Upgrades for Mount Vernon Recreation Center

Modernization to the interior and parking are part of the plan.

By Mike Salmon
The Gazette

Just past the front door of the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, it becomes obvious that an expansion is needed for this community amenity. The front lobby is sharing its small space with the stationary bicycles that once belonged in the workout room but were pushed out into the lobby because of space.

From her vantage point in the audience at a May 6 recreation center meeting, Ingrid Butler pointed this out. “Exercise machines are out in the lobby,” she said, but noted that she has made friends over the years at the recreation center, and calls it “a little community, I have no intention on going anywhere else,” she said.

Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck kicked off the meeting in front of a packed room. Joining him was Eric Inman of the Fairfax County Park Authority and several engineers involved with the project. They first started renovation talks in 2014 and finally got the $20 million from a 2016 park

Event Teaches Residents to Prepare for Emergencies

Preparedness Awareness Weekend (PAW) took place on Saturday, May 5, at the Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria. The event empowered families to prepare for sudden emergencies both natural and man-made.

The program provided hands-on, developmental training in: free car seat checks; hands-on CPR; disaster meals; family emergency planning; and assembling a disaster kit. The event had a display of emergency kits from infant through adult, including pets and individuals with special needs.

Families also learned how to make an emergency plan (evacuation, emergency contact, etc.). Community partners gave information to families about keeping their families safe for any emergency that might arise in our community.

“Preparedness Awareness Weekend is just that. With a number of wonderful county partners, my office has an event to have folks come in, get key information that they need to then prepare the next day for how to respond to any kinds of disasters or emergencies that we have — whether they’re individual, a house fire — whether it’s flooding or derechos or storms or hurricanes that have passed our way over the last many years,” said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck.
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Fort Hunt Little League Celebrates Opening Day

Fort Hunt Little League (FHLL) held its 62nd opening day ceremony at Carl Sandburg Middle School’s Red Stevens Field last month. The festivities featured Barry Meuse, FHLL president, and John Donaldson, District 9 Administrator, welcoming players, families and friends. West Potomac Varsity Baseball players were introduced and their coaching staff spoke about the importance Little League play has in the development of future high school baseball players.

Fort Hunt Little League Division Commissioners introduced their team managers and coaches, followed by players taking the field and high-fiving the West Potomac varsity players on their way around the bases.

The national anthem was sung by West Potomac Junior Adrianna DeLorenzo. Commemorative first pitches were thrown by a player from each of the Fort Hunt Little League’s Divisions as well by the West Potomac Varsity Team. Those players include:

❖ T-Ball: Lexington “Lex” Cohoon
❖ Single A: Mason LoCascio
❖ AA: Crawford Baker
❖ AAA: Daniel Taylor
❖ Minors: Abby Beddis
❖ Majors: Matthew Leonardo
❖ West Potomac Varsity: Kurt Sullivan.

A representative from state Sen. Scott Surovell’s office was on-hand to present an official plaque of the State of Virginia Commending Resolution recognizing 2017 as the most successful season in FHLL history from state Sen. Scott Surovell’s office representative.

West Potomac Junior Adrianna DeLorenzo performs national anthem.

Barry Meuse, FHLL president, receives plaque of the State of Virginia Commending Resolution recognizing 2017 as the most successful season in FHLL history from state Sen. Scott Surovell’s office representative.

From left: Barry Meuse, FHLL president; Rene Belanger long-time FHLL manager and volunteer, and Jason Hescock, new West Potomac Baseball Head Coach.

Abby Beddis throws out commemorative first pitch on behalf of FHLL Minors Division.

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Mother’s Day

Johannah Murphy with her three sons (from left), Jack Murphy, (age 21); Charlie Murphy (age 14); and Peter Murphy (age 18). Johannah Murphy homeschooled all of her boys from birth to 8th grade. The Murphys will soon be celebrating the high school graduation of Peter, who is the valedictorian of Bishop Ireton High School. Jack, the oldest, has just completed his junior year at the College of William and Mary, and Charlie, the youngest, is finishing up his 8th grade year of homeschooling and will attend Bishop Ireton next fall. Johannah Murphy shepherded them through Eagle Scout projects and year-round sports, mentored them in religious education, exposed them to a wealth of cultural experiences through The Kennedy Center, outdoor adventures, and her own field trips. On behalf of Jack, Peter and Charlie Murphy, this is submitted in honor of their mother.

Debbie Fairbanks and Stanhope Fairbanks at Great Wolf Lodge on Williamsbug on vacation.

Steve Fill sent in this Mother’s Day photo of his wife Amber along with their son Stephen and daughter Breanne.

Maggie Hagood with son Collin Marquis on his first trip to England and a visit to Stonehenge.

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Alex/Waynewood $679,900
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Alex/Potomac Valley $562,000
8601 Mt. Vernon Hwy
Lovely 4BR, 2BA, 4 fl, Split on a lg, beautiful .3 acre lot w/a fenced bkyp. Flexible painted interior & beautiful refinished hrdwds. Main fl has a gracious & cozy Family rm w/gas FPL, 4th BR, & 2nd full bath. Upper level #1 offers an open kitchen plus Living & Dining Rms. Upper level #2 has a full bath & 3BRs. The lower level has a lg partially finished Rec rm. Good price on a super lot.

Alex/Riverside Estates $594,900
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Vote, Vote, Vote

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ny one who was closely watching last November’s election got a demonstration about what difference one vote can make. Control of the Virginia General Assembly came down to a single race that was deemed to be tied, and was decided by a random drawing. Republicans won. Vote. It’s so important to vote. Your vote could actually be the deciding vote.

Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail.

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state’s new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver’s License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver’s license.

In Person Absentee Locations, Fairfax County

- Fairfax County Government Center
- Franconia Governmental Center
- Lorton Library
- Mason Governmental Center
- McLean Governmental Center
- Mount Vernon Governmental Center
- North County Governmental Center

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before an event.

DONATIONS NEEDED

UCM Needs Help. United Community Ministries (UCM), 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Inventory is low on disposable diapers especially sizes 4, 5, 6, canned tuna and other canned meats like chicken; and low-sugar breakfast cereals. Shop and donate with their Amazon Wish List at: bit.ly/UCM_FoodPantry_AmazonWishList. Email Assistant Food Pantry Manager Von at vonnetta.jones@ucmagency.org or visit at www.ucmagency.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

Your Legal Responsibilities as a Caregiver, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Holton Hall Senior Center, located on 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Among your many responsibilities as a caregiver are also legal questions you have to face. What do you have to consider when making decisions for someone else? At what points are you being “just a caregiver” not enough to make decision? How do you go about getting the authority you need? This workshop will cover making decisions as an agent with health or financial powers of attorney, guardian, representative payee and more. Come to all classes. Classes are free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served; registration is kindly requested. To register, call 1-877-926-8300. South County Task Force Meeting, 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway Alexandria. The South County Task Force’s next meeting will be a double meeting with one session from 1-3 p.m. and a second session from 7-9 p.m., both in the second floor conference room of the South County Center.

What’s on the Ballot for Primary Election June 12?

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

US House of Representatives
District 8, Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (unopposed)
District 11, Gerald Edward Connolly (unopposed)
U.S. Senate, Timothy M. Kaine (unopposed)

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

US House of Representatives
District 11, Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (unopposed)
United States Senate
Corey A. Stewart
Nick J. Freitas
E. W. Jackson

Primary: Tuesday, June 12

- Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21.
- Deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5. Request must be received by your Registrar by 5 p.m.
- Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in-person voting is already underway.

Proposal ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. If voters submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through UPS or commercial delivery service, please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be accepted. Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.
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Remember It’s ‘Teacher Appreciation Week’

By Paul Krizek
State Delegate (D-44)

This is “Teacher Appreciation Week” in Virginia, and I want to thank our teachers for their personal dedication, skill, and experience they provide our children, including my daughter, every school day. I must also thank the many teachers in Fairfax County Public Schools that taught and inspired me. I join Governor Northam in commemorating teachers this week, and encourage all Virginians to thank and recognize teachers for their hard work and dedication to all of our children not just this week but every single day. This is especially good time to thank them because they are dealing with that stressful time of year when students have their final exams, SOLs, AP tests, end-of-year projects and upcoming graduations. Our teachers do a fantastic job fostering a nurturing, creative environment where students can thrive.

When I visit our schools in our Mount Vernon and Lee community, I always come away impressed by the vitality and excitement that teachers bring to the classroom, theatre and gym and it’s all possible because of the great educational environment they work hard to create. I would be remiss if I did not thank the wonderful members of the Virginia Education Association who never stop fighting for our children.

This year marks the third annual “Thank a Teacher” campaign sponsored by the Virginia Lottery in partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation and the Virginia Parent Teacher Association. In the first two years of the campaign, according to the Governor, Virginia teachers received more than 70,000 thank-you notes, due to overwhelming support from parents, students and community members. “Teachers are the backbone of our Commonwealth’s economy and we should recognize them every day,” Governor Northam said. “During Teacher Appreciation Week, I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to thank the people who help shape young individuals into educated adults, ready to work the jobs of today and create the jobs of tomorrow.” Someone once said that “It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.”

Thank you to all of our wonderful educators for your big hearts shaping our children’s minds and preparing them for the workforce of tomorrow.

An Enthusiastic ‘Bye Bye Birdie’ at MVHS

By Jordan Post
Teens and Theatre Company

It was an enthusiastic take on the famous Broadway show “Bye Bye Birdie” by Mount Vernon High School. Set in 1958, the show is about Conrad Birdie whose story is based on Elvis Presley.

When Conrad gets drafted into the military, his manager, Albert Peterson, gets worried about his money. Albert decides that before Conrad leaves there needs to be a last hoorah.

Albert’s secretary and girlfriend, Rose Alvarez, comes up with the idea of one last kiss from a fan for Conrad on the Ed Sullivan Show. The lucky girl who was chosen, Kim MacAfee, was just pinned by Hugo Peabody, a young boy in the town who easily gets jealous. When Conrad arrives to the small town of Sweet Apple, Ohio, his fan club is waiting for him with eager hearts. Albert and Rose do all that they can to make sure Conrad doesn’t get into any trouble. Rose can’t wait till all of this is over so that Albert can become an English teacher and they can get married. Sadly Albert’s mother does all that she can to keep them apart. Things start to really get out of hand when Kim runs off with Conrad and the kids of the town say they’re not going back home. After Conrad gets arrested and bailed out by Albert he heads off to war. Albert finally proposes to Rose. Hugo gets back together with Kim and the town goes back to the way things were.

Mount Vernon High School’s cast is easy to love and full of energy. Ttendo Williams plays Conrad Birdie with swag and style. He is very believable as a rock star who just wants to have fun. His night on the town with Kim MacAfee who is played by Keeley Bryant doesn’t go as planned. Kim wants to be treated as a woman. Her protective father, Harry MacAfee portrayed by Maruro Gomez, doesn’t like the look of this kid. Maruro played him perfectly. He made the audience laugh uncontrollably. He has great comedic timing, is full of energy, and has a strong singing voice.

A good counter character is Rose because of Maggie McClelland. We were able to see the struggling character. Maggie has a beautiful voice and deliberate moves. The school had four student choreographers who definately did their homework on the time period. The choreography was fun, exciting and incorporated everyone in the cast.

The ensemble created an electric environment for those around them. Christian Reid was part of the ensemble but really shined in the background. The set designers put a lot of time and effort into the look of the backdrop. The show is full of singing, dancing, and love and was executed very well by Mount Vernon High School.

Chamber Partners with Fort Belvoir to Clean Highway

About 25 volunteers turned out last month to cleanup the trash on Jeff Todd Way from Telegraph Road, past US Route 1 where the road becomes Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway to Fort Belvoir’s Walker Gate. Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Belvoir Installation Command hosted their annual “spring clean” highway cleanup, collecting 57 bags of trash and an old desk. Event partners were Candlewood Suites, IGH Hotels StaybridgeSuites on Fort Belvoir for providing a shuttle to transport volunteers, and FCPD Mount Vernon Police Station for providing safety support for the cleanup.

Volunteers are ready to be transported to the highway cleanup by IGH Staybridge Hotel shuttle.
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**Ready for Summer**

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

When designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis.

“I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture,” she said. “Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful.”

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. “The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture,” said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. “There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time … [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years.

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. “I can’t stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won’t be sorry.”

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, “Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics.”

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. “You’ll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun,” said Walker.

Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.

One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. “Mix several sized plants … very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters,” added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. “Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants.”

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. “The plants will add beautiful visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design,” said Walker.

For those who want to build a stone patio, go for variety, but establish a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. “Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials,” said Walker. “Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It’s much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps.”

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggests that when designing or even sprucing up patio, “Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes,” she said. “The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn’t an issue.”

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. “I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain,” she said. “We love to entertain on our patio. It’s our favorite space.”
Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photo/artwork encouraged.

**ONGOING**

**Customer Appreciation Week and ONGOING**

**Attics and Alleys Tours.** At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at 2807 King Street, Alexandria. Volunteers grow dozens of vegetables, herbs, and flowers. Call 703-746-1714 or visit alexlibraryva.org. Call 703-746-1714 or visit alexlibraryva.org.


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**Art Exhibit.** Through June 3 at Alexandria Residency Art Gallery, 4030 King Street. Over 70 paintings and numerous natural history prints from the estate of a private collector will be on display. Examples include views of Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and North Carolina. Call 703-548-5188 or visit www.studioantiques.net.

**Art Exhibit.** Through June 3 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Two Solos: Brian Williams and Sophie Blondeau. Williams’ paintings on metal want viewers to consider if humans can adapt without caging.

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**Write Like A Woman**

Facilitated by poet and author KaNikki Jackson, Write Like A Woman: The Woman’s Guide to Writing is an ongoing week that welcomes women writers ages 18-100. Each workshop focuses on different writing styles and allows the participants to enhance their writing skills as well as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Each session includes writing exercises and networking.

**Road** by Jing Wang.

**Photography Exhibit: China in My Eyes**

Presented by the Confucius Institute at George Mason University, China in My Eyes offers a window into China today, taken by a diverse group photographers that connect the city. This tour includes walking over many city blocks, stairs, and access to confined spaces. Walking tour is bottle water suggested. Held rain or shine. Tickets must be purchased ahead at alexandriava.gov/shopping.

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The menu selections run the gamut from the familiar to the exotic. Appetizers include $7/11 pad Thai, yakisoba, (or) red or green curry, they've seen that already. … Once they try it, they like it," says co-owner Ken Nimmannit.

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"Our restaurant — we cook to order. Sometimes when we have a lot of business … it might take some time. I hope customers understand. We cook everything from scratch, it's properly cooked," he said.

By the looks of things on a regular weekday, customers didn’t seem to mind the occasional wait for food. And while Noodle Box has already become a destination for the workday set, Nimmannit says he hopes to see more neighbors drop by at night.

"I would love local people, other residents, any day they don’t want to cook for themselves, come by and we’ll cook for them," Nimmannit said. "They can eat properly cooked food at our place and the price is really reasonable."

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Noodle Box Brings Fast-Casual Asian Fare Back to King Street

For more than a decade, noodles, rice and Asian fare have been a mainstay at 602 King St. For years, Red Mei was in residence; now, after several months of vacancy, Noodle Box has made itself right at home. The two restaurants are unrelated, says Noodle Box co-owner Ken Nimmannit. The owners of Red Mei were planning for retirement; when they did, Nimmannit and his business partner, Tommy Kanavivatchai, swooped in to take over the space, keeping an Asian focus on the forefront of King Street.

“We came up with the idea that we want to be able to serve the food, the authentic food — the same kind of food that is served in fancy restaurants,” he said.

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La Bella Strada: An Italian Street Painting Festival

Reviving the street painting tradition of Renaissance-era Europe, La Bella Strada will offer patrons an afternoon of interactive public arts programing. The event will center on 20 community-based professional artists creating sidewalk paintings using chalk as an artistic medium. Saturday, May 12, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Avenue between Bellefonte and Hume avenues in Alexandria. Visit www.labellastradadelray.com.

Nicole Flaug, of Arlington, has been participating in Street Painting festivals across the United States since 2004. She began painting alongside her mother, Beatrice Flaug, in Florida and continued on to win competitions, such as People’s Choice awards in both Colorado and Connecticut. She strives to try different techniques at nearly every festival, sometimes including 3D perspectives. More than once, Nicole has included writing exercises and as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to nicole@nvfaa.org.

Water’s Edge Exhibition. At Broadway Gallery, 5641-B General Washington Drive, Alexandria. The solo exhibit by Christine Lashley, “Water’s Edge,” explores her fascination with water in more than 40 paintings of fragile watersheds, shorelines, and gardens. The artist will do an art demonstration on Saturday, May 12, from 2-3 p.m., followed by an opening reception from 3-6 p.m. Visit broadwaygalleries.net.

Patrick Kirwin has been an art teacher at the Art League in Alexandria, since 1994. He has also been an art teacher at the Fine Arts Workhouse in Lorton for two years, The Smithsonian Associates for 10 years and the Corcoran College of Art and Design for three years.

Photos by Led de Russ

kinds can make for Mother’s Day? Meet in the Watson Reading Room where instructors and local artists will guide children in the art of crafting with yarn. Crocheting, knitting, sewing, and weaving are all forms of needlework and textile handicrafts. Admission for children ages 4+ is $5, adults are $2. Space is limited; reserve space at 703-746-4336.

Mother’s Day Jazz Brunch. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 5009 Windmill Lane. Featuring the Dan Lamanda Trio, a formidable group of jazz musicians. Buffet brunch is $35 per person. Children ages 12 and under $15. Bottomless mimosa bar is $25 per person, single mimosa $7. Tickets available at Eventbrite.com, search “Jazz Brunch.” 2018 Del Ray House and Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Some of the 12 homes on this year’s tour include a stunning renovation to a classic Del Ray rowhouse, new, custom construction, a re-imagined Victorian, an old farmhouse carefully renovated for a young family, an open floor plan highlighted by art and color, and a bungalow updated by its architect owners. This year the proceeds will be donated to the Del Ray Gateway Project and the Nancy Dunning Memorial Garden. Rain or shine. $30. Tickets can be purchased at www.delrayzoo.org or at the Del Ray Farmers Market.

Write Like A Woman. 1 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Facilitated by poet and author Kathi K. Jakarta, Write Like A Woman Networking Workshop welcomes women writers ages 18-100. Each workshop focuses on different writing styles and allows the participants to enhance their own writing skills as well as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org.

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SUNDAY MAY 13
Mother’s Day Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Registration required. Celebrate the special day with afternoon tea and a reading of classic poems about mothers that includes writing exercises and as share pieces for listening or critiques. The meetings are for amateur and professional writers. Every session includes writing exercises and networking. Free and open to the public. Please RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org.

MAY 12-JUNE 13
MONDAY/MAY 14
Writing Poetry: Building Bridges.
Writing poetry about building bridges. Within this practice of life you that notice bridges in need of repair, bridges that allow you access, bridges that you wish for, bridges that you dream about? Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate of Alexandria invites you to join for three Mondays in May where poetry can be read and written. RSVP at post@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/MAY 15
Family Stories in Genealogy.
Join Margie Allen, librarian at the Alexandria Library, as she talks about ways to research family stories in genealogy. The event is free and open to the public. Free. Call 703-685-1140.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 16
AHA Anniversary Celebration, 2:45 p.m. at the Cameron Club, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Cameron Station (in Alexandria (AHA) invites the community to celebrate seven years of service to the Alexandria community. The event is free and open to the public. Free. Call 703-231-0284 or visit www.ahamelealexandria.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 19
The Big Plant Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd, Alexandria. More than 20 local vendors will descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to sell at the annual Plant Sale. An opportunity to buy new plants or enjoy a hand-knit scarf. Free to attend. Call 703-548-0935 or visit www.PotomacFiberArtsGallery.com.

Sunday, May 20
Senior Walk, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. Tours of the museum will be offered to help you get to know the fascinating history of Alexandria. Free. Call 703-685-1140 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 20
Community Band: Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration.
Enjoy the music of Leonard Bernstein with a lively concert performed by the Alexandria Community Band: Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration. Call 703-395-4599 or visit www.alexandriacommunityband.org.

ENTERTAINMENT
Visit with Dolley Madison, 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. On Mother’s Day, First Lady Dolley Madison will be at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. Tours of the museum will be able to have informal conversations with her as Mrs. Madison recalls her experiences with motherhood and public life. Included in the regular museum admission of $5 per adult, $3 per child under 12. Special for Mother’s Day! Dolley will sign lightweight women enter for free. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

The President’s Own Band. 2 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus. The Community Band, Leonard Bernstein Centennial Celebration. Call 703-942-4200 or visit www.nvcc.edu.

Mother’s Day Tea. 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. The Carlyle House will host the Mother’s Day Tea. $25/child (6-12); children under 5 free. Treat your mother, grandmother, or another special woman to an elegant afternoon tea. Relax in the beautiful setting of the house’s terrace and enjoy personalized tableside service and food catered by Calling Card Events. Registration required; no refund. Visit www.novaparks.com.

“Whirlwind” by Mary Ann Robinson, Brioche hand-knit scarf
Untitled by Sylvia Saporio, Macramé necklace.

Mathematics in Art
Featuring the work of Mary Ann Robinson and Sylvia Saporio. The beauty of mathematics will be on display: Hyperbolic geometry, fractal art, the golden ratio, the Fibonacci numbers, and more. A celebration of the relationship between mathematics and art. Weekend events include a children’s art project, a talk by a mathematician, a showing of a video, and opening reception.

Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Carson Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. More than 20 local vendors will descend on Green Spring Gardens with beautiful and unusual plants to sell at the annual Plant Sale. An opportunity to buy new plants or enjoy a hand-knit scarf. Free to attend. Call 703-548-0935 or visit www.PotomacFiberArtsGallery.com.


Saturday, May 19, 3 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave. So Francisco presents its last show of the 2017-18 season to raise funds and awareness for the Alexandria-based nonprofit, We Will Survive Cancer. “Trouble & Triumphs” is a concert of songs that will take you from the trials and tribulations of everyday life to the triumphs that thrill. Tickets are $25 at www.so Francisco.org.

Saturday, May 19, 6-9 p.m. at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria. The Old Town Square will host its annual Big Plant Sale. Gardeners will be on-hand to sell a variety of plants and ornamental flowers. Activities include: Hand knit scarves, Macramé necklace, and Meet cutting-edge electronics, where the Bagpipes meet the Beatles, and where fans of all generations and musical tastes can enjoy the same concert. Tickets are $18 in advance at www.foc usmusic.org/buy-tickets and for members, $20 at the door.

Monday, May 21
Writing Poetry: Celebrating the richness and importance of diversity; address the issues of race, culture, gender, and sexual orientation, and other topics of diversity through poetry. Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate of Alexandria invites you to join for three Mondays in May where poetry can be read and written. RSVP at post@alexandriava.gov.

Tuesday, May 22
T&ES Open House. This free event will take place rain or shine. Activities will include: Exhibits, orientation, and other topics of diversity through poetry. Wendi R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate of Alexandria invites you to join for three Mondays in May where poetry can be read and written. RSVP at post@alexandriava.gov.

Wednesday, May 23
Shenandoah Road. Live music with The Big Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Parkway Spring Road, Alexandria. More than 20 local vendors will descend on Parkway Spring Road with beautiful and unusual plants to sell at the annual Plant Sale. An opportunity to buy new plants or enjoy a hand-knit scarf. Free to attend. Call 703-548-0935 or visit www.PotomacFiberArtsGallery.com.
Celebrate Mount Vernon At Home. Wed., 4:30 p.m. at George Washington’s River Farm, American Horticultural Society, 1393 East Blvd. 10th annual gala celebration for Mount Vernon at Home honors Executive Director Barbara Sullivan, who will be moving out of the area. Gala features food, entertainment, silent and live auctions. Tickets are $75, available at www.mountvernonathome.org.

MAY 25-JULY 15
Caroline Hatfield: Unearthing. At Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Growing up in a Southern Appalachian coal mining community, the subjects involving environmentalism and land use have a lot of personal significance to Hatfield and she recalls the region’s ironic juxtaposition of protected wilderness and mined land as a major influence on her work. Hatfield’s work explores concepts of utopia and science fiction through the experience of sites, landscape, and materiality in her interdisciplinary practice. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2
Writer’s Workshop. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Royal, 734 North St. Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. In this writing workshop, former Washington Post editor and author Sheila Moses introduces participants to the craft of writing, with a focus on the art of storytelling. Participants will learn how to develop story ideas, gather research and make story ideas a reality. The workshop is limited to 25 participants, and includes continental breakfast, lunch and light refreshments. $125 per participant. For more information, call 703-548-1616.
New Coach, New District, Continued Winning

WPHS softball eyes consecutive district titles.

By Jon Roetman
The Gazette

A new head coach and a new district haven’t stopped the West Potomac softball team from experiencing success. One year after winning the Patriot Conference championship in then-head coach Craig Maniglia’s final season, the Wolverines find themselves in position to compete for another title under a different set of circumstances.

Kara Davis, former West Potomac JV head coach and varsity assistant, is now head coach of the varsity squad, which is part of the new Gunston District. While some of the details — and several of the players — have changed, the winning has continued for the Wolverines, who improved to 6-1 in district play with a 14-4, five-inning victory over T.C. Williams on Monday at West Potomac High School.

The Wolverines batting order included six players who were freshmen or sophomores. That didn’t stop West Potomac from exploding for nine runs in the first inning and cruising to victory.

“I think overall they came [into the season] with a high level of confidence — and with this game, confidence is key,” Davis said. “We are a very young team and we have a lot of our starters that weren’t here last year, so I think it’s kind of a battle between knowing where we came from and knowing what we can do for the future.”

Freshman leadoff hitter Katie Jo Moery’s performance Monday gave West Potomac fans reason for optimism not only for this season, but for the remaining three years of her high school career. The middle infielder went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a solo home run to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning.

“It was high, inside, [in] my wheelhouse — that’s usually where I hit it,” Moery said of the pitch she deposited over the fence in right-center. “Luckily, she gave it to me.”

Moery played second base for most of the season but recently moved to shortstop. Davis, who played college softball at George Mason, praised No. 21’s versatility and softball IQ.

“Any freshman coming in and being as talented as she is, it’s difficult to know your place because you belong, obviously, but you don’t want to step [on] anyone’s toes being a freshman,” Davis said. “But with her, she brings in a level of talent as a freshman that you just don’t see that often.”

Fellow freshmen Asia Reeves and Trystany Urdininea also had big games for West Potomac. Reeves went 3-for-4 with a pair of doubles and an RBI, and Urdininea finished 2-for-2 with a triple and an RBI.

“I wasn’t really sure what we had coming in,” Davis said. “... I had no idea that our freshman class coming in this year was as stacked as they are so it’s very exciting to know that we have three, four years ahead of just pure talent.”

Not every Wolverine is a newcomer, however.

Sophomore pitcher Claire Davidson was the MVP of last season’s Patriot Conference tournament but has been battling a back injury of late, Davis said. Junior Annabelle Bates started in the circle on Monday, pitching two scoreless innings.

Junior infielder Jennavieve Miller is in her third varsity season and was a member of last year’s all-tournament team. Miller played shortstop for most of the year before recently moving to third base. On Monday, she went 2-for-4 with a triple and two RBIs.

Miller said last season’s run to a conference championship, which included a victory over Patriot power Lake Braddock in the tournament semifinals, was a confidence boost and the team is looking forward to the next challenge.

“It was amazing,” Miller said. “... We finally beat Lake Braddock, we beat West Springfield, we got the championship, so what’s next?”

Last year’s Patriot Conference title was West Potomac’s first conference/district crown since 2005. With the Gunston District tournament approaching, the Wolverines have their sights set bringing home a second straight championship.

“I would very much like to win the [district] — it’s kind of my big ... goal,” Davis said. “... Overall, I think we are very, very talented and I think they need to see that, I think it’s hard being young, because in the back of their mind they always think, ‘I have another year, I have another year.’ If they can just capitalize on the talent they have now and then use that going forward, they’re going to be hard to beat.”

Pirates

Browne Academy’s Advanced Handbells Ensemble participated in the Washington Independent Schools Handbell (WISH) Festival, held at Landon School in Bethesda on April 30. The event brought together middle and high school handbell groups from the Washington area for a day of performance and collaboration. Browne’s ensemble, consisting of 15 6th-8th graders, performed “Pirates of the Caribbean,” with music teacher Brittany Brandt conducting.

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The Gazette
Fort Hunt LL’s Opening Day

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Funding Resolution recognizing 2017 as the most successful season in the Fort Hunt Little League’s history with its 10Us, Majors, Intermediate and Seniors teams winning Virginia Little League District 9 Championships and with the Majors and Seniors teams both moving on to clinch the Virginia State Championship in their divisions.

Larry Gray accepted the FHLL Lifetime Sponsor Award on behalf of his local hardware store, Village Hardware. Village Hardware opened its doors in 1979 and sponsored Fort Hunt Little League that year and every year since with over $1,500 contributed each year.

“We were proud to kick off our 62 years of Fort Hunt Little League with our opening day ceremony and have been celebrating local baseball for boys and girls ever since,” said Barry Meuse, president, Fort Hunt Little League board of directors.

“With almost 600 kids on 54 teams supported by more than 200 volunteers, this is what Little League is all about.”

Larry Gray, owner of Village Hardware, accepts the FHLL Lifetime Sponsor Award from Barry Meuse, FHLL president.

Mike Lewan (left), previously FHLL president and starting his 27th year as a FHLL umpire, and Rene Belanger, long-time FHLL manager and volunteer and currently general manager West Potomac Baseball.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow! I just saved “Up to $504 **” (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two!) with this plan. First, I don’t see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, considering my heartburn, that I’ll even live long enough (“Lasts 13+ Years”) to realize the benefit of savings of not buying light bulbs.

I don’t see it printed on the package anywhere. And while I’ll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs – or whatever they’re called, I still spent money on light bulbs that I don’t actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I haven’t previously - because as a country-consumer we’ve had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed – bought replacement light bulbs. I don’t remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, Incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

My only light bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I’ve written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself “Taurus Bulba”?) In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it’s possible there isn’t even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory – or even to write this column. I suppose that if I’m serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in a notebook. (Sort of like how my wife’s Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which light fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I’ll know whether it’s likely I’ll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

If the light bulbs really are going to “Last 13+ years,” (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, ever, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-redundancy, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities – like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me, in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn’t want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring mundane manner has limited appeal, I would guess.

But, we’re not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb’s packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving.

Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They’re more dollars which won’t be spent out-of-pocket. Not as direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it’s money not in somebody else’s pocket just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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