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Citizens were actively engaged in the discussion leading up to the Fairfax County School Board's 10-1 vote in favor of adding "gender identity" to the district's nondiscrimination policy.

Board Sued over Policy Changes

Liberty Counsel challenges board's authority to add sexual orientation and gender identity.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

When the members of the Fairfax County School Board added sexual orientation and gender identity to the school system's nondiscrimination policy in November 2014 and May 2015, did they have the authority? A lawsuit filed Dec. 21, 2015 in Fairfax Circuit Court by the Liberty Counsel contends they did not.

"We believe that Virginia state law is crystal clear on this subject, that it deprives local government bodies, such as the Fairfax County School Board, of the authority to expand or contract protected classes under the state nondiscrimination law," said Horatio Mihet, chief litigation counsel with Liberty Counsel.

Mihet is representing Andrea Lafferty, president of the pro-family advocacy group Traditional Values Coalition and opponent of the policy changes, and the plaintiff, a Fairfax County high school student and a minor, whose parents and friends are also named as plaintiffs all under the name "Doe."

The Liberty Counsel complaint contends that the student is finding school an unsafe place to learn in part because "gender identity" isn't clearly defined in the new policy or the student code of conduct. He has expressed fear of punishment for

breaking the new nondiscrimination rules regarding transgender students in his bathroom or locker room space, because he does not fully understand what those rules are, according to the suit.

The student plaintiff, Mihet said, "has clear statutory and constitutional rights which are being infringed. In its desire to please one component of its constituency, the School Board has managed to run roughshod over the privacy rights of its students and their parents."

In addition to the suit, Liberty Counsel has also filed a motion for a preliminary injunction that would force the School Board to reverse the policy change immediately, prior to further litigation.

After Liberty Counsel's announcement the suit had been filed, School Board Chairman Pat Hynes released the statement that once the board was served with it, "our attorneys will review it and file the appropriate response with the court."

"Every child in our school system needs to know they are respected and will not face discrimination," Hynes' statement continued, "and the same thing goes for employees when they walk through our doors."

Springfield District School Board member Elizabeth Schultz said she sees the lawsuit as "unfortunate" but thinks that it was "foreseeable."

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— School Board Chairman Pat Hynes

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Gearing Up for 2016 Challenges

Looking at the year ahead.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

With winter vacation, unseasonably warm weather and 2015 in their rearview mirrors, community leaders and elected officials from the Fairfax County School Board, Board of Supervisors, General Assembly turn their attention to some of the most significant issues, developments or decisions in 2016:

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOLS face a well-advertised projected budget shortfall of \$70 million for Fiscal Year 2017. Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza's Jan. 7 presentation of her proposed 2017 budget at West Potomac High School and again to the School Board that evening should be a culmination of community input, a dedicated task force and her individual vision for moving the school system forward.

One of the challenges facing the schools is a rapidly growing student population of over 187,000, 52,000 of which are financially eligible for free and reduced meals. Supporting that growth falls primarily to the Board of Supervisors (about 80 percent of FCPS funding) and the Commonwealth of Virginia (about 20 percent), which uses a funding formula that determines wealth based on income and property values to determine how state money is allocated around the Commonwealth.

"Eighty percent of people in the General Assembly benefit from existing funding formula," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "It's hard



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Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission chairman Michael Hershman presents the commission's final report to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.

to get it changed, and because of these formulas, it's not very smart to ask the state to pay more money without changing the formula."

Former delegate for the 44th District and Senator-elect Scott Surovell (D-36) agrees: "Whatever we contribute will be a small portion of what our schools need. That's the reality of our present situation."

With the existing formula, the "local composite index," Surovell said the state is funding its share of public schools at a rate "lower per pupil than what we appropriated in 2007."

"Virginia is at historical low point in terms of what we cover," Surovell said.

Instead, Albo suggests looking for more local financing and grants aimed at assisting some of the school's services for students with mental health disorders or financial challenges.

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Serving the Blind Gives Vision to the Seeing

Removing 67 cataracts in a week.

BY KARINA BAKHSHI-AZAR

Kieran Grogan's three-week trip to Tarapoto, Peru not only changed his career path; it also revolutionized his view on life.

"Before I left I remember thinking of the trip as a type of vacation," said Grogan, a Virginia Tech junior and Mount Vernon resident. "I did not know that I was about to experience a trip that would change my life forever."

Sitting in the library amidst a sea of Medical College Admission Test study books and science-related coursework, Grogan jokes that maybe his trip would be the end of him before he could even begin to help anyone.

Dr. Rodolfo Rios, Grogan's uncle, invited him to accompany him and his son, Daniel, on a service trip to the Peruvian city of Tarapoto — a city nestled in the Amazon rainforest.

The goal of the trip was to perform as many free eye surgeries for the native people of Tarapoto as possible.

Rios is an eye surgeon and Peruvian native who operates a private ophthalmology practice in Lewes, Del. He is also a member of the Lions Club, an international service club organization.

The three met at Washington Dulles International airport on the morning of May 22, 2015.

"At many points I really believed that the trip was not going to happen," said Grogan.

There were a couple of reasons why Grogan had this mindset. The first reason was Rios and son Daniel arrived 30 minutes before the flight was scheduled to take off.

Then, a TSA agent told Grogan that his carry-on bag needed to be checked in, as it was too large to bring aboard the plane. However, the group had already checked multiple bags full of medical supplies and thus had reached their check-in limit. They opted to wait until the TSA agent was dis-

tracted and snuck through.

"It didn't stop there though, the adventure was just beginning," Grogan said.

Rios got on board the flight first. When Grogan and Daniel Rios tried to get on next, they realized that the boarding passes in their hands were the ones for Panama to Tarapoto. Their passes from D.C. to their connecting flight in Panama were in Dr. Rios' possession, who was already on the plane. With no other choice, they tried getting on the flight with their mislabeled tickets. By some stroke of good luck, both men got on the plane without a problem.

"It was a miracle that we evaded security not only once, but twice," said Grogan. "The plane was delayed by five minutes because my uncle was begging the pilot to wait for us; 30 seconds after we got on the plane we were in the air."

The trio landed in the city of Tarapoto, Peru late that evening.

"The airport was small and the humidity was exceptionally high even though it was around 11 p.m.," said Grogan. "I had never seen anything like it."

Señora Wong, head of the Lions Club division in Tarapoto, received them from the airport. They then took a cab to Hotel Cielo, where they stayed for the duration of their visit.

"The pictures I looked at online of the hotel were deceiving to say the least," said Grogan. "We found a cockroach in our shower, and a thin layer of dust blanketed the entire hotel."

Through billboard advertisements, word of mouth, and people walking through the streets with megaphones, the people of Tarapoto were informed that ophthalmologists would be coming to perform pro bono eye surgeries.

The first day was dedicated to screening patients and evaluating the severity of their conditions.

Grogan spent the majority of the first day performing basic eye tests and doing paper work. The paperwork's requirements were minimal — full name and phone number, if the patient even had a phone.

Grogan remembers the first day being hot, overwhelming and crowded. The Tarapoto



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Dr. Rodolfo Rios (left) with Kieran Grogan in Peru.

General Hospital was worn down, without air conditioning and very small. All of the toilets were located outside.

"The first day was not pleasant and I began questioning what I had gotten myself into," said Grogan.

The second day was the first day of surgeries. Dr. Rios, Grogan, Daniel Rios and local doctor Carlos Sanchez, woke up at 6 a.m. to evaluate the paper work from the previous day in order to treat those with the most severe eye problems.

The most common issue was cataracts, which according to the American Academy of Ophthalmology will eventually cause blindness if left untreated.

"In Peru the poor people often work outside every day for the bulk of their lives, where intense exposure to the sun calcifies the crystalline lens of the eye which causes reversible blindness," said Dr. Rios. "In America, cataracts can be removed by a simple surgery, however, there are very few professionals in Tarapoto who can treat this condition."

"The people were covered in dirt, and their faces would have to be washed before their surgeries began," said Grogan.

The team lacked the supplies that would be commonplace in America, making the surgeries much more painful and risky. Due to the lack of equipment, the surgeries would require a different technique and therefore take around an hour.

"I stood on the other side of my uncle throughout the surgeries holding a syringe full of water which I would squirt into the patient's eye when it got too bloody," said Grogan. "It was exhilarating to be a part of giving someone their vision back."

The team worked constantly from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday for the following six days.

Each day Grogan was granted one break for lunch at around 3 p.m. At lunch he was served a whole fish caught straight from the river, served alongside some rice.

"I knew I had to eat it because it would probably be the only thing I would get to eat all day," Grogan said. "Apparently the fish was considered a delicacy to the locals, unfortunately I found it to be rather unpleasant."

During his lunch break Grogan and his cousin would often buy fish from the poor locals and give them to the starving stray dogs.

Grogan's most vivid memory of the trip came on the last day of surgeries.

A husband and wife came to the hospital hysterically crying and begging Dr. Rios, Grogan, and the rest of the team to help their 3-year-old daughter who was suffering from a chalazion. The team stayed an hour late to help her.

A chalazion is a slowly developed lump that is caused from the swelling of the eye, and is rather simple to fix. However, the chalazion had been left untreated for three months and had become dangerous.

"The surgery was difficult because we needed six people to hold this little girl still, and there was a lot of bleeding as the eye had gotten so bad," said Dr. Rios. "I was sweating and there was blood everywhere, but the surgery was a success."

"I will remember that surgery for the rest of my life," said Grogan. "That day we saved the vision of the bravest 3-year-old I have ever met."

In one week Grogan and the rest of the team removed 67 cataracts.

On the last day all of the patients were required to go to the hospital so that Dr. Rios and Sanchez could check on their recovery. At this point the patients were able to take off their eye patches and see again.

"Many broke down crying and began kissing our hands," said Grogan. "It was a really emotional time for all of us."

"It was in that moment that I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life," said Grogan. "I think that all medical practices are cool, but vision is by far the most beautiful gift that you can give someone; I knew ophthalmology was the career path that I wanted to pursue."

Since Grogan has returned from the trip, he has begun pursuing an education in ophthalmology. He frequently can be found in the library either studying for one of his demanding classes or for the MCAT.

"Life is really just so simple," said Grogan when asked what his main takeaway from the trip was. "Even something as seemingly basic as our eyesight is really a gift."

Victim Shot during Robbery

An employee was robbed and injured at the Computer and Cellular store, at 2790 Beacon Hill Road in the Alexandria-area of Fairfax County, on Wednesday, Dec. 23. A man entered the store just before 11:30 a.m., displayed a gun at a 28-year-old employee and stole a computer item. Another employee, a 65-year-old man, confronted the suspect and a struggle ensued.

During the struggle, the gun discharged and the victim suffered an apparent wound to the hand. The suspect fled on foot toward Richmond Highway.

The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The suspect was described as black. His face was covered and he wore a dark-colored jacket and dark jeans.

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Gearing Up for the Challenges of 2016

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Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) recently announced a proposed \$1 billion for education alone as part of his overall proposed budget.

"The Governor has been thinking outside the box as to ways to assist," said Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41). "We as legislators have to continue to do the same: What can we do with the money we have, the formula we have? Is there a chance for changing any of the formulas? How do we find more money?"

With the upcoming presidential election, Springfield District School Board member Elizabeth Schultz isn't optimistic for as much collaboration at the General Assembly. "I see political entrenchment gumming up the work within the state," she said. As the biggest burden for funding falls to the supervisors, Schultz said she is "very worried for the taxpayers this is going to somehow justify some major increase in property taxes."

But solving the shortfall at the county level may be bigger than a tax increase.

Braddock District School Board member Megan McLaughlin said it's important to remember the \$70 million shortfall is the difference in simply maintaining the current operating and compensation costs for the school system.

"We will continue to have a student population that increases in size and need," McLaughlin said. "We've got to find a long-term workable solution with the Board of Supervisors to help really find the common ground, what it takes to fund the school system that has the reputation FCPS has so appropriately earned."

McLaughlin believes taking a "more shared approach with the supervisors on how we handle annual employee raises, increased costs to health care benefits and



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Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D, left) unveiled his budget proposal for \$1 billion in public and higher education investment at Mark Twain Middle School in Alexandria on Dec. 16, as part of the total state budget he plans to roll out on Thursday, Dec. 17. The education plan includes measures to bring back 2,500 teaching positions throughout the state, pay raises for teachers, closing the achievement gap and funding an expansion of his wife Dorothy's Breakfast After the Bell program, Standards of Learning innovation grants to continue improving testing styles. "If we truly want a world-class economy," McAuliffe said, "we truly need a world-class education system. Laying the foundation for a new Virginia economy all starts, for me, with education."

pension benefits" is a good place to start.

"Those are the three biggest cost drivers that FCPS faces every year," she said. "All the rest we end up cutting around the margins, on the other 10 percent, things make us a remarkable school system like robust fine arts, foreign languages, having healthier start times. Those costs are very real."

With Supervisors Dan Storck (D-Mount

Vernon) and Kathy Smith (D-Sully) having just left their respective positions on the School Board, Schultz foresees a "real dynamic shift" on the Fairfax County Board.

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT said they have already begun implementing some of the 142 recommendations for improvement made by the 37-member Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, which met between March and October in 2015.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova formed the commission following public demonstrations and media pressure over the release of information surrounding the 2013 fatal shooting of Springfield resident John Geer by then-Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres.

"I think most of us believe that while we have an excellent police department, we want it to be better," said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). "Times are changing, there are needs that are pointed out in the report of the commission that need to be implemented."

Two of the more controversial recommendations from the commission include creating a civilian review panel that would discuss complaints against the police and report to the supervisors, as well as implementing body cameras to record officer interactions with citizens.

On establishing the review panel, Cook said, "I hope we do, I think we will. But we have to decide what it looks like. The board ultimately has to make that decision after talking to officers and community members.

For Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), "the devil is in the details" with the panel, which he said would not have had a say in the Geer case, if implemented as the commission recommended. "There is clear need for the county to be more transparent," Herry added, "in police incidents of all types, it's a public trust issue."

On body cameras, Herry is hesitantly supportive, voicing concerns about protecting the privacy of officers and the citizens with whom they interact. Supervisor Jeff McKay is similarly reserved, calling for a more detailed discussion of how they would be implemented.

"I think the majority of our police officers do a good job and want the public to see the job they're doing," McKay said. "The challenge becomes how you handle Freedom of Information Act request, run ongoing investigations and train officers on what they need to be recording and not recording."

Newly sworn-in Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) is generally in favor of the recommendations of the commission, but expects to spend time during 2016 and beyond with other board members more substantially reviewing them. "Transparency to me is the core of that," Storck said. "I've led those charges on the School Board in terms of how we do discipline and meetings — they're all open and recorded, essential things we need to do here as well."

ALONG THE ROUTE 1 CORRIDOR, car title lenders considered to be "predatory" by forcing individuals to pay interest rates upwards of 200 percent have been a focus of attention of Surovell and received media attention in the latter part of 2015.

"For the last two years, I've worked hard to spotlight the problem with predatory lending," Surovell said. "I think the attention I've been able to create has got a lot of other people second-guessing, finally realizing these companies are exploiting loopholes."

Surovell is leading an effort to restrict, if not ban these businesses outright, along with his successor Delegate-elect Paul Krizek (D-44).

"I do feel like the title lenders are an eyesore," said Krizek. "Not just about taking advantage of people, but just being there, replacing opportunities for other businesses that we want to have in our community, rather than them."

MORE FRESH FACES in elected positions include Storck, former School Board member who replaces Gerry Hyland as Mount Vernon District supervisor, and Karen Corbett Sanders, who succeeds Storck on the School Board.

Sanders is optimistic about 2016, highlighting new principals at Bryant Alternative High School, Quander Road School and Walt Whitman Middle School, and a new panel to review candidates for a new principal at Mount Vernon High School.



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PEOPLE

Student Leader

Martha Gallagher, West Potomac Class of 2017, has been appointed to the Fairfax County School Board's Student Leadership Development Program. At the Dec. 10 orientation meeting, she is with School Board Member (Mount Vernon) Karen Corbett Sanders and School Board Member (At-Large) Ryan McElveen.



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Scholarship Award

Mount Vernon High School senior Rosemary Morataya received a silver award from The Hispanic Heritage Foundation. She was one of 21 award recipients at the Washington, D.C. regional Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony on Nov. 16. As the silver medalist in the engineering and mathematics category, sponsored by ExxonMobil, Morataya was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to support her plans to pursue a degree in aerospace engineering, astrophysics and business at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



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KD Soriano

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Board Sued over Nondiscrimination Policy Changes

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"I think the current board lunged ahead with what was largely a political agenda," Schultz said. "Now unfortunately we're going to pay the price of a lawsuit. Of course there are better things to spend money on, but now have to be in a defensive position."

Schultz was applauded by many before the vote on May 7, in an uncommonly crowded auditorium at Luther Jackson Middle School, when she encouraged the board to postpone its vote, engage more with the community on the issue, and ultimately voted against the policy change.

Despite a boisterous crowd that night that was largely opposed to the change, School Board member Megan McLaughlin (Braddock District) said, "This policy update was not as controversial as alluded to and in fact was the right thing to do."

McLaughlin pointed to the results of November's election, saying, "I think the larger community demonstrated that in their decision to return virtually all the incumbents back to this board."

Robert Rigby, teacher at West Potomac



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Citizens on both sides of the debate lingered outside Luther Jackson Middle School following the School Board's vote.

High School and president of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender-friendly employees' group FCPS Pride, is promoting mediation on the issue, outside of litigation. Rigby released a statement following the

lawsuit that he and his organization are working to set up meetings between opponents of the policy change and members of the LGBT community in Fairfax County Public Schools.

"The idea is to put real people out there," Rigby said, "invite some transgender kids and parents to meet. We're hoping to change hearts and minds — that's the ultimate hope. We want to start conversations."

Rigby believes the move by Lafferty and the Liberty Counsel is a "hail Mary, a last-ditch effort" to affect the board's position, after previous attempts to "drive the ball down the field" at board meetings were unsuccessful.

Regarding the student plaintiff's experience, Rigby said he shouldn't feel afraid. "Transgender teens are not scary, and very aware of the fact that people may feel uncomfortable around them," he said. "They're not out to confront anybody, to scare."

Rigby is continuing to work on facilitating meetings with opponents of the policy, including former School Board members Michelle Brickner and Steve Hunt. "I think we have the right on our side," he said.

Mihet with Liberty Counsel said he believes the preliminary injunction will be heard in the next 60 days. Andrea Lafferty was unavailable for an interview.

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She's promoting a "culture of academic success" and "equity in excellence" in the new year, wanting to challenge students with consistent "levels of academic rigor regardless of zip code" and calling for increased collaboration among the community, school system and parents.

In the community in particular, Sanders wants stronger relationships with businesses, such as the one between West

Potomac High School and Burke & Herbert Bank, that can provide students with a breadth of internships and different pathways through and beyond their public school education.

AS STORCK SETTLES into his new role, he plans to keep a strong focus on moving forward with developing Bus Rapid Transit and a Metro rail expansion in the Route 1 corridor. "These will show what a sophisticated, integrated mass transit system can

do for people, getting to where they want to go in less time," he said. "All of us, administrators, county staff, state staff, have got to keep it in front of us, make sure we're not letting any part of this slow the rest of it down."

Another development opportunity drawing Storck's attention in 2016 is the North Hill area, a 33-acre parcel north of Dart Drive that the Fairfax County Regional Housing Authority purchased in 1981 and has sat unimproved since then.

Developer CHPPENN I, LLC has submitted a redevelopment proposal for affordable and market-rate housing on the land, while saving a portion for passive use park.

"I think it's a good starting point," Storck said. "I have concerns about making sure the balance is right between the park, affordable housing and market-rate housing. We recognize Mount Vernon has always been at the tipping point, the fulcrum of those two housing types."

Teen Heads to National Competition

Jackson J. Harvey, a student at West Potomac Academy in Alexandria will advance to the American Bankers Association (ABA) national competition, Lights, Camera, Save!

His video, "A Squirrel's Guide to Saving," was selected by a panel of local experts as the Burke & Herbert Bank preliminary round winner. The winning video takes a creative approach to promoting the value of saving to other teens.

The ABA Lights, Camera, Save! video contest challenged students, aged 13-18, across the nation to submit a 90-second video that would inspire other teens to use money wisely and promote the value of saving. As a Virginia participating bank, Burke & Herbert Bank was responsible for accepting and judging entries across the state. The bank received entries from three different school districts.

The bank will recognize Jackson's creative work with a \$350 gift card. His TV production teacher, Nancy Mantelli, also will be awarded a \$100 gift card for her support.

Burke & Herbert Bank's judging team consisted of Patti North, chair, Alexandria Film Festival; Greg Hamilton, president and publisher, Arlington Magazine; Diego Wilson, administrator, Fairfax Academy



Jackson Harvey his TV Production teacher, Nancy Mantelli

for Communications and the Arts; and the bank's marketing director, Terry Cole.

As the Burke & Herbert Bank preliminary round winner, Jackson and his video will advance to the national competition. Students in the national competition can win \$1,000, \$2,500 or the grand prize of \$5,000, plus a scholarship for an educator from their school to attend the Jump\$tart National Educator Conference. Winners will be announced during America Saves Week in February.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Damon Wooten has graduated from Park University (Kansas City, Mo.) with a Master of Business Administration.

Khalila Karefa-Kargbo received the Most Improved Player Award for her performance on the Randolph-Macon Academy varsity girls' tennis team during the fall of 2015. Karefa-Kargbo is a freshman at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.).

Heather Evans and **Hannah Eve** have been named to the dean's list at Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, Va.). Evans is a senior studying music performance. Eve is a junior studying digital media.

Kathryn Perry has been named to the dean's list at Carthage College (Kenosha, Wis.) for fall 2015.

Claire Questad recently performed in the annual St. Olaf College (Northfield, Minn.) Christmas Festival, and is a member of the Manitou Singers.

She is the daughter of Mark and Rebecca Questad and a graduate of West Potomac High School.

James Ulrich has been named to the dean's list at Belmont University (Nashville, Tenn.) for fall 2015.

Jasmine J. Picini has been named to the dean's list at Alfred University (Alfred, N.Y.) for the fall 2015 semester. Picini is a graduate of West Potomac High School.

Kiran Easterbrook has been named to the dean's list at Dean College (Franklin, Mass.) for the fall 2015 semester.

MILITARY NOTES

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U.S. Army National Guard Pvt. **Alexander L. Glover** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C. Glover is a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

CRIME

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

BURGLARY: 6200 block of Richmond Hwy. Jan. 1, 8:38 a.m. Complainant reports that someone entered the business and took property.

BURGLARY: 8500 block of Richmond Hwy. Jan. 3, 12 p.m. A resident reported that someone entered the business and took property.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 7900 block of Janna Lee Avenue, Dec. 30, around 6:10 p.m. A group of teenagers unlawfully entered an empty apartment and fled when a resident saw them hanging out inside. One of the suspects was described as a teenaged boy, with a light-skinned complexion, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, 120 pounds and wore a blue jacket with a stripe and camouflage pants. It appears a group of teenagers was spotted in the same apartment the day before around 9 p.m. Police are investigating.

SUSPICIOUS EVENT: 7800 block of Belford Dr. Dec. 25, 2:30 a.m. A 26-year-old woman was awakened by a noise at her ground-floor bedroom window. She saw a man leaning in the window, apparently trying to get inside. She screamed and the man fled. He was described as Hispanic, in his 30s, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and around 180 pounds. He had short, black hair and a goatee. He was wearing a T-shirt.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT: 8700 block of Richmond Hwy. Dec. 25, 4:36 p.m. Officers responded for the report of multiple fights and possible shots fired in the parking lot of "Club One." Twenty officers were able to disperse the crowd of approximately 300 people. There was no evidence of any shots being fired and there were no injuries.

BURGLARY: 1100 block of Cedar

Dale Lane, Dec. 22, between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. A home was burglarized and property was taken.

ROBBERY: Tamarind St. /Janna Lee Ave. Dec. 18, 11:47 p.m. The 48-year-old victim was walking alone when he was approached by four male teens. They surrounded the victim and demanded money. The victim resisted and the suspects began to hit him. He managed to flee and did not surrender any money or property. The victim was transported to Mount Vernon Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries.

INDECENT EXPOSURE/ARREST: 4000 block of Colony Court, Dec. 17, around 4:18 p.m. A 24-year-old Alexandria man was arrested and charged with indecent exposure. He was seen touching himself inappropriately in an apartment building lobby.

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2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise stolen from business
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2000 block of Huntington Avenue, property stolen from residence
4000 block of Fielding Street, beer stolen from business
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business
3100 block of Furman Lane, property stolen from residence

STOLEN VEHICLES
7900 block of Ashton Street, 2009 Toyota Corolla

DEC. 31 LARCENIES
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6300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone stolen from business
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way, merchandise stolen from business
3000 block of Derwood Lane, property stolen from residence
7900 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise stolen from business

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DEC. 29 LARCENIES
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
2500 block of Parkers Lane, phone from residence
8200 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

DEC. 28 LARCENIES
2700 block of Arlington Drive, phone from residence
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, packages from residence
6400 block of Hillview Avenue, tires and rims from vehicle
3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, beer from business
6100 block of North Kings Highway, beer from business
2500 block of Parkers Lane, license plate from vehicle
6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
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OPINION

New Year's Goals

A few wishes for the General Assembly, more coming ...

❖ **Expand Medicaid:** Expanding Medicaid to cover as many as 400,000 uninsured people in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act would come at virtually no cost to Virginia and would be a massive boost to Virginia's economy. The local and state economy is suffering from the loss of federal spending in other areas, and it's just plain crazy and mean-spirited to deny medical care for people who can't afford it otherwise, and at the same time, turn away an economic stimulus equal to 20,000 or more jobs and a direct infusion of nearly \$2 billion a year.

❖ **Fund Education:** Localities need more help from the Commonwealth to pay for schools.

❖ **Fostering Futures:** Help teens in foster care by extending services and support, including foster care maintenance payments, to qualifying individuals age 18 to 21 years. The money spent will be matched by Federal dollars, and every dollar spent helping former foster children

become independent, self-supporting adults saves a bundle in other costs down the line.

❖ **Stop Predatory Lending:** The local impacts of predatory lending, including some car title loans, can be devastating to struggling families and individuals who get into the cycle of high interest debt. This is not an issue of just allowing more choice as some have claimed. And when someone loses the vehicle he or she needs to get to work, the costs can extend.

Early Voting for Presidential Primary Starts Next Week

Every year is an election year in Virginia. Just two months ago, Virginia voters faced ballots for almost every state and local elected officials. While candidates spent millions of dollars and not very much changed, some critical races in Virginia have been decided by a fraction of one percent of votes cast.

Elections have had significant consequences here, and the coming election is likely to be in that category.

Early voting (absentee voting in person) for

U.S. Presidential Primaries starts Jan. 15, really, starting in just a little more than a week. The official primary date is March 1, but there is no reason to wait until then to vote.

Voters in Virginia don't register by party, but can only vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary. To vote in the Republican primary, each voter will need to sign a form asserting that he or she is in fact a Republican.

Democrats will choose between Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley and Bernie Sanders (in that order).

Republicans will choose among 13 candidates who will be listed in the following order: Marco Rubio, Lindsey Graham, Ben Carson, Rand Paul, Mike Huckabee, Ted Cruz, Donald Trump, Jim Gilmore, Chris Christie, Jeb Bush, Rick Santorum, John Kasich and Carly Fiorina.

For details on absentee voting in Fairfax County, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm.

For details on absentee voting in the City of Alexandria, see www.alexandriava.gov/Elections.

For details on absentee voting in Arlington, see vote.arlingtonva.us/absentee/.

— MARY KIMM

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COMMENTARY

Ready To Serve Mount Vernon

BY DAN STORCK
SUPERVISOR
MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT

The New Year is ringing in many changes to our community including the passing of the baton of local government leadership from my friend and mentor, Gerry Hyland, to me. I am truly thankful and humbled by the opportunity to continue my public service as your new Mount Vernon District Super-



visor. I am also thankful for Gerry's almost 40 years of community service and the indelible improvements that he has brought to Mount Vernon.

Over the past year of visiting

your homes, meeting in your neighborhoods and speaking with you in the community, I have heard very clearly the many issues and concerns that you would like for me to tackle in the New Year: better funding and support of our schools, faster Route 1 corridor revitalization, increasing jobs and economic opportunities, improving roads and transportation options, ensuring public safety and so much more. My Mount Vernon District Team and I have hit the

ground running and are already working to move our District and these initiatives forward.

As an entrepreneur and small business owner, I bring a new energy and practical, outcomes-focused solutions to local government. As part of that effort, my team and I have collaborated to develop "best practices" performance standards to serve you better. These include responding to your communications within a day, advising you of the person working to address your issue or concern and resolving it as soon as possible. My office is always available as your first phone call to access county services or to answer your questions about local government. Additionally, we will be utilizing modern technology to connect and communicate with you including immediate keep-in-touch type messages, regular articles like this one, a monthly newsletter, and a variety of social media to engage and inform you.

Beginning this week, our office will have evening hours every Thursday until 7:30 p.m. and Saturday hours on the second Saturday of each month. This Saturday, Jan. 9 from 10 a.m. – noon at

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Book Donations

Wayne Wood's Junior Girl Scout Troop 6931 delivered on Dec. 16 more than 400 new and gently books to United Community Ministries (UCM) of Alexandria as a result of their fall book drive. The majority of the contributions came from the Wayne Wood Elementary School teachers and students. The books will be provided to children of clients to bring home and encourage the love of reading.

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LETTERS

Inova: Don't Forget People

To the Editor

After Inova threatened to close Mount Vernon Hospital a decade ago — some say to enhance their leverage with local elected officials — much praise is now being lavished on this health care leviathan. As the Gazette's Tim Peterson reported in "Staying Here ... And Growing," Inova is underway expanding Mount Vernon Hospital's Emergency Department by 19,000 square feet and adding 25 new treatment rooms.

All well and fine except there is no mention of adding doctors! No recent news report, Inova press release or posted information on Inova's public

website — including their foundation — mentions a future increase in staff. If, in fact, increasing personnel is part of the plan, Mount Vernon residents would be pleased to know.

Anyone who has experienced ER care over the years at Mount Vernon Hospital — including my family — will attest to finding adequate space but few doctors and very long waits because of it.

Before any congratulatory ribbon-cutting is performed, let's hope local leaders and Inova executives have focused on staffing and not just space. Inova is obsessed with growth and correspondingly, attention to the bottom line seems to be prescribed more often than patient care. Case in point; Inova has just created a centralized phone processing center for all 22 of its primary care physicians, including internal medicine and family practice doctors throughout Northern Virginia. This

means you cannot directly contact your doctor's office. Inova "Central Command" will patch you through — eventually — but not without intermediaries who determine the merits of your call.

Don't believe it? Ask your local pharmacists here in Mount Vernon who are as frustrated with the poor communications as are the patients.

Inova's growth may be good for Inova, their bottom line, and the local economy but just like Big Box stores, we will run the risk of not finding much help once we arrive if adding real estate takes precedence over adding real doctors. Expansion without a commensurate increase in physicians and service is no improvement because the truth is that ER patients wait not because there is no room, but because no doctor is to be found.

After the hoopla of the opening ceremony on the new ER is over and the local politicians are enjoy-

ing seeing their pictures in the papers handshaking Inova's executives, let's hope those of us who occasionally have to take that late night trip to Mount Vernon Hospital won't be sitting in larger spaces while enduring the same endless waits for the same small staff of overworked doctors.

Bob Dane
Alexandria

Infringing on Second Amendment

To the Editor:

Liberal gun control advocates, particularly poli-

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What's Ahead in the State Legislature

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR-ELECT
36TH DISTRICT (D)



The 2016, 60-day session of the Virginia General Assembly gavel in on Jan. 13.

The legislature will craft a two-year budget, which will be Governor McAuliffe's first chance to put his stamp on the state's finances. While Virginia's economy lags behind the national average, revenue is up more than average for the first time since I was elected in 2009 and there are many unmet needs worthy of funding.

COMMENTARY

Supporting Schools and Colleges

Virginia is currently funding secondary education on a per pupil, inflation-adjusted basis at levels below funding in 2007. The Governor has requested a billion dollar increase, new teacher positions, teacher pay raises and full funding for "Cost to Compete," a program that supplements salaries for Northern Virginia school employees.

We are likely to vote on a state constitutional amendment granting the State Board of Education authority to establish charter

schools instead of locally-elected school boards. Bills to opening high school athletics to home-schooled children will be at issue again.

Higher education is also starved. Virginia currently

funds higher education at 2006 levels and only funds one-third of actual in-state student cost. Tuition rates have risen over 30 percent in the last four years, financial aid demand has skyrocketed and the average Virginia college graduate now has an average of \$20,000 in student loan debt. We must make higher education a higher priority.

Governor McAuliffe has proposed a \$2.4 billion bond package for new higher education facilities focused on research and workforce development. The package also includes \$250 million in modernizations at the Port of Virginia.

Other Issues

A partisan gulf remains on health care, in the shadow of a near shutdown of the

government two years ago because the majority refused to accept \$2 billion per year in federal Medicaid funds. Virginia still has over 6,000 families waiting for services for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults also called the ID/DD waiver program. If Virginia does not make significant progress on this backlog, we will be subject to court sanctions.

On transportation, we must correct an oversight in our 2013 transportation legislation and place a floor on our regional transportation gas tax dedicated to transit. Due to declining gas prices, millions of dollars have been lost. This shortfall means that Metro maintenance funding is at risk, Prince William County bus service could be cut by 40 percent and Stafford County may drop road-widening projects. The legislature will also debate tolls on I-66 and changes to fine collection practices in HOT lanes.

We will consider many car title lending bills to address the ever-expanding scourge on Route 1. We have targeted several loopholes and will try to restrict the number of lenders in an area and prohibit locating lenders near casinos or military bases.

We are likely to see bills raising contentious social issues, such as making it easier to obtain firearms and concealed weapons

permits along with bills to restrict firearm purchases.

Legislation has already been introduced to reauthorize the Confederate flag on vehicle license plates. I also expect to see legislation to allow businesses to refuse business to LGBT families, to limit school boards' ability to accommodate LGBT students, to restricting refugee resettlement and bills to limit reproductive choice.

On energy, the solar industry will make a major push to put Virginia's energy laws on an equal footing with neighboring states so that Virginia's solar industry can operate on an equal playing field. We will address coal ash dumps at power plants. Southwest Virginia legislators have already introduced legislation to thwart President Obama's Clean Power Plan.

Finally, Virginia still has over 20 open judge positions that need funding. Fairfax County has two vacancies and Prince William County is short one. These vacancies impact Northern Virginians' ability to have important legal matters heard, such as child support, child custody, personal injuries or contract disputes. And filling a vacant state Supreme Court position is still in dispute with the majority still vowing to remove the first judge from Fairfax County to sit on an appellate court in over 20 years.

Next week, I will focus on my legislative agenda. I look forward to hearing from you at scott@scottsurovell.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ticians, repeat the same talking points whenever there is a shooting by terrorists or other criminal types. They repeat that we need "common sense" gun control. They never, however, state how those "common sense" gun laws they want could have stopped the killings that occurred in Newton, Conn., San Bernadine, Calif and the marathon bombing in Massachusetts.

They always bring out the extremes. They want to ban AK-47's. They don't provide information on how many AK-47's are owned by law abiding gun owners and how many were killed by their AK-47's that they are so concerned about.

They should recognize that criminals will always find ways to get guns. A re-

cent example is the San Bernadino killings where a neighbor of the terrorists shooters purchased the weapons. Also, who else was involved in the making of those pipe bombs found at the terrorists' home?

The "common sense" gun control advocates should be realistic and recognize that guns exist that have multiple shots such as pistols, revolvers and automatic rifles besides AK-47's. The move by "common sense" gun control advocates infringe on the Second Amendment U.S. Constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners.

Instead of "common sense" gun laws, gun control advocates should get at the root causes of the killings and reduce or eliminate those causes to help reduce killings of innocent people. Chicago, Detroit and California have some of the

most strict gun laws in the country. Yet, homicides are skyrocketing without the use of AK-47's.

Also "common sense" gun control advocates want more background checks for those purchasing guns. Yet, recently the Virginia Attorney General took unilaterally took action to not recognize concealed gun carrying permits of 25 states. Why? These people are law-abiding gun owners and have gone through background checks. The move by the Virginia Attorney General is punitive and will not deter gun violence and is a direct assault on the U. S. Constitutional Second Amendment rights of lawful gun owners.

It is time for the gun control advocates "common sense" gun laws get out of their political correct bubble and do something in the real world to reduce

homicides as Mayer Guliani did when he was mayor of New York. These "common sense" gun control advocates can also learn from other cities and towns where homicides have been reduced and help do the same where innocent people are killed by criminals or terror-

ists. Gun owners and others who believe in the U.S. Constitution Second Amendment deserve no less from all these

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Ready To Serve

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The initial Mount Vernon District team includes Brett Kenney, Christine Morin, and Donna Slaymaker with a communications position to oversee print and electronic constituent outreach yet to be filled. Brett served as Supervisor Gerry Hyland's chief aide for the last 11 years, he is a lifelong

resident of the Mount Vernon District, has a Master of Public Administration degree from George Mason University, and is a decorated combat veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. Christine will serve as a senior staff aide who will handle issues in Lorton, Mason Neck, Newington, and the Springfield area. She has seven years of experience in local government, is a former Lady Fairfax and a Merit Award Recipient of the Fairfax Federation and Washington Post, and holds a Business Management Degree from Virginia Tech. Donna Slaymaker will be greeting you as the office receptionist and scheduler. She is also a lifelong resident of the Mount Vernon District, has many years of experience in the insurance industry and dealing with difficult situations and is a graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

Soon my office will announce the date of the Annual Mount Vernon Town Hall meeting. I look forward to seeing and talking with you soon.



Baking Pies To Donate

Boy Scouts from Troop 888, sponsored by Heritage Presbyterian Church, stand with some of the more than 50 fresh apple pies that Scouts of the Troop prepared and baked on Dec. 12 in the kitchen of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. The pies were donated to local organizations including Rising Hope Mission Church and the Elks Lodge soup kitchen.

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WELLBEING

George Mason University Fitness Director Ethan Carter says choose foods and physical activities that you enjoy is a key to successful weight loss.



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Resolving To Lose Weight

What works and what doesn't when it comes to health and fitness.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

More than half of Americans are resolving to lose weight and get in shape this year, according to a new Nielsen survey, but only 8 percent will achieve that goal.

"People tend to make New Year's resolutions to give themselves a fresh start," said Lyn Chang, a Bethesda, Md.-based marriage and family counselor. "They're also a way of addressing things about ourselves that are dissatisfying and trying to make a change. The problem is that most people create resolutions that are too unrealistic."

Small and practical targets, such as taking a 10-minute walk during lunch or joining an exercise class that meets twice weekly, are more attainable than vowing to spend two-hours a day at the gym, says Domenica M. Rubino, M.D., director, Washington Center for Weight Management and Research in Arlington.

"You have to distinguish fantasy from reality and think about making sustainable changes," she said. "When you start setting and achieving small goals it builds your confidence to keep going. One change tends to beget another change, and I think that's particularly true with weight loss."

Successful weight loss requires a multi-pronged approach, says Chang. "Break the larger goal in to smaller steps like creating an exercise routine or practicing healthy grocery shopping and meal planning," she said. "Carefully examining and planning the mi-

cro-steps to achieving the larger goal of weigh loss is what will increase the chance of success."

Whether choosing food or exercise, the key is making it pleasurable. "If I don't like a certain vegetable, but say that I want to eat it everyday because its healthy, I'll only be able to maintain that for a short time," said Ethan Carter, fitness director at George Mason University. "The same is true for exercise. Fitness is more than dumb bells and bar bells. If you like hiking or yard work, you should choose that as a way of getting exercise."

Rubino encourages clients to view exercise as a gift rather than a means for burning calories. "See it as mood management or a way to feel better," she said. "People who are chronically trying to lose weight tend to resent exercise and activity because it's always connected to their weight, so they see it as pointless. It helps to see it as something that can improve your mood and your overall health and wellbeing. When we're feeling better we can make better choices."

Creating balance is an often-overlooked component of weight loss, but one that can sabotage health and fitness efforts, says Cheryl Mirabella, a nutritionist and wellness coach with Living Whole Health in Alexandria.

"If you're working hard and don't have a lot of balance in your life then you turn to food for pleasure, but when you're focusing on things that make you

happy you naturally turn to healthier food choices and food loses its power as a source of pleasure and reward," she said.

Mirabella asks her clients to create what she calls a joy list. "They jot down a list of things that make them happy like spending time with friends, music or another hobby," she said. "The list

is broken down into immediate activities like sitting with a cup of tea and a book, mid-term activities like having lunch with a friend and long-term activities like a weekend trip. The idea is to have a source of inspiration and something to look forward to."

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ENTERTAINMENT



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St. Louis-based Bottle Rockets celebrate the release of “South Broadway Athletic Club” on Jan. 22 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

“Printed Matter.” Through Jan. 17, at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Printed Matter features a mix of works (printed media, such as xerography, book arts, and graphic design) created using traditional techniques as well as newer or reimagined ones. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Art Show. Through Jan. 31 at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. The artwork is on display in waiting areas and examination rooms as a part of Del Ray Artisans’ Gallery Without Walls program. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

“Celebrating What We’re Made Of.” Through Jan. 31 at The Associates Gallery, 105 N. Union St. This show features mixed media artist and TAG member Karen Fitzgerald, who creates art from recycled materials. Using everything from junk mail to food packaging, Fitzgerald’s art celebrates the small things that make up our everyday lives. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

“Art Uniting People.” Gallery hours at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. “Art Uniting People – A Celebration of Recovery, Creativity and Mental Health,” is an art exhibition presented every year to showcase the artwork by local individuals. Free. Visit www.artunitingpeople.wix.com/artunitingpeople.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made

for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night. Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria Freedmen’s Cemetery. Through March, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen’s Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria’s citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-

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

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November 2016 at The National Inventors Hall of Fame-USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. 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 takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, 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.alexandriarchaeology.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers 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.

JAN. 5-FEB. 7

“Birds of a Feather.” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery-Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The artist focus on things that go together: ham and eggs, bride and groom, etc. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 7

Salon: An Artful Conversation. 6-8 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Judith HeartSong’s Salon: An Artful Conversation is a monthly meeting of artists, writers, and arts professionals. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Civil War Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Civil War Ball on the Jan. 23, learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more from an expert. Tickets are \$12 per class, \$30 for the entire series. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/JAN. 8

“True Colors: Like a Rainbow” Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet the artists of the “True Colors: Like a Rainbow” exhibit. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/True.

The Cecilian Players. 8-10 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Concert consisting of works by Debussy, Ravel, and Shostakovich. Free. Call 703-836-7480 for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JAN. 8-9

Ricky Skaggs. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Bluegrass musician Ricky Skaggs is joined by Kentucky Thunder. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

JAN. 8-31

“True Colors: Like a Rainbow.” Gallery hours at The Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans’ artists use colors of the rainbow for inspiration. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/True.

JAN. 8-FEB. 27

“No Holds Barred.” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is named for the “don’t hold back, just let go” approach artists Pamela Underhill and Rusty Lynn employ in their artmaking. Free. Visit www.convergence.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Carl Chase Book Signing. 12-2 p.m. at Capital Teas, 145 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Fort Washington, Md. Chase, a resident of Alexandria, will be available to sign copies of his book, "Jack Spade: Dream Detective." Free. Visit www.tatepublishing.com for more.

"The Real Greens." 1:30-3 p.m. at Alexandria Library Special Collections Barrett Branch, 717 Queen St. Dr. Donald DeBats presents, "The Real Greens: Emma and the Green Family of Alexandria." Find out about the real Emma and her family at the center of "Mercy Street." DeBats is the Head of American Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

American Balalaika Society Concert. 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. This full orchestra has its roots in Russian folk music with two stringed instruments, the balalaikas and domras. This concert is titled "Roots of Romanticism: Musical Masters of the Late 18th/Early 19th Centuries." Tickets \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit www.absorchestra.org for more.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Panel Discussion: "Take a Turn Down Mercy Street." 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. George Combs, manager of Alexandria Library's Special Collections Branch, author Michael Lee Pope, and Callie Stapp of The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will introduce you to the history behind the new PBS series, "Mercy Street," which is based in Alexandria. Free. Call 703-746-1721 or email admin@nvfaa.org to RSVP.

"The 39 Steps." 3 p.m. reception, 4 p.m. performance at Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway. The Picnic Theatre Company performs the Alfred Hitchcock spy thriller after a reception serving tea, hot chocolate, and treats. Tickets are \$21.99-27.24. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org.

Winter Warmer Ladies Tea. 3-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Choose from a variety of 18th-century desserts, drink tea, and visit with "Dolley Madison." Tickets are \$35. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Organ Music. 4 p.m. at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road. The public is invited to hear organist Janet Yieh Sun perform. Free. Visit www.vts.edu/chapel.

"Twelfth Night: A Celebration of Epiphany & Winter Solstice." 6 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Armonia Nova performs using historical instruments including baroque harps and early viols. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.armonianova.org for more.

Maceo Parker. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Saxophonist Maceo Parker performs. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 13

Fitness for Kids. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. MOMS Club of Alexandria South invites at-home parents as well as parents who work part-time or have home-based businesses and who reside in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307 to learn more about the importance of fitness and strategies to help incorporate into life. Free.



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Brazilian singer Cissa Paz will lead a concert of Carnaval dance music at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. on Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.carlyleclub.com for more.

Email Southalex moms@yahoo.com or visit southalexandriamomsclub.webs.com.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Meigs Hodge. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Traditional and contemporary blues guitar and vocals. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Civil War Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Civil War Ball on the Jan. 23, learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more from an expert. Tickets are \$12 per class, \$30 for the entire series. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Holy Holy. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Band Holy Holy will perform featuring Tony Visconti and Woody Woodmansey performing David Bowie's "The Man Who Sold the World." Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 15

Tea Tasting: Teas for Winter Health. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Taste a variety of the best teas and herbal infusions to boost immunity and boost moods. Learn about their medicinal properties and discover new healthful brews. Tickets are \$22. Call 703-642-5173.

Garden Talk: Houseplants. 1:30

p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn more about the proper lighting, soil, and watering for houseplants. The class fee is \$10. Call 703-642-5173.

"No Holds Barred" Opening Reception. 6:30-9 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Celebrate the exhibit named for the "don't hold back, just let go" approach artists Pamela Underhill and Rusty Lynn employ in their artmaking. Free. Visit www.convergence.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 15-17

Eddie From Ohio. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Local folk band will give a show entirely based on requests from the audience. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY-MONDAY/JAN. 15-18

"Into the Woods Jr." 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday and Monday at Aldersgate Church Community Theatre, 1301 Collingwood Road. Into the Woods, Jr. features Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), and the Witch in this re-telling of classic Grimm Brothers fables. Tickets are \$12 plus a service fee. Visit www.acctonline.org for more.

JAN. 15-30

"Medieval Story Land." 8 p.m. on



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Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. on Saturdays at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Red Knight Productions presents "Medieval Story Land," a parody of the medieval fantasy genre. Tickets are \$18 and \$20. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

Floral Design: Winter Cutting Garden. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master gardeners will conduct a class to help you determine your needs and rethink your garden space to better match your style. Admission is \$38 plus \$25 supply fee. Call 703-642-5173.

"The History of Fort Myer." 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Author and historian John Michael will give a lecture, and will be signing book. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Family Art Workshop: Shape Tape Art. 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Parents and children ages 4-9 are invited to make art using tape, acrylic paint, and a canvas. Tickets are \$30, \$5 for each additional child. Visit www.metamorphosisaac.com.

Lecture: Civil War Medicine. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Dr. Guy Hasegawa, a Civil War medicine scholar, will give a talk on "Medicinal Alcohol in the Civil War." Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1702.

Book Talk: "Kidnapped by Nuns." 2-3 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Retired White House correspondent Robert Fuss will discuss his book "Kidnapped by Nuns and Other Stories of a Life in Radio," chronicling his four decades of traveling from Hollywood to Zimbabwe with presidents. Book sales and signing to follow. Free. Call 703-768-9840 for more.

Celebration Gala. 6-11 p.m. at Holiday Inn, 625 1st St. This Black Tie Gala will celebrate the installation of the new Pastor of Historic Shiloh Baptist Church, Reverend Taft Quincey Heatley. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.shiloh-bc.org for more.

SATURDAYSUNDAY/JAN. 16, 23-24, 30

Jane Franklin Dance: "Niche." 7:30 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington. Alexandria dance company Jane Franklin Dance performs "Niche," which follows an unremarkable couple with a new house, big careers, and odd neighbors. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Visit www.janefranklin.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Celebrate Community 5K & 1K Fun Run/Walk. 8-11 a.m. at Eisenhower Ave. This event will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with an additional food drive for ALIVE. Registration costs will be \$15-25, and \$20-25 on the day of the race. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

"Tea Traditions Beyond Downton Abbey." 2-3 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Laurie Bell will share how other parts of the world celebrate and enjoy tea. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

The United States Marine Band. 2 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. Visit www.marineband.mil for more.



TAG Reveals Mixed Media Exhibit

The Associates Gallery (TAG)'s "Celebrating What We're Made Of" will feature mixed media artist and Associates Gallery member Karen Fitzgerald, who creates art from recycled materials. Using everything from junk mail to food packaging, Fitzgerald's art celebrates the small things that make up our everyday lives. The opening reception on Thursday, Jan. 14 will happen in conjunction with Second Thursday at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will be on display through Jan. 31. Admission to both the exhibit and the reception is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Pictured here: "From the Depths" by Karen Fitzgerald

Rockets celebrate the release of "South Broadway Athletic Club." Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 18

MLK Community Summit. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The MLK Community Summit is an annual community service event created and hosted by The Morning Bishop Theatre for the purposes of providing meaningful service projects while learning about the contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The community is invited to participate in community service activities of first aid assemblage, baking cupcakes, creating greeting cards for the sick and shut-in, donation sorting and material organization. Contact McKenya Dilworth at theatreofpurpose@gmail.com or call 202-352-4864.

MLK Poster Exhibition and Program. 1-3 p.m. at Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall, 301 King St. The exhibition will display students' illustrations of their own family's struggles and journeys to reach Alexandria, perhaps from another country or situation. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 19

Homestead Records at the National Archives. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Sharon Cook MacInnes, Ph.D. talks about the 30 states where federal homesteading occurred in this talk sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

THURSDAY/JAN. 21

Morris Day and The Time. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Listen to live R&B. Tickets are \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Civil War Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Civil War Ball on the Jan. 23, learn the waltz, polka, Virginia Reel and more from an expert. Tickets are \$12 per class, \$30 for the entire series. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/JAN. 22

Bottle Rockets. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. St. Louis-based Bottle

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JAN. 22-24

"Into the Woods Jr." 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday at Aldersgate Church Community Theatre, 1301 Collingwood Road. Into the Woods, Jr. features Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack (and his beanstalk), and the Witch in this retelling of classic Grimm Brothers fables. Tickets are \$12 plus a service fee. Visit www.acctonline.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Preparing for a Ball. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Explore the tavern where famous balls like George Washington's Birthnight Ball were held and practice the tasks involved in preparing for a ball. Includes an 18th century dance lesson and a craft to take home. The program begins each 45 minutes. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

"Our American Girl" 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join Mount Vernon's American girl, "Nelly Custis" on a tour of George Washington's estate. Enjoy refreshments with "Lady Washington" and create colonial crafts. Tickets are \$35 for youth, \$25 for adults. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Author Event. 2-3:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Gregg Riley, an Inspirational speaker, author and retired U.S. Army Colonel will read from and sign copies of his new book "Steps to the Promised Land." Free. Call 703-746-1702.

Ladies Night Out Art Workshop: Vision Board. 7-9:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Women are invited to make vision boards for 2016. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.metamorphosisaac.com for more.

Civil War Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The evening will include live music, dance instruction, and period desserts. Period attire, either civilian or military, is encouraged. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

JAN. 23-FEB. 28

"Trending: Contemporary Art Now!" Gallery hours at the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. This all-media exhibition shows works by self-identifying women artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SUNDAY/JAN. 24

American Association of University Women Program. 2-4 p.m. at Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. The Guest House Speaker's Bureau is a program in which women who have exited from prison/jail share their journeys about the origin of their difficulties, the nature of incarceration, and the steps they are taking to reenter society as responsible citizens. Their talks reveal insights into larger policy issues being addressed by the currently-heightened focus on improving the criminal justice system. Free. Call 703-548-1349.

MONDAY/JAN. 25

"WIRED Alexandria." 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Agenda: Alexandria presents "WIRED Alexandria: Is Our Historic City Living in the Past?" Neighboring jurisdictions offer dark fibre, cable/broadband choices and widespread public Wi-Fi hotspots important to today's businesses and young people. Can Alexandria compete? Find a cash bar followed by dinner. Tickets are \$32 for members, \$37 for nonmembers before Jan. 22; \$37 for members, \$42 for nonmembers after Jan. 22. Tickets for the program only are \$5 for nonmembers, free for members. Reservations required. Call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com.

Lecture: "Medical Heroism in Alexandria." 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tom Schultz of DC Military Tours will discuss the heroism and challenges that doctors and nurses experienced in ministering to the wounded in Alexandria and the advances in women's rights and medical science as a result of their efforts. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

TUESDAY/JAN. 26

Homeschool Day: Wrights' Flight. 1-2:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear about Orville

Wright's historic flight from Fort Myer to Alexandria and test basic principles of flight. Tickets are \$8 per child, free for adults. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Annual Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber Meeting/Book Talk.

6:30-8:30 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield. White House press corps member Paul Brandus will discuss and sign his book "Under This Roof." Tickets are \$45. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.com for more.

"Talking Mercy." 7-8 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. A discussion of the show so far and a look at the "real" Alexandria. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1703.

Music at Mount Vernon. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. "Music at Mount Vernon" is a three-part series designed to educate through music. Tickets are \$175 for all three events, \$125 for members and supporters. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 28

Reading: "Virginia Luxuries." 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Attend a staged reading of a new play written by Pamela Leahigh detailing the lives of two Alexandria families — one modern, the other living in the Civil War era. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org

Birthing Ball Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. In preparation for the Birthing Ball on Feb. 13, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Tickets are \$12 per class or \$30 for the entire series. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/JAN. 29

"Paris Viva: France After the Attacks." 7-9 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave. Guy Sorman, publisher of "France-Amerique" will present a lecture. \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.guysorman.eventbrite.com.

Civil War Wine Dinner. 7-10 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Start your evening in the museum for the first course and conversation with Gray Ghost Vineyards. Then, visit the restaurant's main dining room to experience more wine and food inspired by the 19th century. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

JAN. 29-FEB. 7

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SATURDAY/JAN. 30

"Explore the Real Mansion House." 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Go behind the scenes and learn about the true story of the nurses, doctors, soldiers and Alexandrians who star in PBS's new series Mercy Street. The program will begin in one of the original lobbies of the famous hospital, normally closed to the public. Tickets are \$10 for Alexandria Historical Society members and friends of the Carlyle House, \$20 for non-members. Visit www.alexandriahistoricalsociety.org.

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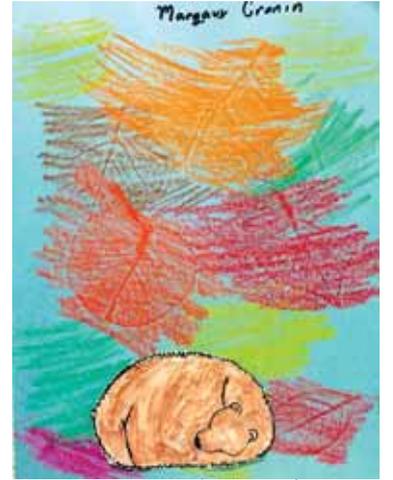
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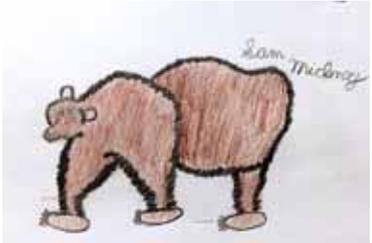
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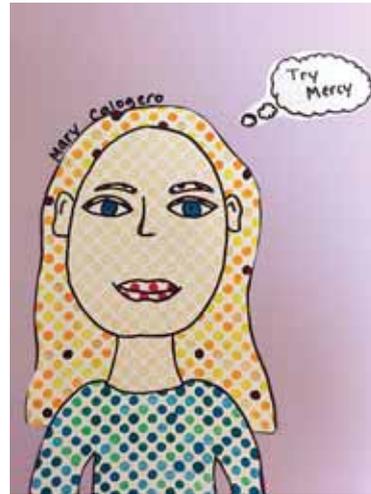
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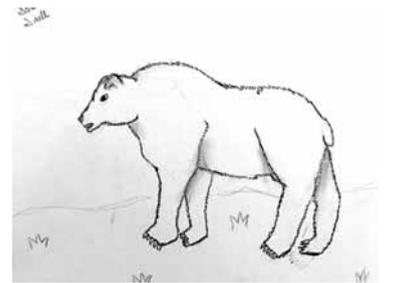
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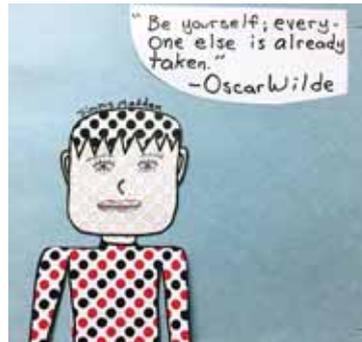
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SPORTS

Sara's Resolution: Enjoy Senior Year

West Po 2-sport standout has lofty goals.

West Potomac senior Jamie Sara is a difference-maker on the hardwood and the diamond.

As a basketball player, Sara earned second-team All-Conference 7 honors last season. He's a threat to score inside and is one of the Wolverines' top rebounders. Sara and West Potomac closed 2015 by dropping two of three games during the George Long holiday tournament at Wakefield High School, but bounced back by beating Woodson 81-63 on Tuesday. The victory improved the Wolverines' record to 4-6, including 1-2 in conference play.

West Potomac will host Lake Braddock at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8 and will travel to face rival Mount Vernon on Jan. 12.

As a baseball player, Sara is a two-time

first-team all-conference performer. He has home run power in the batter's box, and is one of the Wolverines' top pitchers.

Sara will play baseball at the College of William & Mary. He recently participated in a Q&A via email.

Q: Did you make any new year's resolutions? If so, what are they?

A: The only New Year's resolution I made this year was to enjoy my last year of high school.

Q: As a basketball player, what is one thing you would like to do better in 2016 than in 2015?

A: As a basketball player, I am striving to be a first-team all-conference player this year instead of second team last year. I also am working to be a better leader on the floor

and help lead the way for a regional appearance in 2016.

Q: As a baseball player, what is one thing you would like to do better in 2016 than in 2015?

A: For baseball, I am determined to lead the conference and region in pitching this year. I will also be looking to be a key offensive player, hit some home runs, and do what I know I can do to lead our team to be successful.

Q: Your first three basketball games of 2016 are against two of the top teams in recent years (Woodson, Lake Braddock) and rival Mount Vernon. What will it take to start the new year strong?

A: Our key to having a strong start to 2016 will be to battle and finish close games. Every game we have played so far this season we had the chance to win. Our key for those tough Conference 7 opponents will be to play hard and play our game and to finish in the fourth quarter and to come out with W's.

Q: What would be your ideal way to finish your senior year, as a student and an athlete, at West Potomac?

A: My ideal way to finish senior year is to win a conference banner in baseball and/or basketball. Having the journey I've had at



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE

Jamie Sara is a two-sport standout at West Potomac, excelling at basketball and baseball.

West Potomac, I want to leave my name behind and to be known by the time I'm gone, leave my mark for the place and school I've represented for the past four years.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS BRIEF

West Potomac, Mount Vernon To Play Tuesday

The West Potomac and Mount Vernon basketball teams will face one another for the first time as Conference 7 foes on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

The boys' teams will play at 7:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School. The girls' teams will play at West Potomac High School.



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Grand Champions

At the Dec. 12 Winterfest Dance Invitational hosted by Hylton High School, the Carl Sandburg Middle School Dance Team, won first place trophies in the Pom, Jazz and Hip Hop categories against five other middle school dance teams. The CSDT had the highest team average of the day, winning the title of Grand Champions. Additionally, the dancers won the Showmanship Award for their high energy facial expressions and overall presentation. Throughout the past eight years, the CSDT has established a dominating presence due to their "themed" routines as captured in this year's bridal-themed jazz routine performed by 8th graders Ansley Seiffert, Sophie Anderson, Carrie Farson, Lyndsay Anderson, Zoe Cann, Charlotte Krell, Hope Larrick, Fiona Walsh, Eleanor Brademan, and Carolyn Bloom.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

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

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

Business Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Walker's Grille, 6909 Metro Park Drive. Learn more about cyber insurance for your business. Tickets are \$25 for Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce members and their guests, \$35 for non-members. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

United Community Ministries seeks volunteers to act as food pantry assistants, basic needs counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office admin/data entry, community outreach, ESL teachers and co-teachers, and teacher aides. Visit www.ucmagency.org/volunteer-at-ucm.html.

The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a volunteer to maintain a fish aquarium upkeep and instructors for the following classes: Basic Guitar, Italian, Pottery and Ballroom Dance. Call 703-324-5406 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults for more.

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center in Alexandria

needs a licensed beautician, a social companion and a Spanish-speaking social companion. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions under "Get Involved."

Mount Vernon At Home is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteers 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, home technology and more. No minimum number of volunteer hours required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or email info@mountvernonathome.org or visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.

For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions:

- ❖ The Kingstowne Center for Active Adults needs instructors for Mosaic Art and Jewelry Making.
- ❖ The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center needs volunteer English and Spanish-speaking social companions, and front desk volunteer.
- ❖ The Hollin Hall Senior Center a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian instructor.
- ❖ The Gum Springs Senior Center needs a Spanish teacher.

I believe the future is only the past again, entered through another gate.
-Arthur Wing Pinero

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OBITUARY



Nell Elizabeth Hammond of Fries, Virginia went home to be with her Lord on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at the age of 87. Nell was born on September 25, 1928 at home in Fries to Ernest and Nancy Shupe.

She attended Fries High School, Class of 1946. She then attended National Business College in Roanoke. While there she met and married Joseph M. Hammond of Troutville, VA. Eventually they moved to the Northern Virginia area where they lived for about 40 years. While there they raised a family, two daughters: Sheila and Joan. Nell was a homemaker, worked for Fairfax County School Food Services and Montgomery Wards. In 1987, Nell and Joe moved back to Fries. "Mama always said Fries was heaven and she would not want to live anywhere else."

Nell was crafty, enjoyed working outside, motivated working with others. She loved and supported her family. Her faith in the Lord was instilled in her at an early age by her parents and it stayed with her all her life. The ole hymns brought her pleasure and comfort. The Lord's foundation was her rock and now she is in His trusting hands.

Nell is survived by her brother Curtis Shupe of Fries, VA. Two daughters Sheila Jones and husband Dan of Springfield, VA and Joan Hammond of Fries, VA. Also surviving are grandchildren Angela and Joseph Campanella of Fries, VA; and Jeremiah and Nathanael Jones of Springfield, VA; great grandchildren: Nicole Campanella and Matthew Bourne of Fries, VA. Also many more family and friends.

The funeral service will be held Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 3:00 in the Liberty Hill United Methodist Church, Fries, VA with Rev. Donald White officiating. Burial will follow in the Liberty Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 PM until service time at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to "Stand Up Dub" c/o Hillcrest Baptist Church, 1218 S. Main Street, Galax, VA 24333. This is a fund for E. W. Shupe to buy a track wheelchair which will allow him to stand.

A guestbook is available online at www.vaughanguynn.com

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Mary Yancey Moore of Alexandria, Virginia died on Monday, December 28, 2015. Mary was a long time employee of the Department of Interior a member of the Belle Haven Country Club and the Old Dominion Boat Club. she is survived by several nieces and nephews and her good friend Lisa Doyle. Friends may call the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 where the family will be present on Wednesday, January 6th from 12:00 - 1:00pm. A graveside service will follow at 1:30pm at Mt. Comfort Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The Fisher House Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project or K9 Companions for the Disabled.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed proposals for the City of Alexandria per specifications will be received in the office of the Purchasing Division until the date and time designated as follows:

Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000576, Cooperative Procurement, Capital Bikeshare Operating and Maintenance Services

Closing Date and Time: February 4, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

The City will hold a Non-Mandatory pre-proposal conference: January 7, 2016, 10:00 AM prevailing local time, 100 N. Pitt Street, Suite 301, Purchasing Conference Room, Alexandria, VA 22314

For general inquiries contact Shawn K. Brooks, Contract Specialist III at 703.746.4289.

The City of Alexandria reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, cancel this solicitation, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in procedure. THE CITY REQUIRES ITS CONTRACTORS TO BE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYERS.

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Eleanor "Nancy" Valtin

Nancy Valtin died peacefully in her home in Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, December 19, 2015. Her husband and children were at her side.

Nancy was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, in 1929 and attended Wyoming Valley Seminary, where she was active in music, literature, and (a fact which amused her for the rest of her life) sports. She studied English at Swarthmore College, where she honed her sharp wit and met her beloved husband, Heinz. They were married in 1953 and never spent a day apart if they could help it.

The Valtins lived in the Upper Valley of the Connecticut River for 50 wonderful years, first in Hanover, New Hampshire, and then in Norwich, Vermont. For 25 of those years, while Heinz taught at Dartmouth Medical School in Hanover, Nancy found her professional calling as a much loved and admired kindergarten teacher at the Marion Cross School in Norwich. An avid traveler, she planned memorable family trips around the U.S. and abroad, and it was from her that the whole family caught the travel bug. She was also steadfastly devoted to causes she held dear.

Nancy is survived by her husband Heinz, children Tom and Alison, grandchildren Leah, Tommy, and Jamie, and many, many friends, loved ones, and admirers.

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OBITUARY

Robert L Brown Jr.

Robert L. Brown Jr. entered into eternal peace on Friday, December 25, 2015 in Anne Arundel County, MD.

Robert was born August 18, 1954, the son of the late Robert L. Brown Sr. and Ruby L. Morris. He graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1973. Robert retired from the United States Postal Service.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Denise, their two children Christina Brown, Robert "Beau" Brown III, their spouses Dan Burke and Felicia Brown, and 4 grandchildren, Halie, Buzzy, Olivia and Daniel. Siblings, Denise Hendrix (Randy), Steve Brown (Lara), Lee Ann Brandt, Sandra Sutton (Bob), Kathryn Cole, Carol Miller, Susan Mercardo, Linda Snyder (Ken), Joyce Edelen (Keech), Dennis Morris and Debra Morris.

Rob enjoyed spending time with James R. Brown, William Jefferson, David Brandt, Duncan Brown, and Derek Brown as well as many other nieces and nephews.

Rob was an avid sports fan. He loved his Washington Redskins and Washington Capitals. He also enjoyed coaching youth baseball and basketball. Rob enjoyed the outdoor life including hunting, golfing and loved taking trips to the "Rivah" to spend time with his best friend James Cappelli among many others.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 15-07-05

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for Parker-Gray Stadium Improvements.

Sealed Proposals with the notation "Parker Gary Stadium Design Improvements", RFP# 15-07-05, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, January 21, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services - Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

All questions should be submitted before 4:30 p.m., January 14, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

There is a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference for this RFP on January 7, 2016, at 10:00 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, in the sixth (6th) floor conference room 620, in Alexandria, VA 22314. All Offerors interested in providing the services in the RFP are encouraged to attend.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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Col. Edward K. Yellman

Col. Edward K. Yellman, loving husband, devoted father and grandfather died peacefully at home January 4, 2016. He is lovingly remembered as a man of deep personal integrity, patriotism, dedication to duty, and love of family and country. Friends may call at the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 where the family will be present on Friday, January 8, 2016 from 5 to 8 pm.

A mass of Christian burial will be offered on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at St. Louis Catholic Church, 2907 Popkins Ln, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

Graveside services with full military Honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Class of 1949 Fund, Association of Graduates, U.S. Military Academy, at 698 Mills Road, West Point, New York 10996.

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elected representatives including the "common sense" gun control advocates.

Frank Medico
Mt. Vernon

Political Correctness

To the Editor:
Political correctness run amok has begun to seep into the precincts of Fairfax County. At its Dec. 17, 2015 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Education voted to change one of its policies to allow it to rename schools "if there's a compelling need." Before this change, the name of a school could only be renamed if the school facilities were being "re-purposed." The motivation for this change has to do with a petition seeking to rename J.E.B. Stuart High School after deceased Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Stuart was a Confederate General. Others are advocating renaming Robert E. Lee High School and W.T. Woodson High School, named after a County Schools' Superintendent who presided during an era of school segregation.

Once this ball gets rolling, where does it stop? I am reminded of the words of George Santayana who wrote in 1905 "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." If the names of these schools are renamed, what does that do to the thousands of alumni who, for example, graduated from Robert E. Lee High School, not Political Correctness high school. We can all recognize that Generals Lee and Stuart fought for the Confederacy. Under the rationale of the petitioners, who else in our nation's history should be erased from view?

Let's start with the father of our country, George Washington. He owned slaves throughout his life and his will did not free them. His will specified that his slaves could be freed after his widow died. They were surely unappreciative of this gesture. She freed his slaves just over a year after his death, but did not free any of her own slaves and, in fact, bequeathed them to her inheritors. Should we close down the Mount Vernon Estate and rename every school, road, and other building named for George Washington? Should we change the name of our nation's capital?

Thomas Jefferson owned slaves throughout his life. What is to become of our magnet school named in his honor? Should the University of Virginia disassociate itself from him? That brings me to George Mason himself. He is credited with authoring descriptions of rights that were incorporated into the Constitution's Bill of Rights, its first ten amendments. His plantation at Gunston Hall was tended by his slaves. Should Gunston Hall be closed? Should George Mason University have its name changed? Should Mason Neck be re-named?

President James Madison was also a slave owner. He did not free his slaves in his will. Should the name of James Madison University be changed? This brings me to Thomas Fairfax, 6th Lord Fairfax after whom Fairfax County was named. He was also a slave owner. Do we have to rename our county now?

My suggestion is that someone with a functioning brain who has been elected to office in Fairfax County should quickly put an end to this nonsense. Making uncomfortable aspects of American history disappear from view will doom future generations to repeat the mistakes made in the lengthy and colorful history of our country. Keeping those symbols of inappropriate behavior front and center (all of whom also had positive aspects as well) will ensure that future generations of students will not have history white-washed from view so that they can learn from the mistakes of the past and not repeat them. Perhaps the chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the chairman of the School Board ought to get together and solve this problem before the ball rolls too far down the hill.

By the way, Thurgood Marshall was truly an American hero and a towering historic figure. Despite these facts, Fairfax County already has a Marshall High School named after General George C. Marshall who also served as Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense. It is unlikely the Board of Education will create severe confusion by creating a second Marshall High School.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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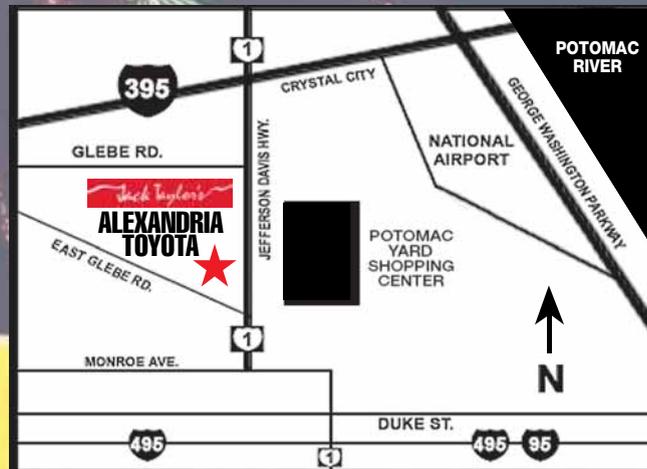
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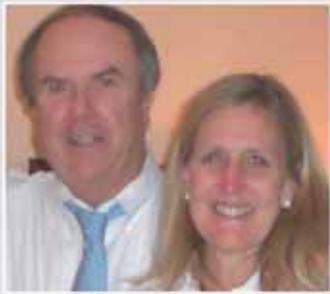
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3205 Woodland Lane \$1,390,000
One of a Kind Property—Waterfront!

Spacious residence, custom crafted to capitalize on natural beauty of its setting. Soaring cathedral ceilings and expansive glass walls bring light, natural beauty of property and water views to every corner of home. Special features include 3 finished levels, 6 BR including 2 master suites (one on main level), 4 fireplaces, spectacular family room off kitchen, walk-out lower level, fabulous screen porch and open deck. Nearby private boat launch. Magnificent property! Impossible to duplicate! Open Sunday, 1/10, 1-4. GW Pky S to Estate; R-235N; R-Woodland.



9329 Mt Vernon Cir \$1,195,000

One of Area's Most Admired Properties!

Classic Georgian manor home crafted by legendary master builder, Eugene Cullinane to serve as model for homes in upscale Mt Vernon on the Potomac neighborhood. Special home contains builder's trademark features including custom brickwork, elaborate plaster moldings, estates size rooms, stately 10' ceilings & imposing 13' wide foyer. Private marina access in area's leading waterfront community. True one of a kind property!



3719 Riverwood Rd \$709,000

Fabulous Opportunity—Prestigious Riverwood!

Exceptionally attractive price for updated Colonial in premier riverfront community. Recent work including custom interior paint and beautifully refinished hardwood floors provide true "move-in" opportunity! Other features include main level family room w/fireplace & custom built-ins, bright white kitchen, 4 spacious bedrooms, thermal windows, 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on large fenced lot.



5212 Culpeper Rd \$575,000

Bright Open Floor Plan—High Ceilings!

One of Stratford's nicest models—contemporary with mid century modern flair. Soaring cathedral ceilings, open floor plan and large windows bring light to every corner of the home. Numerous updates inc: kitchen, 3BAs, refinished hwd flrs, and thermal windows. Gas heat and hot water. Open Sunday, 1/10, 1-4. GW Pky S; R-Collingwood; L-Fort Hunt; R-Elkin, becomes Londonderry; R-Culpeper.



9408 Brambly Lane \$1,095,000

Builder's Showcase!

Spacious Colonial by Wakefield Homes—the area's leading custom builder! Home has striking open floor plan accentuated by high ceilings and large windows which bring light to every corner of the home. Features include: 3 luxuriously finished levels, open kitchen-family room, spacious MBR and 3 car garage. Deck overlooks private wooded yard. Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Impossible to duplicate at close to this price! Open Sun, 1/10, 1-4. GW Pky S, L-Old Mt Rd; R-



8931 Fort Hunt Rd \$755,000

Prime Location—Updated Throughout!

Best value in prestigious Plymouth Haven! Fabulous updated 5BR home on magnificent half acre lot. Prime location just across from Ft Hunt Park. Spacious home is loaded with upgrades and custom features. Stunning beautiful grounds with custom in-ground pool. Wayneswood School. Adjoining property just sold for \$1.6. Other recent neighborhood sales \$1.5 - \$1.7. Super value. Open Sunday, 1/10, 1-4. GW Pky S; R-Fort Hunt Rd, on right.



4005 Mavis Ct \$698,900
Stunning Open Floor Plan!

Spacious & open-truly spectacular property with stunning family room addition. Expensive glass walls, soaring cathedral ceilings & open floor plan bring light to every corner of the home. Other features include custom, gourmet kitchen with huge 17x6 pantry. Updated baths and oversize 2 car garage. Huge deck capitalizes on private back yard. Prime location on quiet cul-de-sac in heart of Mt Vernon!



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