Community Services Board. She has led the bipartisan election commission, the committee on the meals tax, an effort that brought together disparate, competing groups who came up with a near unanimous vote to bring a report to the Board of Supervisors, said Bulova.

Bulova cited Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw's love for history, love of country and love of service reasons she named him the 2015

Lord Fairfax.

“Lt. Col. John P. McAnaw is well known for his tireless work to preserve history in Fairfax County,” said Bulova. “His love of our past earned him a Lifetime Achievement Award from the History Commission for his decades of service as a Civil War Historian.”

The Park Authority honored Lt. Col. McAnaw by naming a Recreation area for his significant preservation efforts.

A veteran serving in leadership roles within VFW Post 8469, Lt. Col. McAnaw is the past President of the Bull Run Civil War Roundtable. He helped lead the effort to preserve Ox Hill, an important Civil War

site. In addition to this, he is also a Board Member of the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and has served as a historian for a number of local organizations in Fairfax County. In his Kings Park West community, Lt. Col. McAnaw has served as Chairman of the Parks committee, leading numerous efforts to mobilize scouts and volunteers to build and maintain trails throughout the parkland surrounding Royal Lake.

The Lords and Ladies will be honored at a special dinner hosted by Great American Restaurants, Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on Tuesday, June 2, 2015.

School Budget Reconfigured

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for us.” But, he said, “We're entering a new normal and unfortunately it's pitiful, absolutely pitiful.”

IN HER STATEMENT announcing the vote, chairman Tammy Derenak Kaufach said, “We recognize that the Board of Supervisors cares about our great schools and shares our vision to make education our community's top priority. We also recognize that there are no easy answers to our budget challenges. We will continue to work with the Board of Supervisors, along with state and federal representatives, to find

solutions that support our students, families, teachers and staff, maintaining FCPS' reputation for excellence.”

But acknowledging the projected \$100 million deficit for the schools' 2017 budget, she said, “Tomorrow we know the even harder work begins.” Referencing Garza's publicly shared concerns over the future shortfalls, the chairman added, “Our ability to best serve our children is in jeopardy now.”

More information and resources about the FY2016 and FY2017 budgets are available online at www.fcps.edu/news/fy2016.shtml.



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THURSDAY/MAY 28

"Pardon Our Dust." 6-7:30 p.m. at Fairfax County South Government Center 8350 Richmond Highway. The Federal Highway Administration Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), Fort Belvoir and Corman-Wagman will hold a public information meeting to highlight upcoming construction activities that are part of the Route 1 Improvements Project. See <http://rte1ftbelvoir.com>.

North Hill Community Meeting. 7 p.m. in the Mount Vernon Government Center Community Rooms, 2511 Parkers Lane. Discuss the developmental plans for North Hill with a potential contractor. Visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rha/north_hill/.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Electronics Saturday. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discard of electronics so that they can be recycled according to environmental standards. There is no fee for most items, \$10 for TVs and monitors, \$5 for certificate of data destruction pertaining to computers. Call 703-799-0830.

Car Wash. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Belle View Elementary School. Organized by West Potomac Band students and the West Potomac Band Patrons Organization. Donations accepted.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

Mount Vernon CROP Hunger Walk. 12:30 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. CROP Hunger Walks are neighbors walking together to take a stand against hunger and poverty. Visit www.churchworldservice.org to register.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2

Evolution of Retail Summit. 8:30-10 a.m. at Hampton Inn & Suites, 5821 Richmond Highway. This interactive program will feature Bruce Leonard and Heather Arnold of Streetsense, and Nick Egelanian of SiteWorks. Free. Visit www.sfcd.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Do More 24 Event. 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. A 24-hour online crowd funding campaign held by The United Way NCA includes live online updates, special cash awards for nonprofits, and Do More 24 special events and restaurant promotions throughout the greater-Washington region. See www.domore24.org for more.

Business Roundtable. 8:30-10 a.m. at SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. Enjoy breakfast and tips from experts on financing, micro-lending, and crowdfunding. Free. RSVP at <http://us10.campaign-archive1.com>

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Multifaith Pride Worship Service. 4-5 p.m. at Commonwealth Baptist Church, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Worship beside people of different religions and from the LGBTQ community. Free. Contact ElizabethF@pofev-nova.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

"Slow Dancing with a Stranger." 1-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Author of "Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's" Meryl Comer will discuss her work. The presentation

will be followed by a reception and book signing. Free. RSVP by contact Christi Clark at christi.clark@insightmcc.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Technology for Seniors Meeting. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Charles Beatley Library 5005 Duke St. Learn how to use new technology from local experts. Free. RSVP at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Office Hours. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Fairfax County School Board Member Dan Stork will host Saturday Community Office Hours. Contact Dan Stork at dan.stork@fcps.edu.

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The Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria needs a Ballroom Dance Instructor and an Italian Instructor. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

Mount Vernon At Home is a non-profit organization that relies on

volunteer time to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail info@mountvernonathome.org to learn more. Visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.

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- ❖ The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteer English and Spanish-speaking social companions, a volunteer pianist, and front desk volunteer.
- ❖ The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a DJ, a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian instructor.
- ❖ The **Gum Springs Senior Center** needs a Spanish teacher.

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OPINION

Voting, June 9

No, not for Hillary or Jeb or Carly.
Locally, June 9, 2015 is an
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To listen to the national news, one would think that the next Presidential election is in November. But no. That's November 2016.

In the meantime, every year is an Election year in Virginia, and in 2015, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot.

In heavily Democratic districts (or any district that is solidly one party or the other), any real competition comes in the primary.

That's June 9 in parts of Fairfax County in the Mount Vernon magisterial district, and in House of Delegates Districts 44 and 45.

Four Democrats are on the June 9 ballot seeking to be the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Gerry Hyland as the Mount Vernon representative to the Board of Supervisors. Hyland has represented Mount Vernon since 1988.

Two Democrats are seeking to be the party nominee for House of Delegates District 44. Scott Surovell is giving up the seat he has held since 2009 to run for State Senate to replace retiring Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36).

Five Democrats are on the ballot on June 9 for House of Delegates District 45, to replace Del. Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

If you live in one of the affected districts, you will vote on June 9 at your usual polling place. Be sure to bring photo identification.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, in November, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman.

Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-large members.

Fairfax County's Constitutional Officers, Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's Attorney are on the ballot in November, as are three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

EDITORIAL

Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats.

So every Fairfax County voter will face a variety of critically important choices in November. But first, consider the options on June 9.

On the Ballot Democratic Primary

MORE ON Fairfax County voting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District, Democratic Primary

Four Democrats vie to replace retiring Gerry Hyland

❖ Daniel G. "Dan" Storck, Email: danforsupervisor@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.danstorck.org/>

❖ Candice L. Bennett, Email: candice@electcandicebennett.com, Website: <http://www.electcandicebennett.com>

❖ Timothy J. Sargeant, Email: timmvernon@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.timsargeant.com>

❖ John R. "Jack" Dobbyn Jr., Email: info@jackdobbyn.com, Website: <http://www.jackdobbyn.com>

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portunity to see Justin in action, I know that my vote in the Democratic Primary will be for him. Supporting Justin will be a vote for a hard working individual that has a stellar, near unprecedented record of public service. He makes it happen for those he fights for. I am voting for Justin so that he can fight for us in Richmond.

Stephen McGinley

Taking on Challenges

To the Editor:

Mount Vernon is at a crossroads. We are confronted with a unique set of challenges that require a broad set of skills and experience to get things done.

The transportation challenge is how to build flexible, adaptable transportation systems that can alleviate the choke points on the Richmond Highway corridor while contributing to new opportunities for walkable, sustainable commercial and residential development. As a Fairfax County planning commissioner, I have worked on transportation solutions. As your supervisor, I will lead the effort to plan for new mass transit and advocate for transportation improvements along the Richmond Highway corridor.

When it comes to economic development and renewal, the challenge is how to create new,

Member House of Delegates, 44th District, Democratic Primary

Two Democrats compete for the nomination to replace Scott Surovell who is running for Virginia Senate District 36, to replace retiring Toddy Puller

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❖ Justin M. Brown, Email: justin4va@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.brown4delegate.com>

Member House of Delegates, 45th District, Democratic Primary

Five Democrats vie to replace Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

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Connection coverage of the race for the 45th <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/flight-45th/>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mason District, Democratic Primary

Incumbent Penny Gross is facing her first primary challenge

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Republicans, Party Canvass, June 4. Republicans in the 44th and 45th House District and 30th Senate District will choose candidates at a Party Canvass (sometimes called a firehouse primary) on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

There are no other Republican canvasses scheduled in any other state or local race in Fairfax County. The Sully district GOP Canvass for member of the Board of Supervisors was held in April. See <http://fairfaxgop.org/>

vibrant retail and residential centers and employment opportunities while preserving communities and the quality of life we enjoy. The answer is making sure that developers, businesses and government are working with us in creating and implementing our vision for Mount Vernon. As your supervisor, I bring my civic and Planning Commission experience of working with communities and civic associations in the district to make sure your voice is heard in the planning process.

The challenge for education is better collaboration between the Board of Supervisors and the School Board. I already have spoken publicly about my commitment to make space in my supervisor's office for a satellite office for our next Mount Vernon School Board member. We need stronger advocacy for our students and teachers in Mount Vernon schools to address the challenge of overcrowded classrooms and the additional resources that are necessary to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

I am very proud to have been endorsed by state Sen. Toddy Puller. In her statement, she said, "Tim has the vision, integrity and experience to be a great supervisor." As your next supervisor, I look forward to working with you to implement our vision for Mount Vernon.

Tim Sargeant

Candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor

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Madeline and Laura Marshall select a few boxes of strawberries from the Northern Neck's Three Way Farm stall.



Juan Acosta samples some of Lily Castanos's salsa.



Jesus Ochoa offers up a box of vegetables from his farm in Oak Grove, Va., for the weekly gift to the Poor Clares Cloistered Order. All of the vendors at the market provide donations to the Order.

Mount Vernon Farmer's Market Opens for Season

There are flowers and herbs, strawberries and rhubarb, spring onions and new potatoes, freshly baked pies, farm raised meats and poultry, freshly laid eggs, raw Virginia honey and more at the Mount

Vernon farmer's market at the Sherwood Hall Library. The market is open on Wednesday mornings from 8 a.m. to noon.



Green Oakleaf lettuce is just one of the varieties available at the Twin Springs Fruit Farm stall.



Freshly picked strawberries are displayed in abundance but are moving fast.



Scott and Sallie Mitchell offer a selection of Virginia raw honey. The Mitchell's farm is in Gordonsville, Va.



Fresh laid farm eggs are available along with bakery goods and meats at the Valentine Country Bakery & Meats stall.



Green Oakleaf lettuce is just one of the varieties available at the Twin Springs Fruit Farm stall.



Veronica and her father Valentine Miller work the market stall in Mount Vernon. The Valentine farm is in Orange, Va.

CRIME REPORT

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

BURGLARY, 2300 block of Riverview Terrace, May 26. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, 3100 block of Furman Lane, May 20, 12:30 a.m. The victim was in a parking lot and was approached by a man from behind. The suspect produced a knife and demanded money. The victim resisted and a struggle ensued. The suspect fled. He was described as black, between 15 and 19 years of age, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and wearing a hoodie. The victim incurred non-life-threatening injuries and did not require medical attention.

ROBBERY/ABDUCTION/PURSUIT/HIT AND RUN WITH APPREHENSION, 2900 block of Arlington Drive, May 21, 2:14 p.m. Two men entered a grocery store, displayed a knife to an employee and demanded money. The suspects took

cash and fled in the victim's vehicle. An officer located the vehicle traveling on Richmond Highway and attempted to stop it. The suspects disregarded the officer's signal to stop and attempted to elude the officer. The suspect vehicle crashed into another vehicle on Richmond Highway near Fort Hunt Road. The suspects exited the vehicle attempting to flee on foot, but were taken into custody by officers. A 21-year-old man from Alexandria was arrested and charged with abduction by force, robbery, grand larceny of an auto, and felony hit and run. The second suspect, a 17-year-old juvenile, was charged with abduction by force, robbery, grand larceny of an auto, felony eluding police, and felony hit and run. The victim of the hit and run accident and the juvenile suspect incurred non-life-threatening injuries.

BURGLARY, 1900 block of Autumn Chase Court, May 22, 3:25 a.m. An officer conducting a business check discovered someone entered a store and took property.

BURGLARY, 3000 block of Marl Pat Drive, May 14. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

BURGLARY, 6000 block of Bayliss Place, May 12. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

ROBBERY, 1200 block of Olde Towne Road, May 4, 11:29 p.m. The victim was walking and was approached by two men. The victim attempted to run but fell and dropped his backpack on the ground. One of the suspects took the backpack and both entered a dark-colored vehicle and fled. The victim did not require medical attention. The first suspect was described as black, 20s, about 5 feet 8 inches tall, wearing a white tank top t-shirt and dark pants. The second suspect was described as black, 20s, about 6 feet 2 inches tall, also wearing a white tank top t-shirt and dark pants.

LARCENIES
2600 block of Arlington Drive, bicycle from residence.

2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from vehicle.

2500 block of Parkers Lane, equipment from vehicle.

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6800 block of Richmond Highway, license plate from vehicle.

8000 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6600 block of Potomac Avenue, license plate from vehicle.

2600 block of Groveton Street, property from residence.

7900 block of Richmond Highway, purse from business.

8600 block of Walutes Circle, property from vehicle.

8200 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

6200 block of North Kings Highway, merchandise stolen from business

8100 block of Tis Well Drive, property stolen from business

7600 block of Richmond Highway,

merchandise stolen from business

8300 block of Richmond Highway, property stolen from business

7800 block of Richmond Highway, property stolen from business

8100 block of Lakepark Drive, property stolen from vehicle

8400 block of Frye Road, merchandise stolen from business

7600 block of Richmond Highway, property stolen from vehicle

8100 block of Pinkelake Court, property stolen from residence

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business.

8200 block of Russell Road, wallet from residence.

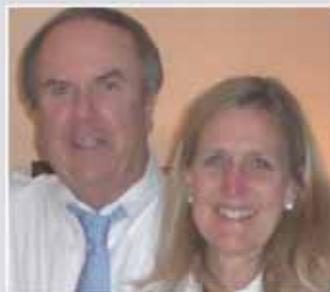
8800 block of Richmond Highway, property stolen from business.

8400 block of Fort Hunt Road, property from school.

1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business.

6400 block of Richmond Highway, property from vehicle.

6100 block of North Kings Highway, merchandise from business.



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**9315 Ludgate Dr
\$1,199,999**

Estate Caliber

Property—Near River!
No expense was spared in creating this magnificent custom Colonial designed to be seller's ultimate dream home. Stately,

classic exterior combined with bright, open floor plan. App. 5721 sq ft of luxuriously finished space. Includes all the new home bells and whistles & virtually every upgrade and modern amenity. Exquisitely landscaped grounds!



**8234 West Boulevard Dr
\$1,625,000**

One of Area's Most Admired Properties!

Award winning classic Victorian combines exquisite period detail with dramatic open floor plan. Painstaking attention to detail and its design led to this fabulous home winning the award for being the best custom home in its category for all of Northern Virginia the year it was built! Numerous special features include: three finished levels, dramatic open floor plan, soaring cathedral ceilings, upgraded trim detail throughout, welcoming two story foyer, family room with dramatic high ceiling and fireplace with floor to ceiling stone profile. Unique turret shaped living room and bedroom. Sumptuous master suite with luxurious bath, princess suite and third and fourth bedrooms with Jack N Jill bath. Custom screen porch and three car garage. Glass walls capture natural beauty of grounds and bring light to every corner of the home. Prime location on spacious grounds off GW Parkway just minutes from Old Town.



**9413 Brambly Lane
\$899,000**

Custom Home with Main Level Master Suite!

Custom home built by Wakefield Homes in 2010. Fabulous "new home" amenities

including high ceilings, open floor plan and energy conserving package. Upgrades include: 4 luxury baths, 5 BR including two master suites, one on main level, hardwood floors, chef's kitchen and finished walk-out lower level. Many features the builder is utilizing in \$1.5+ homes!



**8720 Plymouth Road
\$1,695,000**

Brand New Home!

Spectacular Wakefield home loaded with virtually every custom upgrade & amenity in fabulous Plymouth Haven! Three levels of luxury! Fabulous features include striking open floor plan, high

ceilings, designer kitchen, luxury baths, hardwood floors, sumptuous master suite, fabulous screen porch and 3 car garage. Prime location on large lot-walk to Waynewood School!



**9409 Ludgate Dr
\$1,890,000**

Truly Spectacular! Nothing Else Like It!

Stately Colonial Estate in the Virginia plantation tradition. Magnificent setting on high bluff overlooking Potomac at

its widest point. Views protected by bordering conservation land. Home is truly spectacular with high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, 4BRs, each with private bath and breathtaking river view master suite. Walls of windows capture magnificent river views. Finished lower level and 2 car garage.



**4831 Stillwell Ave
\$565,000**

Absolutely Adorable!

Curb appeal abounds in this classic cape in gorgeous setting on landscaped half acre lot in quiet neighborhood

surrounded by country club grounds and parkland. Many features include: 4BRs, updated kitchen, hardwood floors, thermal windows. Prime location offering quiet tranquil environment yet convenient to everything!



**8315 Old Mount Vernon Rd
\$849,000**

True Custom Home!

Classic Georgian exterior w/stunning open floor plan. Fab features include: 3 luxuriously finished levels, high ceilings throughout, elegant trim detail, chef's gourmet kitchen, "Andersen" thermal windows, & 2 car garage. LL with outside entrance, ideal in-law suite. Magnificent property offers combination of size & custom amenities rarely found in homes under \$1 mill!



**8300 Midwood St
\$569,000**

Move Right In!

Absolutely everything has been done on this fabulous property. All you have to do is move in! Features include: updated kitchen, gas cooktop, beautifully

updated baths, gorgeous hdwd flrs, 2 fireplaces, and four large bedrooms. Exceptionally attractive setting on large landscaped lot. Fenced backyard and large deck. A truly special property.



**4006 Renault Pl
\$562,800**

Nature Lover's Delight!

Absolutely unique property with stunning floor plan featuring marble floored sun room overlooking natural

beauty of grounds. Gravel paths leading to hidden swimming pool on hill above house with extensive decking and gazebo. Total privacy! Home is in excellent condition with many updates & oversize two car garage.



**9357 Mount Vernon Cir
\$1,500,000**
Mt Vernon on the Potomac!

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SUMMER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

Email community 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

“Attics and Alleys.” Saturdays in May, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at various locations. Guests are invited to take a walking tour through historic sites like Gadsby's Tavern Museum, The Apothecary Museum and the Carlyle House in honor of National Preservation Month. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

Art Exhibit. Through May 31. Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. “Rara Avis” is an exhibition of bird-centric works of Beverly Ress, Langley Spurlock and Martin Tarrat in the Athenaeum Gallery. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Eunsook Lee: “Dispersed Family.” Through May 31. Gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 North Union St. Eunsook Lee's exhibit of black light threads sealed and laminated alongside images and other materials will be on display. Admission is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

“MIX: Adventures in Mixed Media.” Through May 31 at DelRay Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists mix two or more mediums for this exhibition collaboration between Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

“Perceptions” Through May 31, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, Studio 319, 105 N. Union St. The “Perceptions” exhibit will feature 3-D artist Erika Cleveland, painter Ellen Delaney, graphic artist Kara Hammond, and street photographer Val Proudki. Free to attend. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

“Paws ‘N Claws for Art.” Runs through May 31 at Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans and Animal Welfare League of Alexandria teamed up to present this animal-themed, fundraising exhibit. Both nonprofits receive a percentage of each sale. Also showing, but not for sale, will be UpCycle's Fur-Vor project community-based student-recycled dog art. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW for more.

“Intricacies” Exhibit. Through Sunday, May 31 at various times at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Artist-Photographer Nina Tisara

unveils her “Intricacies” exhibit, a collection of mosaics. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

“Living Yesterday Today.” Through June 14 at various times at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St. “Living Yesterday Today” is an exhibit featuring photography by Sandy LeBrun-Evans following 150th Civil War Reenactments. Free to attend. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

“The Letters.” Through June 14 at various times at MetroStage. “The Letters” is a study of 1930s Soviet Union suppression of the work of prominent artists under Stalin's rule. \$50-55. Visit www.metrostage.org/index.html for showing times, directions, and to buy tickets.

“Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.” Through June 28, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find watermedia floral and landscape paintings. Free to visit gallery. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Through Sept. 26 at various time. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/baseball-boat.php.

Doggy Happy Hour. Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com/buzzevents_events.php.

Water Taxi to the National Mall. Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophia*, while stopping view some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/.

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

New Del Ray Artisans Exhibit Emphasizes ‘Building Bridges’

The “Building Bridges” exhibit is a collection of work featuring local artists and artists from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Guest curator, multimedia artist, and Hurricane Katrina-survivor Lori K. Gordon developed the juried exhibition with Linda Elliff and Barb Boatman to be a visual interpretation of the “building of bridges between people.” On Thursday, June 4 at 7 p.m. Gordon will share her experience fleeing New Orleans and her life as an artist since. On Friday, June 5, at the opening reception, 7-9 p.m., the curators will discuss the exhibit's concept and on Saturday, June 27, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. the gallery will host a “Building Altars” workshop led by Gordon in which participants may build their own altars using boxes or tins. All events are free except for the workshop, which is \$80 for Del Ray Artisan members, and \$95 for non-members. There is also a \$20 supply fee. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.



“El Fenn” by Lori K Gordon

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-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

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

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

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

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered will the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum,

105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer Camps. Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-related craft and a favorite story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception for family and friends. Tiny Dancers is a program designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The Alexandria studio is located at 621 S. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com for more.

Art League Summer Camps. Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open.

Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/art_camp for more.

Encore Choral Summer Choral Institutes. Encore Summer Choral Institute at Washington College in Chestertown MD runs from June 14-18 and Encore Summer Choral Institute at Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, NY from from Aug.30-Sept. 4. Sponsored by Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation's largest choral singing program for adults 55 and older, the institutes attract adult students from all over the country, at all levels of vocal experience, for a week of intensive choral music study. For information and pricing, call 301-261-5747, email info@encorecreativity.org or visit www.encorecreativity.org.

Summer of Smiles. The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time

(residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Registration opens Wednesday, March 18 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 20 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

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/gadbsytavern or call 703-746-4242.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 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.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring 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.

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

Tween Yoga. Thursdays, May 28-July 16. 4-5 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The

FOOD & DRINK

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 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.-12 p.m., 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.-12 p.m., 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 or visit www.delrayfarmersmarket.com for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m, Sundays through November. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.4mrmrmarket.org/index.html 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, pastries, cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

SUMMER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT



Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra

Ottmar Liebert is a German guitarist, songwriter, and producer best known for his Flamenco influences. He founded his band Luna Negra in 1989 and, since then, they have toured the world and released more than two-dozen albums. Liebert and Luna Negra will be performing at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. on Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. www.birchmere.com.

workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit www.532Yoga.com.

Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens. Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-hour lessons. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

THROUGH JUNE 1

“Printed Art: The Potomac.” Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 North Union St. The Art League presents a series of linocuts by John Gosling depicting the Potomac. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org.

THROUGH JUNE 2

Art Exhibition. 12 p.m.-5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. An exhibit of new work by local artists Teresa Oaxaca and Robert Liberace will be on display. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com/alexandria.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

Fairfax County Creative Aging Festival Mandala Workshop. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Experience the healing power of creating a personal Mandala using guided meditation. All art materials provided. Free and open to the public. Call 703-765-4573

Jane Franklin Dance Troupe at Creative Aging Festival. 12:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Forty+ Dance engages people over 40 of all physical abilities. The performance includes an audience participation portion. Refreshments served. Free and open to the public. Call 703-765-4573 or 703-324-4600.

Fiery Run Concert. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Listen to traditional and original folk compositions. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org/.

Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Test one's knowledge of the Silver Screen while enjoying food and drinks with friends. Free. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com/.

Lafayette Ball Dance Classes. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn English country dances from the 18th century. Lessons are \$12 for one session and \$30 for three sessions. Visit <https://shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx>.

FRIDAY/MAY 29

School Lunch Bunch Concerts. 12:15-1 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Watch the Immanuel Lutheran School's student choirs sing. Free. Call 703-746-5592.

An Afternoon with Journalist Sylvester Monroe. 1-2:30 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Meet and talk to the Washington Post journalist about his work, experiences and his new book. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Art Demonstration. 6 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Artist and Art League instructor Robert Liberace will be giving demonstrations of his work. Liberace's work centers around the study of human anatomy, art history and technique. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com/alexandria.

West Potomac High School Jazz Band. 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac High School Jazz Band will have a spring concert. Free. Contact Sue Genuario at gensure@aol.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Bake/Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Call 703-780-3081.

ASA Soccer Fest. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Celebrate the end of ASA's spring season by playing and watching soccer. Free. Contact Ann Clark at asasoc1@alexandria-soccer.org.

Culture Queen Program. 10-11:30 a.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Alexandria Black History Museum and Culture Kingdom Kids will host an interactive program for children and families designed to inspire children's choices in career and life. Admission to the program is \$5. Visit www.culturekingdomkids.com.

Savor the Flavor: The Food of the 18th Century. 12-3 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N Fairfax St. Participate in various activities that teach one about colonial cooking. Free admission. Call 703-549-2997.

3rd Annual Croquet Day. 12-4 p.m. at Hensley Park, 4200 Eisenhower Ave. Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) is hosting a croquet tournament to raise funds for their efforts in Northern Virginia. Those who choose not to play will find other lawn games including bocce ball, life-size Angry Birds, bean bag toss, etc. Tickets are \$15 for spectators, team registration for 3-4 people is \$150, and family teams are \$75. Visit www.scanva.org.

Orchestra. 7 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony

Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents “Symphonic Tap” with Capitol Tap. Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

“Broadway Goes Choral!” 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Lane. The Symphonic Chorus, Master Singers, Concert Choir, and soloists, will perform alongside a symphony orchestra. Find works from shows by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Loewe, Stephen Sondheim, and more. Tickets are \$10-40. Visit www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

Collective Delusion. 9:30 p.m. at John Strongbow's Tavern, 710 King St. Local band plays rock songs from '70s to present. Admission is free. Visit www.CollectiveDelusion.net.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

“Spandex in the Narthex.” 9 a.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. The church is raising funds for pastor Jason Micheli with a Fun Run/Walk, cook-out and live music. An entry for the fun run is \$16 for an individual and \$50 for a family. Plates are \$7 plus a \$5 donation. Visit www.aldersgate.net.

Bright Young Things. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Party like decadent members of the elite in 1920s. Tickets are \$32. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Lafayette in Alexandria Day. 1-5 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Visit Alexandria's most prominent museums for free such as Gadsby's tavern and Carlyle House Historic Park. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/hermione-in-alexandria/.

Concert. 4-5:15 p.m. at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The Virginia Bronze community handbell ensemble will perform pop favorites. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for students and \$20 for a family. Visit www.vabronze.org.

A Brahms-Schumann Soirée. 5-7 p.m. at the Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Enjoy a chamber music ensemble performing pieces composed by Brahms and Schumann. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=10460.

MONDAY/JUNE 1

“Who Are Those Guys?” 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Kim Holien, a professional U.S. Army historian will discuss Civil War figures whose names are on some West End Alexandria streets. Free. Call 703-746-4554.

Joe Ely. 8:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Newly appointed Texas State Musician for 2016 Joe Ely will perform his “alt-country” music. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2

Tuesday Morning Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact carol_kilroy@comcast.net for more.

“Wicked Northern Virginia.” 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House Hotel, 116 S. Alfred St. Local author Michael Lee Pope will discuss the dark side of Northern Virginia including the brothels in Alexandria and the Aryan Nations of Arlington. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

T.C. Williams Spring Concert. 7:30



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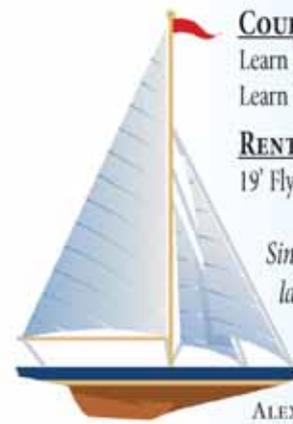
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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JUNE 3-4

Auditions for "Catch a Dream." 7-9 p.m. at 1108 Jefferson St. CAD Musicals is casting "Catch a Dream," a patriotic family musical to honor the WWII generation. It follows one man's journey through love, war, and the fight to catch the American dream. CAD is seeking individuals 18-65. Contact cadmusical@gmail.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Private Gardens of Philadelphia. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Philadelphia for a day-trip an visit private gardens. Tickets are \$138 for the bus, tours and lunch. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

"Love Note." 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Love Note" is an original play by Louise Schoettler detailing the story of her marriage to her late husband Jim. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.conta.cc/Hm2uok.

Author Talk. 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Local poet Neva Herrington, discusses her poetry and shares readings from her new book, "Open Season." Free. Call 703-746-1768.

"June 6, 1944: The Beginning of the End." 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave. The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee will present a lecture by Thomas Christianson, Senior Historian for the Secretary of Defense. \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.ddaylecture2015.eventbrite.com to RSVP.

Artist's Talk. 7 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Bridging Worlds" artist Lori K. Gordon will discuss the inspiration for her exhibit. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/gordon.

JUNE 4-JULY 19

"Saturate." Gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Summer Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle's gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park.

FRIDAY/JUNE 5

West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road. Taste diverse cuisine served by food trucks. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriawebs.com/.

Family Paint Night. 6-8 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artist Teresa Brunson will guide participants through painting their own masterpiece. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Visit www.alexandriawebs.com/.

Artist's Talk. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Observe GC Myers's exhibition titled "Native Voice" and speak to him about his artwork. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

Fostering the Future Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Enjoy food and live entertainment and help raise money for The Fund for Alexandria's Children. Tickets are \$85. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/

thefundforalexchild.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert will perform with his band. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Beatles to Broadway Concert. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Listen to the combined ensemble of The Alexandria Singers and The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

JUNE 5-28

"Building Bridges." gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2701 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery will unveil an exhibit that is the result of a partnership with Six Degrees Consortium. Free to attend. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Butterfly Container Gardening Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to create a butterfly container garden to attract and feed butterflies and other pollinators. The fee is \$35. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Pohick Church Tours. 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit www.pohick.org.

Family Fun: Worm Workshop. 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to build a 10-gallon bin with newspaper bedding, food scraps, and live worms that will recycle garbage into rich compost. The program alone is \$6 and \$15 for the program and worm kit supplies. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

71st Anniversary of D-Day Celebration. 2:30-5 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Commemorate D-Day by viewing band performances and war reenactments. Free. Contact AlexandriaCaenSisterCities@gmail.com.

Live Jazz Concert. 7-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Keyboardist Marcus Johnson takes the stage for the benefit of Virginia Music Adventures, Inc., a non-profit educational organization that promotes jazz music through performances by young musicians. Admission is \$35. Contact abby@vamusicaadventures.org or call 703-919-3323.

Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Local keyboardist Marcus Johnson will perform. Tickets \$35. Visit www.VaMusicAdventures.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

"Fashion and Invention." 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein will present a timeline of tools, inventions and innovations that have influenced changes in fashion and fibers over the centuries. View pieces from Caroline's antique clothing collection that showcase the historical connection between fashion and technology. The program is \$38 with afternoon tea and \$15 without tea. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Family Fun: Strawberry Tea Party. 1:30-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens,

4603 Green Spring Road. Walk through Green Spring Gardens to see how strawberries and other fruits grow, then have tea and a snack. The program is \$15. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

"Saturate" Opening Reception. 4 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate the opening of the new exhibit in which six artists use diverse media to convey "watery wetness." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7, 14, AND 28

Cook For Your Pet. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Pet Sage, 2391 S. Dove St. and Southern Kitchens, 2350 Duke St. Take a three-part course on cooking for your cat or dog. Each session is \$25, or \$60 for all three. Visit www.petsage.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

T. C. Williams Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. at T. C. Williams High School Auditorium, 3330 King St. The T. C. Williams Jazz Ensemble plays. Free. Contact douglas.rogers@acps.k12.va.us for more.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 10-12

French Tall Ship Hermione Tours. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at the Alexandria Marina. Explore Hermione, an exact replica of the ship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington with news of full French aid in 1780, turning the tide of the American Revolution. Tickets are free, but are limited. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/hermoine-in-alexandria to learn how to get tickets.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

The ASO Garden Party. 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cauley Deringer, 1198 Janneys Lane. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrates their annual garden party with a jazz theme. Individual tickets are \$150. Visit www.alexsym.org.

The Manhattan Transfer. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jazz ensemble will perform. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Witness to War & Reunion. 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and its aftermath. "Remembering the Civil War," by Caroline Janney, Purdue University. \$5. Seating is limited, make reservations in person, at shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4994.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 12-13

Wine and Dine on George Washington's Lawn. 6-9 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites visitors to sip wine and taste local and historic culinary fare while watching the sunset at the Mount Vernon Estate. Admission is \$20 per person. See mountvernon.org/summerescape.

Teenage Hero: Marquis de Lafayette Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Harlow Giles Unger has been a frequent speaker at Mount Vernon and on radio and television. Tickets are \$10. See www.shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx or call 703-746-4994.

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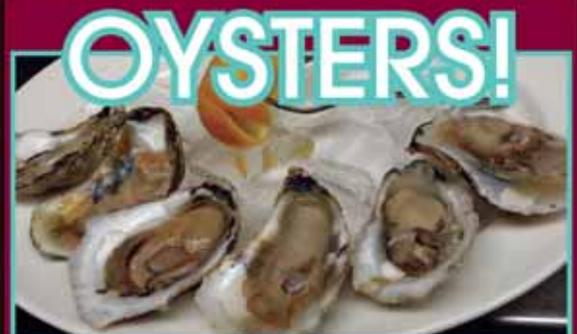
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SATURDAY/JUNE 13

George Mason Day. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Commemorate the June 1776 ratification of Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights by joining the color guard in procession to Mason's tomb for a wreath laying, and more. Free. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

Civil War Camp Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & History Site, 4301 W Braddock Road. Watch Civil war re-enactors perform drills and demonstrations. Suggested donation \$2 per adult and families \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

Balsamic Vinegar Tasting Party. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the history of balsamic vinegar and how to determine genuine balsamic vinegar from fake vinegars. Admission is \$30. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/canine-cruise.php.

Arts and Crafts Fair. 3-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Shop for handmade crafts and view art created by local artists. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/.

Billy Joe Shaver. 7 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The country singer/songwriter will celebrate the upcoming release of his first studio album since 2008. Tickets are \$29. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Lafayette Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Dance to revolutionary-era music and taste traditional sweets. Tickets are \$45 and reservations are required. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Book Talk. 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ron Goldfarb discusses his two new works, "Courtship, a novel of Life, Love and the Law" and "After Snowden: Privacy, Secrecy, and Security in the Information Age." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Envisioned Strings Concert. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Temple Memorial Theatre, 101 Callahan Drive. Enjoy different genres of music played on string instruments. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Visit www.envisionedstrings.com.

Stéphane Wrembel presents DJANGO A GOGO. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall 3701, Mount Vernon Ave. French-born guitarist/composer Stéphane Wrembel brings the latest edition of his homage to gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt to The Birchmere. See www.stephanewrembel.com.

JUNE 16-JULY 25

"Magical, Mystical Animals." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 16

The Bodyguard's Account: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln. 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Author and historian Bob O'Connor will be speaking about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the viewpoint



Susan Lynskey plays Anna in "The Letters." MetroStage presents "The Letters"

"The Letters" is a psychological drama with a two-person cast set in the Soviet Union era. The show is running at MetroStage, 1201 N Royal St. through June 14. Tickets are \$50-55. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

of his bodyguard Ward Hill Lamon. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Heels & Wheels. 5-7 p.m. at Land Rover Alexandria, 2712 Duke St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts an educational event with games, music and more. Tickets are \$20 for member, \$35 for nonmembers. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Summer Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle's gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Annual Golf Classic. 7 a.m. and tee-times beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course, 8450 Beulah St. #2920, Fort Belvoir. All proceeds go to the Military Order of the Purple Heart as we support our fellow wounded veterans and their families. Open to all. Contact 703-283-9698 or mophgolf@jsheainc.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Soroptimist Event. 11:30 a.m. at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. Soroptimist International of Alexandria is hosting a lunch, tea, and fashion show event. Art by Suhail Mir will also be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$36. Contact Norma Gyovai at ngyovai@moving.org.

Sherry Tasting Party. 4-6 p.m. at

Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Spanish wines will be paired with cold tapas dishes. Admission is \$44 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Fathers gain free access to some of Alexandria's most prominent museums. Free for fathers only. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Food & Wine Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Taste food from local restaurants and sample Virginia wines while listening to live music. Free admission. Visit <http://alexandriafoodandwine.com/>.

"Building Altars" Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Del Ray Artisans gallery at Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Create altars from small tins and recycled items. Instructor: Lori K. Gordon. \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members not including a \$20 supply fee. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Altars.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 25-29,

Choral Festival International Summer Celebration. Various times and dates at 319 Cameron St. This event features professional and community choirs. See www.classicalmovements.com.



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The goats can consume invasive plants such as Poison Ivy, Kudzu, Oriental Bittersweet, Ailanthus, Multiflora Rose, Japanese Honeysuckle, Mile-A-Minute and more.

Sixty goats from Eco-Goats in Davidsonville, Md., graze on the underbrush of invasive plants in the four acres surrounding the Hollin Meadows swimming pool and tennis courts.

Goats Enlisted in War against Invasive Plants

The Hollin Meadows Swim and Tennis Club welcomed 60 goats to its property to graze on invasive plants and vegetation on May 11. Funded in part through the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program grant from Fairfax County, the goats are part of an environmentally responsible solution to remove plants that are strangling trees and threatening wildlife on the pool property.

The goats spent a week on the property clearing four acres of invasive plants around the pool area and tennis courts.

“We’re fortunate that our pool is enveloped by beautifully mature trees and foliage. But, nature doesn’t have a vacuum to clean up the invasive plants that spread quickly and endanger the habitat, trees and soil. Rather than using dangerous chemicals, tedious manual labor or machinery, we’re hosting the goats to get the job done

naturally,” said Michael Johnson, Hollin Meadows Swim and Tennis Club’s grounds chairman. “We’re taking the project one step further by partnering with Hollin Meadows Elementary School. Students will visit HMSTC to observe the goats in action and learn about environmentally responsible land management solutions,” Johnson said.

Goats have been used for centuries to clear vegetation and often are described as eating machines. In recent years, there has

been resurgence of goat use in North America for what now is called conservation grazing. Goats often can reach places that mowers cannot and consume a wide range of unwanted vegetation native to the east coast including Poison Ivy, Kudzu, Oriental Bittersweet, Ailanthus, Multiflora Rose, Japanese Honeysuckle, Mile-A-Minute and more.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Master gardener Tracey Serle explains to Jennifer Vaccaro of Eco-Goats how the Hollin Meadows Pool and Tennis Club was able to use funds from the Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program.



While waiting to be moved to the next area, Andy the goat munches on a few Poplar leaves.



The project is overseen by Brian Knox, a licensed professional forester and experienced goat herder with Eco-Goats.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

Kelly Gallagher was named to the dean’s list for the fall 2014 semester at Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame, Ind.).

Molly Adler has been named a Fulbright Fellow. She will teach English in Russia for the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. Adler is a se-

nior at Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pa.).

Hope Wentzel received Virginia Tech’s 2015 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (www.cals.vt.edu/) Outstanding Senior Award.

Damba Koroma was recognized with the Unsung Hero Award at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.). The award is given to a student who serves as a role model to others and goes above

and beyond in her care and concern of the campus community, but who often does not receive public acknowledgement of her hard work.

George B. Alberts was presented with the Kathryn Fraser Mackay Awarded Prize in Religious Studies at St. Lawrence University’s (Canton, N.Y.) Moving-Up Day ceremony. Moving-Up Day celebrates student achievements in academics and co-curricular activities.

Christopher Gerlach has been awarded a two-year scholarship and a 10-week summer internship position at a National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration facility.

Malik S. Jabati has been named a 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholar.

Lester Schonberger has been named the outstanding senior in the Department of Food Science and Technology in the Virginia Tech College of

Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Bryan Corvera-Flores is one of the 23 Stevenson University (Owings Mills, Md.) student-athletes to be named to the Middle Atlantic Conference winter academic honor roll.

BreAnne Galloway has graduated with a Master of Science degree in health, physical education, and recreation from Emporia State University (Emporia, KS).



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West Potomac senior Lizzie Wood scored six goals against McLean on Tuesday.

Freshman goalkeeper Claire Barber is a key part of the West Potomac girls' lacrosse team's future, head coach Cindy Lopez-Yusuf said.

WP Girls' Lax Earns Rare Home Regional Game

Wolverines end season with 18-10 loss to McLean.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac girls' lacrosse program took a step in the right direction Tuesday night by hosting a regional playoff game for the first time in at least a decade.

But the Wolverines will have to wait until next season to show more on-field improvement as the Elise Koehl-led McLean Highlanders denied West Potomac its first regional tournament victory since 2012.

Koehl, a University of Louisville signee, scored 10 goals and the Highlanders defeated the Wolverines 18-10 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on May 26 at West Potomac High School.

West Potomac had earned a trip to the Conference 7 championship game, where the Wolverines lost to Woodson on May 22. Finishing runner-up earned West Potomac Conference 7's No. 2 seed in the regional tournament and its first regional home game in at least a decade, according to re-

sults at laxpower.com.

While hosting Tuesday's game was an accomplishment, McLean showed West Potomac still has some work to do as the Highlanders, the No. 3 seed from Conference 6, led for the final 42 minutes and 59 seconds.

"I think that we have become a team that is more skilled than what it has been in the past," second-year West Potomac head coach Cindy Lopez-Yusuf said. "I think our biggest issue and what we're looking to overcome in the next season is our mental toughness and being able to handle these high-pressure situations. These girls, especially the ones who are in leadership, aren't used to being in these types of situations where they're in high-pressure games. And my hope is as we continue to grow the program that they'll be able to handle these tough, tight, high-competition games better and better."

Lopez-Yusuf has led West Potomac to a winning record in each of her two seasons with the program. In 2014, the Wolverines finished 11-6 and qualified for regionals with 18-17 victory over Annandale in the conference tournament quarterfinals. This year, West Potomac finished 10-8, including a six-game win streak that started with a 17-0 victory over rival Mount Vernon.

"I believe," Lopez-Yusuf said, "in the skill



Cindy Lopez-Yusuf has led the West Potomac girls' lacrosse program to a winning record in each of her first two seasons as head coach.

that we have here."

West Potomac senior attacker Lizzie Wood scored six goals in Tuesday's loss to McLean. Her goal right before the halftime horn cut the Highlanders' lead to 9-5.

"I think that she's been a go-to shooter and a player who could have probably pushed me away when I came on because I have a very different coaching style," Lopez-Yusuf said, "and I appreciate the fact that she took the new coaching style and really took it to heart."

Freshman midfielder Madison Smith scored two goals for West Potomac, and sophomore midfielders Theresa Willmott-McMahon and Martha Gallagher each had one.

West Potomac freshman goalkeeper Claire Barber finished with 13 saves.

Lopez-Yusuf, 29, said bringing in experienced players from the Fort Hunt feeder program to play with the talented athletes already at the varsity level is important to developing West Potomac girls' lacrosse.

"They are the future of the program," Lopez-Yusuf said of freshmen Smith and Barber. "I think that we have an especially strong sophomore and freshman class ... again, coming in from Fort Hunt [and] having that experience and that's what's going to help us build a program — bringing in more strong players as freshmen already being able to play at this level."

Wood, Gallagher and junior midfielder Zshana Lee earned first-team all-conference honors for the Wolverines. Barber, Smith and senior midfielder Chloe Harris were named to the all-conference second team, and Willmott-McMahon, junior attacker Sarah Gallagher and junior midfielder Maxine Clifford garnered honorable mention.

"I think that we're in a situation where we're only going to get better," Lopez-Yusuf said. "We have a fantastic feeder program and I think as West Potomac continues to prove themselves as a team that shouldn't be taken for granted, we'll attract more strong players from that feeder program."

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Junior 4 Crew Competes at Nationals

The West Potomac junior 4 crew boat competed in the SRAA National Championship on May 22-23 in Camden, NJ. The team qualified by winning the Virginia State Championship on May 16.

The ladies, Rachael Brautigam, Rachel Hardison, Liz Brodie, Natalie Lorca and Juliette Burcham, progressed beyond the heat on Friday to race in the semifinals on Saturday morning, the first time in recent memory a West Potomac team has progressed in this event.

Coach Shinnars said: "I was fortunate to witness one of the most dramatic come-from-behind finishes that I've ever seen in 25 years of rowing,

when the girls put on a tremendous surge at the end of their semifinal race to come in a close fourth, a mere .07 seconds behind the third-place boat (which went on to the 6-boat final later that day). The girls definitely finished in seventh place based on times in the semis; quite an accomplishment."

The competition started on Friday with qualifying crew teams from around the nation. The two-day event featured many prominent schools. Coach Alan Weatherly said, "We are a small fish in a big pond."

Seventh in the country is the highest finish ever for a West Potomac boat.

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The West Potomac junior 4 crew boat competed at nationals.

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The 10U Mount Vernon Mavericks baseball team won the John W. Reep Memorial Day Tournament, held May 23-25 in Alexandria.

SPORTS BRIEFS

FROM PAGE 20

West Potomac Boys' Soccer Wins Conference 7 Title

The West Potomac boys' soccer team defeated Woodson 1-0 to win the Conference 7 championship on May 21 at Woodson High School.

It was the first conference/district championship in program history.

The Wolverines defeated Lake Braddock 2-1 in the semifinals on May 19 to advance to the championship match.

West Potomac entered the 6A North region tournament with a 7-5-4 record. The Wolverines faced McLean on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. The winner of

the West Potomac/McLean match will face the winner of Oakton and Osbourn Park in the quarterfinals on Friday, May 29.

MV, WP Softball Teams To Compete at Regionals

The Mount Vernon softball team, the No. 2 seed from Conference 13, will host Massaponax, the No. 3 seed from Conference 15, in the opening round of the 5A North region tournament at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28.

West Potomac, the No. 3 seed from Conference 7, will travel to face Conference 6 runner-up McLean in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 29.

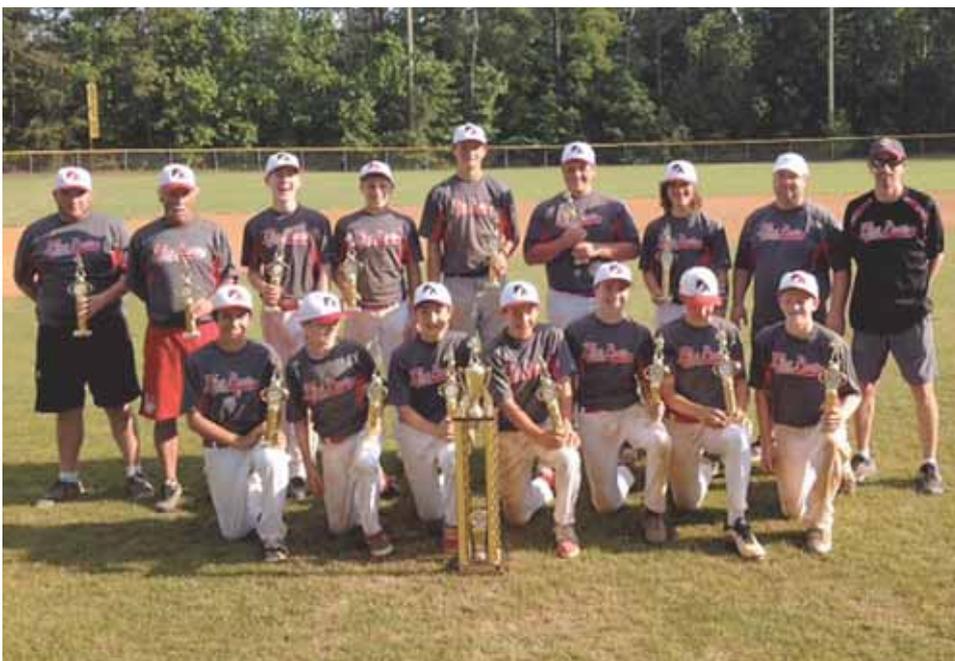


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The 14U Fire Ants baseball team traveled to the Richmond area and won the AA Virginia State Championships, held May 23-24. Pictured are: (back row, standing, from left) assistant coach Tommy Russell, head coach Joe Carter, Liam Fish, Archer Rutledge, Dane Camphausen, Tristan Nelson, Zavyor Zenk, Assistant Coach Jason Zenk, assistant coach Doug Kantor (front row, kneeling, from left), Jacob Kaufman, Frank Lavoie, Justin Packs, Will Philpott, Ben Piper, Zach Hamilton, Jackson Kantor.

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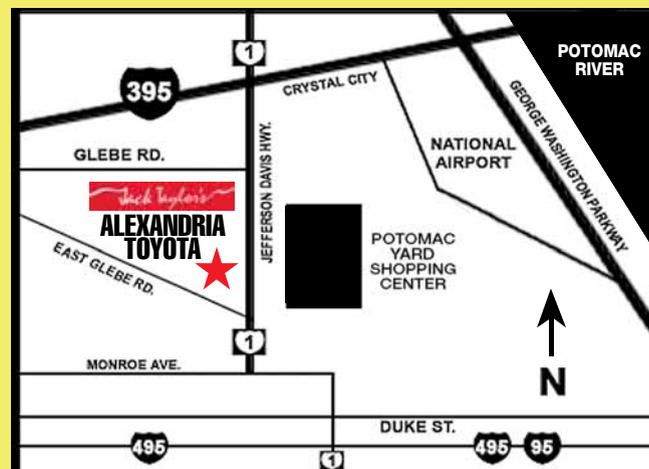
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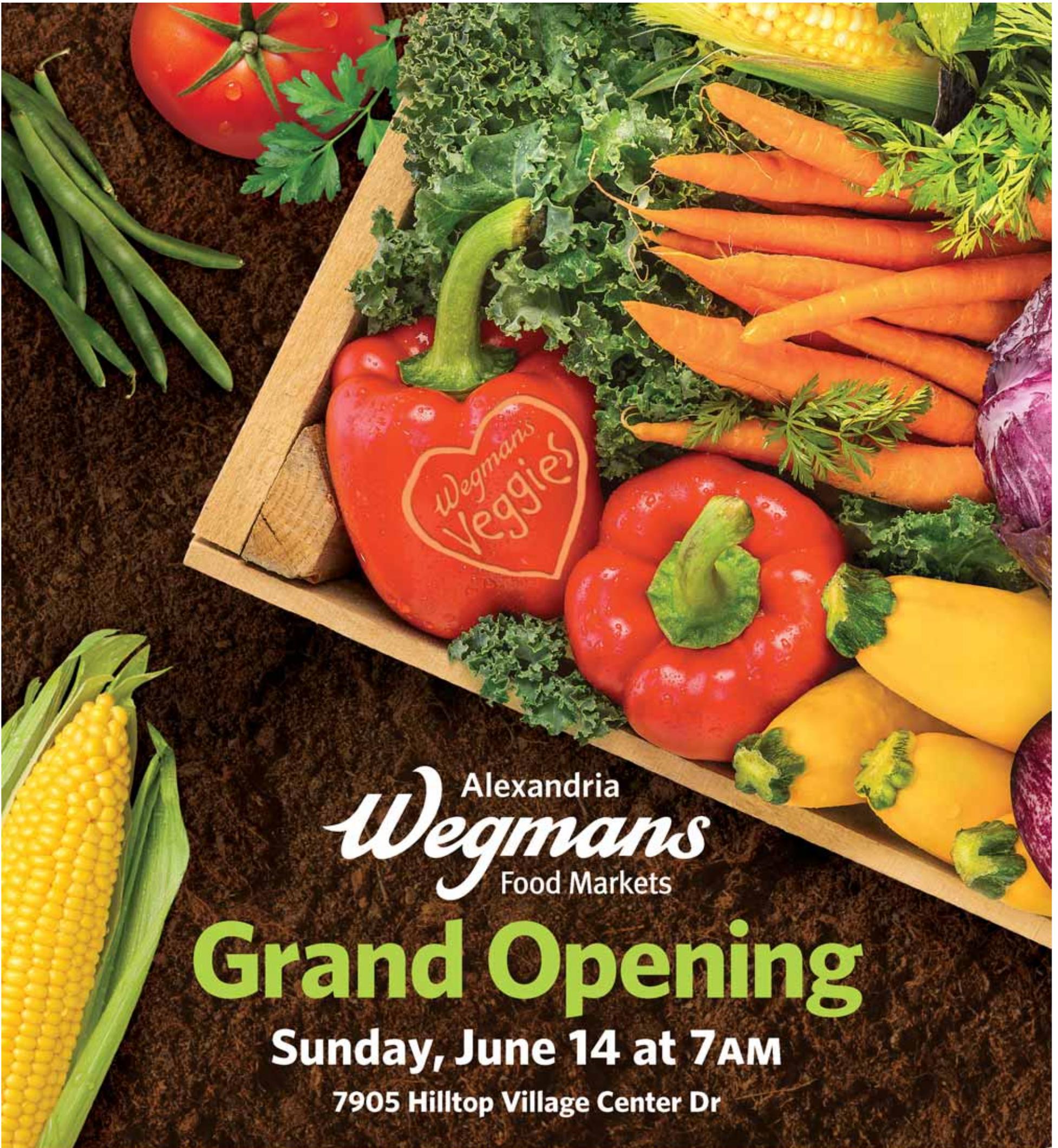
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