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Ed Moore (in blue) and Hailey (to his left) in the borrowed vessel for Veterans Fishing Adventure.

'Taking Care of Your Own'

Nonprofit provides free fishing and boating trips for veterans and their families.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE GAZETTE

One of the first lessons in the military is to leave no man behind. It's a value and a priority that stays with service members long after they leave the military. In this spirit of "taking care of your own," U.S. Marine Corps veteran Ed Moore of Alexandria started Veterans Fishing Adventure — a local non-profit organization that provides free fishing and boating trips for veterans and their families, concentrating in hosting veterans with mobility issues.

"In the military, especially the Marine Corps, everyone becomes part of your extended family," Moore said. "And, if you see anyone in your family who needs help, you do it without question, without wanting anything in return."

The idea for Veterans Fishing Adventure came to Moore and his 15-year-old daughter, Hailey, as they were watching a television show about fishing — which does happen to be a frequent family bonding activity for the Moore family.

"We were watching a television show together earlier this year about two double amputees fishing," Moore said. "Hailey noticed that these two guys, who were two Marines, were sitting pretty far away from the pond. She said, 'Dad, that's not fishing. How can we get them on our boat to go fishing?'"

In a matter of months, the Moores are well on their way to annually providing hundreds of veterans with free boat rides — to include fishing on the Potomac and Chesapeake Rivers. The com-

pletely volunteer-run non-profit organization's first boat ride was on May 6.

There will be no "off season" for these free boat rides, either, which Moore predicts will consistently provide special moments of tranquility for all aboard.

"Water is very calming," Moore said. "Way back when I was in the Marine Corps, I was on ships in Japan and Korea. It was just a neat thing to be out on the ocean. All your problems seem small when you're near the water. When you walk near the water, you get a sense of being free. You don't think about the tough stuff. You smile and think about how beautiful it is."

Hailey Moore has seen many of those smiles firsthand in the months since Veterans Fishing Adventure started.

"It's been really cool to see the facial expressions of people when they are getting on the ramp to come up to the boat," Hailey said. "Their faces just light up. There is something calming and reassuring about being on the water. You see sighs of relief."

Moore explained that the boat they're currently using is a borrowed one, and it's unique in that it allows for wheelchair access. They'll use this boat to provide complimentary rides while they await and assist in the building of the vessel they plan to use permanently.

Once completed, the Veterans Fishing Adventure vessel will have just about every feature imaginable to make for a comfortable ride for veterans

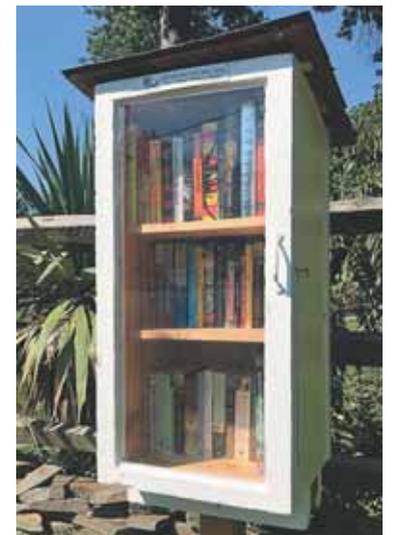
'Take a Book, Leave a Book'

Little free libraries take root in neighborhoods.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

A cultural phenomenon has spread across the United States and 70 other countries in recent years. But for a movement with an international reach, it's one rooted largely in neighborhoods and on leafy, suburban streets. It's centered on what appears to be brightly painted dollhouses perched on a posts, but are really local book exchanges, often called "little free libraries."

The Fort Hunt area of Mount Vernon hosts several of the 50,000 miniature libraries throughout the world. Most are registered at LittleFreeLibrary.org, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that, in its staff's words, "inspires a love of reading, builds community and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around



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Mike Stebbins and his family offer a library on Alden Road in Plymouth Haven.

the world." Other libraries are the creations of individuals with no affiliation with the organization.

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Liz Schroeder, left, and neighbor Eleanor Whitaker, at Schroeder's library duplex in Riverside Gardens.

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Remembering Fort Hunt High School

All-Class Reunion brings alumni together.

A three-day All-Class Reunion of Fort Hunt High School graduates took place July 28, 29 and 30. It included the James MacFarland Memorial Golf Tournament played at Pohick Bay Golf Course on Friday morning. It was organized by Rob Woehrle ('74) in honor of his friend Jim MacFarland ('74) who recently died from cancer. On Friday evening alumni enjoyed reconnecting with friends at Chadwick's in Old Town. On Saturday afternoon, alumni attended the FHHS Memorial Garden Re-Dedication at the site of the old school — now Carl Sandburg Middle School. School tours were offered after short speeches by Fort Hunt High School Alumni President Joe Gililland and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck followed by a review of the new memorial pavers at the garden.

On Saturday evening, Tom Harvey and Bonnie Christ (both '67) hosted a reunion party at the Old Dominion Boat Club in Old Town. The Class of '77 hosted a reunion party at Cedar Knoll Restaurant at the same time, hosted by Temple Whitson ('77).

On Sunday, the All-Class Reunion was attended by more than



All classes gather for the annual reunion photo at the fort on Sunday.

500 alumni and friends and featured four live bands, a car show, a BBQ lunch, class photos, memo-

abilia displays and the camaraderie of 22 years of graduating classes from Fort Hunt. The event

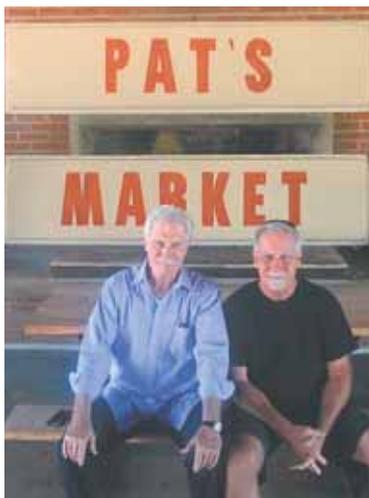
culminated in all alumni participating in a group photo at the fort, as is the alumni's new tradition.

School's History

Fort Hunt High School (FHHS) opened its door to students in September of 1963 to support the growing young population of the Fort Hunt area. The school closed due to declining enrollment in 1985. It thrived for 22 years of operation and graduated more than 10,000 students who, due to fine teaching staffs, caring administrators, and involved parents prepared the alumni to excel in business, philanthropy, politics, the military and the arts.

The mission of the alumni association is to keep the 'Spirit' of Fort Hunt High School alive through alumni activities, community involvement and active participation in the alumni website. The association is an IRS-recognized 501 c3 public charity that provides an annual College Scholarship to West Potomac High School college-bound seniors. They also provide financial support to Carl Sandburg Middle School where the alumni maintains a Memorial Garden.

— JOE GILILLAND,
FORT HUNT HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Casey and Kevin Arnold with their Dad's old sign from Pat's Market — a favorite store for local high school students for decades.



Chris Beale ('71), Boo Cerutti ('74) and Donna Pumphrey ('73) are alumni board members and volunteers for the reunion weekend.



Cookie FlorCruz ('77) and Bobby Suggs ('77) reminisce in the hallways of the former high school.



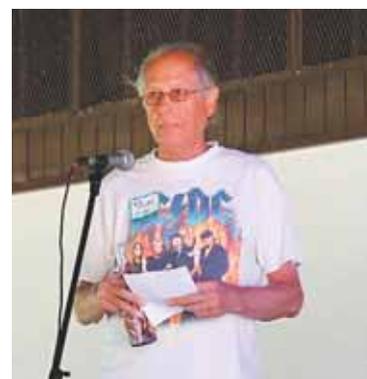
Joe Gililland ('73) and Tom Harvey ('67) celebrate the success of the reunion weekend. Harvey organized activities for the Class of '67 who celebrated 50 years since their graduation.



Jeff DeMuro and Dick Alderson participate in the memorial golf outing at Pohick Bay course.



Sally Davis ('72), Robert Hines ('73), Mary Hoover Hines ('71) and Toni Hoover ('72) enjoy the reunion at the Old Dominion Boat Club on Saturday night, July 29.



Retired Fairfax County Industrial Arts teacher Pete Davies reads a tribute to fellow teacher John Shortridge who died recently.



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of all ages and capabilities.

"At the beginning of this year, our idea was just a thought," Ed Moore said. "We put it on paper, and next thing you know, the major manufacturer, Battle Boats, had signed on to hand build a new boat for us. It's now about four weeks away from being finished. It's a very technical craft so the whole front of boat folds down on the shore, allowing guys in wheelchairs easy access. This boat is so advanced compared to anything that's out there. No one in the United States has anything like this."

The new boat will adhere to all guidelines set forth by the American Disabilities Act (ADA). It will have no propeller, so that, in the unlikely event that someone falls off, there is minimized risk of injury. Additionally, it will also have indoor heating and cooling so that Veterans Fishing Adventure can offer rides year-round.

The boat, which will have a Corvette motor, will fit eight to 10 passengers. It will also have a jet propulsion system so that the captain will be able to access all tributaries during the fishing expeditions, without fear of getting stuck.

After communicating with multiple military organizations and networking with friends and people he knows through his own business, Ed Moore has rallied more than 100 volunteers to regularly travel to Hopewell, Va., where the manufacturer Battle Boats is currently working on the Veterans Fishing Adventure flagship. These volunteers don't just travel all these miles to southern Virginia for moral support either; they join the Moores in rolling up their sleeves and helping to physically put the vessel together.

"Just so many people want to be involved," Ed Moore said. "It's all volunteers — Active Duty military, veterans, and other members of the community. We've had little kids help out. I'm so proud of my daughter Hailey for putting this together with me. We are just so fortunate to be involved with it, and we will be christening the boat as soon as we can."

As one of the volunteers helping, Hailey said the hands-on experience has been both rewarding and fun. She has enjoyed spending her weekends differently than other high school students do.

"It's really fun working on the boat," she said. "Working out measurements and figuring out where everything needs to go has been challenging but also really interesting."

Before Ed Moore can christen the new boat, it will have to complete two successful sea trials. From there, the organization will also begin to fundraise and promote on a larger scale.

"Once we get the big boat on the water, we will start doing those really big events," Ed Moore said. "We already have the ability now to take donations from the website and through social media. We have people interested helping us apply for grants and are now working through that process for additional funding. If in the next 20 years, if I can have some of these veterans chartering the boats, it would be incredible."

That kind of enthusiasm and veteran participation doesn't seem so far off for Veterans Fishing Adventure. As it stands with its current borrowed boat, the young nonprofit has already hosted hundreds of veterans, including one man who was on the beaches of Normandy during World War II. They've welcomed multiple vet-

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The Veterans Fishing Adventure's borrowed vessel is wheelchair accessible.

erans confined to wheelchairs — just like the wounded Marines on television that inspired the whole boating-fishing venture in the first place.

"With the response we've had already, there is no telling what this will turn into," Ed Moore said. "Once we have the new boat, we are looking at hosting probably 200 people a month for two-hour, or longer, rides. And, the rides won't all be the same. They'll be tailored to our passengers. Some people don't like fishing, but just want to be on the water. We've already had guy who has been in a wheelchair for more than 25 years. He used to jet ski, waterski. And, we got to watch him fly down the ramp, all smiles. He was so excited to get on the boat."

The organization is open as to the destination of each trip. They will sail to the Ferris Wheel at National Harbor, or cruise around the National monuments.

In the event that Veterans Fishing Adventure offerings become so popular that they find themselves swamped with requests, Ed Moore sees no problem.

"If word spread fast, I'm not overwhelmed," he said. "I'll just build more boats. That's what being a Marine is all about."



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1127 GLADSTONE PL	4	3	0	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.34	22308	COLLINGWOOD MANOR
8819 GATESHEAD RD	5	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$789,000	Detached	0.84	22309	EASTGATE AT MT VERNON
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8507 DOTER DR	5	3	0	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$742,000	Detached	0.30	22308	WAYNEWOOD
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1806 JAMESTOWN RD	5	2	0	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.23	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
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8710 CURTIS AVE	5	2	0	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.30	22309	MT VERNON ESTATES

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Join in 4th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic.

Belle Haven Country Club will honor and remember those who were impacted by the tragedies of 9/11 by hosting the 4th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic on Friday, Sept. 8. Patriot Day, also known as the National Day of Service and Remembrance, is Monday, Sept. 11. On this day, all Americans will pause to remember and honor the 2,977 people, who lost their lives as a result of the largest act of terrorism ever on U.S. soil.

In 2014, Belle Haven Country Club staff members created the 501(c)(3) non-profit, Belle Haven Patriot Day Foundation, to honor and remember those that were touched by those events. Club members, guests, staff and the local community have come together raising financial support for the selected local organizations that assist wounded warriors, military families and/or emergency first responders in the local community. Funds are raised through corporate and individual donations, registration fees from player-participants in the golf tournament, and support from local businesses and sponsors. In addition, the golf tournament features the sale of mulligans, 50/50 raffle tickets, and a silent auction.

This year, the net proceeds will be awarded to and split by Operation Renewed Hope Foundation (www.operationrenewedhopefoundation.org) and Links To Freedom Golf Foundation (www.linkstofreedom.org), two 501 (c)(3) charitable foundations that assist service men and women daily.

The Inaugural Tournament in 2014 raised over \$11,000, which was divided equally between Camp Freedom Ranch and the Ft. Belvoir Wounded Warrior Golf Program. In year two, the tournament raised \$12,500 to benefit the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Police Department. In year three, the net contribution grew to \$20,000 which was split between Operation Renewed Hope Foundation and Links to Freedom Golf Foundation. Playing for the same two beneficia-

ries this year, with the support of local businesses, organizations and citizens, a goal has been set to double that contribution.

The Belle Haven Patriot Day Golf Classic features an 18-hole Captain's Choice Step Aside tournament played on the Arthur Hills designed course, followed by an awards and recognition cocktail reception.

There are four ways to participate:

- ❖ Sponsorship opportunities – The foundation is seeking sponsorship opportunities from individuals and local business leaders who own or operate companies and businesses that would be interested in participating in this event and supporting it financially. There are also sponsorship opportunities available for those that do not wish to play golf.

- ❖ Sign up your foursome - There will be a total of 18 foursomes (72 player positions) and the tournament field will fill on a first-come, first-served (with paid registration), first-come, first-served basis until all foursomes are sold out.

- ❖ Attend the Awards and Recognition Program and Banquet.

- ❖ Make a Donation to the Silent Auction – The Patriot Day Golf Classic looks forward to raising additional funds for the designated charitable organizations through a silent auction. Consider donating items of value, weekend getaways, gift certificates to one's business etc.

The club's executive assistant, Noelle LoMonaco Hinkle, is the primary point of contact for the golf tournament. Contact her at nhinkle@bellehavenc.com or 703-894-5302, for more information, to register or get involved.

In addition, this year's Patriot Day Golf Classic has partnered with the 9/11 Heroes Run, another 501(c)3 charitable organization run by the Travis Manion Foundation. The 9/11 Heroes Run will take place the day after the Patriot Day Golf Classic on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 9 a.m. The Patriotic Opening Ceremony starts at 8 a.m. at Sandburg Middle School.

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Last year, when I wrote an editorial similar to this one, there was some controversy about it inside Connection Newspapers which includes the Gazette. But many community organizations, civic organizations, businesses and elected officials responded positively, and it made a difference.

I have a special favor to ask, once again:

Buy an ad in our Newcomers and Community Guide.

To put on my publisher's hat (not my editor's hat) for a minute, if you have a marketing budget, and you value coverage of local newspapers (not just ours), why wouldn't you spend a portion of that budget (any portion) supporting that platform?

Show your support for our organization which continues to be here to support the forces of good in our communities.

Our annual Newcomers and Community Guide is a pullout section that will appear in the Aug. 23, 2017 edition of all 15 Connection Newspapers, published by Local Media Connection. Deadline is Aug. 16.

We are creating a quality special issue, and

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The deadline for the Newcomers and Community Guide is Aug. 16. Digital enhancements and support are available. For more information, email sales@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9431. See www.connectionnewspapers.com/advertising

Share Community Tips

We need help from our readers with ideas for our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

We're hoping to share special places, activities, events, organizations and volunteer opportunities. What should someone new to your neighborhood know about? Events that should not be missed? Organizations that do a great job? Places to volunteer? A great place to see the sunset? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

We will publish a selection of local tips along with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, including our award-winning Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

See last year's community guides by going to www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scrolling down to Newcomers.

Email tips and photos to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com or send as a letter to the editor via the website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/ by Aug. 17.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fighting Plane Noise

To the Editor:

Last month Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas attempted to gain a special exception to the DCA perimeter rule (which limits flight distances to and from Reagan National Airport to 1,250 miles), securing himself a non-stop flight from Washington D.C. to San Antonio. This would have opened the floodgates to other lawmakers seeking convenient flights home and further expanded operations at an already severely congested airport.

The communities living beneath DCA flightpaths are bearing the brunt of this expansion. In 2015 the FAA implemented NextGen, a satellite-based flight control system, which allows for closely stacked take-offs and concentrates formerly dispersed flightpaths into one narrow corridor. It is the functional equivalent of having all Beltway-area traffic diverted solely to Sherwood Hall Lane.

In neighborhoods like mine that suddenly find themselves under this new flightpath, planes now screech overhead in one-minute intervals or less, often for hours on end, starting at 5:30 a.m. and relentlessly continuing until late into the night. It disrupts sleep and work and makes enjoying the outdoors impossible.

Two years ago when I first noticed how bad the noise had suddenly become, I called the DCA noise complaint hotline but was not told anything about NextGen. I was told to close my windows and talk to my representatives. I did both.

In 2017 several neighbors formed the "South Flow Alliance For Quiet Skies" (<https://www.facebook.com/southflowalliance>).

The SFA has the strong support of Supervisor Dan Storck, Del. Paul Krizek, and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer. Last month they were instrumental in helping to defeat Rep. Cuellar's amendment and prevent the increase of flights out of DCA, at least for now.

Writing to or calling your representatives makes a difference and I urge everyone suffering from the incessant airplane noise to do so. Contacts and template letters can be found on the SFA facebook page. You can also log noise complaints with the airport at <http://viewpoint.bksv.com/dca3>.

Friederike Ahrens
Alexandria

Responsive And Accessible

To the Editor:

Contrary to Greg Maley's [Letter, Mount Vernon Gazette, July 27] experience with Supervisor Storck, I have been very pleased with my interactions with the supervisor. I have been in continuous contact with the supervisor's office since February regarding a domestic violence initiative for the Mt. Vernon District.

I have found him and his staff to be both responsive and accessible in a very timely manner. There have been countless telephone calls, emails, letters and meetings. None of the work I am involved with would be possible without the supervisor's and his staff's assistance.

Karen S Stone
Alexandria

Political Correctness

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County School Board has voted to change the name of historic J.E.B. Stuart High School. According to news reports, the vote was 7 to 2 with 2 abstentions. They succumbed to the winds of political correctness. But this is political correctness run amok.

The taxpaying voters of Fairfax County need to take a hard look at what kind of irresponsible do-gooders liberals they have been electing to the School Board.

The controversy over the name change has not been worth all the time, energy and money being expended. The school was named after J.E.B. Stuart in 1959 to commemorate his ties to nearby Munson's Hill in 1861. It was a simple nod to local Civil War history.

The school has been around 58 years. It has produced such noteworthy pro football players as Mike Bragg, Roger Stillwell, and Charlie Garner. The school's football stadium is named after the late Jerry Fauls, the legendary coach there from 1959 to 1979. He must be turning over in his grave. It sets a bad precedent to change the name of a school. It destroys the culture of the local community.

Let me remind everyone of what happened in the City of Alexandria back in 2004. At that time the president of the NAACP chapter in Alexandria demanded the School Board change the name of T.C. Williams High School.

The school opened in 1965 and it was named in honor of Mr. T.C. Williams, who served as Alexandria's superintendent of schools from

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the 1930s up through the early 1960s. This was during the time of state-mandated segregation. Because of this, some misguided individuals over the years have suggested it is inappropriate to have the school named after him. But the complaint by the NAACP president fell on deaf ears.

People have an emotional attachment to the name of their school. Our mayor at that time was Bill Euille (who happens to be black). He graduated from T.C. Williams High School in the class of 1968 (the school's second graduating class). Mayor Euille did not want to change the name. Like most alumni and longtime residents of Alexandria, he had an emotional attachment to the name of T.C. Williams High. The school became even more famous because of the 2000 Disney hit movie, "Remember the Titans."

No serious discussion was ever held to consider changing the name. Obviously, the authorities in the City of Alexandria's have more common sense than the Fairfax County School Board

Greg Paspatis

T.C. high School Class of 1978

Back to 1958

To the Editor:

Jay Spiegel's letter about changing the name of J.E.B. Stuart High School touched on the usual points and made the usual logic errors about renaming the school. His points

and mine also apply to other monuments to the Confederacy.

For the record, my mother was a Virginia Byrd and I was born and raised in the South.

J.E.B. Stuart High School was named in 1958 during the period of Virginia's massive resistance to Brown vs. Board of Education. Yes, J.E.B. Stuart was a famous Virginian, but the school was named to send a message, and not a subtle one.

Stuart took up arms against his country to defend slavery. This was treason, based on slavery. What is there to celebrate in this?

Conflating slave-owning Confederate officers who took up arms against their country with slave owners, such as Washington and Jefferson, who created this country is a fundamental logic error. It is long past time to stop spouting this nonsense.

The FCSB should rename the school and it should also put up a large plaque in front of the school that talks about slavery, treason, and massive resistance to desegregation in Virginia.

If Mr. Spiegel is concerned about the park across the street still being named for J.E.B. Stuart after the school name changes, we can put up the same plaque there.

Then we can say that real history is being preserved, not some misbegotten fantasy of white southern gentility and chivalry that lay atop an empire of slavery, blood, and treason.

Jim Gearing
Alexandria

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LETTER

Major Step Forward for Richmond Highway Corridor

To the Editor:

Speaking up about Richmond Highway revitalization and offering a public thank you to Supervisor Storck and Commissioner Flanagan:

We, the undersigned, want to publically thank Mount Vernon District Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan and Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck for their leadership and consensus building abilities. These gentlemen worked with the adjacent community groups, the county staff, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to obtain unanimous approval of NOVUS Holdings' proposed redevelopment and enhancement of five acres along Richmond Highway. The NOVUS project, which is to be located on the east side of Richmond Highway, between the King's Crossing Shopping Center and Fairview Drive, represents a dramatic enhancement of this important

stretch of Richmond Highway and will provide a jumpstart the revitalization of the Richmond Highway corridor. This project embodies the principles of Embark and sets a high bar for future re-development along the corridor.

As many of our fellow Mount Vernon District citizens know, Richmond Highway's revitalization and redevelopment has been agonizingly slow and difficult to achieve. Supervisor Hyland laid the groundwork for this project. Supervisor Storck and Commissioner Flanagan are demonstrating the leadership and vision needed to revitalize the Richmond Highway corridor and make the Mount Vernon District an even better place to live, work and play. We are finally on a roll and our current leaders are getting the job done.

At the Planning Commission's public hearing in mid-July, numerous citizens spoke in

support of this project as a way to kick start the long sought after revitalization of Richmond Highway corridor. At the Board of Supervisors July 25 public hearing, all public testimony presented was supportive of this project. Supervisor Storck's pre-motion comments set the tone for future opportunities along the corridor and the need for staff and citizens alike to support these endeavors. At the close of these comments, Supervisor Storck again took the lead with a motion to approve this exciting new project, which was seconded by Board Chairman Sharon Bulova and unanimously adopted by the board. The board's action speaks volumes about this project and the need to support our area's revitalization.

During the almost four year process, NOVUS Holdings worked very closely with staff, the Spring Bank community and the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associa-

tions (MVCCA) to shape this development and ensure our vision for Richmond Highway would be represented by this project. The BOS vote on July 25 finally brought about the approval we all were hoping for.

We offer a big and sincere thank you to Commissioner Flanagan and Supervisor Storck and we appreciate the developer NOVUS for hanging in there with the community to see this through.

We look forward to seeing this project built and continuing the partnership with Commissioner Flanagan and Supervisor Storck to re-vitalize and re-develop additional properties in the Mt. Vernon District in line with our vision for Embark and the Richmond Highway corridor.

Josh Delmonico, Paul Johnson, Pete Sitnik, Mark Viani, Bill Brinley, Martin Tillett and Katherine Ward

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Clear Differences

To the Editor:

The article on the Fairfax County School Board special election (voting is on Aug. 29) left the impression that candidate Karen Keys-Gamarra and candidate Chris Grisafe hold similar positions on the concerns of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender students, families and employees.

Our interviews with the candidates and their campaigns indicate that this is far from the truth. Grisafe has indicated to us and various audiences that he supports separating transgender students in use of facilities and restrooms, will not commit to keeping Gender Identity in the non-discrimination policy that affects students and employees, and expresses that our community should have a discussion about whether to include explicit mention of same-sex families in the K-6 Family Life Education curriculum; he says an opt-in method of signing kids up to FLE may solve some of the disagreement. Karen Keys-Gamarra has expressed to us her complete support of the inclusion of LGBTQ

students in our schools, including in the non-discrimination policy and in school facilities. If this is not the case, the candidates should say so clearly to all audiences.

Fairfax County voters stark choice between these two candidates on how they would approach the concerns of LGBTQ students, families and employees.

Robert Rigby, Jr.
President, FCPS Pride

Facade of Non-partisanship

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, a front page story concerned the upcoming special election for an at-large seat on the Fairfax County School Board (FCSB). The article provided some of the views of the four candidates for this position. By State statute, Va. Code Section 22.1-57.3 E. School Board elections are required to be non-partisan. While this is technically true, it is actually a fiction.

An election expert told me that this special election will be decided between the two candidates whose names appear on

sample ballots handed out at the polling place by representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties. With all due respect to the two candidates unendorsed by a political party, the special election will be decided between Karen Keys-Gamarra who is endorsed by the Democratic party, and Chris Grisafe who is endorsed by the Republican party. On election day, their names will appear on the respective sample ballots handed out to voters.

After researching the views of these two endorsed candidates, I found that Ms. Keys-Gamarra favors renaming J.E.B. Stuart, Robert E. Lee and W.T. Woodson high schools. In the Gazette article, she states, "I am not on record as saying that we need to take Fairfax County's funds to pay for that." However, if she favors these name changes, each of which may separately cost up to \$1 million, if private funding does not materialize, how does she expect those name changes to be implemented? This remains unanswered. Moreover, unreported in the Gazette is that Ms. Keys-Gamarra supports an aspect of the School Board's legislative package which would give local school boards taxing authority separate from the taxing authority of the Board of

Supervisors. Thankfully, this would require state legislation which I believe would be dead on arrival. In my opinion, people who are eager to find new ways to spend other people's (taxpayers') money should be kept far away from the levers of local government.

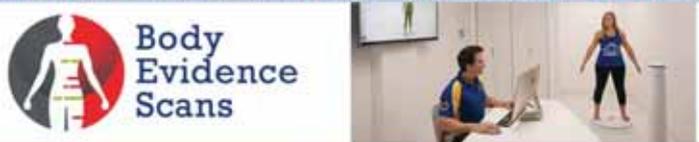
Mr. Grisafe has not clearly gone on record concerning changing the names of schools. However, from his campaign website, he states the following: "A local school board should not be mired in political or partisan point-making — the emphasis must be on the students." Watching the School Board debate on the J.E.B. Stuart naming issue, I was struck by the extreme partisanship of individual board members, some of whom even played the "race card" and misrepresented how the school was originally named as well as alleged support for the name change which actually, based upon surveys conducted by the School Board, demonstrated only 3 percent support for the name change among students, and only 35 percent support among members of the adjacent community, over 3,400 of whom responded to the community survey. Concern-

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Setting a Summer Table

Warm weather design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

From a backyard barbeque to a simple brunch, there's still plenty of time to celebrate warm weather with table designs that embody summer's trends.

"We're still in summer and the weather is going to be warm for quite some time," said Amanda Mertins, president of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "An indoor or outdoor tablestyle depends on the occasion. Birthdays, holidays [and] retirements, all evoke a different feeling."

Start with fresh foliage inspired by the natural surroundings. "Go out into your garden and use flowers [or] greens on your table," said Mertins. "Simple summer dinner party tables look great with lots of candles in votive holders, mason jars and glass lanterns. Remember to hang some of them in the trees for romance."

Incorporate a personal touch into each place setting, advises Hope Hassell, Case Design/Remodeling. "It will make each guest feel truly welcomed and you will look like the perfect hostess. It's as simple as printing off some photos from your phone or just adding place cards."

"Keep it casual by presenting family-style dishes down the center of the table," added Kimberly Asner, designer at Country Casual



Sea-themed serveware in blue help create an elegant tone for summer entertaining.

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Dinnerware and accessories like these from JT Interiors create a festive summer table.

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Teak. "Mix in mood-setting candle lighting and colorful, fresh-cut flowers in multiples for the most impact ... keep arrangements below eye level for easy conversation."

For alfresco dining, practicality is key, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. Dinnerware needs to be both durable and aesthetically appealing. "Bamboo dishes ... are perfect for outdoor dining," she said. "They won't break if dropped and are a great alternative to melamine."

Summer offers an abundance of options for using color, says Hassell. "Not only do you have so many options of in-season flowers, but you also have the nature around you to provide the backdrop."

The color blue establishes the type of serene atmosphere that Molly Pritchard of Arlington-based interior design firm, Design Lines likes to create at her summer parties. "Especially light blue because everything

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Break-resistant bamboo dishes are ideal for outdoor dining says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke.



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Adding a fresh flower arrangement to a table design, like this one by Patina Polished Living, will enhance the overall party.

Summer Table Trends

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about it represents summer," said Pritchard. "It's cool and clean and neutral, especially when paired with white or cream. It creates a seaside feel which is very summery."

IN ADDITION TO COLOR, motifs can set the stage for summer dining. Designers at JT interiors in Potomac suggest using white dinnerware, emblazoned with a lemon, to turn an everyday meal into a summer soirée. The tableware can be accented with an array of accessories including platters, coasters, bowls and tea towels. "It creates a very summery look, and it's white and clean.

Lemons and water are summery, like lemonade."

Summer table décor need not be expensive, says Hassell. "Simplicity can be stunning," she said. "The thoughtful placement of a sprig of rosemary can add just enough without having to go overboard."

Originality is a quality that Mertins encourages. "Think outside the box," she said. "Having a brunch? Use a vintage quilt as the tablecloth. Hosting a baby shower? Use silver rattles as decor and baby silver cups for the flowers. The effort you put into your party table will go a long way to the overall success of the party."

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Oil Paintings by Patricia Uchello. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Aug. 31 at the River Farm, 7931 East Blvd. Free. Call 703-768-6983 or visit www.patriciauchello.com for more.

Costumes of Mercy Street. Through Sept. 1, at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. To learn more about The Lyceum, visit alexandriava.gov/Lyceum or call 703-746-4994.

Ceramics Exhibition. Various times through Sept. 3 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit called "Flexibility in Clay: Gymnastics and Gyration." Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Relics. Various times through Labor Day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn the history of the museum, the purchase and see the original woodwork. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesdays, through Dec. 14. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Student Art Exhibit. Various times through Sept. 15 at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) gallery, 901 Prince St. NAEA is exhibiting artwork from across the country created by students who are members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS/high school students) and the National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS/middle school students). Call 800-299-8321 or 703-860-8000 or email info@arteducators.org for more.

All the President's Pups. Saturdays 10 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. All the President's Pups Walking Tour, along the way, learn about George Washington's love for dogs, his dogs' unusual names, and his efforts to improve the quality of his hunting dogs through breeding. \$7. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and



"Life of the Universe" by Nahid Navab

Art Exhibits

Meet the artists on Saturday, Aug. 12. 7-9 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Exhibitions "Zip Infinity," a series of acrylic paintings by artist Maremi Andreozzi and "The Time of No Time" by Nahid Navab will be on display through Sept. 17.

about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Pick-Up Hockey. Ongoing, Wednesdays and Fridays 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Ice Skating, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Play hockey with other hockey buffs, hitting slap shots and learning puck handling skills that the pros use. Players must have full equipment. 16 and older. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/mtvernon/ or call 703-768-3224 for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the

Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

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

www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

Shield of Earth: Defending the Heart of the Union exhibit.

Ongoing, museum hours Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sundays, noon-5 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road. Highlights of the exhibition include military passes issued by Provost Marshal's Office, construction tools, and original photographs of some of Washington's defenders. 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital exhibit. Ongoing, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St.



Live Music

Sierra Hull in Concert on Thursday, Aug. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Come see the site that inspired "Mercy Street," the new PBS' series inspired by real events that took place at Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997

Color Disorder Exhibit. Ongoing, Thursday through Sunday, noon-4 p.m., Sundays, noon-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A joint exhibition of artists Katie Baines and Amy Chan who use diverse painting materials such as acrylic, gouache, airbrush and screen print to build energized abstract paintings. www.nfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

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 and Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151 or visit www.fontainecaffe.com/reviews.html.

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

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

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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

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Thomas W. Jones II

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Wake Up Wednesdays featuring The Pop Up Cafe. 7-9:30 a.m. on Wednesday's near the King Street Tunnel - Carlyle Entrance located near 2000 Duke St. near Motley Fool. The cafe will feature coffee, live music to help commuters start the day off right and donuts from Sugar Shack. maurisapotts@gmail.com

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Summer Theatre Camps. Through Aug. 25, various times at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Preschool-8th graders can learn acting, musical theatre, dancing, improv, Shakespeare, film making. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-5778.

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

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

The Harmony Heritage Singers (Mount Vernon Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society), a daytime, a cappella, Chorus, rehearses on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, monthly, at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood

Hall Lane, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Newcomers welcome for fun or to book for a performance. Visit www.HHSingers.org, or call Bruce at 703-352-5271.

THURSDAY/AUG. 10

Big Splash. 11 a.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, at 6060 Wilson Blvd. A celebration of Transurban's Big Splash Grant that funded summer camp programs in Arlington and Alexandria. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 12

Garden Stroll and Ice Cream Social. 10 a.m.-11:30 at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Stroll the summer gardens with a Master Gardener docent, then cool down at an ice cream social in the 1784 Historic House. \$12. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Art of History. 10 a.m.-noon at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Art-focused tour of the “Centennial of the Everyday,” that views history through the lens of contemporary art. \$15. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Meet the Artists. 7-9 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. Exhibitions “Zip Infinity,” a series of acrylic paintings by artist Maremi Andreozzi and “The Time of No Time” by Nahid Navabwill be on display through Sept. 17.

Boardwalk Astronomy. 8-10 p.m., at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join naturalists on a tour of constellations, comets and other current events happening in the heavens above. \$8. Call 703-768-

2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

AUG. 12-13

8th Annual Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale. Various times, participating stores throughout Old Town and Del Ray. Visit VisitAlexVA.com/SidewalkSale for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 13

An Outlandish Geek Tour. noon-1 p.m. at the Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Learn about a few of the herbal medicines featured in Diana Gabaldon's “Outlander” series of novels, from cascara to dauco seeds. Tour recommended for adults only. \$15. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary or call 703-746-3852.

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Join trombonist Tyler Castrucci, along with violist William Neri, and cellist Molly Jones for an afternoon of chamber music. Free. Visit www.wmpmusic.org for more.

Medical Music Group. 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Drive. “Music You Can't Refuse,” concert. \$20-50, veterans and students free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ or vanmmg@hotmail.com.

Artist Reception. 4-6 p.m. at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Artist Leslie Nolan talks about her exhibit, “Seduction,” on display through Sept. 17. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Documentary Film Tour. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria. Hosted by Calek and SIR NOFACE Producer Justin Holstein, the “SIR NOFACE

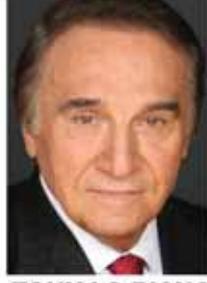
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TUESDAY/AUG. 15

Genealogy Talk. 1-3 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn how to use various record groups to find your pre- and post-Civil War Virginia ancestors and their plantation from genealogist Char McCargo Bah. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 16

Wake Up Wednesday. 7-9:30 a.m. at the Duke Street Tunnel Connecting Carlyle to King Street Metro. Free coffee with a purchase of a donut, entertainment from local performers. Every Wednesday through September. www.alexandriava.gov/CarlyleFun.

THURSDAY/AUG. 17

Garden Tour and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour the glorious gardens with a Master Gardener docent who will lecture about Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea. \$32. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

Sierra Hull in Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

AUG. 17-SEPT. 17

Wizard of Hip. Various times at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Featuring Thomas W Jones II as he journeys from adolescence to adulthood as Afro Jo with original music by William Knowles and two back-up singers. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org.

AUG. 18-27

Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week. Area restaurants offer \$35 for a three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two; select locations offering lunch from \$10-20/person. Visit www.AlexandriaRestaurantWeek.com or call 703-746-3301 for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 19

Casting Leaves in Concrete Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Green Spring staff demonstrates casting and painting techniques and assists participants in making one to take home. \$40 for the program plus \$25 supply fee. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

Sketch Hike. 10 a.m.-noon, at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Join park naturalist and artist Margaret Wohler at the park's Norma Hoffman Visitor Center and hike up to Historic Huntley to sketch some of the Mason family villa's historic architecture and landscaping. \$8. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

Gardening Author Talk. 3-4:30 p.m. at the Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Nancy Lawson, a naturalist and columnist for All Animals magazine, will talk about her recent book, "The Humane Gardener: Nurturing a Backyard Habitat for Wildlife." Visit alexlibraryva.org.



Leslie Nolan's "Pulled By What Would Be"

Artist Reception

Artist Leslie Nolan talks about her exhibit, "Seduction," 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13 at the The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Seduction" will be on display through Sept. 17. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SUNDAY/AUG. 20

Tea and Princess Diana Lecture. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Explore the many faces of Diana: fairytale princess, style icon, humanitarian and mother. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea. \$32. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

Chamber Music Concert. 3-5 p.m., at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Cellist Randy Ward and pianist Chloe Sunyang Choi will play music by Beethoven, Brahms, and Vaughn Williams. Visit www.wmpamusic.org

DEADLINE AUG. 20

Open Invitation for Chorus. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria campus, 5000 Dawes Ave. Email leckstein@nvcc.edu or call 703-845-6252.

MONDAY/AUG. 21

Alexandria Chamber Golf Tournament. 1 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Hot dogs and brats, beverages, reception, dinner, prizes. Sponsorships available, email micarrocchi@alexchamber.com.

Great American Eclipse. All day at Historic Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn the science behind eclipses and how to view them safely, solar eclipse glasses will be provided to attendees at all the programs. \$7 to \$12 per person. Visit go.usa.gov/xNvvb for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 23

Wake Up Wednesday. 7-9:30 a.m. at the Duke Street Tunnel Connecting Carlyle to King Street Metro. Free coffee with a purchase of a donut, entertainment from local performers. Every Wednesday through September. www.alexandriava.gov/CarlyleFun.

THURSDAY/AUG. 24

Historian Lecture. 7 p.m. at The

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meredith Barber is a local historian and student at William and Mary. Through research at the National Archives, she discovered previously unknown Athenaeum history during the Civil War including its employment as a logistics center by the Union Army. \$5, free for NVFAA members. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/AUG. 26

Garden Terrarium Workshop. 1-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn provides information on this genus and teaches techniques for creating a terrarium. \$38 plus supplies. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 26-27

Begonia Show and Sale. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Show sponsored by the Potomac branch of the American Begonia Society. Free. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 27

Sister Musicians Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Artists and sisters Shelby Lynne and Allison Moorer will perform in support of their upcoming release "Not Dark Yet." Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

MONDAY/AUG. 28

7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament. 8 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Golf Club 8450 Beulah St., Fort Belvoir. Benefit for America's "Adopt A Soldier," an established nonprofit organization who has through

grassroots volunteerism, donations, and partnerships; provides a positive impact to our nation's wounded, deployed service members, hospitalized military children, homeless veterans, veterans and their families. Email golftournament@americasadoptsoldier.org for more.

Fall Vegetable Gardening. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even enjoy some of the crops in the

Summer Sunset Movies In Mount Vernon

The Mount Vernon Rec Center at 2017 Belle View Boulevard will be the location for family-friendly movies throughout the summer. Twice a month, from 7-11 p.m., movies will start at sunset. The movie schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Aug. 11 - "The Lego Batman Movie"
- ❖ Aug. 25 - "Beauty and the Beast"

dead of winter. Visit mgmv.org or call 703-228-6414 for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 2

Celebrate Honeybee Day. 10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Meet a beekeeper, see inside a beehive, learn a bee dance, do a bee scavenger hunt, learn how bees are important to the food supply and get tips on how to help honeybees. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

Saturday Cinema at Carlyle. 7:36 p.m. on John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St. Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan in "When Harry Met Sally." Free. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 8

Patriot Day Golf Classic. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. 4th Annual Patriot Day Golf Classic to benefit two veteran and wounded

warrior organizations. Visit www.bellehavenc.com/golf/patriotday for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Fall Garden Day. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Numerous local plant and garden craft vendors will have gardening materials, while a silent auction, bake sale, live music, food and kids' activity tent add to the festivities. Free. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 11

Yoga for Gardeners I. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class features a gentle introduction to the vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. Class held indoors. \$123/person for 11 lessons. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 426 2401 or call 703-642-5173.

Garden Sprouts: Nature

Playgroup. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschoolers learn through nature-themed toys and puzzles while parents meet other playgroup parents one Monday a month. September's theme is "Pollinators Everywhere." Adult must accompany registered child. \$6/child. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 401 2701 or call 703-642-5173.

SEPT. 16-17

Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 480 King St. King Street from Washington Street to the waterfront is transformed into an outdoor art gallery with original artwork by more than 200 artists from the U.S. and abroad. Featuring live music, and interactive art activities, as well as The Art League's Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. Visit www.artfestival.com/festivals/alexandria-king-street-art-festival.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Fisher Art Gallery NOVA, Alexandria Campus, 4915 East Campus Drive. Michael Rossi,

guest conductor. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 3 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Michael Rossi, guest conductor. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

SATURDAY/OCT. 7

Saturday Cinema at Carlyle. 6:41 p.m. on John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St. Featuring Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds." Free. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/CarlyleFun.

SATURDAY/OCT. 14

Members Support Party. 7-9 p.m., at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association invites members and friends to join us for La Vie en Rose, a French evening in the Athenaeum Gallery. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.



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Joni Koons, who lives on West Boulevard Drive, hosts a library modeled after the home of an earlier area resident.



Waynewood residents Kevin and Chellye Promen provide seating with their library on Potomac Lane.

Little Free Libraries Take Root

FROM PAGE 1

Ann Ventura and her family live on Stockton Parkway in Stratford and she installed a library full of young adult and children's books. "I wanted to help children to read without it being a chore," she said. "We go through a dozen books in a busy week," she said of the process of "taking a book and leaving a book." She leaves a small Teddy Bear in the cabinet – a "reading buddy" for small children – and provides links to free, online ebooks.

In Riverside Gardens, Liz Schroeder has two enclosures and a bench on her corner lot on Stirrup Lane. "I had seen one near my parents' home in Minnesota, so we ordered a kit from LittleFreeLibrary.org, then my husband built the second," she said. "We found the bench at Holly, Woods and Vines on Route 1." She keeps children's books in one, and mixed titles in the other. She named her library "Wheat's Corner" after her late uncle, Leonard Wheat, who used to own her home.

One library in the Waynewood area is on a high foot-traffic street, Potomac Lane, which runs between Waynewood School and the Waynewood Recreation facility. Kevin and Chellye Promen host the library, which Kevin's father built and supplied with small Adirondack chairs. "Someone anonymously filled it full of books immediately after we installed it," Kevin Promen said, "and we have five to 10 people stop every day."

Joni Koons, who lives on West Boulevard Drive, said her husband asked a local craftsman, Kevin Tollefson, to build a miniature replica of Mount Vernon to use as her library. "It's almost always full of books," Koons said, "and people walking dogs or

moms with a child in a stroller are always stopping." Also, people donate books to her, and she gives any excess to United Community Ministries on Route 1. Her only trouble with the library are ants that often take up residence in the enclosure, a problem that likely also vexed George and Martha Washington.

In Williamsburg Manor North, Natalie Morris installed a library under a tree in her front yard on Chancery Court, and added a swing and a chair for patrons. "I wanted to do something to increase literacy and participate in community building," she said. "My husband built it with recycled materials left from his house projects." She places books for grownups on the top shelf, young adult material on the middle, and picture books on the bottom. She also leaves treats for both dogs and their walkers in the enclosure.

Mike Stebbins and his family live on Alden Road in Plymouth Haven and recently installed a library. They previously had lived in the District and had contemplated building a number of enclosures for low-income areas, but never reached that goal. "I had built one by the time we moved last year to our current home, so I finally installed it earlier this summer. We fill it with 'great books' and gardening editions. Next spring, we plan to include plant seeds, as well."

Vandals recently damaged Stebbins' library, but he has repaired the enclosure.

Rico Harley maintains a Little Free Library on Rampart Drive in Collingwood Springs, and Tauxemont Preschool on Fort Hunt Road also has a library.

For information on establishing one's own library, visit <http://littlefreelibrary.org/>.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

Natalie Morris, a Williamsburg Manor North resident, offers a library in a comfy spot in her front yard.



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A young neighbor at Liz Schroeder's library on Stirrup Lane in Riverside Gardens.

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Coincidental Or Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

One of our older/oldest cats, Biscuit, born late September 2006 and his oldest human parent, yours truly, born late September 1954, are both having teeth issues. In fact, the exact same teeth issues: the 1st molar and the 2nd bicuspid in the "upper right quadrant" are causing us problems and have to be extracted.

Biscuit's teeth extraction will be done by our regular veterinarian. Mine will be done not by my regular dentist but by a specialist, an oral surgeon. Unfortunately, the two practices are not related so there's no chance of a "BOGO." Nor is there any chance that the two procedures will be about the same cost. My teeth extraction will be double at a minimum, perhaps even quadruple, if I'm lucky. (I made inquiries.) Accordingly, Biscuit's extraction will occur/has occurred first.

What's of interest to me is the coincidence that Biscuit and I need the same teeth extracted at the same time. Which when you consider that Biscuit and I are approximately the same age, is not really a surprise. It's really more of a fact of life/aging - for both of us. Perhaps there are other behaviors and/or physical/mental indicators in Biscuits day-to-day activities which might clue me in to my own aging process. After all, we are living similar lives.

So far, Biscuit's post-teeth-extraction recovery has been uneventful. He's been spry and energetic. He's been on the kitchen counter, various window sills, the dining room table, the ironing board and all the other furniture; he's knocked over the wicker trash basket in our bedroom three times and he's been eating like a dog. In short, he's "back baby."

He almost appears to be smiling - except when we attempt to give him his post-procedure pills. As per usual, during the day he's sleeping on the back of the couch and at night he's curled up in the laundry basket; and he's still the first cat - of five, an hour early, I might add, for breakfast and dinner, to place his order/meow his presence. He's as ready to eat as ever. He hasn't missed a beat or a step. If I had to summarize/characterize his actions now, I'd say he has a real joie de vivre, "an exuberant enjoyment of life." So what am I waiting for? Godot?

As for my procedure, I've been told it takes 30 minutes or so. Local anesthesia is used (unlike Biscuit who was totally sedated/anesthetized). Moreover, the post-surgical pain is not terrible and the chance of infection is minor. And though I'll have a space in my gums where my teeth used to be, no longer will I be anticipating the pain and discomfort that cracking or splitting either of these two teeth would cause. The only pain I'll likely have is the pain of payment. (See 7/26/17 column entitled "Taking Care of Business" for associated details.)

I guess my curiosity/concern is whether I trust anything I've observed from Biscuit's dental experience - considering we're the same age. Is what's good for the cat also good for the human - all things being equal, sort of? Is Biscuit's return to normalcy so quickly and so easily - and so vigorously, a lesson to be learned? If seeing is believing and I do see extremely well for someone nearing his 63rd birthday, then Biscuit's 'experience' and the comparison between his pre- and post-extraction behavior should be an inspiration to us all, especially those of us of similar age with one and the same, two actually, teeth which need to be extracted.

I mean, the procedure I've been putting off is not exactly brain surgery, it's oral surgery. I'm not admitted to a hospital. It's outpatient. I'm in and then out. Same day service, just like the restaurant where my wife, Dina works. I don't even need someone to drive me home (unlike Biscuit. I had to drive him home.) And now that Biscuit is home, safe and sound, I suppose it's time for me to buck up and schedule my appointment. After all, it has nothing to do with cancer and everything to do with quality of life. I'd say that's a win-win.

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LETTERS

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ing finances, Mr. Grisafe has gone on record, as reported in the Gazette article, that the School Board must enhance transparency concerning its budgetary decisions.

Presently, the School Board is made up of two members endorsed by the local Republican party and most if not all of the rest endorsed by the local Democratic party. I suggest that a local School Board which is supposed to be non-partisan should have a closer balance between endorsements from the respective political parties.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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Summer Lunches. The Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Food and Nutrition Services will be hosting the FEEDS (Food for Every Child to Eat During Summer) BBQ program, a USDA-funded program is free to all children 18 years and under and \$2 for adults. There is no registration involved, and open to everyone. Meal service will be provided at the following sites Monday-Friday, 11:30-1 p.m. FEEDS is offered at the following schools:

- ❖ Bren Mar Park Elementary, 6344 Beryl Road
- ❖ Hybla Valley Elementary, 3415 Lockheed Blvd.
- ❖ Mount Vernon Woods Elem., 4015 Fielding St.
- ❖ Riverside Elem., 8410 Old Mount Vernon Road

FRIDAY/AUG. 11

Resource Fair. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus. In partnership with Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria, Northern Virginia Community College's Alexandria Campus will host a resource fair for skilled immigrants called "Rebuild Your Professional Career in the U.S." This work conference is free and open to the public. Registration is required, and space is limited; visit www.eventbrite.com and search workforce conference. Call 703-324-7280, TTY 711 or email WDC@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/AUG. 15

Deer Management Lecture. 7-8 p.m., at Mount Vernon District Police Station, Community Room, 2511 Parkers Lane. Informational meeting on the the Fairfax County Deer Management Program. Call 703-324-0280 or 703-324-0224.

THURSDAY/AUG. 17

Mount Vernon Pyramid Resource Fair. 2-6 p.m., at Mt. Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Call 703-619-3100 for more.

Volunteer Training. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 8350 Richmond Highway. Fairfax-based non-profit Britepaths is seeking volunteer Financial Coaches to conduct one-on-one financial coaching sessions with clients at the Financial Empowerment Center in the South County Government Center. Three-hour shifts available on weekdays, evenings and Saturdays. Must have a financial background, good for AFCPE seeking practicum hours. Must be able to volunteer at least twice per month for six months. RSVP to dsykes@britepaths.org. Visit britepaths.org/FECVolunteer for details.

AUG. 17-OCT. 5

CERT Training. Community Emergency Response Team is a training program administered through the auspices of the county fire and rescue department. The training prepares residents to help themselves, their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster in their community. The next available CERT Class is scheduled to begin on Thursday, Aug. 17. There is one session each week on Thursdays that run until Oct. 5. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cert/cert.htm.

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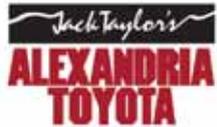
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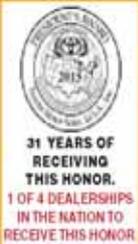
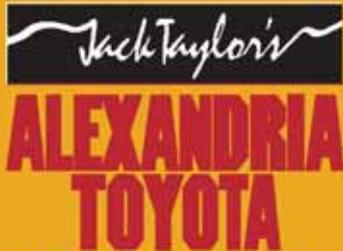
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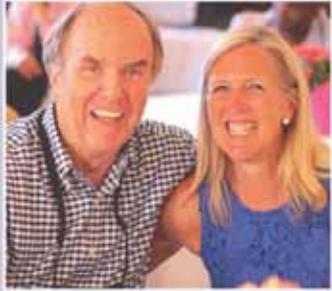
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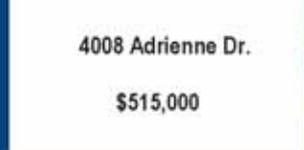
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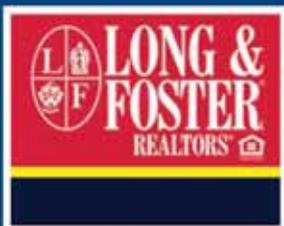
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