



In an undated photo, Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace receives his 90-day combat infantry badge from his father, Col. Humbert Joseph Versace. The Friends of Rocky Versace are coordinating the effort to track down photos of 13 Alexandria soldiers who were killed in Vietnam.



Medal of Honor recipient Capt. Humbert "Rocky" Versace is shown prior to his capture by the Viet Cong in 1963. The Vietnam Memorial plaza bearing his name in Del Ray will host a Memorial Day ceremony May 30 at 11 a.m.

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## Faces of the Fallen

### Vietnam Memorial seeking photos of 13 local veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
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The name of Capt. Humbert Roque "Rocky" Versace is among the more than 58,000 soldiers memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. The Medal of Honor recipient is one of 67 Alexandrians who gave their lives during the Vietnam conflict and the Friends of Rocky Versace organization is working to put a face to each of those veterans.

As part of the Faces Never Forgotten national campaign of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, organizers are hoping to locate photos of 13 Alexandria veterans that are among the 20,000 of America's fallen from Vietnam without identifying photos.

"We're making some progress," said Kevin Rue, a member of the Friends of Rocky Versace. "At the beginning of this effort, we were missing photos of 22 Alexandria veterans. But there are still 13 names that we want to account for and hope the public will help us."

### Photos Needed for These Vietnam Veterans

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2. Sgt. Robert w. Dean, USA
3. Sgt. James Wheeler Dickey, USA
4. Pfc. Bernard Guy Dillenseger, USA
5. Cpl. Thomas Mark Gaither, USA
6. Pfc. Darrell Lee Gibbons, USMC
7. WO Bruce Elliot Graham, USA
8. Sgt. James Edward King, USA
9. SP4 Johnny Jerome Smith, USA
10. Pvt. Jeron Franklin Valentine, USA
11. SFC David James Warczak, USA
12. Pfc. Raymond Leroy Williams, USA
13. Maj. Carl L. Young, USA

Anyone who has information on these men should contact the Friends of Rocky Versace at FoRV59@gmail.com.

## Open Up

### After speaking out about Old Colony Inn, resident receives visit from police.

BY VERNON MILES  
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Morrill "Bud" Marston is one of the residents who'd expressed dissatisfaction with the Old Colony Inn redevelopment, sometimes more vocally than his neighbors, but that's never been uncommon at meetings surrounding new development in Old Town Alexandria.

At meetings surrounding EYA hotels at Robinson Terminal South or even as recently as food trucks in North Old Town, residents have been known to oppose develop-

ment or violate rules of order in protest, usually ending with a warning by the chair or a sharp rebuke. Where they don't usually end is with a police officer at the resident's door.

On May 18, Lt. Delton Goodrum arrived at Marston's residence. What exactly was said is unclear, but Marston says Goodrum stated that he'd been sent by the City Council and was warning Marston about speaking out about the Old Colony Inn redevelopment.

Like a game of telephone, Police Chief Earl Cook said that somewhere in the process, Goodrum's instructions had been made unclear. Cook said that Marston was the first private citizen to be visited by police in a circumstance like this, where the call came as a result from concerns about behavior in public and private meetings. Cook recognized that things had not been perceived the way he'd thought they would be.

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## Roger Machanic Dies at 83

### Business leader, philanthropist helped shape city.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

His name may not be familiar, but anyone walking the streets of Alexandria has seen the influence of Roger Machanic, the real estate developer behind The Montgomery Center in North Old Town and The Crilley Warehouse Executive

Office Suites.

"People told my father he was crazy to come to Alexandria and start building houses," Laura Machanic said of her father. "Old Town was a sleepy, boarded up, derelict place in early '60s — not at all what it is today."

But Machanic persevered and became known as a visionary as

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The congregation gathers outside Beulah Baptist Church.

# Struggle and Survival at Beulah Baptist Church

Historic Highway Marker celebrates historic black Alexandria church.

BY RIKKI GEORGE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Seven generations of pastors have passed through Beulah Baptist Church. Walls have crumbled and been rebuilt. The property, owned by freed slaves after the Civil War, survived an attempt by previous landowners to take it back.

Through all of this, Beulah still stands on Washington Street. On May 14, Beulah Baptist Church celebrated that story of survival with a new state historical highway marker issued by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources.

The marker states that African Americans escaping slavery found refuge in Alexandria after Union troops occupied the city in 1861. It commemorates Beulah Baptist Church, founded in 1863, and honors the church's first pastor Rev. Clement "Clem" Robinson who established the First Select Colored School in 1862.

Under Robinson's leadership, hundreds of students registered for day and evening classes and for courses at the associated Beulah Normal and Theological Institute.

"We're proud to be the first church in Alexandria that established a school for black people," says First Lady Constance W. Watson.

"African Americans had a footprint in this city from the beginning," said McArthur Meyers, representing the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission. "Alexandria is the diamond on the Potomac for black history. It was the first place for emancipation."

Songs sung during the ceremony reflected on years of overcoming hardships: "I rise from the past rooted in pain. I am the hope and dream of a slave. I rise, yes, I rise."

"Landmarks need to be highlighted," said Lillian Patterson, retired curator in association with the Black History Museum. "The markers are important because they are the places we've been for over hundreds of years."

The marker sits alongside Beulah Baptist Church at 320 S. Washington St. Speakers at the ceremony included former mayor and U.S. representative James P. Moran; Clyde Smith, vice chair of the Virginia Historic Resources; Special Assistant Eleanor Yuille, Library of Congress, and Jesse Dingo, Ed.D., principal of TC Williams High School.

"Beulah means the world to me," said Del Rey resident Lucinda Callahan, 84.

"Alexandria has a rich cultural history," said Watson. "The sign affirms our continued love for this city. We'll always be here in perpetuity."

Vernon Miles contributed to this story.



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The Rev. Quardricos Driskell, youth pastor; the Rev. Dr. Columbus Watson, senior pastor; Trustee Emeritus Arthur Nelson, church historian; and Trustee Reuben Jones beneath the new sign commemorating Beulah Baptist Church.

# Seeking To End Hunger with Song

Alexandria-gospelFEST brings people together.

BY RIKKI MARIE GEORGE  
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Cheryl Ann Colton of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities coordinated Alexandria-gospelFEST.

Alexandria inaugurated a two-day gospel fest on May 20-21 at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center on Cameron Street. Alexandria-gospelFEST showcased Alexandria's heritage of gospel music.

Friday's lineup demonstrated a variety of gospel music styles, including spirituals, contemporary and traditional choral. Songs like "I Love the Lord," a Whitney Houston favorite, offered insights on how gospel music influenced music icons of today.

Invited choirs included City of Alexandria Employee Choir, First Agape Community of Faith Church, Jefferson Houston Elementary School, George Washington Middle School, My Father's House Christian Church, St.

Joseph Catholic Church, Alfred Street Baptist Church's Voices of Triumph, Shiloh Baptist Church and Third Baptist Church.

"Alexandria-gospelFEST" was a callout to end hunger. Former Mayor William D. Euille, master of ceremonies, said one in five people in Alexandria struggle to put food on the table.

Volunteers and audience members, despite the rain, sang, clapped hands, stomped feet and called out in response. "We are happy to volunteer," said Friday's greeter Emma Varner of Alfred Street Baptist Church, "there is so much a need." Children are dis-

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ALIVE! collects nonperishable food items and monetary donations at Alexandria-gospelFEST. The nonprofit provides food to more than 2,350 people a month.

# Inside the Alexandria Police Department

## Part 9: Graduation

BY VERNON MILES  
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The Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy is a 10-week course hosted by the Alexandria Police Department (APD) to offer citizens a better understanding of how the department works. Throughout the course, participants sit in on emergency calls and ride along with police officers on patrol. In the 11th week, 16 citizens graduate from the program.

**A**fter 10 weeks of education in the role of the Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy, 16 students graduated from the program.

Police Chief Earl Cook praised the work of Virginia Obranovich, the volunteer coordinator who runs the program. While the academy started in 1995, the program was cut during the recession due to a drop in budget funding. Cook said the program was reignited when Obranovich approached him and asked what he needed. He advised Obranovich that the program needed to be restarted, but that it had to happen within 90 days, with all volunteers and no cost to the taxpayers. With Obranovich's management and additional volunteer assistance, the program was reborn in 2012.

"Every Wednesday, it was a great experience," said Hal Hardaway, one of the graduates. "I'd encourage everyone to take this."

Ankit Bhurtel, a graduate of the program, said it was a learning experience and that he'll be back on June 4 to apply to be an Alexandria police officer.

"It was a great perspective on what you guys do," said graduate Ephorm Freeman III. "I'm going to be one of the biggest advocates for what you guys do."

The 10-week program is held Wednesdays from 6:30 to 10 p.m. The application to join the Citizens Police Academy is available on the Alexandria Police Department website.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION

If you've ever interacted with the Alexandria Police on Twitter, odds are, you've talked to Crystal Nosal. Nosal is Alexandria's public information officer (PIO), in charge of communicating details of police activity

## Arrest in Homicide On Belle Pre Way

Alexandria Police have charged a suspect with the homicide of Leon Williams, who died from injuries sustained during a shooting that occurred on Belle Pre Way on Oct. 7, 2015.

Brian Bolar, 26, of Dumfries, was arrested for murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon on May 19. He is being held without bond in the William G. Truesdale Detention Center in Alexandria.

"Last year when this terrible crime occurred, I promised that our detectives would not rest until this case resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator", said Chief of Police Earl Cook. "I am continually impressed by the tenacity of our detectives and officers and their dedicated work to close an investigation."

The U.S. Marshall Service assisted in the investigation.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Sergeant David Cutting with the Alexandria Police Department at 703-746-6627.



The spring 2016 graduating class of the Alexandria Citizens' Police Academy.

with the community. This information can range from correcting misinformation about a case to alerting the public of a potential threat in an area.

Nosal said police communications is a balancing act between what the public needs to know and what the public wants to know. While Nosal said the public needs to be aware of police activity, the other side of the coin is that the PIO is still tasked with preserving the sanctity of an investigation or a crime scene.

Alexandria Police are particularly active on facebook and twitter (@AlexandriaVAPD), with nearly 8,000 tweets and 24,000 followers.

### SCHOOL RESOURCE

With 2,619 students on the King Street Campus, T.C. Williams High School is a city to itself. Jesse Meekins the school resource

officer (SRO), is assigned to keep everyone in the mini-city safe.

"It's a lot of mediating and problem solving," said Meekins. "It's not about locking kids up. We work with the schools. We have to develop relationships with administration, students, and parents."

Meekins says the job can be rougher than people might expect from working in a school. Meekins says he's been kicked in the head, and other SROs have been punched both accidentally and deliberately.

Meekins says the violence has started to calm down in schools, reaching a peak in 2009 and 2010. Other daily work involves crowd control and occasionally confiscating contraband.

"With 600 kids in the cafeteria, it's like a beehive in the mornings," said Meekins.

School administrators can search students based on reasonable suspicion, but like any

police officer, Meekins says SROs must have probable cause. In situations where administrators suspect the student has a weapon, the SRO is called out to supervise the search. Lately, most of what Meekins' been confiscating have been pocket knives. For blades three inches or longer, it's a criminal charge. In the past, Meekins says they've confiscated everything from tasers to ninja swords.

As with any other city policing, T.C. Williams has its share of unusual cases. Meekins recalled one incident where a boy was arrested in school for raping a girl. As it turned out, the two had consensual sex but she grew jealous when she saw him post a status on social media about another girl.

"In the last year we've had arrests for weapons, drugs, sex ... you name it," said Meekins. "It's a hard job. You put out a vacancy and no one bites. It's hard working with kids."

## Burglar Sentenced To 10 Years Prison

Tonny Anthony Pitt, a 30-year-old resident of Washington, D.C., was sentenced on May 19 to serve 10 years in the penitentiary for statutory burglary while armed and 10 other counts. The case related to the burglary or vandalism of five different homes in Alexandria.

Pitt, who was convicted after a trial, was sentenced to a total of 72 years and 12 months in prison, with 62 years and 12 months of that sentence suspended for the period of 40 years upon his release from prison. Pitt was also ordered to remain on good behavior and to comply with probation upon release.

In August 2015, Pitt burglarized and/or vandalized private residences on North Alfred Street, North Columbus Street and Colonial Avenue in the City of Alexandria.

Detectives Michael Rodriguez, Aloysius Asonglefac and Adrienne Miller of Alexandria Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section investigated the case. Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Cathryn F. Evans prosecuted the matter.

### CRIME REPORT

The Alexandria Police made an arrest in a series of bank robberies that occurred in Alexandria during April of this year. A 26-year-old Arlington man was arrested on May 12, for two counts of robbery of the following banks:

❖ April 18: Sun Trust at 2809 Mount Vernon Ave.

*The following incidents were reported by the Alexandria Police Department.*

#### MAY 22

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating the robbery of a gas station in the 3500 block of King Street. The suspect brandished knife and stole cigarettes. There were no injuries.

#### MAY 18

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a commercial robbery in the 3100 block of Duke Street. A suspect implied a weapon and stole cash. There were no injuries.

#### MAY 16

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a

❖ April 28: Wells Fargo Bank at 1711 Fern St. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Arlington County Police Department assisted in arresting the suspect.

Police ask that anyone with information about this incident call Detective Christine Deibes at 703-746-6819.

robbery in the 3800 block of Old Dominion Boulevard. Two suspects, one male and one female, brandished a knife and stole items from the victim. There were no injuries.

#### MAY 13

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 6200 block of Edsall Road. The suspect brandished a firearm and stole items. There were no injuries.

#### MAY 12

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a robbery in the 3900 block of Bruce Street. The suspect brandished a firearm and stole items from the victim.

# Ethics Pledge Passes

## Limited Code of Conduct and ethics reform

BY VERNON MILES  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**or now, the Ethics Pledge battle is over. City Council received the Code of Conduct revisions and the proposed Ethics Pledge at its May 18 meeting, to be reviewed and to determine the next steps. But while Mayor Allison Silberberg had struggled for months to get reform pushed through opposition on the council, there was one last surprise: passing it.

As the City Council began reviewing the document, Silberberg made it clear that she wanted the item put on the docket for public discussion at the June 18 City Council hearing. But others on the council said that the June session is already usually the longest of the year, and adding an item like the Ethics Pledge would be unreasonable.

“[We] don’t want this delayed until fall,” said Vice Mayor Justin Wilson. “Given the discussion, I think the council can act on this.”

Silberberg fought to make the Ethics Pledge a June Public Hearing docket item, but it quickly became apparent that the council did not share her sentiment.

Other major changes to the pledge before its passage involved the significance of “appearance of a conflict of interest” and whether the same ethical standards would

apply to all boards and commissions. Ultimately, the City Council voted to move forward without applying the ethics pledge to non-Council staff or board and commission members.

“It’s difficult to me already to agree with some of this,” said Councilman Willie Bailey, referring specifically to City Council members teaching classes on ethics, “and I don’t want to sit here and force this on someone else.”

Others saw a limited implementation to the City Council as a possible test-run before future expansion.

“We focus on us, then we move forward,” said Councilman Paul Smedberg. “We do this tonight, get it done, then if we have to come back we have the ability to do that. Let’s get this done. Stretching this out to fall I don’t think is productive.”

But while the reform isn’t as sweeping as originally proposed, Frank Shafroth, a member of the Ethics Commission and director of the Center for State and Local Govern-



329 N. Washington St., site of the controversial La Bergerie move.

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ment Leadership at George Mason, said the compromise was still a good sign.

“Tonight, they took ownership of this,” said Shafroth, arguing the discussion and alterations were promising, because it showed that City Council was committing to the concept of the Ethics Pledge and not rubber stamping whatever the commission threw its way.

But the approval far from settled concerns about ethics in City Hall. On May 31, time and courtroom to be determined, the

City Council goes to trial over a lawsuit revolving around the November 2014 decision to allow Margaret Ticer Janowsky and Laurent Janowsky to move the La Bergerie restaurant and inn to a historic Old Town property at 329 N. Washington St. The suit, filed by 24 adjacent neighbors, alleges that the city engaged in illegal spot zoning to aid Margaret Ticer Janowsky, daughter of Patricia “Patsy” Ticer, former mayor, city councilor, and state senator.

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## PEOPLE



From left: Jonathan Ibarra, Andrew Jones, and Rubaiyat Rhidoy, seniors at T.C. Williams High School received honorable mention in the 2016 C-SPAN StudentCam competition. They are now working on "Race to Gold," a documentary about the two fastest high school sprinters, the Lyles brothers.

T.C. Williams High School Principal Dr. Jesse Dingle spoke at the 2016 StudentCam award ceremony recognizing the achievement of seniors Jonathan Ibarra, Andrew Jones, and Rubaiyat Rhidoy.

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# C-SPAN Honors TC Student Documentary

## Seniors explore for-profit prisons in America.

BY EVAN JENKINS  
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"Rubaiyat, Drew, and Jonathan? Worked with them for three years, and in those past three years I have seen them grow." That's what Vilma Zefran, the TV Production teacher at T.C. Williams High School, said about the students that stood before her. On Tuesday, May 24, Andrew Jones, Rubaiyat Rhidoy, and Jonathan Ibarra, TC seniors, were presented with awards for honorable mention in the 2016 High School StudentCam contest.

The contest, hosted by C-SPAN, encourages middle and high school students to think critically about issues affecting both

individual communities and the nation at large. This year students were asked to create a documentary video on the topic "Road to the White House: What's the issue YOU most want candidates to discuss during the 2016 presidential campaign?" Of the 2,887 video submissions 150 student prizes were awarded, totaling \$100,000 in prize money.

"It's a great way just for students to get involved," said Vanessa Torres, the C-SPAN representative that presented the awards at TC, to "have that experience in-front of the camera, behind the camera, also get them involved in local and national issues."

Mayor Allison Silberberg also made an appearance at the award ceremony, as well as Philip Davis, a constituent liaison for the office of U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) who awarded certificates of achievement to the students.

The students' winning documentary, "The Cost of Justice," details the use of for-profit prisons in America, how they receive money, and what they're spending it on such as backing congressional candidate cam-

paigns. "It's sort of something that doesn't get a lot of attention on the national stage," said Jones, one of the winning students, "C-SPAN also has a video that we used ... it was a similar company about private immigration detention facilities, and there's often an overlap between those facilities and the for-profit prisons for criminal punishment."

The three seniors, along with other TC students, are working on a new documentary about Noah and Josephus Lyles, the two fastest high school sprinters in the nation, which they hope to release in August.

"We teamed up with them as well as their mom," said Ibarra, "who's their manager and was coordinating the different track meets that they're going to at the state level, national level and also getting kind of like an insight into their personal lives as well."

All three of the students are graduating this year, so this could be their last time working together. "Potentially, we want this to go beyond just covering the Lyles brothers. We want to create a T.C. Williams documentary team every year that has more

opportunities like this," said Jones, "We're trying to expand into every type of social media we can think of, a lot of people in the area know about the Lyles brothers because they're an inspiration I guess ... but we're trying to also call attention to ourselves and the [documentary] team."

Despite their efforts, the students still have one issue, "I guess our biggest road block is the funding right now," said Rhidoy. The students are planning to fly to Oregon for the 2016 Olympic Track & Field qualifiers in July, but they have to pay for the expenses out of pocket. As of May 24 the students are 18.6 percent of the way towards their \$5000 goal.

"As their teacher and their mentor," Zefran said, "I am just so proud of them."

Watch "The Cost of Justice" at StudentCam.org/winners16 under the Honorable Mentions section. Visit TCTitanDocumentaries.com to view the promotional pieces for the upcoming student documentary "Race to Gold" or donate to the students' GoFundMe page at www.GoFundMe.com/4ntee9wg.

## Student Receives Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship

### OTAC award honors its past president.

West Potomac High School senior Jarrod Denham was awarded \$500 as the second annual recipient of the Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship during Old Town Alexandria Connections' May 11 luncheon meeting at Belle Haven Country Club.

The Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship was established by OTAC in 2015 to honor the memory and contributions of the late Peter Williams, past OTAC president, and to further his legacy of respon-

sible business practices and service to others.

Jarrod will be attending Bridgewater College this fall on scholarship. He is majoring in exercise science with intentions to pursue a graduate degree in physical therapy. He also will be on the school's football team. In addition to his academic achievements in high school, Jarrod has played several sports, including baseball and football, and is active in the community through Boy Scouts and with a special needs baseball league. Jarrod's scholarship application essay was about teacher pay in Fairfax County and the repercussions it has on the quality of education.

— JEANNE THEISMANN



West Potomac High School senior Jarrod Denham, sixth from right, receives a \$500 scholarship from members of Old Town Alexandria Connections at the organization's May 11 meeting at Belle Haven Country Club. His parents, fourth and seventh from right, were there as the scholarship was awarded in memory of past OTAC president Peter Williams.

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## TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

**May is Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month**, and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy (ACAP) will be out in the community to increase awareness, and share information and resources about how to raise healthy, informed youth and prevent unintended pregnancy. ACAP volunteers will be at the Del Ray Farmers Market, Saturday, May 28. ACAP encourages the community to visit volunteers at these markets to learn more about current issues, gain insight through a variety of information and resources, and learn how to get involved. Visit [keepit360.org](http://keepit360.org) for more.

## SEPT. 10-21

**2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.** Online registration will open July 5. Registration forms will be mailed to previous participants in late June and will be available at community and senior centers, senior residences and event venues. The registration fee of \$12, which covers multiple events, remains the same. Three events have an added fee, ten pin bowling, golf and orienteering. Deadline for registering is Aug. 27 (by mail), Sept. 3 (online). Call 703-830-5604 or email [nvso1982@gmail.com](mailto:nvso1982@gmail.com) for more. To volunteer, call 703-403-5360.

## DONATIONS WANTED

**National Foster Care Month.** For the month of May, Embrace Treatment Foster Care is partnering with the Alexandria YMCA and holding a luggage drive for children in foster care. Embrace Treatment Foster Care wants to ensure each child has a piece of luggage and not a garbage bag for their belongings. We are asking the community to help by dropping off new or gently used pieces of luggage to the Alexandria YMCA at 420 E. Monroe Ave. Visit [embracetfc.com/](http://embracetfc.com/) for more.

## POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION

The Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Development Special Use Permit (DSUP) will go to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval in June. Leading up to the public hearing, there will be numerous opportunities to learn about the project. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard](http://www.alexandriava.gov/PotomacYard) for more.

❖ **Open House 2:** June 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. This meeting will provide information about the project, including design, environmental impacts, and construction impacts. It will be an open house format, designed so members of the

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## Correction

The May 19 Gazette story "Bridge Builder" misattributed former state Sen. Patsy Ticer's elected office. Ticer served as a state senator from January 1996-January 2012, not delegate.



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# Business Leader Roger Machanic Dies at 83

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he renovated and developed both residential and commercial properties throughout the city. On May 10, the business leader and philanthropist died from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 83.

Born March 11, 1933, in Burlington, Vt., Machanic attended Burlington High School and was the Vermont State Discus Champion. He attended Harvard University on full scholarship and graduated cum laude in 1955, majoring in economics and lettering in track and field.

Machanic served two years in the U.S. Army, stationed in Ulm, Germany, before following his older brother David to the Washington, D.C. area. He began his business career in 1958 as a stockbroker at Bellamah, Neuhauser & Barrett, followed by Ferris & Co. until 1963.

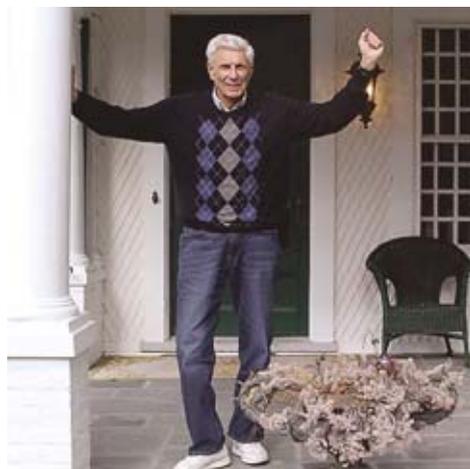
It was during this time that he met his wife Grace on a blind date. The two married in 1963 and settled in Old Town, where Machanic began his real estate development career renovating residential and commercial properties in Washington, D.C. and Alexandria.

Machanic founded several real estate companies and partnerships over the years but the best known was Development Resources, Inc., which exists today as a division of Transwestern.

As a friend and counsel to many politicians and community leaders, Machanic was often encouraged to run for local office.

"Dad always got a laugh out of that," Laura Machanic said. "He would tell people that he wouldn't stand a chance since he was a Republican. But they always said that if anyone could cross party lines, he could. In reality, he didn't want that life. He was totally a family man and preferred a private, quiet life."

In addition to his real estate ventures, Machanic's other business interests included serving as chairman of a savings and loan and as a mentor to up and coming businessmen and women throughout Northern



**Roger Machanic, shown at his family retreat on the Eastern Shore, died May 10 at the age of 83.**

**Roger Machanic with his son Bruce (front row) and daughter Laura, wife Grace and daughter-in-law Susan at the wedding of a family friend in 2001.**



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Virginia.

"Dad really loved mentoring," Laura Machanic said. "He had this ability to see so clearly what was right, what was the best path for a person and help point them in that direction."

Machanic, a longtime member of Belle Haven Country Club, was actively involved in numerous civic organizations including the Rotary Club of Alexandria, the Optimist Club, the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, Alexandria United Way, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and MetroStage.

He served as chairman of the Board of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in 1982 and was named the organization's Business Leader of the Year in 2002.

A lifelong lover of classical music, Machanic was an annual subscriber to the National Symphony Orchestra since the Kennedy Center first opened in the early 1970s.

"Dad never lost his love for classical mu-

sic," Laura Machanic said. "As his Alzheimer's got worse, classical music would always soothe and calm him down."

A native of New England, Machanic enjoyed vacationing in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. After his semi-retirement at the age of 50, he spent weekends at a second home on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Machanic was preceded in death by his parents, Hermon Machanic and Beatrice Baker Machanic, and his brother, David Machanic. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Grace Manly Machanic; son, Bruce Machanic, and his wife, Susan Redding Machanic, of Arlington; daughter, Laura Machanic, and her husband, Tom Dabney, of Alexandria; grandchildren Kathryn R. Machanic and Tyler R. Machanic; step-grandchildren Paula Margaret Dabney and Steven Sidney Dabney; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Machanic, who battled Alzheimer's dis-

ease for 15 years prior to his death, has donated his brain to Alzheimer's research. Memorial gifts may be made to the Johns Hopkins Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at [www.alzresearch.org](http://www.alzresearch.org).

"We are so grateful to Dad's caregivers and companions," Laura Machanic said. "Miriam Duchén, Azucena Rodriguez and Josie Martin gave him so much love and attention in his later years."

A memorial service celebrating Machanic's life will be held Friday, June 3, at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. A reception will follow in the church hall.

"With so much focus on my father's business endeavors, it makes him sound like a robot," Laura Machanic said. "I hope people will remember how warm and personable he was. He was a quiet and humble man who touched the lives of so many people. And for our family, he was the center of everything for all of us."

## Seeking To End Hunger with Song

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proportionately affected by food hardship.

The Alexandria - gospelFEST is a collaborative project of the Office of the Arts, a division of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. It partnered with ALIVE! and Hunger Free Alexandria to collect canned food goods and donations. "Alexandria-gospelFEST is designed to bring awareness to Alexandria's hungry and to highlight the gospel music genre," said Cheryl Anne Colton, regional program direc-

tor, Office of the Arts, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Other participants included Anne Smith, author of "Good News: Innovators and Originators of Gospel Music," Metamorphosis Art and Enrichment Center, Upcycle Creative Reuse Center and Washington Balalaika Society.

Next year's event is already scheduled for Friday, May 19 to Saturday, May 20, 2017.

**Members of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Alexandria.**



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## Remembering on Memorial Day 2016

### Observe a moment of silence.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

As many as 620,000 soldiers died in the line of duty in the Civil War, stunningly about 2 percent of the population at that time. To compare, while more than 2.5 million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan, that number is still less than one percent of the U.S. population.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,880 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, there are many ways to remember the fallen, including a visit to Arlington National Cemetery, or many other local commemorations. But at a minimum, wherever you are, you can observe a moment of silence at 12:01 p.m. along with Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), or you can set your own moment at some point during the day.

More than 52,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded in action, although that number is likely to be revised upward. In 2013, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.5 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries, including mental health consequences, are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans. Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine continue to advocate for better service from the Veterans Administration.

Since Memorial Day 2014, the Department of Defense announced the death of one ser-

vice member from Virginia, Marcus D. Prince, 22, of Norfolk, Virginia, who died April 26 in Juffir, Bahrain.

Between Memorial Day 2014 and 2015, two military service members from Virginia. Sgt. Charles C. Strong, 28, of Suffolk, died Sept. 15, 2014 in Herat Province, Afghanistan while conducting combat operations. Sgt. David H. Stewart, 34, of Stafford, was one of three Marines who died June 20, 2014 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

**EVERY YEAR** before Memorial Day, this newspaper names the local men and women who have died in military service since Sept. 11, 2001.

Army Sgt. Lyle D. Turnbull, 31, of Norfolk, died Oct. 18, 2013 in Kuwait, from a medical emergency. Capt. Brandon L. Cyr, 28, of Woodbridge, was one of four airmen who died April 27, 2013, near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, in the crash of an MC-12 aircraft.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Master Sgt. George A. Banner Jr., 37, of Orange, died Aug. 20, 2013, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.

Spc. Caryn E. Nouv, 29, of Newport News, was one of two soldiers who died July 27, 2013 in Ghazni Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his helicopter crashed.

Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, Virginia, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, Virginia, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, Virginia, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, Va., died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, Virginia, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After Sept. 11, 2001, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he successfully lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Georgia. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in a "friendly fire" incident. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, 26, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq, from small arms fire.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet.

Ami Neiberger-Miller lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate

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**Reminder**

From cemeteries to front porches, American flags signal the commemoration of Memorial Day.

# On Memorial Day

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of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after Sept. 11, 2001.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq five days earlier.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L.

Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Virginia, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan. Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being been seriously wounded months before. Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Afghanistan.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

— MARY KIMM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## In Memory, In Tribute

To The Editor:

As often as I have written of Memorial Day, I think of those who do not understand the importance of those who have stood in the line of duty for their country.

I give thanks as I read the different stories of our veterans and those we lost. Does one not hear or read what it takes for some-

one to go to war for our country? Maybe that's the reason I write often about the commemorative plaque on a rock at the Veterans Memorial Walkway along the bike path of the 500 block of South Columbus and Wilkes Street. It sits high and often pedestrians would stop and read the plaque on this rock throughout the year. It has a meaning that can touch the hearts of those who just take a little time to read.

It reads: "Dedicated to the City of Alex-

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# Funding Mental Health Specialists To Reduce Recidivism

BY BRIAN MORAN  
VIRGINIA SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
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working relationship with the Probation and Parole Office and was always impressed with the staff's professionalism and commitment to offender reentry. Now, as Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland

Security, I am responsible for the Virginia Department of Corrections (DOC), which oversees local probation and parole offices. Alexandria is one of 43 probation and parole districts in the Commonwealth.

We chose Alexandria to announce the first-ever investment of \$3 million to fund mental health specialists and cognitive counselors in local probation and parole offices as well as other continued efforts to strengthen our criminal justice system and reduce recidivism because the Treatment/Criminal Justice Initiative is such an excellent model for this work. This program

embodies the vision of Governor McAuliffe and the DOC in rehabilitating Virginia's offenders. Since taking office, Governor McAuliffe has been a champion for improving mental health and substance abuse services and understands the intersection between individuals with behavioral health disorders and the criminal justice system.

The DOC reports that 25.9 percent of all recidivists had a known mental health disorder. Additionally, 28.9 percent of those with mental health disorders were re-incarcerated within three years compared with 21.3 percent of those without mental health disorders.

If the DOC is able to prevent only 58 offenders with a mental health disorder from recidivating each year, the entire funding requirement for the behavioral health and cognitive counselors would be offset.

Governor McAuliffe recognizes the need to rehabilitate offenders and provide treatment rather than incarceration and pro-

posed unprecedented new funding around reentry and behavioral health services. The final budget included over \$17 million over the biennium for reentry-related initiatives. Several of the initiatives include: expanded local pretrial and probation services, behavioral health services for offenders in local jails, pilot programs for mental health services and cognitive programming in local probation and parole offices, community residential housing, permanent supportive housing, enhanced prison security and a number of other initiatives that will positively impact reentry.

We look forward to working with localities to implement these programs and to seeing the benefits of expanded services and treatment. Effectively identifying and diverting appropriate offenders away from the criminal justice system and ensuring appropriate treatment upon release will reduce recidivism and improve public safety in the Commonwealth.

**O**n Tuesday morning, Governor McAuliffe and I had the honor of visiting the Alexandria Probation and Parole Office to congratulate them on a national award they received earlier this year and announce a historic investment in offender reentry. In February, Michael Botticelli, director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, presented the office with the Outstanding Treatment Award for their Treatment/Criminal Justice Initiative. Alexandria's Probation and Parole Office provides a coordinated system of treatment services and supervision for individuals with substance use disorders.

As a former Northern Virginia prosecutor and defense attorney, I enjoyed a strong

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and Alexandria's Veterans' Organizations On Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1979, in Honored Memory of the Deceased Alexandria Veterans of all the United States wars.

"Their Service in War and Peace Contributed Greatly to the Welfare of Their Fellow Citizens ... Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Mayor ... Robert L. Calhoun, Vice Mayor ...

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In honor of all our men and women in uniform who have served and fought for our country are not forgotten: Thank you.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

for the developer to construct a three-story hotel at the site, consistent with the city zoning ordinances.

At the end of the day, the need for the developer to maximize his profits was given more weight than the neighbors' concerns. The best solution, a smaller building that meets code requirements was rejected. Instead a bad decision was made that will become clear to all of us in the years ahead.

**Ken Adami**  
Alexandria

## Diminishing Discourse

To the Editor:

Alexandria civic discourse is not well, and appears to be growing worse over time. Increasingly, people are comparing public meetings to an orchestra recital that consists of a cacophony of screeching tuning noises, followed by a brief minute of rehearsed music. To continue the analogy, one need not wonder why ticket sales to these events are dwindling. From an economic perspective, the public meetings are time consuming, nonproductive events that unfavorably compete with more rewarding uses of time.

As citizens start to recognize that the process is likely contrived, confidence in the fairness of the City's decisions diminishes and ultimately fails. Citizens will then believe that they have no voice in matters of importance. At this point, the opportunity cost of participating in public meetings increases dramatically, since it will be perceived as a waste of time to do so, considering the likely outcome. Citizens will then cease to attend, or become very frustrated if they do take part.

From a citizen perspective, the City's decision making process appears to be a closed loop system, which removes itself from the flux of the external world, because a great deal of its energy is devoted to resisting

change and perpetuating relatively mechanical patterns of behavior. To survive in such a rigid or comparatively closed system, participants must give up part or all of their individuality by keeping within the confines of the system, which can make the participant feel powerless.

Obviously, City Hall views it differently. It believes that citizen concerns are adequately addressed, and infers that its developments are far better because of it. City Hall feels that the citizens are overly critical of its efforts, so it must create strong defenses to protect itself from unwarranted barages.

Determining which perception is more accurate can be resolved by a review of how often proposals are changed or refused anywhere in the process. Since this appears to be most infrequent, citizens may be correct in their perception of City Hall. In nearly every recent major effort, citizens have expressed frustration and disappointment against City Hall for a lack of voice in the matter. In a recent major effort, the City offered two choices that were so much alike, that the minute differences between them had to be explained to the citizens.

The previous City Manager made it clear that he and the City Staff worked for the City Council, and that they were very density-oriented. Since the City Council also appoints the various Committees, it follows that these Committees will tailor their directives accordingly. So, if something fits into a community, this is fine, but if it does not, argue that it does anyway. Since development and other pressures will affect some parts of the City more than others, this becomes an exercise in selecting who must suffer the consequences. To not have a voice when one is so affected signals a profound disrespect on the part of the City. Moreover, at what point will density trump community? I think that we all know that this time has already arrived.

**Poul Hertel**  
Alexandria

## Unwise Move

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, I mentioned some of the most pressing reasons why a new Metro Station should not be built in Potomac Yard. Since that time, additional reasons have surfaced. Twenty Metro managers have been fired, a large number of station shutdowns have been scheduled for high level maintenance fixes, and funding shortfalls are looming beyond our ability to pay.

First, the 2008 agreement that Metro made with the Federal Government to split \$300 million annually between the Feds and the local municipalities will disappear in 2020. In addition, \$500 million a year is needed to make sure that there is no repeat of our maintenance shortcomings 10 years from now. Finally, it will take an additional \$6 billion to return the tracks to an a-one status. Currently, the City of Alexandria picks up 4.7 percent as its share of the Metro annual costs, but WMATA is going to need much more from Alexandria and other participating jurisdictions in order to become well-functioning again. This will be an additional cost to Alexandria taxpayers, and will add to an already serious fiscal situation.

Another Metro station is not in the best interest of our 150,000 residents, since it is not affordable, it is unfair, and it is not absolutely necessary. Yet, City Council continues to press on with these Metro plans. Moreover, they intend to keep the tax penalties on citizens living in the two special tax districts. Before the election, there was some "pillow talk" of repealing those special tax districts, but with a one-party Council (and no real representation for the people in the form of wards), there is no reason to turn this provision around. It seems to me that the Metro Stop is an unjust and unwise move by a City Council that is not reading the tea leaves.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Fundamental Problem

To the Editor:

Soon you will notice a large, uninspiring hotel sprout at the north entrance to the City of Alexandria.

This stems from the recent controversial decision by City Council that gave approval to build a new hotel on the current site of the Best Western Hotel on the Parkway in North Old Town. The lesson learned is clear: In Alexandria when the city has a choice between the best interests of a developer and the best interests of its citizens, the developer always wins.

The issue before the council was should the city waive existing zoning rules and other standards, including the required distance (setback) between large commercial buildings and nearby residential properties? This decision was driven by a fundamental problem; the proposed renovation was too large for the site. Instead of requesting the city to ignore the rules and grant multiple exceptions and waivers, the nearby residents thought the appropriate response was

# PEOPLE



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**Reid Hershman with actor Tara Summers who plays Nurse Anne Hastings in PBS' Mercy Street.**

## Recurring Extra Role

Five-year-old Alexandria City Public School student Reid Hershman, who is a kindergartener at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School in Old Town, has a recurring extra role on PBS' Mercy Street season two.

Reid's mom Jennifer Lewis Hershman said, "He had such an amazing experience. Everyone he met and worked with was so nice. We are so proud that he was able to be a small part of an amazing production that is based in his very own city. It's an amazing history lesson for him."

Mercy Street is inspired by real events of Civil War Alexandria.

Learn more about PBS' Mercy Street at [www.pbs.org/mercy-street/home/](http://www.pbs.org/mercy-street/home/)



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## New Deputies

Seven new deputies with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office were sworn in on Thursday, May 19 at the Alexandria Courthouse. Clerk of the Circuit Court Ed Semonian administered the oath of office to (from left) Zachary Selph, Breanna Perez, Kirsten Knapp, Antonio Greene, Derek Freeman, Ashley Battle and Maurice Anderson. Sheriff Dana Lawhorne congratulated the new deputies and then invited family members to join him in presenting them with their badges.

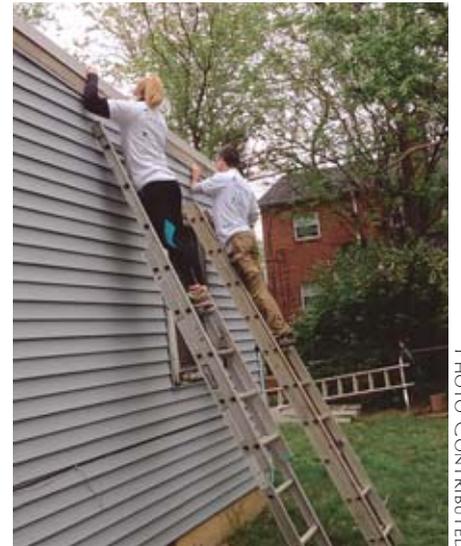


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## Volunteer Effort

More than 800 Rebuilding Together Alexandria volunteers spread out across the city on April 30 to provide free repairs and upgrades to more than 40 low-income homeowners during National Rebuilding Day, a national day of service with 10,000 volunteers nationwide focused on revitalizing communities. New this year, Rebuilding Together and Sears partnered for Heroes at Home, a program created to improve the lives of veterans and their families through extensive home rehabilitations.



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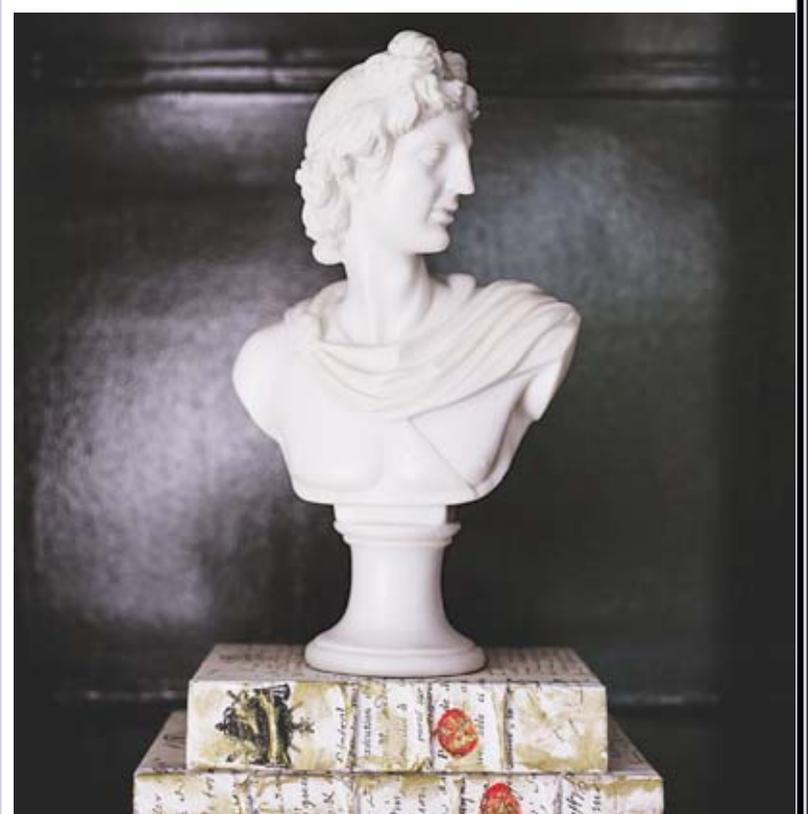
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# LemonAide Day Aids Nonprofits



The Kids Helping Kids Junior Board at the main LemonAide Day stand in Market Square: Majlis Walker, Annie Tuttle, Olivia Morton, Eliza Marcus and Olivia Petretich.

Despite the rain, LemonAide Day on Saturday, May 21 — and, due to the weather, was extended to Sunday — raised more than \$15,000 to donate to five Alexandria nonprofits that help children. More than 40 lemonade stands, combined with donations by local business sponsors and local families, raised the funds for this year's nonprofit beneficiaries: The Alexandria Police Foundation, Carpenter's Shelter, The Fund for Alexandria's Child, Space of Her Own, and Wright to Read.



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Lyles Crouch Elementary delivered on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



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T.C. Williams Honor Society volunteers frequently helped during the school year.

# Helping Meals on Wheels

Senior Services of Alexandria's Meals on Wheels Program received help from local students during this past school year. Students from Lyles Crouch Elementary School, T.C. Williams High School's Honor Society and Key Club and Burgundy Farm Country Day School delivered Meals on Wheels to homebound Alexandria seniors on weekends and holidays.



Burgundy Farm Country Day delivered flowers with the meals in honor of Mother's Day.



T.C. Williams Key Club volunteers also frequently helped during the school year.

## Girl Scout Earns Silver Award

Girl Scout Cadette, Alessandra ("Ally") DelDonna, recently earned her Silver Award. Ally, a seventh grade student at St.



**Alessandra DelDonna**

Mary's Catholic School in Alexandria, has been a Girl Scout since first grade. The Silver Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Cadette can earn.

Her Take Action Project was to help cancer patients and their families cope while undergoing treatment. Ally collaborated with the Alexandria chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society before creating her booklet as she wanted to learn more about their programs. Ally created and printed, "Fight the Fight," a booklet filled with inspirational quotes, poems, artwork, patient survivor stories, and information about LLS. These booklets will be included in LLS's new patient care packages.



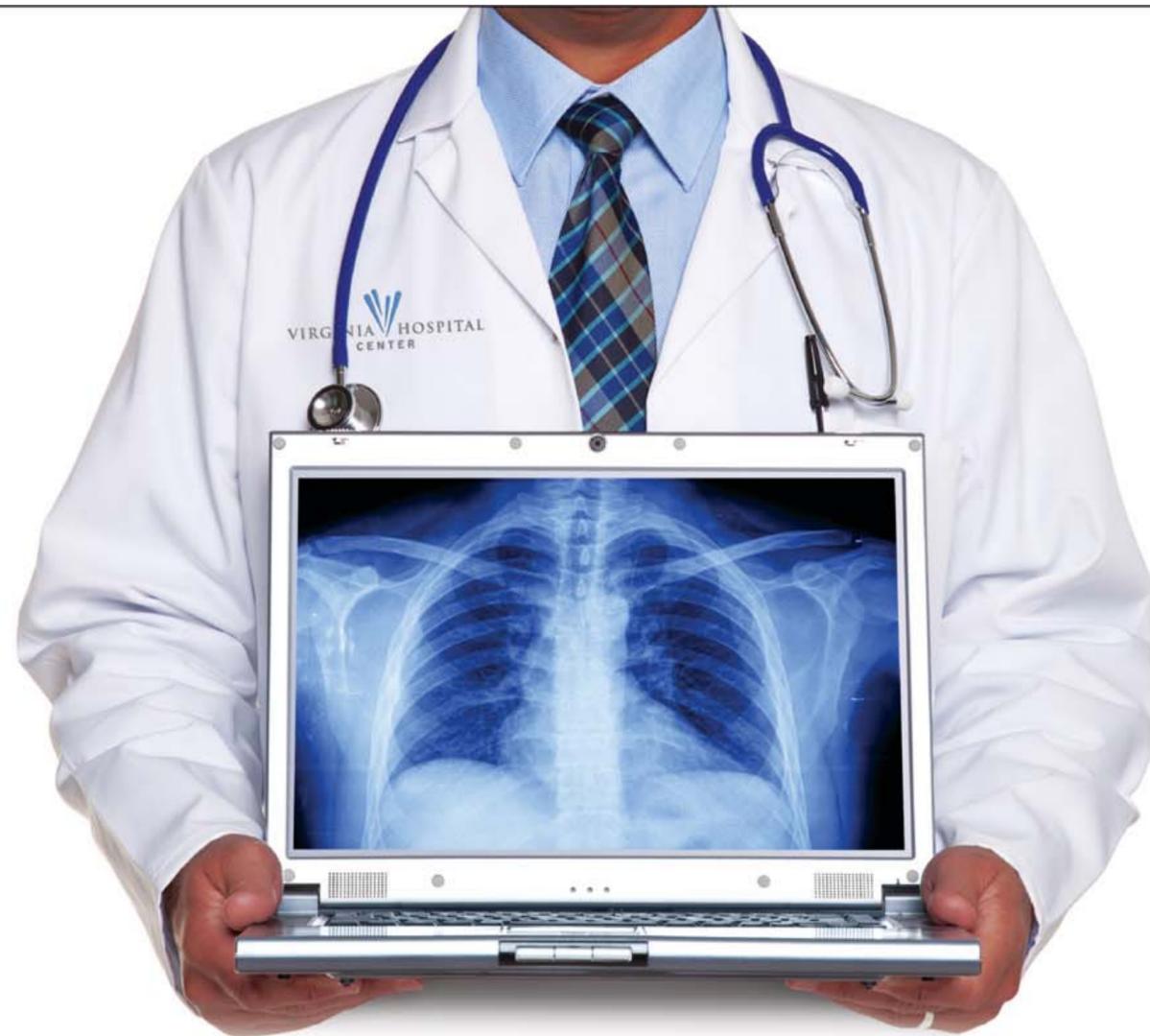
Large-scale chalk paintings filled the sidewalks along Mount Vernon Avenue between Hume and Windsor Avenue.



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## Street Painting Festival

La Bella Strada, Del Ray's first street painting festival, was held Saturday, May 14. The event was hosted by the parents of students who attend Del Ray Montessori School.



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## Virginia Hospital Center offices are now open in Old Town, Shirlington and Mark Center.

There's great news about healthcare in Alexandria. Virginia Hospital Center, a member of the Mayo Clinic Care Network, now has three primary care practices nearby – in Old Town, Shirlington and Mark Center. That means that our Alexandria patients have access to the world-class expertise of Mayo Clinic along with our own unparalleled care, right here in the neighborhood. It's all about getting better.



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## Grand Opening

About a hundred well-wishers attended the ribbon-cutting at the new Holiday Inn at Carlyle on April 28. Also on-hand was the leadership from both the hotel's owners, Wright Investment Properties, Inc. (WIP) and the capital investment firm AEW who financed the commencement project. From left are Mark Coltharp of WIP, Frank Cole of Eisenhower Partnership, Larry Wright Jr. of WIP, Mayor Allison Silberberg, Jonathan Martin of AEW, and David Martin of WIP.



**Holiday Inn Alexandria at Carlyle General Manager Ian Harvey welcomes guests.**



**Wright Investment Properties President and CEO Larry Wright, Jr. welcomes guests to their newest Holiday Inn.**



**U.S. Rep. Don Beyer's Director of Outreach Leidy Perez-Davis speaks on behalf of the representative.**

## Access National Bank Expanding into City

**A**ccess National Bank is expanding its branch network into Alexandria. The new office, located in the Carlyle District at 2050 Ballenger Ave. will open in late summer of 2016, pending customary approval by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

The opening of the Alexandria Banking Center marks the bank's sixth regional office designed to serve the business and nonprofit community. Access National Bank has experience serving several key industries including CPA firms, legal services, medical practices, national trade associations, nonprofits and government contractors. The bank has already been nominated for the 2016 Alexandria Chamber Business Awards. Alexandria banker and market ex-

pert, John McManus, is leading the commercial banking efforts as senior vice president of client services and can be reached at 703-871-1808 or jmcmamus@accessnationalbank.com. The Alexandria Banking Center will be a full-service location with hours from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday - Friday, or by appointment.

Access National Bank was founded in 1999; it is an independent, nationally chartered bank based in Reston, that serves the Greater Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. Access National Bank is a subsidiary of Access National Corporation and trades on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "ANCX". Additional information is available at [www.AccessNationalBank.com](http://www.AccessNationalBank.com). Member FDIC.



**U.S. Rep. Don Beyer.**



**Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.**

## Free Cone Day Benefits CFNC

**B**en & Jerry's Free Cone Day in Old Town — after 8,200 ice cream cones were scooped — raised \$2,191.42 to support The Child & Family Network Centers (CFNC) on April 12.

"We are so grateful to Ben and Jerry's in Old Town for selecting CFNC to benefit from this event and wish to thank all of the local celebrities, volunteers and the public who came out to support CFNC. It's because of them, the event was so successful," said Lissette Bishins, executive director of The Child & Family Network Centers.

Celebrity scoopers included: U.S. Rep. Don Beyer, state Sen. Adam Ebbin, Del. Charniele Herring, City Manager Mark Jinks,

Deputy City Manager Debra Collins, Mayor Allison Silberberg, Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook, Alexandria City Councilmen Willie Bailey and John Chapman and School board members Veronica Nolan, Cindy Anderson, and Bill Campbell.

In addition CFNC's board of directors and volunteers groups from Khol's, Microsoft, Alexandria Sheriff's department and Deloitte also helped.

The CFNC's mission is to provide caring, high-quality, free education and related services to at-risk children and their families in their own neighborhoods to prepare them for success in school and life. Visit [www.cfnc-online.org](http://www.cfnc-online.org).

## Cava Grill's Newest Location

**C**ava Grill recently opened its 16th restaurant, located at 4513 Duke St., Alexandria. Cava Grill is a casual Mediterranean restaurant and brand focusing on healthy cuisine. Cava Grill currently has locations in Dupont, Bethesda, Tenleytown, Columbia Heights, Tysons,

Merrifield, Chinatown, Silver Spring, Westfield Montgomery Mall, Kentlands, Fairfax, Reagan National Airport, and Ashburn. The grill currently has plans for locations in Columbia, McLean, and Sterling as well as expanding to New York City and Los Angeles. Visit [www.cavagrill.com](http://www.cavagrill.com).

## 30,000 Pounds of Paper Shredded

**C**ommonWealth One Federal Credit Union members and residents from the Alexandria and Harrisonburg communities shredded more than 30,000 lbs. of paper at the credit union's free, semi-annual community Shred Day event on April 16.

Since 2009, CommonWealth One has hosted free, on-site, secure shredding events twice each year. The Shred Day events were hosted at CommonWealth One's Main Branch in Alexandria at 4875 Eisenhower Avenue and at the Harrisonburg Regional Branch in Harrisonburg, VA, at 42 Terri Drive. HR Contractors in Harrisonburg and Safeguard

Shredding in Alexandria provided shredding trucks for the events.

CommonWealth One staff members were at both locations to personally assist members and the public with disposing of their materials. Branch managers and staff were also available to answer questions about mortgage and home equity loans, auto loans, checking and savings accounts, online account opening, and e-Services, including Mobile Apps and Text Banking as well as other financial products and services.

This Shred event was free and open to the public. CommonWealth One's next Shred Day is Sept. 17 at the same two locations.

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# SUMMER FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

## Lift a Glass at Vine on the Waterfront

Annual food and wine festival returns to Oronoco Bay Park in June.

BY HOPE NELSON  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**hh, summertime: The perfect season for sipping wine and sampling food alongside the Potomac River, nestled within the confines of Old Town's Oronoco Bay Park. And what better time than at the Vine on the Waterfront festival, now in its fifth year?

Formerly known as the Alexandria Food and Wine Festival, for the past two years the event has assumed a new name and a new location, moving from Carlyle to the waterfront after outgrowing its original location. Always a summertime treat, this year's festival will take place on June 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

"Little by little it grew" from hundreds to

thousands of attendees as the years went by, says S&B Event Management's Paola Zambrana. This year's event is expected to welcome 10,000 guests. "... This year we wanted to focus on being more interactive with people, bringing in more activities."

On the docket for this year: Festival-goers can from winery to winery while listening to live music from Justin Trawick & The Common Good as well as the Allan Scott Band. Children can burn off some energy in a moon-bounce house. And along with the edible treats, artisans will be on hand to display their wares.

But the main draw is the wine itself. And Zambrana says the region's wineries are bringing their A-games.

"Lines are ridiculous for some of the wineries, and it's very exclusive wines that they bring. They really go all-out; they put us

on their calendars" a year ahead of time, Zambrana said. "They really bring out their best for Alexandria."

Among the featured wineries this year: James River Cellars, hailing from Richmond; Rogers Ford Farm Winery in Fauquier County; Lake Anna Winery in Spotsylvania County; and Cobbler Mountain in Delaplane.

"We've been very selective and very blessed that we have really good wineries signed up with us," Zambrana said.

But Alexandrians cannot live on wine alone. The festival's food offerings are also robust, with new neighbor Carluccio's leading the way.

"We're super-excited to have them on board," Zambrana said.

Alexandria Cupcake, Fiona's Irish Pub, the Popcorn Queens, and more will also be

### If You Go

#### Vine on the Waterfront

**When:** Saturday, June 25, noon-6 p.m.  
**Where:** Oronoco Bay Park, between Pendleton and Madison streets along the Potomac River, Old Town Alexandria.

**Price:** \$15 for eight tasting tickets in advance; \$20 on the day of the event.  
For more: [www.vineonthewaterfront.com](http://www.vineonthewaterfront.com).

around to whet attendees' appetites throughout the afternoon and evening.

Last year's inaugural event on the Potomac was a soggy affair, but this year the event organizers are hoping the weather gods will smile down on them after a spring-time of rain, Zambrana says. But just in case ....

"This year, we have a rain date," she laughed.

*Hope Nelson operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, [www.kitchenrecessionista.com](http://www.kitchenrecessionista.com). Email her any time at [hope@kitchenrecessionista.com](mailto:hope@kitchenrecessionista.com).*

### CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto: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

**May Artists Showcase.** Through May 28, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Find paintings of several local artists, celebrating the colors of Spring. Free. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net).

**Exhibit: Ethiopian Crosses.** Through May 29, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. With their elaborate lattice work and geometric patterns, Ethiopian Crosses have a variety of form, and are a decorative artistic emblem. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

**"Black Pearl Sings!"** Through May 29, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Black Pearl Sings! is about two women in Depression-era Texas: an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist, searching for the African roots of slave songs, and the discovery of the musical gifts of an African American woman. Tickets are \$55-60. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**"Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition."** Through May 29, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Free. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

**Lisa Kellner: "Always Into Now."** Through May 29, gallery hours at The Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Kellner's site-responsive Paintings in Space use the room as a canvas. She creates organic, ethereal forms from silk. Viewers experience the intimacy of being absorbed with a room-sized painting. This is the first exhibition as part of the Target Gallery's New Media Invitational and is funded, in part, by March150 participants. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

**Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life."** Gallery

hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

**Potomac Fiber Arts: "Horizons."** Through June 12, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artists' interpretations of separations between sky and earth, landscapes, seascapes, sunsets, sunrises. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited and for sale. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

**Judith Seligson: "A Gap Frame of Mind."** Through June 12, gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. The abstract works in this show reflect Seligson's interest in the importance of what lies between objects, events, words, shapes and thoughts. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) for more.

**"Nature's Palette: Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists."** Through June 16, gallery hours at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. The exhibition brings together watermedia floral and landscape painters from the area. Free. Visit [www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org](http://www.potomacvalleywatercolorists.org) or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring).

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.** Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small landscape. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

**The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery: "Circuitous Roots."** Through June 30, gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Brahler Ltd./Gallery, announces the Opening of an Exhibition, "Circuitous Roots: A

Celebration of Art" at George Washington's River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katalina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686 or [vbgpromo@aol.com](mailto:vbgpromo@aol.com).

**"Who The Wounded Are."** Through

July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. "Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital" is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, "Mercy Street." Tickets are \$2-12. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit: "Streets Meets Glass."** Through Aug. 15, business hours at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter,

4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW).

**Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour.** Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit [www.dcmilitarytour.com](http://www.dcmilitarytour.com) for more.

**The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History.** Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) for more.

**Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit.** Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/forward](http://www.alexandriava.gov/forward) for more.

**Alexandria's Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War.** Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum](http://www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum) for more.



### Magnolia Tea Based on 'Mercy Street'

Carlyle House Historic Park will be hosting a Magnolia Tea at Mansion House event on Sunday, June 12. This event is inspired by the real life history of the Mansion House Hotel and the PBS television series, "Mercy Street," which premiered last winter. Reservations are required and this event will take place on the tented terrace, rain or shine. The first seating is at noon. and the second seating is at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org).

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**“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](http://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](http://www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html).

**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.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.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.

## THURSDAY/MAY 26

**Garden Tour & Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden’s Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will share stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 historic house. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

**Alexandria Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension Showcase.** 4-6 p.m. at 1108 Jefferson St. Meet the staff and learn about the VCE programs that serve Alexandria, including Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists and services for professional landscape and pest managers. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series.** 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 210 S. Washington St. Chamber wind instruments conducted by Maj. Matthew Henry and Capt. Haley Armstrong. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## FRIDAY/MAY 27

**Film Screening: “Minions.”** Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave.

Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).  
**Alejandro Escovedo.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music by Escovedo with Peter Case. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 28

**Freddie Jackson.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$45. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## MAY 27-JULY 30

**“Violent Grace: A Retrospective.”** Gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 29

**Justin Hayward.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. This spring, Justin Hayward – the iconic singer-songwriter / lead guitarist / composer of The Moody Blues – presents the 2016 Stage Door Tour. Tickets are \$69.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## MONDAY/MAY 30

**Memorial Day Jazz Festival.** 1 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. The Jazz Festival will feature a variety of talented musicians and diverse styles of jazz throughout the day. Free. Call 703-746-5418.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

**Summer Pruning of Shrubs and**

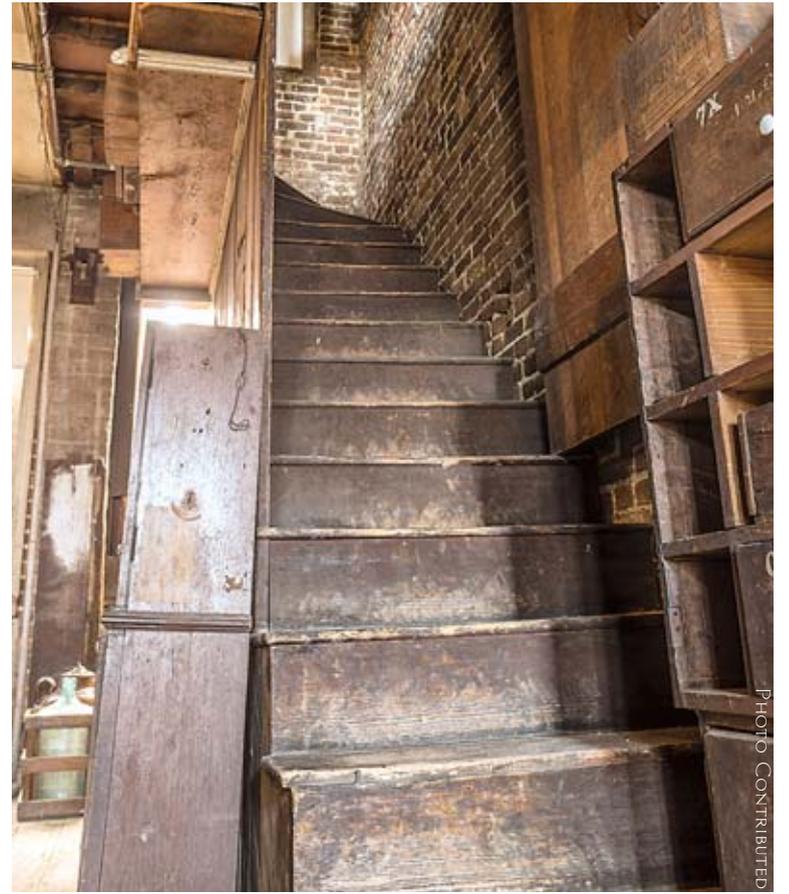


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**Peter Wolf.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Peter Wolf & The Midnight Travelers perform live. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## JUNE 1-30

**Art in Progress: "Highest Honor."** Gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. In collaboration with military veterans from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder will construct a site-specific, suspended, 25-foot triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Yoder will be working daily in studio 8 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center to create the banner through the month of June. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 2

**Paint Del Ray.** 6-9 p.m. along Mount Vernon Ave. Painting activities for all ages will be set up in front of business along Mount Vernon Avenue, from Green Street Gardens to Del Ray Artisans Gallery. Join in recycled plastic bottle art, paint an old car, take pictures in the frame shop photo booth, make a garden tile and more. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Opening Reception: "Violent Grace."** 6-9 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Celebrate the

exhibit and meet the artist. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

**"Lost Alexandria: Remembering the Past."** 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. See what places and buildings have been demolished in Alexandria over the years in this photographic tour of the City. Tickets are \$10. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

## JUNE 2-12

**UNITY Interactive Public Art Project.** At 2200 Block of Mount Vernon Ave. Nancy Belmont, creator of the Courage Wall, launches a new interactive public art project. UNITY is circular arrangement of 32 poles in a large field. Each pole is labeled with an identifier. For example, "I'm a parent," "I speak English as a Second Language," "I identify as LGBTQ." With yarn, participants tie to each pole with which they identify. A canopy of interconnectedness forms as more people participate. In the end, we see that we are all connected by something. Free. Visit [www.projectunity.net](http://www.projectunity.net) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 3

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov) for more.

**Farm to Table: Reception, Tour, and Dinner.** 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon

Highway, Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon for a special evening of tours and dinner featuring products cultivated and produced on the estate. Tickets are \$150. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org) for more.

**Art Reception: "Respect: Unsung Heroes in Uniform."** 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists express their point of view, depict something amusing, or honor a loved one. There will be a small memorial section where visitors can reflect, contemplate and remember. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or call 703-838-4827.

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## SATURDAY/JUNE 4

**Whitman Annual Yard Sale.** 8-11 a.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. The community is invited to participate as well. Bring gently used items and set your own price. Parking spaces may be reserved for \$15 each and tables may be rented for \$5 each. Email [parentsforwhitman@gmail.com](mailto:parentsforwhitman@gmail.com).

**Seminary Ridge Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1000 St. Stephens Road. Email [mandmbower@aol.com](mailto:mandmbower@aol.com) for more.

**Civil War Camp Day.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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**SCAN's 4th Annual Croquet Day.** 12-3:30 p.m. at Hensley Park, 4200 Eisenhower Ave. Croquet Day is a backyard BBQ style croquet tournament. The tournament is played on 10-12 concurrent fields. Team members, families and other spectators who are not currently playing in a match will find food and family-friendly activities, such as carnival games, face painting, live music, etc. Tickets are \$75 for a family team and \$150 for an adult team. Visit [www.scanva.org/croquet](http://www.scanva.org/croquet).

**Sixth Annual D-Day Commemoration.** 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Join the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee for the sixth annual D-Day commemoration events. Find WWII re-enactors and memorabilia, dancing, and more. Free to attend. Visit [dday2016.eventbrite.com](http://dday2016.eventbrite.com).

**Sounds of Pohick.** 4 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Musical groups featured are the St. Francis Choir and St. Cecelia/St. Alban Choir, both for children; the Pohick Pickers, an instrumental group; the Pohick Bell Choir, who will ring handbells and handchimes; the Pohick Early Church Music Ensemble, which sings 16th and 17th century anthems; and the Choir of Pohick, the nearly 40-voice adult choir. Free. Call 703-339-6572 or visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 5

**Bagels and Bach.** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Enjoy classical music while your children learn how to appreciate it. Light brunch provided. Tickets are \$10 for residents, \$15 for non-residents, and free for children under five. To register online, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac](http://www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac) and use 455208-02 code to register.

**Alexandria Women's History Tour.** 1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 132 N. Royal St. The walking tour will cover several sites to inform attendees of the history and achievements of women in Alexandria. Free. Email [alexandriawomen@gmail.com](mailto:alexandriawomen@gmail.com).

**UCM Early Learning Center 30th Anniversary.** 2-4 p.m. at UCM Early Learning Center, 2709 Popkins Lane, Virginia Del. Paul Krizek will be the Emcee. Several families will be inducted into the UCM Heritage Circle, honoring families who have supported our mission in significant ways for more than one generation. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$86 for families. Visit [www.ucmagency.org](http://www.ucmagency.org).

## MONDAY/JUNE 6

**Garden Sprouts: Nature Playgroup.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. This playgroup features nature-themed activities one Monday a month. A staff member is on hand to put out nature sensory bins, direct games and activities or lead a garden walk. Tickets are \$6 per child. Visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 202 8702 or call 703-642-5173.

**Summer Pruning of Shrubs and Perennials.** 7-8 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Kirsten Buhls will demonstrate summer pruning techniques in the home landscape. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

**Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 7

**Lecture: John P. Mullen.** 7:30 a.m. at The Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Hear the story of the large 300-year-old ship that was dug out of its watery grave at a construction site in Old Town, and find out what will happen next with the ship's remains. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-549-0111 for more.

**Simpson Park Garden Stroll.** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 420 E. Monroe St. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens invite Alexandria residents and others to stroll by the gardens. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 10

**Family Fun Night.** 6-9 p.m. at Chinguapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit [www.shop.alexandriava.gov](http://www.shop.alexandriava.gov).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 10-11

**Summer Escape at Mount Vernon.** 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites visitors to sip craft beer and taste local and historic culinary treats while watching the sun set at the first president's home. Bud's Collective performs. Tickets are \$22. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 11

**Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. More than 70 vendors gather to sell fine arts, crafts, food, and beer. Dogs are welcome. Free. Visit [www.volunteeralexandria.org](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org) for more.

**Rejuvenation in Del Ray Workshop and Garden Party.** 1-4 p.m. at Department of Community and Human Services building, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. Learn about different architectural styles in the neighborhood and see how property owners restored the original details of their 1911 house. Enjoy a post-workshop garden party. Free. Visit [alexandriava.gov/Historic](http://alexandriava.gov/Historic).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 12

**Magnolia Tea.** 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. This event is inspired by the real life history of the Mansion House Hotel and the PBS television series, "Mercy Street," which premiered last winter. Tickets are \$40 per person. Visit [www.carlylehouse.org](http://www.carlylehouse.org).

**A Tribute to Phyllis Hyman.** 3 p.m. doors open, show at 4:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The Alexandria African American Hall of Fame is having a tribute to Phyllis Hyman show to benefit the



Clockwise: "Felix Adams Morgan," and "Barbershop Mirror"

## 'Rhythms of Time' Closes on June 5

Nancy McIntyre's silkscreens and paintings "treasure the local, the small-scale, the eccentric, the ordinary." The artwork in her solo show, "Rhythms of Time," focuses on different scenes and subjects over varying periods of time—from five minutes to four decades. The silkscreen printing process is particularly suited to McIntyre's focus on the passage of time: some of her more complicated pieces are comprised of as many as 150 layers and take up to one year to complete. Admission to the Art League Gallery (105 N. Union St.) is free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).



Alexandria African American Hall of Fame project. Tickets are \$35. Call 571-217-9951 for more.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 14

**Seed Saving.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Some 10,000 years ago, seed saving facilitated humans' transition from hunter-gatherers to farmers. Only in the mid-1900s did this practice decline, with the development of the commercial seed industry. Now renewed interest in heirloom, unique and locally adapted vegetable and flower varieties is sparking a resurgence in seed saving. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

## JUNE 14-JULY 24

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Circuses."** Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 18

**Lecture: "The Secret History of Juneteenth."** 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian C.R. Gibbs discusses the history of the celebration of the freeing of the slaves in Texas. Free. Visit

[www.blackhistory.org](http://www.blackhistory.org) for more.

## Tigerlily Foundation Pajama Glam Party.

4-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Women and girls are invited to wear (pink, purple, or red) pajamas and listen to music, visit pampering stations, and more. Also guest appearances by Asia Monet, Tati from WPGC (95.5), and Ashley Boalch Darby from Bravo's Real Housewives of Potomac. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$45 for adults.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 19

**Father's Day Open House.** 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. The firehouse photographer will be on duty, so dads can take home a complimentary photograph. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

**Father's Day at Stabler-Leadbeater.** 1-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Admission is free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Call 703-746-3852 for more.

**Father's Day at Gadsby's Tavern.** 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Get a tour by Junior Docents. Free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## MONDAY/JUNE 20

**Art of Ballroom Dance.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue,

rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 24

**Film Screening: "Goonies."** Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit [www.fourmilemovieseries.com](http://www.fourmilemovieseries.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 25

**Lecture on Alexandria's 18th-Century Ship.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. By examining the wood and iron fastenings from Alexandria's recently excavated ship at 220 South Union St., the speaker illustrates how deep draft cargo vessels were constructed, repaired, and beached and broken during the 18th century in the Mid-Atlantic. Emphasis is placed upon historic documents relating to Alexandria during the 18th century as well as the story the timbers tell. Jason Lunze is a Maritime Archaeologist who holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Denmark. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 for more.

**Vine on the Waterfront Festival.** 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit [www.vineonthewaterfront.com](http://www.vineonthewaterfront.com).

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# FAMILY

## A Mindful Family

**Meditation practices can calm a hectic day.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Every evening after dinner and bath time, Elizabeth Rees, a Mount Vernon mother of three, instructs her children to lie on the floor keeping as still as possible. With soft tones, she recites a phrase, slowly and purposefully. These moments of serenity allow her family to release the chaos of the day.

"It is such as still and lovely time," said Rees, associate rector of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and cofounder of the Center for Spiritual Deepening, both in Mount Vernon. "My children long for the stillness and being present in the moment as much as I do. When we're in the thick of things and we're schlepping and on the run, there is a temptation to be disconnected. The mindfulness idea is being present in the moment and finding the joy in the moment."

Such mindfulness meditation practices have been credited with improving focus, boosting happiness and reducing stress. A study by researchers at the University of

Miami found that short mindfulness practices improved students' ability to focus; while research by the University of California, Davis Center for Mind and Brain found a meditation effective in relieving stress.

"The name can make it sound like a huge unattainable concept, but essentially, mindfulness meditation is paying attention to what's happening in the present moment without judgment," said Sandra Carr, Ph.D., a family therapist and meditation teacher in Bethesda, Md.

"Meditation has been around for thousands of years, but for the last decade the practice has become more and more widely accepted as the overall benefits of meditation continue to be studied," said Jill Gattone, R.N., a registered nurse in Marymount University's Student Health Center who leads Mindfulness Meditation sessions for students.

"Current literature reveals the potential for Mindfulness Meditation to not only help with focus and concentration, but may also positively effect brain structure, improve relationships, reduce stress and even increase immune function."

"We live in a world where we are constantly 'plugged in.' We look around and see students spending hours on their laptops and smartphones ... Facebook, Instagram



COURTESY OF ELIZABETH REES

**Elizabeth Rees, pictured with her husband Holden Hoofnagle and children Sophia (12), Dylan (9) and Maya (6), leads her family in a daily mindfulness practice.**

and Netflix," said Gattone. "This way of life can leave us feeling exhausted and stressed. It is really important that we all take time to quiet our minds every day."

For families who want to begin a meditation practice, Gattone recommends a guided session "... where someone is leading you through the process. There are many apps that can guide you through a short 5 minute meditation, or there are classes that can be a good way to start as well," she said.

Starting with short, uncomplicated mindfulness sessions can make the initial process less intimidating. "Like physical exercise, you may find that it is best to start with a short 5 minute meditation and gradually increase," said Gattone, whose own practice consists of beginning and ending her day with a 10-minute meditation. "It can be as simple as finding a quiet spot, sitting in a comfortable position with your

spine straight, focus on your breath, clear your mind and be aware of what is happening in the present moment."

Establishing a daily mindfulness practice offers an opportunity to build an arsenal of tools that can be used to find peace in the midst of frenzied schedules, says Sara VanderGoot, a meditation teacher and cofounder of Mind the Mat Pilates & Yoga in Arlington and Alexandria.

"Families with children can benefit from even a short meditation practice [like] two to five minutes of breath and concentration daily, if that is all mom and dad can fit in," she said. "[It] creates the habit of being able to return to that space when difficult feelings arise [like] anger or frustration and find space between feelings and reactions."

A daily practice makes it easier to remain calm in a chaotic situation, said Rees. "Having the presence of mind to say 'I need to stop and breathe and not react right away' is a great life skill," she said.

VanderGoot recommends simple meditation techniques to use with children daily. "Repeating a mantra daily with your child, such as 'I am happy, I am healthy' or 'I am happy, I am steady' each morning when the child wakes up ingrains that positive belief in the child's mind and in turn positively influences that child's behavior," she said.

Creating positive beliefs about oneself creates a sense of self-awareness. "This is very useful and practical ... especially [for] those who live a hectic life, and it doesn't take much time," said VanderGoot.

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## BUSINESS NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos encouraged.

Old Town IT, founded in 2007, has rebranded and will now be known as **Gravitate Solutions**. Coinciding with rebranding to Gravitate Solutions, the firm is also announcing the launch of a new product – Nucleus, a data integration platform that can aggregate, transform, and analyze data from disparate data sources.

The Center for Digital Government has named **Alexandria** the top “digital city” of its size in the United States, based on the 2015 Digital Cities Survey. The annual program evaluates cities’ approaches to information technology, community engagement, policy and operations.

The Wall Street Journal ranked **The Union Street Partners Value Fund** (NASDAQ: USPXX) the ninth best performing Large-Cap Value mutual fund for the year-to-date period ending Oct. 30, 2015. There were 521 Large-Cap Value mutual funds considered for the award.

**Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)** has launched ASCD myTeachSource, a classroom-focused, teacher-driven digital subscription platform.

**Gregg C. Fields** has been appointed director of Code Administration for the City of Alexandria.

**Dominion Dental Services**, a dental insurer and administrator of dental and vision benefits headquartered in Alexandria, has announced that it is acquiring DentaQuest Mid-Atlantic, Inc. and DentaQuest Virginia, Inc. from DentaQuest Management, Inc.

**Carol Mount** has retired from her position as tax manager at Halt, Buzas & Powell.

The **National Society of Black Engineers** has appointed two new members to the Society’s Executive Leadership Team.

Constance Thompson, formerly senior manager for Diversity & Inclusion for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), has joined National Society of Black Engineers as director of External and Government Affairs. Stanton Hill, National Society of Black Engineers’ new director of Finance and Accounting, joins the Society after serving the United Negro College Fund.

**Rhodeside & Harwell**, an award-winning landscape architecture and planning practice headquartered in Alexandria, has promoted three senior staff members. Kurt Parker, Meredith Judy, and Thomas Rainer have all been named principals of the firm.

**Affordable Signs & Banners** has moved to 2100 Jefferson Davis Highway in Del Ray.

The **Alexandria/Old Town office of Weichert, Realtors** was recognized for outstanding performance throughout the month of April. The office led its sales region, which is comprised of offices throughout Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Orange, Prince William and Warren counties, in four award categories including resale listings, resales, resale revenue units and resale dollar volume.

**Casa Chirilagua**, a local nonprofit, entered into a five-year lease agreement with the city to provide community based programs and management of the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run Park, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Under the agreement, the building will continue to be available upon request for public use and rental, in addition to housing Casa Chirilagua’s programs, which will include after-school programs and other community-based activities.

The **Society of American Florists** representing the U.S. floral industry has a new Alexandria home, the result of two transactions executed by West, Lane & Schlager Realty Advisors, LLC (WLS). WLS, a Washington, D.C.-based commercial real estate brokerage firm that exclusively represents tenants, completed the \$4.75 million sale of 1601 Duke St., and the \$2.35 million purchase of 1001 N. Fairfax St. The Society of American Florists has 6,000 members across the country and was established in 1884.

**Holistic Touch**, a holistic and nutritional health provider at 309 S. Washington St., is set to expand its acupuncture and oriental medicine services with the hiring of **Jeanie Mossa**, a licensed acupuncturist and herbalist. Mossa has more than 20 years of experience treating people and animals with acupuncture and holds a master of science degree in traditional Chinese medicine including acupuncture, herbal medicine, nutritional therapy and auricular therapy. Visit [www.holistictouchcenter.com](http://www.holistictouchcenter.com).



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## Hotel’s New Design and Restaurant

**Kimpton Morrison House in Old Town Alexandria officially reopened its doors May 17 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception to show off a new design and restaurant. The ceremony included remarks by Kimpton’s Area Director of Hotel Operations Matt Hurlburt, President and CEO of Alexandria’s Chamber of Commerce Joe Haggerty, and Chairman of the Board for Visit Alexandria’s Board of Directors Vic Parra. To honor Alexandria’s Scottish heritage and Morrison House and Ashlar Restaurant and Bar’s locally-inspired design and offerings, a blue ribbon with a green tartan plaid bow was used in the ceremony. The official opening decree was announced by Alexandria’s Town Crier Benjamin Fiore-Walker. Attendees included Alexandria Mayor Silberberg, City Council Members John Taylor Chapman and Will Bailey, and Alexandria City Manager Mark Jinks. Morrison House is located at 116 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Visit [www.morrisonhouse.com](http://www.morrisonhouse.com).**

# Packing for a Picnic in Alexandria

BY NANCY POLLARD  
OWNER OF LA CUISINE

Yes, Virginia, there will be picnics in your life. Continuous rain just makes the grass greener, the trees leafier, and keeps the pollen down so we can now plan picnics in our numerous parks and on the Potomac waterfront.

Once you’ve chosen your picnic location, pick a theme menu for your fellow picnickers to share. July 4th is obvious, but consider a breakfast campout, a meal with a bike ride, or a Teddy Bear picnic for children. And if you need theme help, nothing beats Pinterest for ideas. Also, don’t forget that online weather reports are your friends.

## FROM THE OLD TOWN BOUTIQUE DISTRICT

Whether it is a picnic for two or the whole family, a little prep work is required — and some nifty stuff is available in your neighborhood stores. We have found the larger Packit shopper bags or Beverage cooler bags invaluable at La Cuisine. Or the S’well stainless steel bottles from The Shoe Hive, Both bags and bottle will keep any beverage cold for hours. Sometimes a picnic table isn’t available so it’s good to have a packable alternative. Fortunately 529 Consign has these nifty Monkey Mats 5 ft. square, in a soft not sticky nylon. Absolutely genius design.

Remember to plan your food prep schedule — cookies and cakes can be made the day before, while salads and fruit dishes should be done on the day of the picnic. If you are using a portable grill, veggies and meats can be marinated the night before and cooked on the spot. We have always had great luck with the selection of cold wines from Grape+Bean and La Fromagerie. If you want something better

than paper plates and cups (and also reusable), check out the selection of melamine plates and cups at Red Barn Mercantile.

Pack your container with freezer packs on the bottom. Then drinks you have already refrigerated go next, on top of drinks go the heavier containers of food with lighter and smaller stuff on top. Secure the top of your basket, bag or box and don’t open until you get to your spot. The more opening and closing of your picnic container, the faster the defrosting goes.

Don’t forget salt and pepper, wine opener, trash bag, paper towels and wipes.

### RECIPE

*Ina Garten’s crispy mustard roasted Chicken makes great picnic fare and the recipe can be increased easily.*

- 4 garlic cloves,
- 1 tbs minced fresh thyme leaves
- sea salt and fresh ground pepper
- 1 tbs grated lemon zest
- 2 cups Panko
- 2 tbs good olive oil
- 2 tbs melted unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 3-4 lbs chicken parts of your choice (or whole chicken cut into eight pieces)

Preheat oven to 350. Grind in a mortar and pestle (or food processor) garlic, thyme, 2 tsp salt and 1 tsp pepper until finely minced. Add panko, zest, olive oil and butter. Mix briefly. Pour onto large plate. In a shallow bowl, mix mustard and wine. Pat chicken pieces dry. Sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Dip each piece in mustard/wine mixture to coat on all sides, and then place skin side down only into crumb mixture, pressing gently to help the crumbs adhere. Place chicken on sheet pan crumb-side up. Press remaining crumbs on chicken pieces.

Bake chicken for 40 minutes, then raise heat to 400 degrees for another 10 minutes until crumbs are browned and chicken is cooked through (I always use an instant read thermometer). You can refrigerate this unbaked the night before, then bake before your picnic. This is delish at room temper

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community can drop in on their own schedule.

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 25

**RPCA Simpson Park Workshop.** 7 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities hosts a workshop to obtain input on the Simpson Park Playground renovation. Call 703-746-5491 or email [Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Dana.Wedeles@alexandriava.gov).

### THURSDAY/MAY 26

**Open House: Taney Avenue Park.** 6-7:30 p.m. at Taney

Avenue Park, 4149 Taney Ave. The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities are holding an informal outdoor event to show the park improvements that have been made. Visit [1.usa.gov/1s8qdyP](http://1.usa.gov/1s8qdyP) for more.

### Old Town North SAP Advisory

**Group Meeting.** 7 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St. Contact Nancy Williams, [nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov](mailto:nancy.williams@alexandriava.gov), 703-746-3858.

**Community Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. at Charles Houston Rec Center, 901 Wythe St. A community meeting regarding the Ramsey Homes Redevelopment project will

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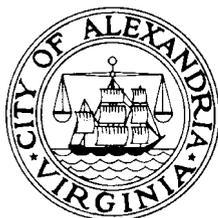
## BUSINESS

### UpCycle Now in Durant Arts Center

UpCycle Creative Reuse Center, a local Alexandria nonprofit, has moved to the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. The new space has free parking, is handicap accessible and is located within a block of the King Street Metro.

UpCycle's mission is to promote and support artistic expression, experiential learning, environmental awareness and community engagement through the collec-

tion and redistribution of reusable materials. UpCycle is a community resource for second hand arts and crafts supplies where the organization also promotes and facilitates creative reuse. UpCycle collects, organizes and preps items for use in a variety of creative capacities. Materials include fabrics and sewing notions, various papers and boards, wood bits, office supplies and artists supplies.



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Real estate tax information is available on the City's website at alexandriava.gov/RealEstateTax. Under Additional Resources on that webpage, there is a link for Real Estate Tax History and Payments, which provides detailed tax balances and payments. For payment questions or to request a tax bill, please call the Treasury Division at 703.746.3902, Option 8, or email payments@alexandriava.gov. For assessment questions or to change a mailing address, please email realestate@alexandriava.gov. For refuse fee questions, please call the Solid Waste Division at 703.746.4410.

The Finance Department is open, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on June 15, 2016 to be considered on time.)



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From left are Rick Hoffman, regional vice president; Rachel Carter, branch vice president; Tracy Vitali; Tom Rickert (back row); Kathy Kratovil; Ann Marie Grotticelli; Karen Leonard; Lyssa Seward; Beth Mazzanti; Cathy D'Antuono; Susie Carpenter; Ellis Duncan; (front row) Liz Bucuvalas; Bonnie Rivkin; and Donnan J. Wintermute.

### Coldwell Banker Awards Top Associates

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced its top sales associates of 2015 at Blackwall Hitch in Old Town on Thursday, April 28.

Coldwell Banker Alexandria's Wintermute and Associates received the International President's Elite Team Award. The team, led by Donnan J. Wintermute, was also recognized by Budge Huskey, Coldwell Banker's CEO and president, for achieving the highest team level in Virginia for the company.

In addition, Bonnie Rivkin and Susie Carpenter received the International President's Elite Award for individuals.

This is one of the highest award levels designated by the company nationwide.

Other significant award winners are: The York Group, led by Charles York, President's Circle Team Award. International President's Circle Award winners are: Liz Bucuvalas, Steve Deleyiannis, Ann-Marie Grotticelli and Karen Leonard. International Diamond Society winners are: Susan Gray Chambers, Cathy D'Antuono, Fred Marcellus and Lyssa



From left are Rachel Carter, branch vice president; Donnan C. Wintermute; Beth Mazzanti; and Ellis Duncan.

Seward. International Sterling Award winners include: Kathy Kratovil, Eileen Marousek, Tom Rickert and Tracy Vitali.

The Old Town Alexandria office also achieved the company's top honor for the state, the Number 1 Office in Virginia for 2015. This award is based on adjusted gross commission income. Visit ColdwellBankerHomes.com.

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include presentations and discussion of recent work completed by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) and the City of Alexandria to jointly develop potential options for redevelopment of the Ramsey Homes site. Community feedback regarding the options will be solicited and reported to the ARHA Redevelopment Work Group at its June meeting. Visit alexandriava.gov/90874.

#### FRIDAY/MAY 27

**Nomination Deadline.** The City of Alexandria's Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for the 2016 Alexandria Beautification Awards. The awards program recognizes City residents, organizations, and businesses. Nomination forms are available at www.alexandriava.gov/Beautification.

#### MONDAY/MAY 30

**City Offices Closed for Memorial Day.**

#### TUESDAY/MAY 31

**Commission on Aging - Exec. Comm.** 3 p.m. at Intellectual Disability (ID) Services. Contact Debbie Ludington, 703-746-5692.

#### Motorcoach Task Force

**Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. in City Hall, 301 King St., room 2000. Task Force will receive an overview on short-term motorcoach parking spaces, prioritize evaluation criteria, and review options studied for future parking. Opportunity for public comment. Visit alexandriava.gov/MotorcoachTaskForce.

## SPORTS

# Saints Girls' Lax Beats BI in State Championship

**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes finishes season with 25-1 record.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**olly Dougherty was a sophomore goalie on the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes JV lacrosse team in 2014 when the varsity squad lost to Alexandria foe Bishop Ireton for the first time in program history. Ireton, which had recently captured its first-ever WCAC title, beat St. Stephen's 9-7 in the VISAA state championship game.

The following year, Dougherty didn't play due to injury. The Saints had another stellar season, winning their first 28 games, but St. Stephen's once again lost to the Cardinals in the state final, 12-10.

While Dougherty wasn't on the field for either loss, she felt the effects as a member of a program that isn't used to coming out on the wrong end of a final score.

On Saturday, five days after capturing yet another ISL AA title, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes got another shot at Bishop Ireton and the Saints regained their place atop the Alexandria rivalry.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes defeated Bishop Ireton 12-5 on May 21 in the VISAA Division I state championship game at the University of Richmond. In a matchup of two of the top teams in the country, the Saints pulled away in the second half, building on a 5-3 halftime advantage with four consecutive goals.

St. Stephen's finished the season with a 25-1 record and closed the year with a 19-game win streak, including its first win over Ireton since trouncing the Cardinals 16-1 in the 2013 season opener.

"It's a sour taste when you lose," Dougherty said. "Losing the past two years, that kind of gets passed down the program



**The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girls' lacrosse team celebrates winning the VISAA state championship on Saturday. The Saints defeated Bishop Ireton 12-5.**

to the JV players coming up in the ranks to know we've got to beat BI. This year, to put our foot down on a kind of crummy, rainy day and to say this is ours is something that's amazing."

Dougherty and the St. Stephen's defense held Ireton to a season-low goal total. The Cardinals entered the game averaging more than 14 per contest but were held to just five on Saturday. Ireton labored through a 19-minute, 11-second scoring drought while the Saints' lead grew from 4-3 in the first half to 9-3 in the second.

Dougherty, who will play for James Madison University, finished with seven saves.

"We know [Ireton has] a very strong attack," St. Stephen's head coach Kathy Jenkins said. "With Kelly Larkin and Lexi [Ledoyen] and Madison Mote, Kayla Duperrouzel, they're all dangerous. We gave them marks, but we said you're going to have to help each other because they can all score. ... We've been working hard all season on our defense and I think that's

what's done the job when we played, like, Summit (N.J.), and Episcopal (Pa.) and Visitation both times. Our defense has really been so successful that it carries over onto the attack because then the attack is excited because the defense got them the ball."

Larkin scored four goals for Ireton and Ledoyen had one. Mote had an assist.

Offensively, seven different Saints scored at least one goal. Elena Ricci and Annie Dyson each finished with three for St. Stephen's. Grayson Offutt scored two goals, and Zoe Belodeau, Ellie Carson, Anna Pusey and Caroline Wiseman each netted one.

"We have seven or eight girls that can really score, so we're not too worried about [opponents focusing on shutting down certain Saints]," Jenkins said, "because we know if they take out someone, someone else will step up."

Carson had two assists for the Saints, and Belodeau and Wiseman each had one.

"We don't really focus who's on top (of the St. Stephen's/Ireton rivalry), but we all

PHOTOS BY ROBERT PUSEY



**St. Stephen's sophomore Annie Dyson, right, and Ireton junior Kayla Duperrouzel battle for the draw during Saturday's VISAA state championship game at the University of Richmond.**

came out with the mindset that we wanted to beat them," Carson said. "We were thinking about how strong of a team they were — we studied film, we took notes. They're such a strong team, so to have beaten them just shows how well we played."

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes finished the season ranked No. 3 in the nation in the latest version of the Nike/Lacrosse Magazine top 25 poll. Bishop Ireton, which won its second WCAC championship in three years and finished the season with a 20-4 record, was ranked No. 4.

"It wasn't even about just beating BI, it was just winning ... our last game all together," Carson, a senior, said. "... Just to go out on the best game that I've ever played in in my life, on the best team I've ever been on in my life is the best thing I could ever ask for. It was so much better than I ever expected."

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# SPORTS

## TC Girls' Soccer Beats Chantilly in 11-Round PK Shootout

**Titans advance to face Patriot in 6A North region quarterfinals.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**fter making a clutch save in the 11th round of a marathon penalty kick shootout, T.C. Williams goalkeeper Savannah Richardson awaited her next opportunity to make a difference in the Titans' matchup with Chantilly in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.

TC senior Philomena Fitzgerald then stepped up, shot left, stuck the ball in the back of the net and headed toward midfield for a celebration with her teammates.

Well, not all of her teammates.

Richardson remained behind the endline, unaware the game had ended. Each round of PKs following the fifth was sudden death, and Richardson's 11th-round save had opened the door for Fitzgerald to send TC to the quarterfinals.

"I had no clue it was even sudden death," Richardson said. "I was waiting for the next person to shoot and then ... everyone started screaming."

Richardson eventually headed onto the field to join the rest of the Titans. Her job was done.

The T.C. Williams girls' soccer team outlasted Chantilly in a memorable PK shootout on Tuesday, winning 1-1 (10-9) to advance to the region quarterfinals. The Titans, who four days earlier won the program's first conference championship,



**Claire Constant, right, and the T.C. Williams girls' soccer team defeated Chantilly in an 11-round PK shootout on Tuesday in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament.**

will host Patriot on Thursday.

Richardson saved the first PK she faced in the shootout. After the next nine Chantilly attempts were successful, the junior keeper dove to her left and made the save that set the stage for victory.

"It was just having faith in my teammates," Richardson said. "PKs for me, it's just a hit or miss. I pick a side and I go. It's really on my team and I trusted my team to shoot and score and that's what they did and I'm super proud. I pulled through and they pulled through."

Both of Richardson's PK saves came against Chantilly's Katie Abt. In the first round, Abt shot left and Richardson dove



**T.C. Williams senior Philomena Fitzgerald made the winning PK in an 11-round shootout against Chantilly on Tuesday.**

to her right and made the save. In the sixth round, when the pair was matched up again, Abt again shot left but this time she was successful as Richardson dove in the opposite direction.

In the 11th round, Richardson had a feeling Abt would try something different. The TC keeper's prediction proved correct as Abt shot right and Richardson made the save.

"I had a feeling she was going to switch it up because she thought I was going to go to the same side," Richardson said. "I had a little bit of intuition."

Richardson's 11th-round save meant Fitzgerald, who had converted each of her previous two attempts, was now in position

to win the match, rather than facing the pressure of needing convert just to keep the Titans alive.

"It gave me that extra push to actually slot it in and get it in hard," Fitzgerald said, "and completely trick the goalie."

Fitzgerald shot left and the celebration was on.

"In that last [round], I have all the confidence in Phil in the whole world," TC head coach Ally Wagner said. "She's one of the most composed people I've ever met, especially when she's playing soccer. ... Honestly, I was like, 'We've got this.' I just knew that Phil had it. She's not the kind of person that would choke under pressure."

TC's Bella Ponzi, Claire Constant and Hannah Bates each converted two PKs and Caroline Bates converted one.

Chantilly's Katie McGrath, Victoria Iturbe, Mia Pham and Abby Rynex each made two PKs and Abt converted one.

T.C. Williams took a 1-0 lead in regulation when Caroline Bates scored in the 48th minute. Chantilly tied the score at 1 when McGrath converted a PK in the 67th minute.

After ending regulation tied at 1, the teams played four five-minute overtime periods, the last two being sudden death. Neither team scored during the additional 20 minutes of play, so the game was decided by a PK shootout.

The victory improved TC's record to 17-2, including a 4-1 win over Woodson in the Conference 7 tournament championship game on May 20. The conference title was the first in the program's history.

"It was a long time coming," Fitzgerald said. "And especially to upset Woodson by the amount that we did, it's just incredible. It really shows how our team has mended over the entire season."

## TC Crew Captures Four Medals at Stotesbury

**T**he T.C. Williams crew team proved this weekend that it can compete with the best boats in the country. Participating in the Stotesbury Cup Regatta, the TC boats excelled. During the May 20-21 event, three TC boats captured silver medals and one won a bronze medal.

Racing on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, the TC crew team rowed with 984 boats with 5,679 athletes from 191 schools who participated in the 90th anniversary of the Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

The TC freshman girls, Virginia state champions who entered the regatta undefeated this season, led TC's medal wave. With a strong race in the finals, the boat captured a bronze medal in its category in 5:07.55, behind only Saratoga and Mt. Saint Joseph. The freshman girls had won their semifinal race.

The TC girls' varsity lightweight 8 then competed in its final, after winning its semifinal competition. The lightweight girls came out strong, with only perennial lightweight champ Mt. Saint Joseph pulling

ahead of it. The lightweights quickly pulled ahead of all other competitors and sprinted after Mt. Saint Joseph, closing the gap with every stroke. The lightweights crossed the border virtually even with the lead boat, only 1.6 second behind, with a time of 5:00.76.

The Titan lightweight boys then began their final race, taking on a full field of the fastest high school boats in its category. The lightweight boys sprinted down the course, vying for the lead with rowing heavyweight St. Joseph Prep, which enjoyed home field advantage. The boys crossed the line in 4:27.01, behind only St. Joseph Prep. They accepted their medals to the sound of their team mates, parents, and supporter doing the T.C. chant.

Rowing in one of the most competitive races of the day, the TC girls' second 8 made a strong start and rowed with the leaders all the way down the 1,500-meter course. With a strong final sprint, the TC oarswomen pulled into second place, clinching the silver medal with a time of 5:04.78,

behind only National Cathedral School.

The girls' first varsity 8, rowing in the most competitive category for high school girls, put in an outstanding effort in a series of races. Excelling in its heat and then again in the semifinal race, the First Varsity advanced all the way to the finals. With a strong stroke, followed by a powerful sprint, the boat took fifth place, besting dozens of the best boats in the country, with a time of 5:01.45.

The boys' first 4, competing against the strongest men's 4s in the country, excelled in its heat and advanced to the semi-finals, where it posted an impressive time of 5:05.08.

Members of the silver medal-winning girls' second varsity 8 include: Camila Cardwell (coxswain), Rachel Saez Knapp, Alyssa Forbes, Hannah Posson, Grace Asch, Grace Vannatta, Lily Warden, Emma Carroll, and Charlotte Carey. They are coached by Gracie Barbara.

Members of the silver medal-winning boys' lightweight 8 include: Brianna

Zuckerman (coxswain), Stefanos Psaltis-Ivanos, Connor McGivern, Ian Willmore, Wogan Snyder, Jacob Souza, Addison Guynn, Drew Jones, and Peter Laboy. Peter Stramese, the Titan Boys head coach, guides this boat.

Members of the silver medal-winning girls' varsity Lightweight 8 include: Paige St. John (coxswain), Anissa Ashraf, Lauren Kelly, Sierra Arnold, Leeann Richards, Tori Cook, Olivia Anthony, Sarah Scroggs, and Emily Debodene. Jaime Rubini coaches the boat.

Members of the bronze medal-winning girls' freshman 8 include: Paula Filios (coxswain), Chloe Marsh, Grace Fluharty, Blythe Markel, Ailysh Motinger, Piper Bucholz, Charlotte Milone, Elspeth Collard, and Anna Guynn. It is coached by Patrick Marquardt.

These TC boats will head for the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta, commonly called "the Nationals," which will be held in Dillon State Park near Zanesville, Ohio next weekend.

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#### ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 16-05-02

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All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., June 10, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

A pre-bid conference/site visit will be held on May 27, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the address listed above.

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

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this ITB and/or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in any bid.

Gerald W. Amacker (Jerry)  
Senior Buyer

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#### OBITUARY



**PITTS, Shirley Murry, 83**, of Richmond, formerly of Arkadelphia, Ark., died on Monday, May 23, 2016. She battled cancer, but passed away peacefully. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cmdr. (USN) Paul Denney Pitts. Visitation will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Alexandria, VA., on Wednesday, May 25, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 11 a.m. Thursday, May 26. For full obituary, please see [www.blilleys.com](http://www.blilleys.com)

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#### OBITUARY RUTH NASH BASOM, 100



Ruth Nash Basom of Lewisburg, PA rounded out a full century before her death on Nov., 30, 2015. She was born Nov. 15, 1915, in Kitchener, Ontario and became a U.S. citizen as an adult.

Like many of her generation, she was touched by the Great Depression- she was sent to live with relatives during a particularly lean period. Even so, she excelled in her studies and graduated from high school at 16. Her most cherished educational experiences were her grade school years in a one-room schoolhouse with a gifted teacher and an innovative master of nursing program (the first in the U.S.) at Western Reserve University, to which she won a scholarship.

While studying nursing, Ruth began a correspondence with the author of an article in a church newsletter. As the two became acquainted through their letters, they both began to realize they had found the partnership that would sustain them throughout their lives. Ruth married Rev. William E Basom in 1939, and they moved to Alexandria, Virginia. Bill started Beverley Hills Community Church that celebrated diversity and inclusion. Ruth worked as a visiting nurse in the slums of Washington DC, caring for the city's poor, some of whom had been born slaves. Together they raised four children and in 1946, founded Burgundy Farm School, the first racially integrated elementary school in Virginia.

Later, Ruth worked at George Washington University, teaching women who were entering the workforce for the first time after raising children. Her last working years were spent in Alexandria's Senior Services that helped find employment for senior citizens, some of whom were homeless.

In 1990, Ruth and Bill retired to Lewisburg, PA, where they continued their tradition of supporting local theater, music and organizations devoted to social justice, including the League of Women Voters, a group Ruth belonged to since the early 1940s. Old enough to be aware of what a treasure the right to vote is, she took great satisfaction in casting a ballot one last time in the final weeks of her life. Ruth and Bill were active at Beaver Memorial Church, helping find its way to becoming a reconciling congregation. For two decades, they met weekly with the Genesis Class, a group that explored life's fundamental questions. They also regularly attended a writing circle, which tapped into a lifelong passion of Ruth's--- she had majored in English at Hamline University. Her concise, authentic and often whimsical essays betray a delight in the world and deep insight into its inhabitants.

Ruth is survived by children Kenneth and Kathleen (Kit), daughter in law Linda; grandchildren, Reeve, Kit, Allen, Aaron, Edward, Eric and Kyle; and a great-grandson Victor.

She was predeceased by husband Bill, who died in 2011, sons Nash and Scott; and sister Helen.

A memorial service was held May 21 at River Woods Nursing Care Center, Lewisburg, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (online or at 434 W. 33rd St, New York, NY 10001); Doctors without Borders (online or PO Box 5030, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030); Union-Snyder Habitat for Humanity (online or PO box 64, Selinsgrove, PA 17870-0064); or the Donald Heiter Community Center, 100 N. Fifth St, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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Title: Request for Proposals No. 00000607, Employee Training and Development Instruction Services

Closing Date and Time: This is an open-ended solicitation. Proposals shall be accepted beginning May 19, 2016, 4:00 p.m., prevailing local time and continuing through May 31, 2021.

For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.

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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"We're not there to accuse him ... I don't see [sending an officer to someone's house] as a threat and I was hoping no one would feel threatened," said Cook. "I hoped we could mitigate a problem in the future."

In the future, Cook says if a similar situation occurs, he would ask the resident to meet with police at their headquarters or at a neutral location, making it clear that it was a request and not a command.

"There was no intention to correct his behavior," said Cook. "We had gotten complaints that he had gotten angry, but he had made no threatening motion and broke no law."

Cook says the department had received complaints three times before Cook decided to try and mediate.

"Given the persistence of the complaints, it didn't seem responsible to ignore it," said Cook.

"If he said 'I don't see it that way' then things would continue as they are ... The idea was to talk about it in a quiet moment, with no shackles or strong arming ... I may have too casually thought it wouldn't create a perception."

But after the meeting, Marston wasn't convinced.

"I am not satisfied with the Police Chief's reply," said Marston in an email. "The fundamental problem is that police showed up at my residence. Should we as citizens of Alexandria start fearing the police showing up at our door when we express our opinions in public?"

Cook said his response was the same as any repeated conflict between two citizens. Cook used the examples of quarrelling neighbors that involve the police: if no law is being broken, the officer can still talk to the residents and try and settle the dispute.

One alternative, Cook said had been proposed by the City Manager's office, was to have officers posted at every board and commission meeting, but not only did Cook say this would be an irresponsible use of police resources but that it would send the wrong message.

Cook said, if at any point during a meeting someone begins to feel threatened, they can still call the police and an officer will be dispatched.

Debra Collins, deputy city manager, said the requests for police presence was specifically a response to Marston. Collins said the complaints came in from Director of Planning and Zoning Karl Moritz and members of the Planning Commission, who said Marston's anger made them feel uncomfortable and concerned. Collins said complaints centered around concerns that Marston's anger could escalate and that they had hoped the police visit would just be a risk assessment.

"They were just supposed to make sure [he] was staying on the right side of the line," said Collins.

"I want to make it very clear that this had nothing to do with the city manager or the deputy city manager," said Cook. "If there was fault, it was mine."

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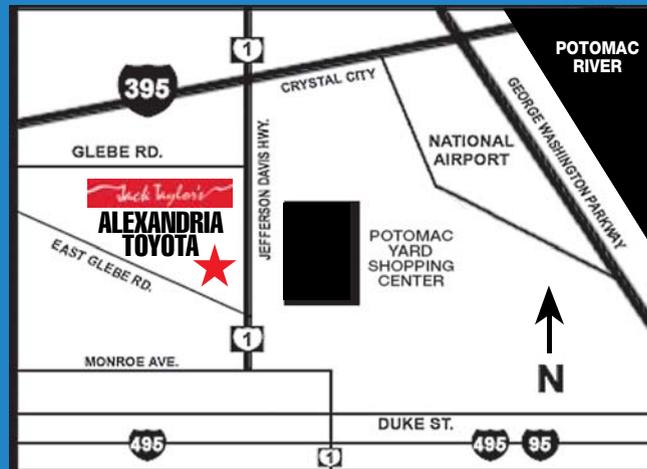
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