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West Potomac junior McKenna Wirth (left) advertises the current school musical "School of Rock" on Election Day while raising money to support the school's Beyond the Page Theatre Co.'s upcoming trip to Edinburgh, Scotland Fringe Festival to perform "Rock of Ages 101."

Heavy Early Turnout

Steady flow of voters at Mount Vernon precincts.

BY TIM PETERSON
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Chief election officer Doris McBryde said there were around 70 voters already in line at 6 a.m. when the polls opened at West Potomac High School. The turnout stayed steady through the morning and into the afternoon on election day Nov. 8.

One of the keys to continuing to move people through at a high rate of speed, she said, was new iPads Fairfax County purchased for each precinct to help check in registered voters. The devices allowed election officers to more quickly search by scanning

a driver's license or using just the first two letters of a first and last name.

"We also kept a copy of our paper poll book as a backup," McBryde said, and kept it updated with all absentee voter information.

On a couple of occasions, McBryde said a voter who was registered to vote early or absentee had an issue with their ballot, either not showing up altogether or arriving late. In those cases, voters were able to show up on Election Day, void their previous ballot and vote that day.

By 1:47 p.m., McBryde said the precinct had processed 43.7 percent, 1,062 voters, not including ab-

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Goran Belajic
of Mount Vernon

"I voted for Hillary. I've had a small business for 15 years. In the recession it's been hurt pretty bad, but it's always been better when Democrats are in power. And Trump is a career businessman. He's looking for his pocket all his life."



Shirlyn Barger (left) of Mount Vernon

"I voted for Hillary. Womens' issues mattered to me. And the Supreme Court justice is a decision that's going to come. I'm concerned about the other guy with his finger on the nuclear codes. If he gets mad over tweets, it would be scary."

Denise Madar (right) of Mount Vernon

"I voted for Hillary. Donald Trump is completely unpredictable, it makes me uncomfortable. That he'd have to deal with other heads of state. I don't know how he can put his own best interests aside."



Itiola Akingbola,
West Potomac senior

"I'm 17 so I can't vote yet, but I'm supporting Hillary, for her temperament, experience, eloquency, poise. Women's choices mattered to me, and national security. I do not support the Meals Tax. It's not written in if it will go towards classrooms specifically or teachers' raises. What impact would it have on a mother of five, going to McDonalds? I think we need to make fresh foods cheaper."

No to Trump And Meals Tax

Beyer, Connolly re-elected.

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With final numbers still coming in from around the country, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump carried a strong lead early Wednesday morning over Democrat opponent Hillary Clinton.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, however, the former first lady, U.S. senator and secretary of state picked up a victory over Trump. According to Virginia Department of Elections unofficial results, Clinton carried Virginia with 48.2 percent, 1,742,105 votes, to Trump's 46 percent, 1,662,777 votes. Libertarian Gary Johnson received three percent of the vote, just over 109,000.

Fairfax County played a key role in that Clinton win, registering a 63.8 percent vote for Clinton over 30.3 percent for Trump.

Newly re-elected U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) attended a Democratic Party of Virginia event in

Falls Church, hosted by Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D).

"In delivering Virginia for Secretary Clinton and Senator Kaine tonight," Connolly said in a statement, "Virginians sent a clear message that we will not tolerate the hateful rhetoric that sought to divide us."

But with Trump grabbing hold of multiple swing-states including electoral college heavyweights Ohio, Florida and North Carolina, he controlled a commanding lead over Clinton nationally going into the early morning. That was much to the surprise of many pollsters who had Clinton leading early in some of those battlegrounds.

"It's pretty clear there's a chunk of the electorate in the U.S. which is significantly alienated," said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36). "It's mind-boggling you could vote for someone who's an acknowledged sexual assaulter. The rest of world looks to our country to be a beacon of democracy — mature and responsible. Donald Trump

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Accident Victim's Friends Plan Memorial Service

A mari Newton, 18, of Alexandria was killed in a car crash in Brunswick County, Virginia on Nov. 5, Virginia State Police said.

The crash occurred at 10:17 a.m. when the southbound car left Interstate 85, hit a tree and flipped over.

Destiny Freeman, 18, of Lorton was driving the car. She was wearing a seatbelt and wasn't injured. Freeman was charged with reckless driving, and the crash is still being investigated.

Newton, a passenger, was not

wearing a seat belt, VSP said, and died at the scene of the crash.

The third passenger was a 20-year-old male. He wasn't wearing a seatbelt either and was thrown from the car. He was taken to the hospital for serious injuries.

A main service for Newton will be held in Savannah, Ga. A local service is being scheduled at Mount Vernon High School, where she had attended school.

Friends of Newton's are also raising money to hold a memorial at the school.

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Clinton, Kaine Carry Virginia; Trump Wins Country

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would be harmful to how people practice politics in the U.S.”

SUPERVISOR Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said: “A lot of people are dissatisfied with government,” he said. “In the end, the people have spoken.”

In the U.S. House of Representatives’ 10th District race, incumbent Republican Barbara Comstock defeated Democrat challenger LuAnn Bennett 53.3 percent to 46.3 percent.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) in the 11th District ran unopposed and received 87.39 percent of the popular vote. Incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) was re-elected with more than 68 percent of the vote.

“I thank the voters of Virginia’s 11th district for once again giving me their trust and sending me back to Congress,” Connolly said in a statement. “I love what I do and I love representing the people of Northern Virginia. It’s been the greatest privilege of my life.”

Also on the ballot for Virginia voters were two Constitutional amendments, plus in Fairfax County, a referendum on the meals tax and a trio of bonds items.

The first amendment, known as “right to work,” essentially ensures a citizen is allowed to work in a job without being required to join a labor union. That measure was voted down in Virginia 53.5 percent to 46.5 percent. Fairfax County went slightly further, voting it down with 55.8 percent of votes.

“I was very happy it didn’t pass,” said Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) who represents much of the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County. “It shows Virginians don’t like to mess with our Constitution. And unions are still quite respected by our electorate.”

Question two, a property tax exemption for spouses of police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty, passed overwhelmingly with 79.5 percent of the vote, or 2,575,064 votes.



Center, Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) announces Hillary Clinton a winner in the Commonwealth over Republican challenger Donald Trump.

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The proposed Fairfax County meals tax was defeated by a margin of 55.8 percent to 44.2 percent.

MEALS TAX referendum would have allowed Fairfax County supervisors to enact up to a four percent tax on prepared foods and beverages. Opponents called the tax regressive and said it would negatively impact more families than it would benefit. Supporters pointed to the 70 percent of revenue generated by the tax promised to go directly to Fairfax County Public Schools as the system struggles to find money to pay teachers competitively.

“It was an uphill battle from the start,” Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova said from the Fairfax County Democratic Committee election night party at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Bulova had openly supported the tax along with Fairfax County School Board chair



U.S. Rep. Donald Beyer (center) with his wife Megan Beyer (left) and U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott at an Election Night party held in the State Theatre in Falls Church.

Sandy Evans. “People are inherently, and historically, resistant to taxing themselves.”

The last time a meals tax appeared on the ballot in 1992.

“People have spoken again,” said Herrity, who was strongly against the proposal. “They’re not ready for another \$100 million tax on top of the \$100 million we put on them earlier this year. ...

“This wasn’t a Republican or Democrat issue,” Herrity continued. “We need to grow our commercial tax base and spend more wisely. Just like 1992, it sends a message to the Board of Supervisors and school board we need to get the spending under control.”

Krizek said it could be a long time before voters see another meals tax referendum on the ballot. “This was the year to do it,” he said. “It was a very good grass roots campaign, but everyone had a different take on it, it wasn’t really a unified message, that kind of hurt.”

Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) sat on the school board for

Unofficial Election Results

Source: <http://results.elections.virginia.gov/>

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Virginia Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	1,904,700	49.46%
Donald J. Trump (R)	1,722,045	44.72%
Gary Johnson (L)	115,330	2.99%
Evan McMullin (I)	52,538	1.36%
Jill Stein (G)	27,138	0.70%

Fairfax County Results

Hillary Clinton (D)	354,486	64.41%
Donald J. Trump (R)	157,547	28.63%
Gary Johnson (L)	15,649	2.84%
Evan McMullin (I)	10,366	1.88%
Jill Stein (G)	4,551	0.83%

U.S. Congress

Member House of Representatives (08)

Donald S. Beyer Jr. (D)	245,775	68.36%
Charles A. Hernick (R)	98,123	27.29%
Julio Gracia (I)	14,617	4.07%

Member House of Representatives (11)

G. E. “Gerry” Connolly (D)	233,552	87.65%
Write-in	32,922	12.35%
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Fairfax County Meals Tax

No	286,543	53.69%
Yes	247,139	46.31%



Right, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA) speaks at the Democratic Party of Virginia event in Falls Church on election night.



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sentees (which would be counted later that evening).

Aside from having to remind several campaigning parties to set up at least 40 feet from the entrance to the building, the chief election officer said the day had been running smoothly.

“Voters seem to think things are going well,” McBryde said. “If they’re happy, I’m happy.”

Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) stopped by West Potomac after visiting the precinct at Bryant Alternative High School, which served the Bucknell precinct.

He said there was a heavy morning, like most precincts, followed by steady turnout through the afternoon. “It was representative of that community,” Krizek said, “a lot of different nationalities, American citizens all proud to vote. It was nice to see.”

One particular group of Latino voters he said had an issue where they thought they were registered but weren’t.

They were allowed to file provisional ballots. “It was all handled really well by the folks there,” Krizek said.



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Voters Reject Meals Tax

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over a decade before becoming supervisor. “It’s going to be very difficult to make up that support in any other way, for schools’ needs which are getting more challenging,” he said. “I’m disappointed that other jurisdictions will continue to benefit from our restaurant-going, but Fairfax County won’t benefit from their restaurant-going.” Arlington, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, Town of Vienna and Town of Herndon have a tax on meals.

Each of three Fairfax County bond items passed with more than 60 percent of the vote, including transportation, parks and facilities, and human services and development bonds.

“People have always been supportive,” of the bonds, Bulova said. “It’s a reflection of our careful budgeting of debt service.”

For more results, see results.elections.virginia.gov



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From left: Lindsey Doane, Sharon Bulova’s communications director, and Bebe Nguyen, Reston Community Center’s communications director, take in the Fairfax County Democratic Committee election night party at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.



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Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 888, sponsored by Heritage Presbyterian Church, recognized 10 of its members on Sunday, Oct. 23, as having earned the rank of Eagle Scout during the 12 months from fall 2015 to fall 2016. From left, back row, are Erick Roach, Chris Jones, Carter Engvall, Ian Schurr, Alex Wells, and Tom Boswell. From left, front row, are Hayden McCloud, Nick Hogan, John Boswell, and Dominic Mancini.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 10

The Circle of Caring Holiday Grief Program. 7-9 p.m. Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Hwy. Presentation by Katie Basinski,

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SATURDAY/NOV. 12

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BURGLARY: 6500 block of Tower Drive, Nov. 5, 5:11 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

ROBBERY: 8300 block of Claremont Woods Drive, Nov. 1 around 2:55 p.m. Investigation determined two men robbed a 60-year-old man who was delivering food. The suspects were described as black, between 18 and 22 years old. One was between 5 feet 6 and 5 feet 9 inches tall and 165 pounds, wearing a blue coat and light-colored pants. The other was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and 145 pounds, wearing a dark-colored jacket and skinny jeans. The victim was taken to the hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

ROBBERY: 2300 block of Huntington Avenue (7-Eleven), Nov. 1 around 12:30 a.m. Three men walked into the business; one of the produced a gun and demanded money from the clerks, a 54-year-old woman and 33-year-old man. The suspects stole an undisclosed amount of money and fled. The victims did not require medical attention.

ROBBERY: 2300 block of Huntington Avenue, Oct. 31 around 8:13 p.m. Investigation determined a 56-year-old man was walking when another man approached him and asked for money. The victim refused and the suspect assaulted him. Another man was nearby and started to call police, but the suspect struck him, took the phone and

fled. The suspect was described as black, about 6 feet and wore a red jacket and blue jeans. The first victim declined medical attention. The other victim left the scene prior to police arrival and could not be located.

ROBBERY/MALICIOUS WOUNDING: 8400 block of Madge Lane, Oct. 31 around 9:45 p.m. An investigation determined a 37-year-old man was walking home when two men and three women approached him. One man was holding some type of stick and struck the victim. Then, the rest of the group started to assault him. The victim tried to use his phone to call for help but the suspects took it and continued to assault him. They fled and a group of passersby helped the victim home. He was later transported to the hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. The suspects were described as black. The male suspect that first struck him was about 19 years old and wearing a red and white sweater.

ROBBERY: 7700 block of Richmond Highway (Rent-A-Center), Oct. 31 between 9:45 and 10 p.m. An employee, a 38-year-old man, was getting into his car when another man approached from behind and demanded money. The employee refused and the suspect grabbed for the money bag. They struggled briefly and the suspect produced a gun. The victim surrendered the bag and the suspect fled. The suspect was described as Hispanic, between 20 and 25 years old, about 5 feet 9 inches tall and 160 pounds. He was wearing all black and his

face was covered. The victim did not require medical attention.

NOV. 8 LARCENIES
7900 block of Audubon Avenue, cash from business

3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, cell phone from vehicle

7400 block of Mount Vernon Square, merchandise from business

6300 block of Richmond Highway, cash from business

NOV. 7 LARCENIES

2200 block of Arlington Terrace, flag from residence

7900 block of Ashton Street, purse from vehicle
1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business

3000 block of Furman Lane, license plate from vehicle

3100 block of Holly Hill Road, purse from vehicle

5600 block of Kathryn Street, wallet from vehicle

8400 block of Madge Lane, bicycle from residence

4300 block of Pembroke Village Drive, documents and medication from residence

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

3100 block of Sherwood Hall Lane, wallet from business

STOLEN VEHICLES

8000 block of Buckman Court, 1997 Ford truck

5800 block of Richmond Highway, 2014 Dodge Charger

NOV. 4 LARCENIES

7900 block of Audubon Avenue, cash from business

3400 block of Austin Court, cell phone from business

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, beverages from business

7000 block of Quander Road, property from residence

NOV. 3 LARCENIES

500 block of Parkers Lane, property from business

NOV. 2 LARCENIES

7900 block of Audubon Avenue, cash from business

3300 block of Beech Cliff Drive, passport from vehicle

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, cigarettes from business

6300 block of Richmond Highway, electronic device from business

3500 block of River Wood Road, lumber from residence

6300 block of South Kings Highway, liquor from business

6500 block of Tower Drive, property from residence

STOLEN VEHICLES

8500 block of Carlos Court, 2000 Toyota Echo

2000 block of Huntington Avenue, 2009 Jeep Grand Cherokee

7100 block of Richmond Highway, 2007 Mercury Grand Marquis

NOV. 1 LARCENIES

2700 block of Beacon Hill Road, cell phone from business

6300 block of Dorset Drive, flashlight from vehicle

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OPINION

Coming: Children's Gazette 2016

Get creative and send art, poetry and more.

During the last week of each year, The Gazette devotes its entire issue to the creativity of local students and children. The results are always remarkable. It is a keepsake edition for many families. Even readers without children of that age spend time admiring and chuckling over the issue. The annual Children's Gazette is a tradition of well over a decade.

We publish artwork, poetry, essays, creative writing, opinion pieces, short stories, photography, photos of sculpture or gardens or other creative efforts.

We ask that all submissions be digital so they can be sent through email or delivered on CD or flash drive. Writing should be submitted in rich text format (.rtf). Artwork should be photographed or scanned and provided in jpeg format.

Some suggestions:

❖ Drawings or paintings or photographs of your family, friends, pets or some favorite activity. These should be photographed or scanned and submitted in jpeg format. Photos of sculpture or larger art projects are also welcome.

❖ Short answers (50 to 100 words) to some of the following questions: If you could give your parents, family or friends any gift that didn't cost money what would that gift be?

What are you most looking forward to in the upcoming year? What is one thing that you would change about school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What is your favorite animal? What is your favorite toy? What makes a good parent? What makes a good friend? Describe one of the best or worst things that ever happened to you? What is the best gift you've ever given? Ever received?

❖ Your opinion (50 to 100 words) about traffic, sports, restaurants, video games, toys, trends, politics, etc.

❖ Poetry or other creative writing.

❖ News stories from school newspapers.

❖ Photos and text about activities or events.

We welcome contributions from public and private schools, individuals and homeschoolers.

To be published, we must have the full first and last name of the student artist/writer.

Identify each piece of writing or art, including the student's full name, age, grade and town of residence, plus the name of the school, name of teacher and town of school location.

To send CDs or flash drives containing artwork and typed, electronic submissions, mark them clearly by school and hometown and mail the CD or flash drive to: Children's Gazette, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

Please send all submissions by Friday, Dec. 2. The Children's Gazette will publish the last week of 2016.

You can see last year's editions by visiting www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scroll down to Children's Edition.

Email submissions for the Children's Gazette to Gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote's Message: Examine Spending

To the Editor:

The voters have spoken and the Meals Tax Referendum was defeated 54 percent to 46 percent. I trust our Board of Supervisors does not interpret that result as a "mandate" to raise other local taxes it has the authority to raise. For example, the Real Estate Tax rate for Fairfax County is one of the highest in the area, \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. By comparison, Alexandria's rate is \$1.073, Arlington's rate is \$0.996, and Fairfax City's rate is \$1.062. The rate in Loudoun County is slightly higher, \$1.135 and in Prince William County slightly lower, \$1.122.

No, the vote should send the message to the Board of Supervisors that taxpayers feel over-taxed and that taxpayers want the county to tighten its belt and reduce spending. In a county of over 1 million residents, one would think economies of scale could be employed to reduce expenses and unnecessary and duplicative programs could be eliminated.

Fiscal responsibility needs to be the order of the day in Fairfax County. A smart, business-like approach can pay dividends. One purpose given for the meals tax was to fund increased teacher salaries. I understand teacher salaries are lower than those in neighboring jurisdictions but pension ben-

efits are higher. Perhaps pension benefits should be adjusted to more closely track those of neighboring jurisdictions and the savings could be applied to increasing teacher salaries.

The voters have spoken and political leaders must listen.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Facts Behind Rezoning Proposal

To the Editor:

Those who have driven on Parker Lane toward Sherwood Hall Lane recently probably noticed the yellow hand-painted signs on various front lawns, urging Supervisor Dan Storck to vote against the rezoning of the Bock farm, which sits on the corner of Parker Lane and Hinson Farm Road.

I admit, my first inference from the signs was that some unscrupulous person might be pressuring the Bocks to rezone and sell their property at a price grossly under market value (something that was attempted against them in the past). In an attempt to get the facts, I called Mr. Storck's office, speaking to his chief-of-staff, Christine Morin, and a few days later I spoke with Mrs. Bock, with whom I am acquainted.

The facts are that only a 4.3 acres of the horse farm property facing Hinson Farm Road next to

Mount Vernon House and across from Mount Vernon Hospital will change. This land will be used for the construction of condominium buildings for adults 55 and older. It will also include affordable units suitable for public servants, such as firefighters and teachers; far too often these public servants can't afford to live in the areas in which they serve because of real estate prices.

Apparently, people who object to the rezoning fear further urbanization of the area, higher real estate taxes, further overburdened schools, and increased traffic. Considering the proposed condominiums will have fewer units than what is allowed under current PDH zoning (downsizing changes have already been made in response to the zoning objections); will house older people who are less likely to be adding students to the public schools; and will increase county income paid by the condominium owners, it's hard to believe the rezoning would be detrimental to the neighborhood or the community at large. It's also likely that increased traffic attributable to the new condominiums would be minimal, despite what the opponents say.

For those who think the Bocks might be greedy in selling a piece of their property, think again. They have spent decades as part of our community with a unique setting for horses. The Bocks have cared for many horses who because of age or injury cannot be ridden or put at service of people. Many of these horses have been allowed to

end their years in pleasant retirement. The Bocks, now both in their 70s, also would like to retire. Caring for horses and maintaining appropriate facilities requires much hard labor seven days a week with no holidays to provide respite from the work. In addition, care for horses is expensive, having to provide feed, medical care, and shelter in all weather.

In the end, unless the rezoning objectors want to buy the farm from the Bocks lock, stock, and barrel for a fair market price, they might want to take another look at their objections. Only a third of this land will be used for the condominiums; the zoning for the remaining seven acres will only be for three single family homes. In addition, the developer plans to plant substantial stands of additional trees as a pleasant green buffer within the neighborhood. This is hardly a picture of urbanization.

The Bocks won't get rich from this action; they might just break even. They have served the community by being good neighbors to those in the Mount Vernon area, by being dedicated to helping horses in need, and by being good friends to horse lovers who use their facilities and who have great fondness for this wonderful, hardworking couple.

At the Sept. 20 public hearing before the Board of Supervisors of the seven people who spoke, only one person spoke against it, and the county planning board reported a unanimous decision to

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OPINION

Day To Honor Veterans

By PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

This Friday we take time to honor our veterans and their families. After World War I came to a close on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Nov. 11 became an important day of observance. It was first called "Armistice Day" to commemorate the signing of the Armistice with Germany ending the war. It was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

My father, Colonel Eugene Krizek (ret.), served in World War

II in the Army Air Corps and remained in

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the U.S. Air Force reserves for 39 years. I am thankful for his service to our country and for every veteran's service. On Friday, I encourage all of us, as we enjoy time with our families, to celebrate with pride the heroism of those who served in our country's military, and to pay respect to America's veterans for their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Veterans are an integral part of our country and our community. In Fairfax County alone, there is an estimated 75,000 veterans, and the 44th district that I represent in the General Assembly includes parts of Fort Belvoir. This past January, ground broke on



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Artist's rendering of the National Museum of the United States Army .

the new National Army Museum in Fort Belvoir. The museum is a great tribute to the U.S. Army and will give people the opportunity to honor Army veterans as well as learn about the history of the U.S. Army year round.

It will feature over 15,000 pieces of historical Army art, a main exhibition centerpiece, memorial gardens and parade grounds. The museum is expected to open in 2019.

This election season has shown how conflict and disagreements are an inevitable part of humanity, however Veterans Day proves that we can stand united and reflect on what is important.



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'Search and Rescue' at Camporee

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persons, how to communicate by radio, how to prevent being lost, basic first aid skills, cold weather survival techniques, and map reading skills. Scouts also conducted mock searches for lost persons. Representatives of the Coast Guard and the Maryland State Police Aviation unit were also present. Nearly 400 Scouts, including many from Mount Vernon area, were in attendance.



A trooper from the Maryland State Police Aviation unit explains his unit's role in search and rescue.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Aliyah Toler of Alexandria was among more than 500 students who earned endowed scholarships at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio, this fall.

Toler, a graduate of National Collegiate Preparatory Public Charter High School majoring in

communication studies, earned the J. Everton & Mary Louise Houston Scholarship and the Marion & Frank Mueller Scholarship.

Hannah Posson of Alexandria has enrolled as part of the Class of 2020 at Marietta College in Ohio for the Fall 2016 semester. Posson is majoring in Environmental Science. Students can pursue bachelor's degrees in one of 45 majors offered at Marietta.



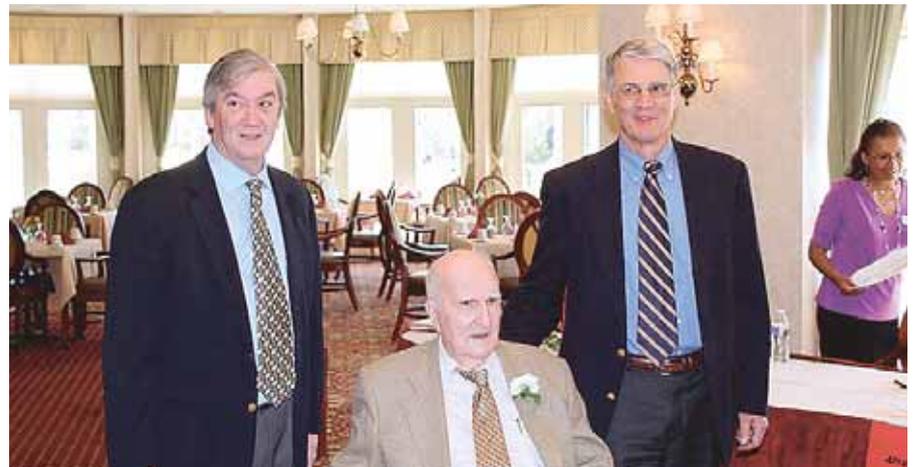
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Centenarians

On Oct. 25, The Fairfax at Fort Belvoir hosted an event to recognize 15 centenarians in the Northern Virginia region. Kay St. John is 101 and Clive Watson is 102.



Vera Punke is 101 and Ray Renola is turning 100 on Nov. 17.



Retired Army Colonel Willis Scudder celebrated his 101st birthday with his sons. He lived in Alexandria, and taught high school after he retired from the military. His most memorable military tour was his time in China where he met his wife while she was working at the U.S. Embassy.

New Bike Lanes Available

Also, 3.5 miles in upgraded buffered bike lanes are now in place on Telegraph Road (Lee District) from the Fairfax County Parkway to Hilltop Village Center Drive, and features the county's first bicycle two-stage left turn.

Fairfax County currently has 368 miles of bike lanes, shared-use paths and trails, which includes approximately 70 miles of on-street facilities. The county's goal of creating a 1,130-mile bike network was approved by the Board of Supervisors in the Bicycle Master Plan in Fall 2014.

The bike lanes are a part of VDOT's repaving program, which gives the Commonwealth and County Departments of Transportation an opportunity to identify, design and implement bike projects on roads that were already included in the repaving plan. Improvements included shifting or narrowing lanes to accommodate bike lanes; placing shared-lane markings, known as "sharrows," on the road to help increase awareness of cyclist activity; and "road diets," which reduce travel lanes to help reduce speeding and increase safety.

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OLD TOWN TOWNHOUSE Nethergate in Old Town
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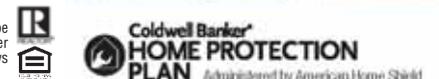
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HOME SALES

In September 2016, 120 homes sold between \$1,525,000-\$80,000 in the Mount Vernon area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,525,000-\$178,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
7710 RIDGECREST DR	7	7	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,525,000	Detached	0.59	22308	WELLINGTON	
7732 SOUTHDOWN RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,089,000	Detached	0.40	22308	WELLINGTON	
2207 SHIVER DR	6	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$900,000	Detached	0.40	22307	RANDALL	
6208 FOXCROFT RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$880,000	Detached	0.22	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
8061 FAIRFAX RD	6	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	0.15	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
2200 FORESTHILL RD	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$843,000	Detached	0.17	22307	BELLE HAVEN	
8402 MOREY LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.34	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
1608 HOLLINDALE DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.63	22306	HOLLINDALE	
2003 STIRRUP LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.27	22308	RIVERSIDE GARDENS	
4520 DOLPHIN LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.51	22309	YACHT HAVEN EST	
1009 POTOMAC LN	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.26	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
8817 BLACK ALDER DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.22	22309	WOODMILL ESTATES	
7577 LINDBERG DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Detached	0.14	22306	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS	
8505 CAMDEN ST	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.09	22308	VERNON ON POTOMAC	
1919 DUFFIELD LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Townhouse	0.07	22307	BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN	
1104 DALEBROOK DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$608,000	Detached	0.26	22308	WAYNEWOOD	
8801 LINTON LN	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$606,000	Detached	0.28	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING	
4123 ROBERTSON BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.34	22309	MT VERNON GROVE	
8608 MOUNT VERNON HWY	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.41	22309	MOUNT VERNON HILLS	
3792 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$599,900	Townhouse	0.07	22303	ELMWOOD	
8704 LINTON LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Detached	0.31	22308	STRAITFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
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3781 MARY EVELYN WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,500	Detached	0.09	22309	VERNON HEIGHTS	
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7334 TAVENNER LN #1A	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$185,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22306	TAVENNER WOODS	
3906 WOODHUE PL #7	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$178,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22309	SEQUOYAH	

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Guest-Ready Home for the Holidays

From organizing to decorating, a guide for getting a house ready for visitors.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Ready or not, the holidays are coming. For many, this means a flurry of overnight guests. With three weeks before Thanksgiving, many to-do lists are more involved than choosing turkeys and decking the halls.

Some homeowners will be sent into states of cleaning frenzy by spotting crumbled Cheerios lost in the corners of dining chairs or guestrooms piled high with papers and boxes. From the reality of cleaning and tending to repairs to the frivolity of fanciful holiday decorating, local experts offer suggestions for getting organized and ready to welcome company.

"For my out-of-town guests, I love to make them feel special and welcome," said interior designer Gretchen Fuss, of Gretchen Fuss Works of Art and Interior Design. "The whole house will be clean and sparkling."

Consider dispersing flowers, candles and greenery throughout the home in all public areas, including bathrooms and guest bedrooms, suggests Katie McCarthy, senior designer and project manager at Marika Meyer Interiors. "Adding lush throws and cable knit pillows can give the family space that cozy feeling we all look for during the holidays."

Clear the clutter before purchasing holiday decorations and before guests arrive. "Clear out any clutter that's accumulated in your main living areas," said Anne M. Walker, Anne Walker Design LLC in Potomac, Md. "If your dining room is host to a pile of papers, make sure those get filed away or thrown away soon. A clean, organized home makes a perfect palette for any holiday décor."

The kitchen is often the central hub of a household, especially during the holidays. Make sure the pantry and refrigerator are well stocked and consider leaving out a bowl of fresh fruit guests can help themselves to, advises Fuss. "Breakfast is always a meal that seems to make everyone happy," she said. "My husband starts the bacon and everyone finds his or her way to the kitchen



PHOTO BY ANNE WALKER

Guest preparation should include organizing and making extra space in closets, such as this one by interior designer Anne Walker.

table. I feel it is important to have both comfort food and healthy choices for everyone."

Cleaning out the pantry and cabinets will help ensure there is plenty of room for the additional supplies and food necessary for Thanksgiving and other holiday meals.

When preparing that holiday dinner, the last thing that a person with a house full of guests wants is to realize that their oven is broken. "Inspect your appliances to be sure they are all in working order," said Chuck Khiel, vice president, FRED Home Improvement. "If the refrigerator or oven has been acting up, get them repaired or replaced before guests arrive. ... Check the garbage disposal, too, to be sure it's working efficiently so it doesn't back up during dinner prep."

Another high priority — the highest, according to Fuss — is the guest bedroom. This means "fresh bed linens adorning a 'photo shoot-ready,' beautifully made bed" and bath towels wrapped with ribbon and sage," she said. "Put a luggage rack out and

make space in the closet for hanging clothes."

Place fresh flowers on the dresser and, "if time allows, frame a picture of your guests and hang it on the wall in the guest room," said Fuss. "Everyone really gets a kick out of this one."

From soft lights for reading to a small mirror for applying make-up, practical touches can go a long way toward comfort. "These touches, although they may seem small, can make all the difference," said McCarthy. "Small bud vases on bedside tables, plush bathrobes and towels, and fresh, white bedding can give guest spaces a very inviting feeling."

Guest bathrooms should be stocked with extra towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste. "If your guest bathroom has a vent fan with a nightlight, make sure it is working," said Khiel "If not, repair or replace it. If the fan does not have this feature, install a plugin nightlight. There's nothing worse than guests stumbling in the dark trying to find the bathroom light."

"Make the powder room fun and festive by updating the towel rack and toilet paper holder, mirror and light fixture," said Khiel. "Think about replacing the kitchen or bathroom faucet to a new, more efficient model or one with a water filter. And get any leaky faucets fixed."

A slow-burning fire is another way to create a sense of comfort and warmth. "Inspect your fireplace to be sure it's in working order and no debris is blocking the flue," said Khiel. "Consider building or adding a storage box for wood next to fireplace for easy access or add a permanent and decorative accent box nearby for the remote if a gas fireplace."

"Check that the dryer vent is clear, adding guests may mean more laundry," he added. "Make sure the heat vents are not obstructed. Since guests often stay in rooms that are not frequently used, make sure stored items are not in the way of airflow."

Electrical outlets that are infrequently used are often forgotten until guests arrive. "Fix nonworking electrical outlets that you



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Small bud vases on bedside tables and fresh bedding can give guest spaces a very inviting feeling, advises designer Katie McCarthy of Marika Meyer Interiors.

might need with more people in the house. Everyone will be have electronics to plug in," said Khiel. He said this is also a good time to take care of other simple projects like painting or putting in a new backsplash.

"Oil those squeaky interior and exterior doors so they don't wake up guests during the night," said Khiel. "Think about replacing broken or worn door knobs and locks."

The outside of a home should not be overlooked when preparing for guests, either. "Fall is a great time to tackle outdoor projects," said Walker. "If your shutters needs a fresh coat of paint, now's the time to do it. Have your windows professionally cleaned so that your holiday decorations will be seen on a pristine backdrop."

Power-washing your porches, walkways and patios offers guests a pristine first impression of your home. Inspect all walkways, especially flagstone and brick walkways and repair loose stones, advises Khiel. "Check exterior light fixtures to be sure they are in working order and that the bulbs are good. If exterior lights operate off a motion sensor, make sure it is adjusted properly."

"The bottom line," said Walker, "is that an organized, clean home, a stocked bar and kitchen, and happy, relaxed hosts will undoubtedly result in happy holiday guests."

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Shifting Gears

Bumpy road ahead for Capital Bikeshare expansion in Northern Virginia.

BY VERNON MILES
THE GAZETTE

It takes a little over two hours to bike from downtown Washington D.C. to the Reston. For the Capital Bikeshare, it's a trip that's taken six years.

On Oct. 21, Fairfax County launched 29 bike-share stations in Reston and Tysons, joining Alexandria and Arlington in the expansion of Capital Bikeshare into Northern Virginia.

While the program doesn't recover all of its costs, experts say it's highly unusual for any public transportation.

"In general, as transport researcher, no transport mode covers its costs," said Ralph Buehler, an associate professor in Urban Affairs at Virginia Tech's Alexandria Campus. "Public transport is highly subsidized in terms of operating and building infrastructure. If you think about automobiles and the gas tax, and what it covers in terms of roadways, it's only about 60 percent nationally. All transport is subsidized."

Buehler says there are a number of different ways each locality can measure success. For Leah Brooks, a professor of public policy and administration at George Washington University, the best measure was how bike-share programs measure up to other transit systems, like bus or metro. Arlington has a 54 percent cost recovery, meaning the bike share recovers a little over half of what is spent on the program. In Washington D.C., Capital Bikeshare has a 75 percent cost recovery ratio for 2016 and is projected to increase to 87 percent by FY2021. According to Carrie Sanders, deputy director of Alexandria's Transportation and Environmental Services, the city's bike-share recovers 62 percent of its operating costs. Measured by cost recovery, Capital Bikeshare in Arlington and Alexandria are not as successful as Metrorail, which recovers 71 percent of its costs, but are more successful than bus programs like Metrobus and ART bus, or DASH bus which each recover roughly 30 percent of their cost.

But as the bike-share expands in Northern Virginia, that success could be compromised as more and more stations are located outside of Metro and tourist centers. In Arlington, ridership is still increasing but at a slower rate each year. Ridership doubled in fiscal year (FY) 2012

and increased by 75 percent in FY 2013, between 2014 and 2015 ridership increased by 18 percent. As the system expands, the average number of trips per bicycle has also decreased from 393 to 381.

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— **Yon Lambert, Director of Transportation**

Capital Bikeshare by Jurisdiction

	Arlington	Alexandria	Washington D.C.	Fairfax County
Population	224,906	148,892	658,893	1,131,000
Stations	85	32	249	29
Docks	1186	498	4537	255
Registered Users	3,496	827	2,196,000	n/a
Total Ridership (trips starting in locality)	263,111	36,895	2,816,000	n/a
Total Revenue	\$1,078,000	\$256,495	\$5,538,000	n/a
Total Operating Costs	\$2,010,000	\$448,765	\$7,190,000	\$430,000
Total Capital Costs FY2017	\$740,000	\$675,000	\$1,892,000	\$1,600,000

"This decrease was expected as the system expands to outside of Arlington's Metrorail corridors where the highest ridership stations are located," said Arlington County staff in a 2015 progress report on the Capital Bikeshare. "Moving forward, the system will likely see a slowing of ridership growth as the service matures."

EXPERTS SAY that as the bike-share moves further away from Metro stations, the less cost effective the program becomes.

"The system lives and dies by its opportunities to pick up and drop off a bike," said Buehler "If the network of stations is spread too thinly, people won't use it. In Montreal, most bike-shares are concentrated in the most dense urban area. It's around just two blocks. The D.C. system is a little more spread out, but if you spread them too thinly, you lose the utility of the system. They have to be careful as they go out into the suburbs. You have to give riders actual options for 30-minute rides. Spreading out can be a good thing, but too few stations in an area will hurt the system. The ones in Tysons and Reston are locally concentrated, which seems like the right way to do it."

Like Arlington, Capital Bikeshare in Alexandria has been centered around metro stations. The most popular bikeshare station is the dock outside the Braddock Street Metro with a total 7,827 trips departing from that station in 2015. The King Street Metro station was the second most popular, with 6,194 trips.

Like Arlington, as the system expands, the plans for Capital Bikeshare expansion will push the bike-share further from the Metro and the dense population centers. However, Sanders said Alexandria will continue to focus its bike-share expansion around other major public transportation projects.

"As we expand, we're looking to continue to have bike-share stations be close to activity centers like bus rapid transit stations,"

said Sanders.

"As we add to the network opportunities we'll see ridership continue to increase and we'll see it become more convenient for people," said Yon Lambert, director of Transportation for Alexandria. "People will see that it can be more convenient, quicker and safer."

Brooks also emphasized that Capital Bikeshare's current success is largely a result of the program's ability to integrate with other forms of public transit.

"The key thing with the bike-share is where the stations are located," said Brooks. "That means are they near people that want to ride them and near locations that mesh with transit."

In some ways, Brooks says bike-share in Northern Virginia is more comparable to the Citi-Bike system in New York than to the bike-share in Washington D.C. According to Brooks, Capital Bikeshare's success in D.C. benefits from high numbers of tourists, who pay a high upfront fee to ride and don't ride it as much as residents do. In New York, Brooks says most of the riders are residents using the system to get to and from subway stations. While areas like Old Town Alexandria and Rosslyn might see similar benefits from tourist use, as the bikeshare expands further away from tourist centers Brooks says the ridership will largely shift towards the more costly role of supplementing local resident transit.

"If Arlington County or Alexandria wants to attract residents or businesses, they point to the Metro, to waterfront, and to the Torpedo Factory. Now, they can point to Capital Bikeshare."

— **Ralph Buehler, associate professor, Urban Affairs, Virginia Tech**

According to Buehler, localities like Fairfax, Alexandria, and Arlington continue to push for bikeshare stations to create a more modernized image in an effort to attract more development.

"There is a sense among developers and city officials, maybe even among residents, that having a bikeshare system makes you a cutting edge place to be," said Buehler. "It's part of the image. If Arlington County or Alexandria wants to attract residents or businesses, they point to the Metro, to waterfront, and to the Torpedo Factory. Now, they can point to Capital Bikeshare."



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Bikeshare Dock being transported to Fairfax County for Oct. 21 opening.

ENTERTAINMENT



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“Whitehouse Hockey”

A Banquet of 40 Films

Alexandria Film Festival celebrates 10 years.

BY NATALIA MEGAS
THE GAZETTE

There are more independent film festivals in the Washington, D.C. metro area now than any other time in the area's history, and that's great for cinephiles.

One of the last metro area film festivals of the year is the Alexandria Film Festival, Nov. 10-13, celebrating 10 years of eclectic choices ranging from American to foreign films to local stories.

Patti North, who has been involved with the festival since its inception, first as a member of the city's arts council and now as executive director, says film festivals are special because they offer variety and diversity.

“The film camera can be a window of empathy Film gives you an opportunity to see that point of view and consider it on really intimate terms. It's a window not only on the world but on people,” she said. North says what makes the Alexandria Film Festival so special is their location and ability to call on area experts for panel discussions. “There will always be someone we can call upon about their expertise” on a film subject.

The four-day fest returns to the city with 40 films,

including a number of free events, post-film discussions, special events, live musical performances and special events. The festival kicks off on Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. with a free event on Market Square in historic Old Town Alexandria, a screening of the documentary “Nighthawks on the Blue Highway” <http://www.nighthawksbluehighway.com/> about a local blues band, followed by the band's concert.

The festival continues with Free Friday Screenings, a Foodie Showcase, and a Sports Showcase. Perhaps the most relevant is the Local Showcase, which will screen films like, “When Mickey Came to Town,” a short documentary about when Disney company executives tried to impose an unwanted theme park in a nearby town and “White House Hockey,” an eight-minute documentary about the longest running street hockey pickup game in America on Pennsylvania Avenue. The festival is also premiering season two of the PBS series, “Mercy Street.” Films will be screened at AMC Hoffman Center 22, Market Square and Beatley Central Library while the special events to celebrate independent films will take place throughout Alexandria.

Since its inception, the festival has had a good eye for worthy films. The festival's first year in 2007 screened “War/Dance,” a documentary by two Chevy Chase filmmakers, Sean Fines and Andrea Nix Fines, who won best film that night and later went on to be nominated

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

ONGOING

Little Theatre of Alexandria: “A Party to Murder.” Through Nov. 12, various times at 600 Wolfe St. It's Halloween and six people have come to play a murder-mystery game hosted by writer Charles Prince at a rustic island cottage in Michigan. This play is a fast-paced farce, so what could go wrong? As the characters embark on a weekend of fun, ghosts from the past begin to haunt the proceedings, and it becomes clear that they are both playing for laughs and their lives. The Little Theatre of Alexandria audiences are treated to rising tensions, secret passageways, incriminating letters, unexpected corpses, and a 25-year-old unsolved mystery that will propel the audience to...well, we don't want to give away the unexpected and terrifying conclusion. Tickets are \$19-22. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

John M. Adams: “Current Interrupted.” Through Nov. 13, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.thefullempy.com for more.

Matthew Grimes: “(In)Material” and “Pliant.” Through Nov. 14, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter for more.

Young at Art Exhibition. Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at Durant arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Calling all senior artists. This annual event is cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation. The Call for Art is Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 fee to submit up to three works of art. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, ext. 111 or Jeanne Jacobs at 703-824-1345.

Art Exhibit: “Serenity in Chaos.” Through Nov. 20, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The theme of this show reflects the artist's unique view of the photographic medium. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Post-Graduate Residency Program. Through Nov. 27, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Post-Graduate Master's of Fine Arts Residency is a competitive program, housed in Studio 12, where four emerging artists create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other working artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

November Artist Showcase. Through Nov. 30 at Broadway Gallery Fine Art and Custom Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive, featuring the abstract and wildlife art of local artist, Buck Nelligan. Email bev@broadwaygalleries.net.

Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Coneway. Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, “The Artist's Rule,” will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the

themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of “The Artist's Rule” and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

Art Exhibit: Color Disorder. Through Jan. 8 at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Katie Baines and Amy Chan's acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print work on display. Sat., Nov. 13, 4-6 p.m. is opening reception. 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Art Making as Meditation with Kathryn Coneway. Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

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 for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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

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

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.

Dishing up Wares for a Holiday Harvest Spread through Nov. 30 at 105 N. Union St., ground floor Studio 19. Artists riff on an abundance of raw material, creatively cooking up a table fully dressed for the holidays from the centerpiece down to the dishes. For more information, call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit scopegallery.org, or torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame-USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors

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Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Second Thursday Music.

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

The Monday Morning Birdwalk

takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

THROUGH NOV. 19

School of Rock.

West Potomac Theater, 6500 Quander Rd., presented by the Beyond the Page Theatre Company (BTPTC) at West Potomac High School. Show times vary: Nov. 4, 7 p.m.; Nov. 5, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Nov 11 - 5 p.m.; Nov 12 - 7 p.m.; Nov 18 - 7 p.m.; Nov 19 - 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, contact Peelee Clark at WestPoTheatre@gmail.com or 703-718-2585.

THROUGH JAN. 8

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:

"Geometry Glitz." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. 2016. In this show, our artists have the sparkle and shine of the holidays for inspiration, with an additional focus on geometry. Explorations may focus on points,

lines, and other flat shapes, such as circles and triangles, or 3-dimensional shapes, such as spheres and cubes. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

Bagels and Bach Concert Series

Returns. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Enjoy classical music from Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association's Youth Orchestras while eating a light brunch. Advance registration: resident \$10/Nonresident \$15. Children under 5 years old are free. For more information, contact Cheryl Ann Colton at 703-746-5565 or e-mail cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 9-13

Fall Book Sale.

7-8:45 p.m. Wednesday (for members only), 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Friends of Duncan Library is hosting its bi-annual book sale, the proceeds of which go to support Library programming and materials. Free. Visit friendsofduncanlibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY-MONDAY/NOV. 9-14

Alexandria Marina Welcomes Tall Ship "El Galeón." 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at City Marina, 0 Cameron St. Tours are available and tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under age 5. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/el-galeon.



Brandy Clark

Four-time Grammy-nominee and Country Music Association Award winning singer/songwriter Brandy Clark will be at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m., Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

NOV. 9-DEC. 4

"Sound of Butterfly" Art Exhibit.

3-4:30 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 21, 105 N. Union St. Photographer and multimedia

artist Soomin Ham explores grief through the "Sound of Butterfly." See www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 10-13

Alexandria Film Festival. AMC Hoffman Center 22, 206 Swamp Fox Road and Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. The 10th annual Alexandria Film Festival brings together short and feature length films of all genres from emerging and established, local and international filmmakers. All ticketed events will be held at the AMC Hoffman Theater 22, with Beatley Central Library offering free programs to the public. Visit www.alexandriafilm.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 10

Alexandria Film Festival's 10th Anniversary.

7-9 p.m. at Market Square on King St. Free outdoor movie "Nighthawks on the Blue Highway," free Nighthawks concert and free popcorn. www.AlexFilmFest.com.

Veterans Ball Dance Class.

7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. In preparation for the Veterans Ball on Nov. 12, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. Tickets are priced per person at \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. For more information, call 703-746-4242.

Brandy Clark at the Birchmere.

7:30 p.m. at the The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. She's a four-time Grammy-nominee and Country Music Association Award winning singer/

songwriter. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

NOV. 10-JAN. 8

Katie Baines and Amy Chan:

"Color Disorder." Gallery hours at Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Both artists use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. The richly layered surfaces conjure the formal elements of color, shape, and line, while also taking cues from bizarre real life objects such as coral, bolts of lightning or diatoms. Baines and Chan share an interest in color palettes that evoke meaning and the use of meticulous brushstrokes to convey control in an otherwise uncertain process. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

Browne Academy Open House.

9 a.m., at Browne Academy, 5917 Telegraph Road, Call 703-960-3000, ext. 1001 to register or to schedule a private tour.

A Dawn Like Thunder: Africa, Black America, and World War II.

11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian CR Gibbs discusses the often neglected role African people played in WWII and the impact it had. For more information, call 703-746-4356.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum tours in Honor of Veterans.

11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Gadsby's Tavern was the center of social and political life in Alexandria and Washington. For more tour information, call 703.746.4242 or visit

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3 Restaurants to Warm Up When Weather Turns Cold

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

The dawn of November doesn't necessarily jibe with 80-degree days, but by all accounts, the unseasonably warm weather may finally be coming to an end in favor of a cool autumnal chill. Here are three restaurants that are sure to get the chill out.

Hard Times Café, 1404 King St.

When it comes to cold-weather meals, there are few more quintessential — or substantive — than chili. Which just so happens to be Hard Times Café's stock-in-trade. From spicy Terlingua Red to sweet Cincinnati to a vegetarian version that doesn't miss a beat, diners of all stripes are welcome at the table.

APPETITE

A bowl of the chili of your choice is great by itself; paired with spaghetti in a Chili Mac, or corn chips in a Frito Chili Pie, the piping-hot stew shines. Don't care for chili in the first place? The café's got you covered anyway. Try a burger, the barbecue chicken sandwich, or even a salad — and wash the whole thing down with a Hard Times Lager to complete the meal.

Caphe Banh Mi, 407 Cameron St.

Akin to chili, a bowl of piping-hot pho is sure to warm the body and spirit on a cold day. Whether beefy or meatless, the brothy, noodle-laden Vietnamese staple offers diners a bowl of comfort in an in-

stant — and in terms of pho purveyors, you could do much worse than Caphe Banh Mi.

The small restaurant has earned quite a following since it opened several years back; as evidence, one simply needs to walk along the 400 block of Cameron Street on nearly any evening to see the gaggle of patrons waiting outside for their chance at a table. But the meal is worth the wait. The pho is hearty and teeming with flavor, and the other menu items, such as the various renditions of vermicelli, are equally satiating.

Dishes of India, 1510 Belle View Blvd.

Spicy and full of flavor, the dishes at Dishes of India provide a different kind of warmth for the wintertime, but it's a comforting experience just the same. Tucked away in an unassuming downstairs spot within the Belle View Shopping Center, the restaurant opens up an unexpected world.

From rich, hearty channa masala — chickpeas in a sauce teeming with Indian spices — to vindaloo biryani, a rice-based dish incorporated tandoori-roasted chicken and a spicy sauce, Dishes of India's menu is sure to warm you up in a multitude of ways, from the temperature of the dishes to the spiciness inherent in each. Order some naan bread to take the edge off, and maybe a saucer of rice pudding to cool your taste buds back down for dessert, and you'll be ready to face the winter months head-on.

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CALENDAR

www.gadsbystavern.org.

"Friends of Rocky Versace"

Veterans' Day Ceremony. 1 p.m. at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The one-hour, indoor ceremony will honor posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, Ranger Hall of Fame inductee, Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment and Distinguished Member of The Old Guard Regiment, Captain Rocky Versace, the 66 other Alexandrians who died during the Vietnam War and all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces in attendance.

"Highest Honor" Banner Reveal.

6:30-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. In collaboration with military veterans from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder constructed a site-specific, suspended, 25-ft triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Mount Vernon Inn Fall Farm.

7-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Join the Mount Vernon Inn for a special dinner featuring products cultivated and produced on the estate. Mount Vernon Inn invites guests to taste the season's freshest ingredients with a dash of history during its popular culinary event, Farm to Table. Guests will enjoy a flavorful five-course dinner, with wine pairings at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. The dinner features produce and herbs cultivated on the estate, as well as estate-raised heritage breed livestock. Tickets are

\$175 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School presents The Good Woman of Setzuan. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. The play is set in a far, distant land focusing on Shen Te, is a poor but warmhearted prostitute who is accused of murder. Due to subject matter, this show is recommended for an eighth grade audience and older. Tickets are \$5, for more information, go to www.sssas.org/arts or 703-212-2950

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 11-13

Comedian Paula Poundstone. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Paula Poundstone's quick-thinking, unscripted approach to comedy makes for a perfect fit as a regular panelist on NPR's #1 show, the weekly news quiz show "Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me" where she holds the record for game losses. Tickets are \$49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 11-12

The Little Mermaid. 7:30 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703-360-0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12
Beyond the Battlefield Walking

Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Civil War Tours at Fort Ward in honor of Veteran's Day.

10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Soldier-led tours of historic Fort Ward in commemoration of Veteran's Day. Event is weather-dependent. For more information, call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit fortward.org.

Veteran's Ball at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. English Country dances, live music, cash bar, and period-inspired desserts will be featured and a special recognition of all veterans. Although 1780s period costume (military or civilian) is optional, "after five" attire is encouraged. For more information, visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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Making Herbal Holiday and Hostess Gifts. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701



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Seminary Road. Learn to use dried herbs to make gifts. Learn how to make herbal soaps in a crockpot too. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

Oral History Project. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Bring your family heirloom and stories for a history "show-and-tell" co-sponsored by the Alexandria Library and Office of Historic Alexandria. Oral historians will be on hand to document the objects and stories as part of the City's oral history archive. Participants should arrive a few minutes early to complete consent forms. All are welcome to come and enjoy local history through the perspective of fellow residents. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org.

Empty Bowls Alexandria. 6 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Northern Virginia Community College's Fine Arts Department at the Alexandria Campus has partnered with the local organization ALIVE! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) and will donate handcrafted, one-of-a-kind bowls for the Second Annual Empty Bowls Alexandria. Attendees and donors will enjoy a simple meal and receive handmade bowls made by NOVA students as gifts. Tickets for this event start at \$30 per person. Visit www.alive-inc.org for more.

Stroll the Boardwalk and Study the Night Sky at Huntley Meadows. 6-8 p.m. at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Take a peek at what's new in the dark skies over the wetlands at Huntley Meadows. \$8. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/calendar.htm.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Women of Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Learn more about women's roles during the Civil War in Alexandria. Alexandria was in a unique position during the Civil War. It was a city with Southern sympathies continuously occupied by the Union Army and virtually operating as a Northern supply depot due to its proximity to Washington, D.C., and its transportation infrastructure. The women who remained in Alexandria and those who came during occupation experienced the War not as a battle but a day-to-day way of life. This tour will explore the stories of a diverse group of women and their experiences living in Civil War Alexandria. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nwhm.org/get-involved/events/walking-tours.

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Jazz Piano Concert. 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Improviser, composer and educator John Stetch plays re-arrangements of Mozart, Bach and Chopin. A reception to meet the artist will follow the performance. \$30 by cash or check; students free. twgulturalfund@gmail.com

Capitol Steps Benefit. 5 p.m. at U.S. Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. United Community Ministries hosts a 25th annual Capitol Steps Benefit. Tickets are \$80 and include food, wine, beer, and soda. Visit www.ucmagency.org for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 14

Holiday Container Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Learn some tips and tricks for keeping greenery fresh and for selecting plants for winter long interest in containers. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org, 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com, or to ABC at 703-746-4550 or AlexandriaBeautification@gmail.com.

Light It Up! Citizens Committee. 7:30 p.m. Los Tios Restaurant, 2615 Mount Vernon Ave. Promotion to get lights installed at the outdoor basketball courts at Potomac Yard. Upcoming events to support this cause include a three-point shooting contest at four City Recreation Centers on Dec. 3, and the finals of the three point shooting contest at T.C. Williams High School on Dec. 13.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Homeschool Program: The Apothecary and the Civil War. 1-2:30 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. What was the Apothecary's role during the Civil War? What did it sell? How did it stay in business? Learn this and more as visitors delve into the Civil War and medicine through the lens of the Apothecary. Tickets are \$8 per child, adults free. Pre-registration is required. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

Mt. Vernon Evening Lions Club Dinner Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at 8430 Richmond Highway. Learn about the Lions, a service organization which is celebrating its 100th year. 703-619-5005

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

How to Bring Nature Home. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. "Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home," is an 8-part, 90-minute documentary by Catherine Zimmerman that explores how we can restore and incorporate nature into every landscape and redefine our relationship with nature, a practice some call conservation landscaping. Free. Visit themedowproject.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

Historic Pohick Church Christmas Mart. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pohick Episcopal Church is located at 9301 Richmond Hwy. For more information see www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.

Preschool Scholarship Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. The inaugural Chairman's Hopkins House Preschool Scholarship Gala is an event to raise critical funds to provide preschool scholarships to deserving low-resourced, working and military families. Tickets are \$250. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

Living Legends of Alexandria Host Beaujolais Nouveau Party. 7 p.m. at 901 Pitt St. The event features a wine tasting, holiday shopping, music, food and an opportunity to view the 2016 Living Legends Exhibit and meet Living Legends. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://llawine.eventbrite.com>. Proceeds from the event will support Living Legends of Alexandria and the Family Legends Project. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a future Legend, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.org or contact AlexandriaLegends@outlook.com

Simply Three. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-



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"Night-hawks on the Blue Highway."

40 Films Form Festival

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for an Academy Award. Of 200 films this year, as well as countless others curated outside of submissions, the festival screeners dwindled their choices down to 40, making for a rich and assorted slate of films, including foreign films from Brazil, China, Spain, Sweden, Egypt, and France, the latter offering a dramatic feature short called "Far-West" about a young man returning home to the countryside and "Pearl of Africa" about transgender women in Uganda.

Anne Merrill from Arlington, who has been attending the festival for the past seven years said, "Attendees should expect to be surprised by films that work their way into your heart and mind and stay with you for months after you first see them."

The festival, which is run by volunteers and sup-

ported by a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts along with corporate and individual sponsors, keeps going because everyone involved shares the love of cinema, says North. "I've always loved film since a little kid."

Dennis McDonald of Alexandria, who has been attending for the past two years, says the opportunity to see smaller independent but well-produced films on the big screen at the festival, "is a special treat."

"If the next festival is like last year's, expect a lot of variety in theme, subject, tone and creativity," he said. "The more you see, the more likely you are to find a real gem."

The festival offers an all-festival pass for an early rate of \$50 per ticket that gains admission to all ticketed events at AMC Hoffman Theatre, the Meet the Filmmakers Happy Hour, and the Closing Awards Ceremony and Reception. Visit alexfilmfest.com.

549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. \$4. Call 703-765-4573 or email Mary.bilowus@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/NOV. 18

Various Small Fires artist reception. 7-9 p.m. Torpedo Factory, at 105 N. Union St. Isabel Cureux's "Various Small Fires," an artwork exhibit, explores how each small event in our life creates who we are.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 18-19

The Little Mermaid. 7:30 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703.360.0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 19

Benefit 5K Race. 8:30 a.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Community benefit for the neediest children. \$25 pre-race, \$30 day of the race. Pre-race Packet Pick Up Friday, Nov. 18 3-7 p.m. Contact Lee M. Britton, NCSSW 703-660-2000.

Family Volunteer Day 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Address and directions will be sent by e-mail after you signing up. To sign up your family, please choose the 'Sign up as a team' option and list all of your family members with their ages. For more information, go to Volunteer Alexandria <http://www.VolunteerAlexandria.org>.

Community Holiday Shop. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mt Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane in Mt. Vernon. A local tradition that includes 50 artisans, orchids, chutneys, cakes, and pies, upscale resale, handmade quilt raffle, and a homemade lunch shop. For more information, go to mvuc.org.

Quilt Raffle. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. The quilt "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood" will be raffled (\$1/ticket) at the Holiday Shop in Mount Vernon. The Holiday Shop includes 50 artisans, a room of orchids, chutneys, cakes, and pies, upscale resale, and a homemade lunch shop spread out over two building and manicured grounds. Mvuc.org.

Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour. 10 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A guided walking tour of Civil War sites in Historic Old Town. The tour will last approximately 2.5 hours and cover a route of 1.75 miles. Advance tickets are \$15 through the museum's website, or \$20 the day of the program. www.leefendallhouse.org,

703-548-1789.

Cider Tasting Festival. 7-9:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. The cider tasting highlights Celebrate Virginia Cider Week, Nov. 11-20. All week participating restaurants and retail stores to taste and purchase Virginia Cider. A passport can be picked up at the Alexandria Visitor Center, The Lyceum, and participating businesses. For list of participating sites and details about the passport and contest, visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at the Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. The dance is sponsored by the The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. For more information go to www.nvcwda.org or call 703-860-4941.

SUNDAY/NOV. 20

Carpenter's Run for Shelter. 8 a.m. at USPTO Building, 600 Dulany St. Run for Shelter, featuring a 5K, 10K and Fun Run is a great way to get your entire family involved and giving back to the community this fall. Race to end homelessness.

Spirituality in Nature. 1:30-4:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St. Meet along

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the Potomac watershed to walk and do guided spiritual exercises together. Meet at the Dyke Marsh trailhead which is close to the Belle Haven Marina. office@fairlingtonumc.org or 804-837-9850.

The Little Mermaid. 3 p.m., at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. \$12 admission, for more information contact Pam Peckar at 703-360-0686 or email admin@mvcct.org.

James Madison at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 N. Royal St. John Douglas Hall takes on the persona of James Madison in appearance, in content, and syntax. Check-in is at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. For more information, visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 24

Turkey Trot. 9 a.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. A Thanksgiving morning tradition, this fast, flat, USATF-certified 5-mile course through the heart of Del Ray. Registration is \$5-25. Visit www.alexandriaturkeytrot.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 26

Collective Delusion. 8 p.m. at Alley Cat, 2 S. Whiting St. Local band plays rock songs from '70s to present. Free. Visit www.CollectiveDelusion.net.

Small Business Saturday. The Chamber purchased special bags to be filled with take-aways, maps of participating businesses, coupons, and other items from Chamber members. Provide gift cards to be

placed in random bags or take away items for all bags. Bags will be given away at the Market Square in Old Town and the Holy Cow! In Del Ray. sbolouri@alexchamber.com

MONDAY/NOV. 28

Veterans in Alexandria: Talent Ready to Serve, Ready to Work, and Ready to Grow. 6:30 p.m. at The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Members \$32 (nonmembers \$37); after November 25 members \$37 (nonmembers \$42). Program only at 7:15 free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations required. Call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email agendaalexandria@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 30

Body Prayer with Cheryl Sabo. 7:30-9 a.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Coming out of the Eastern tradition of yoga, through healing music and simple exercises, this workshop will explore opening and nourishing the sacred energy centers of the body. 703-360-3415

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

Steep Canyon Rangers Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. The Bluegrass sounds of The Rangers can be heard as the play songs off their new album "RADIO," produced by the legendary Dobro virtuoso Jerry Douglas of Alison Krauss and Union Station. Visit www.birchmere.com.

2016 Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards. 4:30-7 p.m. at the TownePlace Suites, 8632 Woodlawn Court. Awards held in conjunction



with the grand opening of the TownePlace Suites in Woodlawn. Visit www.sfdc.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

Metropolitan School of the Arts features the Nutcracker. 7 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center at the Annandale Campus at 8333 Little River Turnpike. Ticket prices range from \$26.50 to \$30 and can be purchased online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

DEC. 1-17

"Adventures With Mr. Bear." Various times at The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. One cozy winter afternoon, a young girl and her favorite stuffed animal, Mr. Bear, play a game of hide and seek which evolves into a series of exciting adventures. Together, they embark on a journey of endless possibilities – all from the comfort of her playroom. Tickets are \$9. Visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 2-3

46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. a full lineup of festivities that celebrate the Scottish

Quilt Raffle

The quilt "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood," will be raffled at the largest and oldest Holiday Shop in Mt. Vernon District Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. \$1 per ticket.

heritage of Old Town Alexandria including Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, Heather and Greens Sales, Taste of Scotland, Holiday Home Tours and Deck the Halls with Santa. For parade application and ticket sale information, go here:

www.campaigncenter.org/scottishwalkweekend

Premiere of New Ballet to "Daphnis and Chloe" 3-5 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center 4915 E Campus Dr. BalletNova Associate Artistic Director Constance Walsh presents a premiere of her new work choreographed to Daphnis and Chloe. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online or at the door.

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SPORTS



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QB Tim Helzel led the Mount Vernon offense.

Mount Vernon vs West Potomac

West Potomac defeated Mount Vernon 45-14 on Friday, Nov. 4. West Potomac scored on the second play from scrimmage and never looked back. Senior QB Mark Ellis led the Wolverine attack with three touchdown passes.



West Potomac Senior Da'Juan Bellfield scores on a pass from QB Mark Ellis.



Senior running back Justine Annan scored twice to lead the Wolverine ground attack.



Mount Vernon running back Mikel Gamble .

CORRECTION

A Wolverine Win

In last week's Gazette, the wrong photo was printed for the West Potomac-South County football game.

After suffering a loss against rival T.C. Williams the previous Friday, West Potomac used a first half offensive outburst and a second half defense to topple ranked South County 24-21. Above, Senior QB Mark Ellis threw for 186 yards and three touchdowns.

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p.m.) on the second Saturday of each month (except August). Call 703-780-7518 for a 15-20 minute appointment, which could result in a longer subsequent meeting during the work week, if needed. He may meet with walk-ins as time permits between appointments.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Advanced Census Research. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Genealogist Angela Packer McGhie talks about how to effectively use the pre-1850 census records, the non-population schedules, and state census records to enhance research. Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

AAUW Discussion "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership". 7 p.m. Mt Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, American Association of University Women Mt Vernon Branch discussion of report. Everyone will receive a free copy of the research report book. Light refreshments will be served. 7 p.m., Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, 703/360-8678, <http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net>, Free admission.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

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

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2017.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2017.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, by adding Section 5-8-84 (PAY BY PHONE PARKING FEE WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT).

The proposed ordinance updates the City Code to enact a pilot program to add a Pay by Phone parking fee to certain residential blocks.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 3000 Potomac Avenue to construct and maintain an encroachment for a vault for electric transformers under the sidewalk right-of-way at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits an encroachment for an electric transformer to be located underneath the sidewalk right-of-way at 3000 Potomac Avenue as part of a new development.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed City Legislative Package for the 2017 General Assembly Session.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL.

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Olio LLC trading as Olio Tasting Room, 1223 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer Off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Penny Willmann, owner
NOTE: Objection to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

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Danvic, LLC trading as Calabash African Cuisine, 514C South Van Dorn St., Alexandria, VA 22304. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine & Beer On Premises; Mixed Beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Obed Attakpah, Member
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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-10-16
The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Research Databases and Online Reference Materials.
Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-10-16 Research Databases and Online Reference Materials will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 2, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>
ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.
Chris Guy
Procurement Manager

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LEGAL NOTICE
Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 3600 Wheeler Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Section at (703) 746-6709.

An expert is someone who knows some of the worst mistakes that can be made in his subject and how to avoid them.
-Werner Heisenberg

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-09-03
The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking competitive proposals from qualified Offerors to provide Dental Insurance.
Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-09-03 Dental Insurance will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 5, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8181, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/bids.php>
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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-11-01
The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Learning Management System.
Sealed Proposals with the notation "LMS", RFP# 16-11-01, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, December 1, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services – Current Bids and Request for Proposals.

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All questions should be submitted before 4:30 p.m., November 23, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.
No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.
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'Best Open House' Award
As part of last month's open house at all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue fire stations, there was a competition among all the fire stations to win the "Best Open House" award. The award is given to a fire station in each of the county's seven battalions that best highlights this year's Fire Prevention Week Theme. For Battalion Six, Fire Station 11 - Penn Daw won the award.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 8
I recommend approval of the zoning application to the Board of Supervisors. Even though Mr. Storck asked for the board to defer the vote on the issue, it is clear the larger community beyond the few neighbors want it.
And I believe the full Board of Supervisors is very willing to approve it.
It's simple. Let the Bocks retire and move on with their lives. Let seniors who have lived here for years and who may now have

to leave this area for economic reasons, to move into this new affordable housing near their old neighborhoods, churches, doctors, longtime friends, and familiar surroundings. Let public servants who serve us locally, live locally. Contact Supervisor Storck at 703-780-7518 (TTY 711) or mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov and tell him to move the zoning application forward for approval.

William Zaccagnino
Alexandria

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SATURDAY/DEC. 10
Supervisor Dan Storck holds open office hours at the Lorton Library (9-11:30 a.m.) and at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center office (12:30-3 p.m.) on the second Saturday of each month (except August). Call 703-780-7518 for a 15-20 minute appointment, which could result in a longer subsequent meeting during the work week, if needed. He may meet with walk-ins as time permits between appointments.
SUNDAY/JAN. 8
School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.
SUPPORT GROUPS
Family Support Group. 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies, may include guest speakers, movies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. For more information contact Nga Nguyen at 703-799-2726, TTY 711.

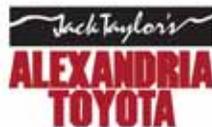
Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "Keeping Organized as a Caregiver: What Works?" Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices.
Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share information, caregiving tips and concerns. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteer Fairfax makes it easy for individuals and families, youth and seniors, corporate groups and civic clubs to volunteer. Fulfill hours, give back, or pay it forward through a variety service options. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.
The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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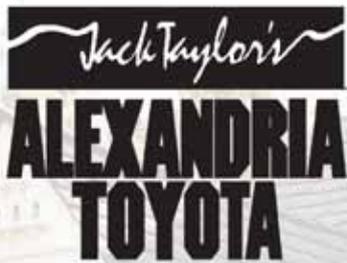
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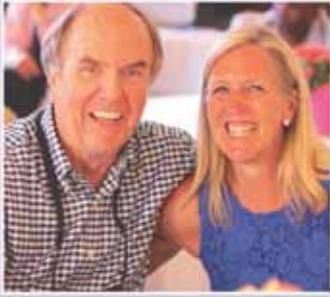
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