Flags for Heroes

Simpson Field display honors community heroes.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

Volunteers from Scout Troops 1515, 129 and 131 gathered with members of the Rotary Club of Alexandria June 29 to erect more than 200 U.S. flags as part of Alexandria’s inaugural Flags for Heroes display at Simpson Stadium Park in Del Ray.

Located at the corner of E. Bellefonte Ave. and Route 1, each flag is designated to honor a local hero, such as a member of the military, a first responder, teacher, coach, family member or friend.

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Murder Hits Home

Capital Gazette journalist had ties to Alexandria.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

Wendi Winters, one of five journalists killed June 28 when a gunman opened fire in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis, was a 1971 graduate of St. Mary’s Academy in Alexandria.

Rengers at Episcopal High School, said Winters’ death was a shock to the BI and SMA community.

“We are all just numb,” Byrnes said. “As soon as we heard about the shooting, many of us reached out to Wendi on Facebook asking her to let us know she was OK. When we didn’t hear anything, we kept hoping it was because she was covering the story.”

Winters, who was 65 at the time of her death, posted to Facebook several photos from her last visit to Alexandria, writing, “BI Class of ‘68 hosted a reunion thingy for ‘68, ’69, ’70 and ’71 grads. As usual, I managed to be ... silly!”

A self-described “Navy brat,” Winters was born May 25, 1953, in Coronado, Calif, to Dorothy and Leigh Cosart Winters, a Navy Commander who later served as naval attaché with the American Embassy in Istanbul.

“Wendy loved her time in Turkey,” recalled Byrnes.

Winters went on to attend Virginia Commonwealth University before moving to New York City on a fellowship to the Tobé-Coburn School for Fashion Careers. Following a successful career in public relations, Winters and her then husband, Tod Winters on a recent assignment.

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Just one mile south of Old Town Alexandria and located across from Belle Haven Country Club is the highly sought-after community of Belle Haven. Like its name, the beauty of this neighborhood’s surroundings is exemplary. Pride of ownership is evident throughout! There's no place more beautiful than Belle Haven in the summer!

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Enabled

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

In an event hosted by The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities (ACPD), in conjunction with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, four Alexandrians and local institutions received special recognition for their efforts in overcoming and promoting awareness for disabilities.

In the City Council chambers on June 19, city leaders and disability advocates came together to celebrate a year of successes.

“It’s important to highlight the continuing efforts to keep Alexandria the best place to live in the mid-Atlantic region, if not the United States,” said Brian Miller, chair of the ACPD. “An accessible community is important as Alexandria looks to be a city where people live their full lives here. It’s important to have a city open to everyone.”

Joe Haggerty, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, said making the chamber involved in the awards are important to make sure local businesses know that there’s qualified people with disabilities in Alexandria who deserve to be treated equally as employees and as customers.

Jayla Gaskins, a student at T.C. Williams High School, was awarded the Gerry Bertier Scholarship. “Thank you to those who selected me, I feel so blessed,” said Gaskins, who is pursuing secondary education and wants to become a journalist. “I want to thank my family. If it wasn’t for them, I wouldn’t be here. I also want to think my speech teacher, who inspired me to work hard.”

The John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award, which donates $500 to a disability charity in the recipient’s name, was awarded to Josh Baker. Baker became CEO of DASH, Alexandria’s bus transit services, last year and immediately began to tackle issues of accessibility in the bus system. In 2017, Baker implemented a paratransit Metro access ride free program, allowing disabled persons eligible for free Metro access free rides on all DASH buses.

“Thank you all for this honor,” said Baker. “Anything we can do to make Alexandria more accessible, that’s part of my job. It’s so challenging every day for anyone to get out of bed and go to work. Adding a disability onto that … it’s incredible. I’m inspired by people who do. Anything I can do to help those people, I’m happy to be able to do it. Please reach out.”

The Chamber of Commerce also recognized Alexandria Children’s Dentistry and Inova Alexandria Hospital for work to make healthcare a little easier in Alexandria for persons with disabilities. Alexandria Children’s Dentistry has two locations in Alexandria, both of which are wheelchair accessible with open bay areas and private rooms. Their staff receives extra training for children and those with special needs, and the website features a blog and FAQ specialized for parents of children with disabilities. The offices have “happy visits” where children are allowed to come to the sites and

To Each According to Their Needs

Alexandria moves towards priority-based budgeting.

By Vernon Miles
Gazette Packet

Every year, the budget is a fight. Departments and organizations come together for a battle where a handful of interests will prevail and others will take a hit. But in the final meeting of 2018, the City Council has begun looking into a shift towards a nationwide trend that might add a little order to that chaos: Priority-based budgeting.

On the surface, priority-based budgeting sounds like what the city already does, but priority-based budgeting represents an attempt to shift away from incremental budgeting. Annual city budgets can often fall into a cycle of amount being spent in the previous year for a department, so it will need year increase. Priority-based budgeting instead assesses and ranks city needs and which departments are best suited to meet those needs, then assigns funding accordingly.

City Manager Mark Jinks compared the budget process to using a new lenses on the same camera. “Budgeting is one of the most important things council does each year,” said Jinks, “it sets the priorities for the community…Priority-based budgeting [is about] taking a look at priorities and spending in a different manner. We’re going to see revenue growth much slower compared to expenditures. A good budget process [has] to hone in and allocate resources accordingly.”

Morgan Routt, director of management and budget for the City of Alexandria, said the process has been in discussion since the council retreat the previous summer. Routt said much of the groundwork for developing a priority-based budget system will be done over the summer as departments begin scoring services. Priorities would not be based on cost-recovery alone, but would also consider how priorities are factored into achieving the city’s broader strategic goals.

Routt warned the council not to expect any miracles from the new budgeting system. “We would expect that most of our spending is already going to our top priorities,” said Routt, “but by going through this on a service by service basis we may be surprised [that something] is a higher or lower priority than we thought in relative terms.”

Mayor Allison Silberberg said she supported the idea of priority-based budgeting, but said the final call on what was important for the city to fund still had to rest in the wisdom of the council rather than an

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**News**

**Kittenpalooza**  
Herding kittens into new homes.

**By Vernon Miles**  
Gazette Packet

For a couple hours, a back room of the Potomac Yard PetSmart on July 1 was turned into heaven. Dozens of kittens looking for prospective homes crawled and meowed and played with human friends and prospective owners.

The event was hosted by the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation. It’s kitten season, a time when many shelters are overrun with kittens newly born at the start of spring. However, to keep the kittens from overshadowing the other animals at adoption events, the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation has begun holding Kittenpaloozas events featuring kittens. The July 1 event was its second of the events, although for most of the kittens it was their first time up for adoption.

When Mary Lundregan first went to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue, she came back with a dog. Now she’s back with her family, looking for a partner. For Lundregan, her husband, and two of her sons, there was only one choice: Simba. While the name referencing the hero of Lion King was what immediately got their notice, Lundregan said Simba was playful without being aggressive.

Christabelle Tan, traveling down to the event from DC, went home with Cupcake, a two-month-old kitten. “I’ve been helping to foster her,” said Tan, “I’m excited to actually adopt. My friend whose fostering her told me about this event.”

Tan said Cupcake is shy, the smallest of her litter, and can be timid at first but can also be very friendly. Of all of the kittens in the adoption event, Tan said Cupcake stood out to her as active, but less so than some of the others.

Even visitors who weren’t there to adopt the kittens were happy to help socialize the newborns. “My friend told me about this and I was so excited,” said Brian Metcalf, holding Thelma. “I really want a cat, but I can’t have one because I’m leaving for college soon. But I wanted to play with them and help them find a forever home.”

Metcalf said two of his favorites were Thelma and Louise, who come as a pair.

**Changes on the South Side**

**Planning for redevelopment along Route 1 South.**

**By Vernon Miles**  
Gazette Packet

Catherine Ward, an 86-year-old resident of Alexandria, has every bus schedule relevant to her community in her hand. It’s how she gets where she needs to go. But as her home along Route 1 South faces the imminent prospect of redevelopment, among other challenges Ward says she’s worried being forced out of her home will require learning a new set of bus routes.

The Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy bureaucratic name somewhat underlines the plan’s impact. As Steve Milone, president of the Old Town Civic Association, noted: Maintaining affordability is the end goal of a strategy that could radically reshape southern Old Town. With affordability contracts on two of the largest affordable rental communities in Alexandria, an effort is underway in the city to maintain the deep affordability of an area in the middle of rising property values.

Once the affordability contracts on Heritage at Old Town and Old Towne West III expire, the property owners will be under no obligations to maintain the properties as affordable housing. Helen McIlvaine, director of the Office of Housing, said many of the properties are in need of rehabilitation and repair, and renovations would come with rent increases that would likely force the current tenants out. But McIlvaine said providing added density can make it financially feasible for the property owners to keep affordable housing properties on the site.

At a meeting in the basement of the Lee Center on June 28, city staff met with members of the local community to address comments and concerns before the plan moves towards city approval. Jeffrey Farner, deputy director of Planning and Zoning, said the goal of the plan is that if a property is redeveloped there will be an affordable unit for an eligible resident to return to.

For residents in those neighborhoods, the city’s planning process was their first indicator that their homes were at risk. Some said their neighbors still didn’t understand how much was at stake. Ward was missing her Bible study to attend the meeting, but she said she hoped God would understand.

“I was terribly upset when I heard about this,” said Ward. “It is important for more residents to come to [these meetings]. I don’t want to live with my children … We need more people coming out here so they know exactly what’s going on.”

“This is a serious issue,” said Zalikatu Cole, encouraging other community members to get their friends and families to come to these meetings. “I’ve been living here for 20 years. Let’s be serious about this.”

The nearby redevelopment of the Alfred Street Baptist church is currently not part of the Route 1 South Housing Affordability Strategy, the project is going through its own development process, but Dexter Bordes was in attendance representing the church in case residents had questions about the process.

Some in the crowd said that messages and flyers about the strategy development hadn’t reached residents impacted by the plan.
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New Officers and Graduates Deported from Academy

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ment officers — 11 police of-
ficers and 10 deputy sheriffs — graduated from the North-
ern Virginia Criminal Justice Training
Academy on June 20. Sheriff Dana
Lawhorne, Chief Michael L. Brown, and members of their command and training
staffs attended Session 138’s graduation
ceremony at George Mason University.
All 21 successfully completed 20 weeks
of training, including emergency vehicle
operations, firearms training, defensive
tactics, crash investigation, basic legal
training, and other important areas, and
deputies completed four additional weeks
of training in jail and courthouse proce-
dures.

Ceremony highlights included Deputy
Marissa McElveen receiving the award for
highest physical fitness score among female
recruits, Officer Neale Marquez earning the
second highest score in physical fitness
among male recruits, and Officer Michael
Raines achieving the second highest score
in firearms training. Deputy Matthew Vance
sang the national anthem and Officer
Marquez and Officer Raines were both part
of Session 138’s Joint Honor Guard that pre-
sented the colors.

The Academy serves 17 participating
law enforcement agencies: the Alexandria
Police Department, Alexandria Sheriff’s Office,
Arlington County Sheriff’s Office, City of
Fairfax Police Department, City of Falls Church Police Department, City of
Falls Church Sheriff’s Office, George Ma-
son University Police Department, Leesburg Police Department, Loudoun
County Sheriff’s Office, Manassas City
Police Department, Manassas Park City
Police Department, Middleburg Police
Department, Northern Virginia Commu-
nity College Police, Purcellville Police
Department, Washington Metropolitan
Area Transit Police and the Metropolitan
Washington Airports Authority.

Rotary Club of Alexandria Honors Local Eagle Scouts

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to more than 120 people attended
the Rotary Club of Alexandria
and the Alexandria Rotary
Foundation’s program honoring the
achievements of two local high school stu-
dents and awarded them scholarships for
their pending college experience. Addition-
ally, the program honored the lifelong
achievements of an Alexandria businessman
who is also an Eagle Scout.

The scholarship recipients are Owen M.
Biesada and Ian Peverall.

Peverall is an Eagle Scout in Troop 4077
at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. He is
graduating from Mt. Vernon High School.
For his Eagle Scout project, Ian led the ef-
fort to fund, manufacture and deliver 35
blankets to Shriners Hospital for Children
in Philadelphia. The blankets are used to
comfort the children as they receive treat-
ment at Shriners Hospital. For this and
his many other accomplishments, Ian will
receive a $1,500 scholarship as he contin-
uous his studies at the College of William
and Mary.

Biesada is an Eagle Scout in Troop 129 at
Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alex-
andria. He is a graduating senior from T.C.
Williams High School. For his Eagle Scout
project, Owen spearheaded an effort to re-
pair and maintain trails, picnic tables and
facilities at Hidden Oaks Nature Center in
Annandale. For this and his many other
achievements, Owen was awarded a $1,500
scholarship by the Rotary Club of Alexan-
dria as he continues his education at Texas
Christian University.

During the 2018 Alexandria Rotary Scout
Award Luncheon, the Rotary also honored
Alexandria businessman, William (Bill) F.
Vosbeck, Jr. for his lifetime achievements
and contributions as an Eagle Scout.

Vosbeck achieved his Eagle Scout rank
while growing up in Mankato, Minn. He
enlisted in the Marine Corp during World
War II, putting his career goals hold. After
completing his obligations to the Marine
Corp and his architecture degree at the
University of Minnesota, he moved with his
wife, Betty, to Northern Virginia. In Alex-
andria, he founded his architectural firm
VVKR, Incorporated. VVKR worked varied
projects like the Alexandria Hospital and
numerous Alexandria schools, as well as the
Gannet building and USA Today in Arling-
ton.

Active in numerous community programs,
Vosbeck is a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. He
has served as the president of the Alexan-
dria Hospital Board, trustee on the Virginia
Museum of Fine Arts, and trustee on the
Virginia Foundation for Independent Col-
lege. His work with people with physical
and cognitive disability earned him the Ci-
tation for Meritorious Service from the
President’s Committee for the Handicapped.
As such, The Rotary Club of Alexandria
awarded Vosbeck the 2018 Cliff
Dochterman Award for his life time of con-
tributions.

The May 15 event was held at the Belle
Haven Country Club.
AAUW Welcomes New Members

The Alexandria Branch of the American Association of University Women met June 14 at Savio’s in Van Dorn’s Station to celebrate its accomplishments of the last year and welcome 13 new members. During this annual meeting, Susan Werner and Sylvia Linke were re-elected co-vice presidents for membership and Margaret Batko was re-elected to serve as corresponding recording secretary. The following officers will continue in their two-year terms in the following offices: Co-Presidents Lane Stone and Gail Kalin, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs Virginia Kress and Lynn O’Connell, and Treasurer Anne Simpson. See https://alexandria-va.aauw.net.

School Superintendent Berlin Retires

One year after she returned to Alexandria to take over as interim superintendent, the School Board and staff bid a farewell to Lois Berlin at their June 21 meeting as she returned to retirement. In her one-year stint as interim superintendent, Berlin oversaw a new redistricting process, ongoing development of new public schools, and the building of a closer relationship with the City Council.

“You embraced the role of interim superintendent, not like an interim, but like a superintendent committed to the work,” said Terri Mozingo, chief academic officer for Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). “You exhibited vibrant passion, strategic thinking, and savvy qualities. You provided stability in a time of transition. We, as an executive leadership team, were certainly fortunate to have you as a leader. As an executive team, we thank you for your thorough editing, leadership, love and value in which you led this school division.”

Prior to being chosen as interim superintendent, Berlin had been principal of George Mason Elementary School for six years and Jefferson-Houston Elementary School for four years. From the School Board, several members reflected on their experiences with Berlin.

“When my first child was going into kindergarten, I had my doubts and fears about the local school,” said School Board Member Cindy Anderson, “but after 30 minutes with Berlin, our fears were gone and we were happy to entrust our children to her. I was so happy to have her come back to ACPS.”

School Board Member Karen Graf said that Berlin had always treated employees in the schools as family.

“We are so grateful that we as a school division could continue to move forward,” said School Board Chair Ramee Gentry. “We are so very grateful for your leadership and passion.”

— Vernon Miles / Gazette-Packet
Capital Gazette Journalist Had Ties to Alexandria

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Geimer, relocated to Annapolis in 1999, where she transitioned to journalism.

In her resume, Winters notes that she had been a Girl Scout leader, a church youth adviser and ran an annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

“I don’t know how she did it all,” said Byrnes. “Wendi was always so vibrant, quirky, entertaining, energetic. When I saw her a couple of weeks ago she had just given blood then was off to the theater to write a review for a local production.”

Byrnes noted that among her friends, Winters was known for the lengthy letters she penned over the holidays.

“Wendi was such a wonderful mother and so proud of her kids,” Byrnes said. “We used to get these 8-page, single spaced letters chock full of all the activities she and her kids did all year. She was always so creative, fun and witty.”

Winters leaves behind a son, Phoenix Winters Geimer, and three daughters: Winters Leigh Geimer; Montana Winters Geimer, of Pensacola, Fla.; and Summer Leigh Winters Geimer of Edgewater, Md. Survivors also include three sisters; Sandra Winters of Key Biscayne, Fla.; Dana Rengers of Alexandria; and Debra Winters of Yuma, Ariz.

A celebration of life will held July 7 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase St. in Annapolis. A reception will follow from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis, 333 Dubois Road, Annapolis, Md.

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Simpson Field Display Honors Community Heroes

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With a $50 donation to the Rotary Club, sponsors dedicated flags to their personal heroes and a card attached to each display bears the names of both the hero and sponsor.

“This looks amazing,” said Asolde Ford, who lives in the neighborhood. “It’s nice to see this part of the field used for something productive. It should be up longer than just one week.”

“We jumped a lot of hurdles but finally made it happen here in Alexandria.”
— Rotarian Sharon Meisel on the organization’s Flags for Heroes display.

Among those being honored are Capitol Police officers Crystal Griner and David Bailey, who have been hailed as heroes for their actions on June 14, 2017, when a gunman opened fire on members of Congress at Simpson Baseball Field, just steps from the Flags For Heroes display. Griner, Bailey and U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.) were all honored with a flag by the Alexandria Rotary Club.

A dedication ceremony took place June 30 and the flags will be on display at the park through July 7. After that, the attached tags will be presented to the honoree or sponsor.

“This took some incredible teamwork,” said Sharon Meisel, who spearheaded the event on behalf of the Rotary Club. “The idea was actually conceived three years ago by Sir Stuart Matthews, who saw a similar display by another club in Delaware. We jumped a lot of hurdles but finally made it happen here in Alexandria.” With temperatures soaring into the 90s, Assistant Scout Master Maki Kato, along with his son CJ Kato and Quinn Bailey volunteered from St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes Troop 1515. Nathan Ambery from Troop 129 and Samantha Sean and Ryan Mulvany from Troop 131 worked for several hours digging holes and placing flags to erect the display.

Rotarian Jim Carmalt, a soloist with the Alexandria Singers, opened the dedication ceremony with the National Anthem. Remarks from City Councilman Willie Bailey and Rotary Club President Mike Wicks followed before Carmalt closed with “America, the Beautiful.”

Proceeds from Flags for Heroes will go to support local youth programs, scholarships and Rotary’s community projects. “What an incredible undertaking,” Meisel said. “Hopefully it will be easier next year since we now have a template to follow. But what a beautiful display. I am so proud to be a part of an organization that does so much for so many!”

The name card honoring Capitol Police officer David Bailey is shown in the Flags for Heroes display in Del Ray. Flags honoring Bailey and Capitol Police officer Crystal Griner, along with U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, are part the display for their actions on June 14, 2017, when a gunman opened fire on members of Congress at Simpson Baseball Field, just steps from the Flags for Heroes display.

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OPINION

Local Newspapers Under Siege

Need to address restraining orders and gun violence.

One member of Connection Newspapers staff is Kemal Kurspahic, who shares with us his first-hand experience of running a newspaper from a war zone when information was desperately needed by the besieged residents of Sarajevo. Kemal Kurspahic is managing editor for The Connection Newspapers. He was the editor-in-chief of the Bosnian daily Oslobodjenje in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina, 1988-94. Under his leadership the paper published every day from an atomic bomb shelter during the siege of Sarajevo, maintaining high professional standards and Bosnian culture and tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance in the midst of terror. The paper published the names of those killed each day in Sarajevo.

He experienced first hand the horror of having staff members killed while out on assignment. He was critically injured himself when a vehicle taking him to his newsroom crashed as it traveled at high speed down “sniper alley.” The International Press Institute named Kurspahic one of its first 50 World Press Freedom Heroes in 2000.

Journalism is a dangerous occupation in many other countries, usually not here in the U.S.

I tell this story now because of the newly minted fear that many journalists feel after the murders of five in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis. Police and survivors say the shooter had long held a grudge against the newspaper, and had sued for defamation. The targeted attack came very close to home.

The dead were Gerald Fischman, 61, editorial page editor; Rob Hiassen, 59, editor and features columnnist; John McNamara, 56, sports reporter and editor for the local weekly papers; Wendi Winters, 65, a local news reporter and community columnist; and Rebecca Smith, a sales assistant.

The shooter had restraining orders against him because of violent threats made in a different situation, but restraining orders apparently do not result in restricting gun purchases. He was still able to buy the gun he used in the attack. This is a loophole that desperately needs to be closed. A person subject to a restraining order of any type or duration for making threats should certainly not be able to buy a gun.

Every newspaper editor knows the experience of talking to a subject, source or reader who is irate over something the paper published. If we aren’t making anyone angry, it’s probably because we aren’t writing about anything important. But my conversations with people who object to something we’ve reported have always had a subtext of respect. Many complaints have resulted in greater understanding on all sides that can create more lasting connections. Other times have resulted in agreeing to disagree.

Now, we lock the doors at least for now, knowing that there could likely be copycat attacks, as school shootings began with one high profile attack. But we are not afraid.

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The threat to survival for most local papers is the decline in advertising, compounded now by a tariff on newsprint. Don’t forget that if you have an advertising or marketing budget, you should spend some of those dollars with local newspapers.

— Mary Kimm

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prioritize Environment

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria calls itself an eco city, yet City Council’s actions often belie this description. Not only has the city allowed its 2014 Environmental Action Plan to languish but the decisions that City Council routinely makes value development and cars over the environment and residential quality of life.

City residents are all too familiar council’s dubious environmental record. When I moved to Alexandria more than a decade ago, Potomac Yard was an open field. Today, that space is filled with buildings; the only significant green space is a narrow sliver of land next to the rail tracks deemed unsuitable for development. Council’s excuse, that the new buildings will be green buildings, in no way justifies the continued loss of green space.

South of Potomac Yard on North Patrick Street is another example of overdevelopment – Ramsey Homes. This small-scale residential site contained the largest swath of remaining open space, replete with several mature trees, in the West Old Town neighborhood east of Route 1. All of this will be demolished to construct a large apartment building that substantially reduces ground open space, including mature trees.

City Council’s routine Complete Streets fails to address commuter traffic on Patrick and Henry streets. The city appears to have no plan to address auto-generated carbon emissions, aside from the naive hope that Fairfax County commuters will eventually use the

About This Week’s Papers

Our papers go to press a day early due to the July 4th holiday. That means this week’s papers will not contain coverage of July 4th events. Watch for coverage next week.

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Letters to the Editor

Need to address restraining orders and gun violence.

One member of Connection Newspapers staff is Kemal Kurspahic, who shares with us his first-hand experience of running a newspaper from a war zone when information was desperately needed by the besieged residents of Sarajevo. Kemal Kurspahic is managing editor for The Connection Newspapers. He was the editor-in-chief of the Bosnian daily Oslobodjenje in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina, 1988-94. Under his leadership the paper published every day from an atomic bomb shelter during the siege of Sarajevo, maintaining high professional standards and Bosnian culture and tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance in the midst of terror. The paper published the names of those killed each day in Sarajevo.

He experienced first hand the horror of having staff members killed while out on assignment. He was critically injured himself when a vehicle taking him to his newsroom crashed as it traveled at high speed down “sniper alley.” The International Press Institute named Kurspahic one of its first 50 World Press Freedom Heroes in 2000.

Journalism is a dangerous occupation in many other countries, usually not here in the U.S.

I tell this story now because of the newly minted fear that many journalists feel after the murders of five in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis. Police and survivors say the shooter had long held a grudge against the newspaper, and had sued for defamation. The targeted attack came very close to home.

The dead were Gerald Fischman, 61, editorial page editor; Rob Hiassen, 59, editor and features columnnist; John McNamara, 56, sports reporter and editor for the local weekly papers; Wendi Winters, 65, a local news reporter and community columnist; and Rebecca Smith, a sales assistant.

The shooter had restraining orders against him because of violent threats made in a different situation, but restraining orders apparently do not result in restricting gun purchases. He was still able to buy the gun he used in the attack. This is a loophole that desperately needs to be closed. A person subject to a restraining order of any type or duration for making threats should certainly not be able to buy a gun.

Every newspaper editor knows the experience of talking to a subject, source or reader who is irate over something the paper published. If we aren’t making anyone angry, it’s probably because we aren’t writing about anything important. But my conversations with people who object to something we’ve reported have always had a subtext of respect. Many complaints have resulted in greater understanding on all sides that can create more lasting connections. Other times have resulted in agreeing to disagree.

Now, we lock the doors at least for now, knowing that there could likely be copycat attacks, as school shootings began with one high profile attack. But we are not afraid.

We will continue to publish our 15 weekly papers.

The threat to survival for most local papers is the decline in advertising, compounded now by a tariff on newsprint. Don’t forget that if you have an advertising or marketing budget, you should spend some of those dollars with local newspapers.

— Mary Kimm

About This Week’s Papers

Our papers go to press a day early due to the July 4th holiday. That means this week’s papers will not contain coverage of July 4th events. Watch for coverage next week.

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Letters to the Editor

Prioritize Environment

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria calls itself an eco city, yet City Council’s actions often belie this description. Not only has the city allowed its 2014 Environmental Action Plan to languish but the decisions that City Council routinely makes value development and cars over the environment and residential quality of life.

City residents are all too familiar council’s dubious environmental record. When I moved to Alexandria more than a decade ago, Potomac Yard was an open field. Today, that space is filled with buildings; the only significant green space is a narrow sliver of land next to the rail tracks deemed unsuitable for development. Council’s excuse, that the new buildings will be green buildings, in no way justifies the continued loss of green space.

South of Potomac Yard on North Patrick Street is another example of overdevelopment – Ramsey Homes. This small-scale residential site contained the largest swath of remaining open space, replete with several mature trees, in the West Old Town neighborhood east of Route 1. All of this will be demolished to construct a large apartment building that substantially reduces ground open space, including mature trees.

City Council’s routine Complete Streets fails to address commuter traffic on Patrick and Henry streets. The city appears to have no plan to address auto-generated carbon emissions, aside from the naive hope that Fairfax County commuters will eventually use the...
Potomac Yard BRT — a route whose buses are rarely observed carrying more than a handful of passengers even at rush hour. The EPA advises that reduced idling in traffic can help reduce emissions, yet the city does not use traffic enforcement measures to ensure afternoon rush hour traffic keeps moving on Henry Street through Old Town.

Council’s approval of the east-west connection of the George Washington Parkway to Henry Street near Slater’s Lane diverted more traffic and traffic emissions in the West Old Town neighborhood. Its decision to aid a developer by approving a new road connecting Slater’s Lane to Fayette Street will further put commuter traffic and auto emissions onto residential streets.

Along many Alexandria streets one finds planting spaces in the right-of-way that once held mature trees, which the city has failed to replace. A 2006 study estimated total annual air pollutant removal by urban trees in the United States at 784,000 tons, with a value of $3.8 billion. The failure of the city to take even such simple steps as replacing these trees is indicative of its attitude.

President Lyndon Johnson set emission standards as early as 1965, a timeframe consistent with the city’s civil rights fiascos. The West Old Town neighborhood, formerly the Inner City, began its environmental activism in 1987, consistent with the U.S. adoption of the Montreal Protocol, and began its tree-planting initiative in 1992.

City Council’s failure to value the environment over developer dollars has consequences. EPA studies show that on a hot, sunny summer day, roof and pavement surface temperatures can be 50–90°F hotter than the air — creating urban heat islands — while shaded or moist surfaces — often in more rural surroundings — remain close to air temperatures. As a result, air temperatures in cities can be warmer than the air in neighboring, less developed regions.

The average temperature in Alexandria during June is 75°F. The average temperature during June in nearly, yet less urbanized towns, such as La Plata, Md. or Burke, Va. is 74°F exactly in line with EPA estimates of the difference between urban and rural areas.

City Council must do more to prioritize the environment by curtailing overdevelopment and the increased traffic that comes with it.

Heidi Ford
Alexandria

English Learners Funds Available

To the Editor:
Governor Northam’s recent press release signaled his unqualified support for fami
The Alexandria Beautification Commission saw a year’s worth of planning and working with the city come to fruition on June 15 with the installation of native and sustainable plant material in three medians at the heavily trafficked intersection of King Street, Quaker Lane and Braddock Road.

The commission initiated the pilot median improvement project in 2017 in an effort to make the city’s medians both more attractive and more sustainable. The commission recommended the use of low maintenance, no mow areas in city medians that utilize native and sustainable shrubs and perennial plants. For the past year, the Beautification Commission has been working with the city’s Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Activities to develop a landscaping plan for the medians which they hope continue to beautify the City for public appreciation.

The site at the intersection of King Street, Quaker Lane and Braddock Road was specifically chosen because the existing plantings were not optimal. Some of the plants were not flourishing, others created a hazardous visual barrier for this heavily trafficked area, and some areas had no plantings at all.

Two Commission members, Monica Jaramillo Murphy and Julie Moore, local landscape designers, led the effort in terms of design and plant selection. They, along with commission members Carol Maxwell and Cathleen Curtin, shepherded the project through the City Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities as part of a larger Gateway beautification effort that began in fall of 2014. Murphy, assisted by Moore, chose only native plants for the medians including evergreen and deciduous shrubs, grasses and perennials, as well as ground cover, because, “they are most capable of thriving without the need of too many resources to maintain them. Also, they are tolerant of the exhaust pollution and salt applications during the winter months. And will also nicely support our local ecological system.” The native plants that were selected include Inkberry, Fothergilla, Little Bluetsem, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, and ground covers, such as Carex and native Pachysandra.

The next step in this project is to solicit sponsorship from the business or local citizen community to provide for long-term maintenance of the medians.

See www.alexandriava.gov/beautification.

Minimizing Concerns
To the Editor:

The emotional reaction last week from the days by Council member John Chapman was woefully misplaced and fundamentally wrong. It was also worrisome. Specifically, Mr. Chapman impugned as uncaring residents of a Del Ray neighborhood who enumerated their anxiety and concerns about having a homeless facility placed in their community, one with no homeless. One of the residents is a police officer. Worrisome, Council member Chapman heard voices that told him what to believe.

The objecting residents did not reveal themselves to be uncaring. They merely observed, in so many words, that people are homeless for a reason. Among those reasons are mental illnesses and addictions. Some could be recently released from prison or registered sex offenders. All reasonable fears that the organization seeking to operate the homeless facility had not been able to dissipate. Therefore, the concerned neighbors foolishly beseeched the City Council for redress.

Instead of assessing their concerns about importing the homeless into a neighborhood with none, Mr. Chapman heard voices, odious voices. These voices said the residents’ anxieties were callous and inappropriate. What we now know is he was listening to echoes from his past. We know this because he revealed, when he was eight years old, his family was homeless. But the Del Ray neighbors weren’t expressing concerns about families like his; they were evidencing anxiety about families and individuals who are the polar opposites.

Regardless, Mr. Chapman’s voices won; his revelation that years ago he was homeless as a child trumped the Del Ray residents’ today concerns. Notably, he did not provide another example why it’s a waste of resources to maintain them. Also, they are tolerant of the exhaust pollution and salt applications during the winter months. And will also nicely support our local ecological system.” The native plants that were selected include Inkberry, Fothergilla, Little Bluetsem, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, and ground covers, such as Carex and native Pachysandra.

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Leon Day – Three-Time Baseball Hall of Famer

By Char McCargo Bah

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eon Day was a brilliant baseball pitcher and hitter during the years of segregation. He played during the 1930s ending his career in 1955. He was a professional baseball player who spent most of his career in the Negro Leagues; his debut was in 1934. He played with the Baltimore Black Sox, Newark Eagles and the Baltimore Elite Giants. During his prime years, he was a versatile ath-

lete, playing several posi-
tions in baseball; a right
hand pitcher who was ex-
cellent at striking batters
out, especially with his
high speed balls; an above average hitter; and, he was a baserunner which made him one of the most dynamic players of his era. Leon's best season was with the Newark Eagles in 1937 when he finished with a perfect record of 13-0. His batting average was over .300.

During off season, he played in Latin American leagues in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Mexico. Leon also played in the Canadian baseball leagues. In his career, he played seven East-West All Star games from 1935 to 1946. Leon was the Eagles star player, setting an All Star record by striking out a total of 14 batters. Integration of the baseball leagues curtailed his prime playing days when Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier.

On Oct. 30, 1916, Leon Day was born in Alexandria to Ellis Day and Hattie Lee. They lived at 504 Oronoco St. Both his parents were natives of Alexandria; he was their fifth child. Ellis and Hattie migrated to Balt-
imore, Md. when Leon was less than a year old. In 1920, Ellis, his stepdaughter and sis-
ter-in-law worked at the Westport Glass Factory in Baltimore. The family lived in a segregated community of Westport in the Mount Winans' section. Their house did not have electricity nor running water. While they lived in Baltimore, Leon attended Frederick Douglass High School. He left school at the age of 17 to play semi-pro baseball. Leon was playing for the Newark Eagles when he met his first wife, Helen Johnson. They married in 1938.

His baseball career was interrupted by World War II. While Leon was playing for the Newark Eagles, he was drafted into the Army on Sept. 1, 1943, and he was assigned to the 818 Amphibian Battalion in Europe. He made Baltimore proud, but Alex-

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n Day was inducted to the Puerto Rican Baseball Hall of Fame in 1993. Six days prior to Leon's death, he was inducted to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. on March 7, 1995. On March 13, 1995, Leon Day died at the St. Agnes Hospital in Baltimore of heart fail-
ure. In the same year, he was also inducted into the Negro Leagues Hall of Fame. He is buried at Arbutus Memorial Park in Balti-
more, Md. The City of Baltimore honored Leon in 1997 by naming a park after him, "Negro League Hall of Famer Leon Day Park." He made Baltimore proud, but Alex-

andria also can claim him as their own Base-
ball Hall of Famer.

Char McCargo Bah is a freelance writer, independent historian, genealogist and a Living Legend of Alexandria. Visit her blog at http://www.theotheralexandria.com for more about “The Other Alexandria.”
Supporting SCAN

Burke & Herbert Bank raised more than $2,600 for SCAN of Northern Virginia’s child abuse prevention programs through its annual coin drive at branches throughout the month of April — National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Visitors to the Bank’s branches contributed more than $1,600 in cash. Burke & Herbert Bank then added to the total with a $1,000 grant. Burke & Herbert Bank representatives share the results of the 2018 Coin Drive with SCAN of Northern Virginia at the bank’s historic Main Office. From left are Jane Petty, VP/Director of Community Relations and Branch Marketing, Burke & Herbert Bank; Sally Richards, Director of Development, SCAN; Terry Cole, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, Product, Sales & Marketing, Burke & Herbert Bank; Samantha Hagenow, Development Associate, SCAN; and Ann Marie Moore, VP/Branch Manager, Main Office, Burke & Herbert Bank.

Scholarships

Martha Christino recently won the Frances and Sydney Lewis Environmental Science Scholarship from the Virginia Environmental Endowment. VEE partnered with the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (VJAS) to award two scholarships to deserving high school students at the annual VJAS Research Symposium. Martha received the Frances and Sydney Lewis Environmental Science Scholarship, which provides $5,000 over four college years. Abigail Kiss received the Henry W. MacKenzie, Jr. Environmental Scholarship, which also provides $5,000 over four college years. Martha is a junior at T.C. Williams High School. Abigail is a senior at Chesapeake Bay Governor’s School for Marine & Environmental Science.

Promoted to Partner

Marco Fernandes, Jr., CPA, has been named partner at Halt, Buzas & Powell in Alexandria. Fernandes previously worked as audit principal at HBP, where he was responsible for all aspects of the firm’s audit division and managed the firm’s assurance services. Halt, Buzas & Powell held a reception at the firm’s Alexandria location in honor of Fernandes’ promotion. Firm partners Steve Halt and Andy Powell spoke about Fernandes’ accomplishments and presented him with a gift in honor of his new title.

Prom Night

RaQuan Keaton is on his way to Prom Night on May 19. He graduated from T.C. Williams High School as an Honor student in 2018.

Daniel Davis, 2017 graduate, accompanied his friend Stacia Overton on her prom night. She graduated from T.C. Williams High School 2018 as an Honor student.

Excellence in the Arts

Four Upper School students at St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School were recognized at the National Society of Arts and Letters (NSAL) Excellence in the Arts Event held at The Kennedy Center in D.C. on May 6. NSAL has recognized juniors in the Washington metropolitan area public, charter, and private high schools with an Award for Excellence (AEA) or a Certificate of Merit since 2004. These honors document students’ artistic talent and are a point of distinction on college applications. The students are recognized in the disciplines of art, dance, drama, literature, music, and musical theatre. St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes student winners were nominated by their performing arts teachers, English teachers (who teach juniors), and Visual Arts teachers and selected by Head of School Kirsten Adams and Upper School Director Michael Mallett to represent the school. The top juniors included Bette Vajda, Award of Merit for Literature; Campbell Weiss, Award of Merit for Vocal Music; Catherine Owens, Award of Excellence in Visual Arts; and Mary Margaret Lehmkuler: Award of Merit for Theater.

Funds for Hospital

Twig President Pamela Rinn presents $125,000 check to Susan T. Carroll, Regional Executive Officer, Eastern Region to support Inova Alexandria Hospital at The Twig Annual Luncheon on June 6 held at Belle Haven Country Club. An additional $4,500 check was given to the hospital to support the Magnet Nursing Program. The Twig has given $4 million to the hospital for a variety of projects including a current $1 million pledge to renovate the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit.
Summer Water Safety

Supervision and learning to swim are top ways to prevent drowning.

By Marilyn Campbell

Blazing heat and sky rocketing temperatures often mean cooling off with a dip in the pool. As the summer is in full swing, safety officials are reminding the public of drowning risks and prevention methods.

“Learning to swim at any early age is all about being safe in and around the water,” said Gina Bewersdorf, owner of Goldfish Swim School in Reston, Falls Church and Alexandria. “Undeniably we all will have an opportunity to visit a pool, lake or ocean at some point, and our goal is to equip our swimmers with water safety skills early on.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cites a lack of swimming ability, failure to wear life jackets, alcohol use and a lack of close supervision while swimming as some of the top factors that affect drowning risk. According to the CDC, from 2005 to 2014 there was an average of 3,536 unintentional drownings. One in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger.

“A person can drown in a matter of seconds,” said Aaron Schultz, a lifeguard in Arlington. “When I’m at the pool, I notice that parents are often texting while trying to watch their children, but even if children look like their playing they could easily go under and be in danger less than a minute. This is especially important to remember at the beach.”

Taking part in formal swimming lessons reduces the risk of drowning among children between one and four years old, but many people lack basic swimming skills, according to the CDC. “Beginning formalized lessons as early as 4 months old has shown benefit in children developing a love for water and foundation upon which to build water safety skills,” said Bewersdorf.

American Red Cross swimming safety tips such as always swimming in a designated area attended by lifeguards, avoiding swimming alone, wearing life jackets, securing a pool with barriers and making sure everyone in your family is a strong swimmer, are among those that Mary Anderson of the Montgomery County Office of Health and Human Services says the county is reinforcing.

“There’s a website that we put together called ‘Summer of Safety’, and it’s got everything from A to Z with summer safety and swimming pool safety.”

Other suggestions include enrolling in courses to learn CPR, having appropriate equipment such as a first aid kit and cell phone to make emergency calls. “If someone is around water and discovers that their child is missing, it’s a good idea to check the water first because even seconds can make a big difference in stopping a drowning,” said Schultz.

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— Gina Bewersdorf, Goldfish Swim School

Wellbeing
The play “Enchanted April,” being presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) from July 6-22, follows two London housewives who feel lost in the shadows of marriage and forgotten in the rush of 1920s post-war society. They pool their savings to rent a villa in Italy for a ladies-only holiday away, reluctantly recruiting a pair of difficult upper-class women to share the cost and the experience. Together under the Mediterranean sun, the four women clash and then begin to bond until men once again upset the balance. The play is based on the novel by Elizabeth von Arnim.

“Enchanted April” is a play that explores human nature and how our choices make us who we are. Through changing those choices what we become and how we impact others. It is an uplifting story with a timeless message,” said Director Marzanne Claiborne.

Nic Barta is playing the role of Antony Wilding, a man seeking comfort and refuge. “He saw things in the Great War that no one should see and has come out of it a little damaged. But through it all he’s tried to keep his spirits high. Whenever he is in Italy, and with his Godmother Costanza, he’s in heaven. Antony just wants something to remind him that the world is still full of beauty and I think he finds that when he meets the women in the play,” he said.

Melissa Dunlap is playing the role of Rose Arnott, who lives a dutiful life serving her husband. “He has chosen to remove himself from society and live in the past. Because she finds no value in modern thinking and practices and because most of her peer group has died, she is emotionally closed off and extremely lonely,” she said.

Joel Durgavich plays the roles of Frederick Arnott/Florian Ayers. “Frederick is a poet who has turned to writing salacious novels under the pseudonym of Florian Ayers. The novels mentioned are fictionalized accounts of the mistresses of Henry XV and they are wildly successful. Frederick and (his wife) Rose have been having marital problems for four years and Frederick, under the alternate identity of Florian Ayers, is exploring cheating on his wife with Lady Caroline Bramble,” he said.

Madeline Byrd plays the role of Lotty Wilton. Without knowing exactly how, she finds herself on a holiday in Italy for the month of April. Once there, Rose finds her true self,” she said. Eleanor Tapscott is playing the role of Mrs. Graves, a dignified and perceptive widow with an arch sense of humor who can be opinionated and dominating. “She has been widowed for many years and has chosen to remove herself from society and live in the past. Because she finds no value in modern thinking and practices and because most of her peer group has died, she is emotionally closed off and extremely lonely,” she said.

Nic Barta (as Antony Wilding), Madeline Byrd (as Lotty Wilton), and Melissa Dunlap (as Rose Arnott) rehearse a scene from ACCT’s production of “Enchanted April.”

Alexandra Guyker plays the role of Lady Caroline Bramble, a “modern” socialite, whose overbearing mother is constantly thwarting her into the social sphere. “Surrounded by party goers and artists, she longs to find peace and solitude at San Salvatore, but instead finds real connections through true friendship,” she said. Co-producer Becky Patton said: “Enchanted April” has a wide variety of technical challenges and facilitating communications between designers, the director and the actors was a major role. The team design is top notch, which reflects the respect they all have for Marzanne. Everyone worked closely together to make this a beautiful production.”

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT) is presenting “Enchanted April” from July 6-22. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are $10-$15. The venue is located at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Visit www.acctonline.org.
ENTERTAINMENT

4 Dates to Circle in July

By Hope Nelson

F rom pub crawls to peaches, the summertime food and beverage scene has certainly heated up. Here are some of July’s best bets.

Fifth Annual Old Town Pub Crawl, July 7

Join the crew from Port City Brewing Company to visit eight different Old Town establishments over the course of an afternoon. It costs nothing to have your “pub crawl pass” stamped at each location in pursuit of a limited-edition pint glass – or you can stay and linger over a pint or a bite of food. Pizzeria Paradiso, the Fish Market, Daniel O’Connell’s, Milo’s, Chadwicks, Union Street Public House, Bugsy’s, and Virtue Feed and Grain will all have their doors open to pub-crawlers – but do crawl responsibly: 1:30-6 p.m.

Bluejacket Beer Dinner at Rustico, July 10

Rustico is back with one of its trademark beer dinners, this time hosting D.C. neighbor – and sister brewery to the restaurant – Bluejacket for an evening of suds and grub. Greg Engert, beer director for both Rustico and Bluejacket, will be the host for the evening and will walk diners through several courses of beer and food pairings. Five different beers will be served, so come thirsty. 827 Slaters Lane, 7-9 p.m. $55 per person; reservations required.

Ice Cream Social at Nails Produce, July 14

The venerable produce market is hosting a soiree to celebrate the delicacies from Trickling Springs Creamery. Visitors can come scoop up a free taste of the creamery’s small-batch ice cream flavors – and pick up some fruits and veggies for a weekend cookout, too. 7310 Beulah St. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

Georgia Peach Truck at Greenstreet Gardens, July 21

Straight from down South, the Georgia Peach Truck arrives with a passel of freestone peaches from Georgia’s Dickey Farms. The sweet summertime fruits are sold by the box, each of which weighs about 25 pounds and holds 65 to 80 peaches. Split a box with friends or preserve them to enjoy all year long. 1721 W. Braddock Road. 2:30-4 p.m. $46 per box.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.
Chef Nabin Paudel pulls out a large wok and sets it on the front burner turned up to high heat. The air in the kitchen is already steamy from the open pit Tandoor oven mixed with the humid day outside. He opens a container of Clabber Girl cornstarch and dumps a handful into a bowl, then another handful. Now for the calamari rings. Paudel slices the thinly sliced rings around in the cornstarch until they are fully coated. He drops the rings into a deep fat fry basket and lowers them into the hot oil. “They will cook until they look brown and crispy.”

In the Kitchen

By Shirley Ruhe

Chef Nabin Paudel

Chef Nabin Paudel lowers calamaris into hot fat to get crispy

Chef Nabin Paudel sautés peppers and onions

Meet Chef Nabin Paudel from Namaste

Chef Nabin Paudel skewers marinated lamb chops

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The heat around them cooks them. We can tell when they are done by looking at them.”

The lamb chops will be served with lentils (often referred to as dal) that have been cooked in water for about two hours. He uses a hearty spoonful of garlic and a small skillet followed by fresh ginger and cooks it on high heat with unsalted butter. “Some people are allergic to dairy so then we don’t use it.” He says they try to accommodate people’s allergies and wishes.

Paudel adds the lentils to the skillet and stirs briefly, then walks over the check the lamb. “Look at it now. Did you see it before?” The lamb chops are arranged on a circular plate with fresh cilantro scattered on the top. A small dish of creamy lentils sits aside. “We add a scoop of basmati rice on the side.” He stands back and looks at the finished dish and with a second thought arranges two peas atop the rice. “There. It’s finished. Looks a little bit like eyes.”

JULY 5-8

Art Exhibit: “Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness.” Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Guy Jones uses his Cherokee teachings to evoke the energy and spirit of living things in his pen and ink drawings. Using micron pen and scratchboard techniques, Jones creates artworks that are mischievous, whimsical, and a bit eerie. Opening Reception and Meet the Artist: Thursday, July 12, 6:30-8 p.m. Special Program: Drawn in: Taking a Closer Look at the Solo Exhibit, Thursday, July 26. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-746-5592. Scheduled activities: 6 p.m. - Performance by U.S. Navy Band Commodores; refreshment sales 7:30 p.m. - Town Crier announces Mayor Allison Silberner; poetry reading by Randy R. Kaplan, Poet Laureate, Alexandria, May 31; 8 p.m. - Distribution of birthday cake by the mayor and members of City Council 8:30 p.m. - Performance by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Jon Kalbfleisch, guest conductor 9:30 p.m. - Grand finale fireworks display, featuring Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture” with cannon support by the Presidential Salute Battery of the 3d United States Infantry Regiment ("The Old Guard"); Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia 11 p.m. - Performance by the U.S. Army Band, "The Big Apple" 11:30 p.m. - Performance by the U.S. Navy Band, “The Commodores” 12:30 a.m. - Performance by the U.S. Marine Band, “The Commandant’s Own”

FRIDAY/JULY 6

Mount Vernon Nights, 7:30 p.m. at Grier Mill Park, 4110 Mt. Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music. Each month has a different theme with activities for children, families, adults, and groups. See campinvention.org for details.

SATURDAY/JULY 7

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U.S. Patents Making History

U.S. patent history was made June 19, when the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued its 10 millionth patent. In recognition of this milestone, the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum has opened a new exhibit — “A History of Patent Designs: From 1x to 10 Million.” Included in the exhibit is a reproduction of the first U.S. patent, granted in 1790 and signed by President George Washington. The National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum is located at the USPTO’s Madison Building. Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission to the museum is free and open to the public. www.invent.org.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 11
Cool Yoga 2018, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Del Ray Psych & Wellness Lot, 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Maureen Glynn teaches Cool Yoga—Del Ray’s free summer outdoor yoga, Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Chill out after class with the Cool Yoga After-Party featuring refreshments courtesy of Bon Vivant Cafe + Farm Market. Email yoga@prasadayoga.com for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 11-15
Accordion Players Unite. At the Wednesday-Sunday/July 11-15 to the museum is free and open to the public. www.invent.org. The National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum has opened a new exhibit — “A History of Patent Designs: From 1x to 10 Million.” Included in the exhibit is a reproduction of the first U.S. patent, granted in 1790 and signed by President George Washington. The National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum is located at the USPTO’s Madison Building. Open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., admission to the museum is free and open to the public. www.invent.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 12
Second Thursday, 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Free. Browse open studios and galleries, get to know the artists, and enjoy special programming throughout the building. Don’t miss the monthly lecture series, Torpedo Talks, at 8 p.m. in the Main Hall. This series features some of the contemporary art world’s best-known artists, art curators and art professionals. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Opening Reception: “Drawing Energy: The Logic of Madness.” 6:30-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, Studio 21, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Guy Jones uses his Cherokee teachings to evoke the energy and spirit of living things in his pen and ink drawings. Visit www.drdrawing.org or call 703-683-1780.

Ticks and Mosquitoes. 7-9:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Leminsky Road, Alexandria. Learn the lifecycle and science of how best to control mosquitoes and ticks. Extension Master Gardeners will teach you how to identify the mosquitoes and ticks that are common in our area, as well as learning about their life cycle, how they reproduce, and where they go in the winter. Free. Advance registration requested at mgv.org. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgvaalex@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 13
Alexandria After-Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Co-sponsored by the Office of Historic Alexandria and the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, join us for monthly Friday-night concerts on the second Friday of the month. The July concert features the Ship’s Company Chantymen. For more than a decade, the Ship’s Company Chantymen have shared sea salts’ songs from the 1700s and 1800s. $15 suggested donation for the musicians. No ticket required. Beer and wine for sale. Visit www.fsgw.org for more.

Trivia Night. 7-9 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Staff members at Carlyle House Historic Park and Lee-Fendall House Museum have combined their random nerd knowledge to create bi-weekly trivia nights. Test knowledge on all things from pop culture to history. $5 a person; includes one drink ticket. Additional drinks can be bought at the cash bar. Teams may have up to six members. Registration slots are first come, first served, pay ahead to save a spot. Every other Friday June-August. Purchase tickets through eventbrite.com.

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Athenaeum Invitation. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Celebrates the visual arts of Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia and West Virginia. It is a theme-based event featuring the works of both specially-invited artists who have exhibited in the Athenaeum Gallery in the past, as well as works selected through a call for submissions. This year’s theme, the Curiosity Cabinet, asks artists to explore any aspect of Cabinets of Curiosities or Wunderkammers. Interpretations may be literal or abstract. See www.nvfaa.org/submissions.

JULY 13-30
"Pippin." At Episcopal High School, 5500 W. Bradlee Road, Alexandria. Directed by Rebecca Wals, the Schwartz/Hirson musical is retold through the millenial lens. Using the 2013 revival script, Monumental Theatre Company shares its version of Pippin's journey of self discovery.
**Sports**

**Wahoos Continue Undefeated, 3-0**

Emil LaSida lowers his CSL League back-stroke record.

The Chinquapin Wahoos hosted and defeated the Franklin Glen Gators — Boys 122-100; Girls 124-98 — for a combined score of 246-198 — for their third consecutive win (3-0) on June 30. All times are yards. The meet was very close with the Wahoos only ahead by 10 points after the free, back, and breast races. After the butterfly races, it was still close with the Wahoos ahead by just 20 points. Emil LaSida lowered the Colonial Swim League record (his own) in the 50 backstroke with a time of 25.97.

6&Under: Logan Phillips, Juan Enrique Bello and Jax Fox were 1st, 3rd, and 5th in the free and 1st, 3rd, and 4th in the backstroke. Niamh Brady was 3rd in the free and Freya Montes was 2nd in the backstroke events.

8&Under: Alex Guevara (17.57) and Eamonn Greiner (19.18) were 2nd at the free; Alex (22.13) was 2nd in the back; Amir Smith (25.71) was 3rd in the breast; and Alex (22.65) was 3rd in the fly. The girls swam against some fast competition but excelled. In the free, Chloe Fox (22.00), Ellie Robb (23.69), and Linda Jimenez swept the backstroke; Linda (23.56) and Madison (23.69) were 1-2 in the breast; and in the butterfly, Elle (20.35) and Madison (21.26) finished 1st and 3rd.

A very strong relay of Elle, Linda, Madison, and Chloe took 1st place with a time of 1:25.84.

9-10 Age Group: Jack Scheifele (32.90) and Yahia Omar (34.17) took 1-2 in the free; Yahia (39.62) Dylan Lim (43.17) and Merrill Plotkin (47.22) swept the back; Jack (46.47) took 2nd in the breast; and Jack (16.94) and Dylan (18.57) were 1-2 the butterfly. In the 100 medley relay, Dylan, Yahia, Jack, and Chris Green won with a time of 1:16.65. Eva Billups (22.84) and Kate (33.67) took 1st and 2nd in the free; Eva (37.53), Tennyson Fitzgerald (44.03), Kate (45.00), and Camila Zuninga (45.88) were one through four in the back; Halle Thomas (51.47) was 2nd in the breast; and Eva (17.31) was 2nd in the fly. The girls team of Eva, Halle, Camila, and Kate showed their strength in winning the relay (1:16.59).

11-12 Age Group: Juan Bello (32.23) dropped 2 seconds for 3rd in the free; and Jolan Foronda was dominant in winning the backstroke (33.16), breaststroke (32.84), and butterfly events. For the girls, Catherine Salomonos (30.65) was 3rd the free; Eve (36.28) and Abby Altenberg (36.38) were 2-3 in the back. Catherine (39.65) was 2nd in the breast; and Eve (33.30) and Cate Cox (36.95) were 2-3 in the fly. The girls team showed their depth with Cate, Sally Cox (36.15) and Abby (2:18.82) capturing 1st in the 200-m Medley Relay.

13-14 Age Group: Ronan Lauinger (25.91) Diego Flores-Acosta (29.60) and Alex Paz (30.14) swept the free; Emil LaSida broke his own Colonial Swim League record in the 50-yard backstroke with a time of 29.97 Diego (36.15) touching 3rd; Ronan (31.93) and Emil (32.25) were 1-2 in the breast; and Emil (26.41), Diego (33.4232.86), and Alex Paz (33.50) swept the 50-m butterfly. The boys team of Jolan Foronda swimming up, Ronan, Alex, and Diego (21:03.11) easily won 1st place. For the girls, Eve McLaury swam up for 2nd in the free with a time of 20.54. Catherine Salomonos swept up in 3rd in the 50 back with a time of 35.41; Stephanie Rosario (39.56) was 2nd in the breast; and Stephanie (35.78) took 3rd in the fly.

15-18 Year Olds: For the boys, Lufti LaSida was 2nd in the free with a time of 24.22; Ronan Lauinger swept up for 2nd in the back with a time off 29.29; and Lufti LaSida (26.60) took 2nd in the butterfly. Emil and Ronan teamed up with Ian Do, and Luftito shocked the Gators in the 200 yard medley relay with a time of 1:48.07. For the girls, Lydia Greenwood (27.81) and Nicole Rosario (29.44) were 1-3 the free; Lydia (32.78) and Athena Salomonos (34.59) were 2-3 in the back; Bella Obioa (38.53) and Nicole (39.00) fought hard to go 2-3 in the breast; and Lydia (30.03) and Nicole (31.35) finished strong for a 1-2 finish in the fly. Athena, Bella, Nicole and Lydia (2:11.22) won the 200 medley relay.

The Wahoos team of Jack Scheifele, Jolan Foronda, Emil LaSida, and Lufti LaSida won with a time of 1:50.41 in the 200 yard free relay.

Alexandria Little League to Host Junior State Tournament

Alexandria Little League (ALL) will host the 2018 Junior League State All-Stars Tournament July 5-11. Tournament games will be played at Eugene Simpson Field, 426 E. Monroe Ave., and Frank Mann Field, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Opening ceremonies will take place on July 5 at Simpson Field, with first pitches occurring at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Tournament games will be played at Eugene Simpson Field, 426 E. Monroe Ave., and Frank Mann Field, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Opening ceremonies will take place on July 5 at Simpson Field, with first pitches occurring at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Tournament games will be played at Eugene Simpson Field, 426 E. Monroe Ave., and Frank Mann Field, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Opening ceremonies will take place on July 5 at Simpson Field, with first pitches occurring at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Tournament games will be played at Eugene Simpson Field, 426 E. Monroe Ave., and Frank Mann Field, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Opening ceremonies will take place on July 5 at Simpson Field, with first pitches occurring at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m. Tournament games will be played at Eugene Simpson Field, 426 E. Monroe Ave., and Frank Mann Field, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Opening ceremonies will take place on July 5 at Simpson Field, with first pitches occurring at 7:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., and 9:30 p.m.

“Baseball has a rich history in our country and here in the City of Alexandria. We are proud and privileged to host this year’s state tournament. It is especially fitting to celebrate Alexandria’s birthday in the midst of this very special state baseball tournament,” said Alexandria Little League President Paul Miller.

“We look forward to welcoming players and their families from all corners of the Commonwealth of Virginia,” said Beth Mensinger and Gus Chiarello, tournament co-chairs. “Being able to showcase the Alexandria Little League family and our wonderful city is an honor, and that this event is occurring at Simpson Field, where our community rededicated its commitment to this great game last summer makes this event all the more special.”

Twelve teams from across the state — including Alexandria Little League’s Junior All-Stars, managed by Matthew Keough — will compete for the state title and the chance to move on to the Southeast regional tournament, followed by the Junior League World Series.

The full tournament schedule is available online at http://www.alexandria baseball.com.

**Phibbrick Receives Lacrosse Honors**

Hamilton College’s Darby Phibbrick ’18 of Alexandria, Va./St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School was selected for the 2018 Division III All-Region Team by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) in May. Phibbrick is one of 256 athletes honored from eight regions. The all-region student-athletes are eligible to be named to the IWLCA Division III All-Region Team by the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) in May.

Phibbrick is on the second team in the Berkshire Region as a midfielder. This year her all-region honor as she was made the first team last year and the second team in 2016. Phibbrick started all 16 games for the 5-11 Continentals and led the team with 26 goals and added three assists for 29 points. She topped the team with 71 draw controls and 23 caused turnovers, and scooped up 23 ground balls. Phibbrick finished her 67-game Hamilton career with 97 goals and 20 assists for 117 points, 154 draw controls, 87 ground balls and 56 caused turnovers.
SATURDAY/JULY 14
Smartphone Nature Photography Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. 16-Adult. Learn techniques to improve smartphone nature photography with the help of professional photographer Cindy Ever. Practice with an in-class, garden photography shoot, critique and lesson on editing. $52 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/packets using code 250 332 6001 or call 703-642-5173.

The War Of 1812 In Alexandria – A Walking Tour, 10-11:30 a.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. A guided walking tour of people and places in Old Town associated with the War of 1812. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are available in advance for $15 through eventbrite.com, or for $15 at the door. Tour size is limited. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Free for members. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Good Deed for Butterflies, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Cost is $18/person. In this program on “Native Plants for Butterflies,” horticulturalist Brenda Starkoph leads participants on a butterfly safari in the gardens at Green Spring. She will highlight native plants that are great for both home gardens and for butterflies. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Film Screening: “GerryRigged.” 2:30-4 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Watch OneVirginia2021’s documentary about gerrymandering, “GerryRigged,” followed by a conversation and Q&A with one of the co-chairs of the OneVirginia2021 Alexandria Local Action Group. Email ali@onevirginia2021.org or visit www.eventbrite.com and search “GerryRigged.”

SUNDAY/JULY 15
Artist’s Talk, 1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Five More Minutes, Part II” is a two-part exhibition that features work by Baltimore artist, Katie Pumphrey. Through large-scale paintings and installation, her work explores the tension between movement and stillness. The show runs through July 22. Closing reception July 22, 2-4 p.m. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org for more.

Music Concert, 3-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents its weekly free summer chamber concert series. This week’s concert features pianist Sasha Beresovsky playing the music of Beethoven, Scriabin, and Chopin. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

Jazz at Meade Concert, 4-6 p.m. at 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Featuring Tony Craddock Jr. and Cold Front. This is the 11th year of professional monthly jazz concerts in the heart of Old Town Alexandria on the third Sunday of the month (April-November). Cost: $20 donation. Call 703-549-1334.

MONDAY/JULY 16
Read, See, Do, 2-4 p.m. at Carlyle House Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Every Monday in July, Carlyle House and Alexandria Library are teaming up to have a reading program paired with an activity. The books chosen have a historic theme and can be tied in with Carlyle House. The program will take place on the Magnolia Terrace which will be tented. Visit www.novaparks.com.

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look around without the negative association of a dentist visit.

“It’s something that comes naturally to us,” said Dr. Angela Austin. “It’s our passion and our purpose.”

INOVA was also praised specifically for its Project Search, a program that offers TC students with disabilities to be fully immersed in an internship at the hospital.

More than 60 students have interned at INOVA, and 90 percent have moved into competitive, integrated employment after their work at the hospital.

“The students are part of our family,” said Susan Carroll. “It’s a true privilege for us.”

Priority-Based Budgeting

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algorithm.

“I’m for cost benefit analysis,” said Silberberg. “I love the idea of asking the question ‘Is it mission critical?’ Budgets are about priorities and values … but some things can’t have a number on them and are still important. Scoring is valuable, but [we] have to bring judgment and wisdom.”

Routt also added that one benefit of the system could be that the city could review mandates from the state or federal and respond in the legislative package that the mandate didn’t fit the city’s analysis of what was considered a high priority.

“That’ll go over big,” Councilwoman Redella “Del” Pepper said.

Changes on South Side

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“This process has been conducted haphazardly,” said Stratford Ward. “Communications was a little lackluster. They distributed flyers but people did not receive them.”

The strategy’s timetable was moved back to allow for more community meetings and communications with neighbors over the summer and in the early part of fall.

 “[I’m concerned about] the capacity at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School and the density that comes with increases in traffic,” said Ward. “The devil is in the details, which can be arcane and technical in this process.”

Farner said questions about density’s impact on nearby streets and schools required more research.

“There are certainly concerns with infrastructure,” said Jon Frederick, CEO of Alexandria Housing Redevelopment Corporation, “but from an affordable housing perspective, this is a proactive approach. In this instance, the timing issues are real. One property is on a year-to-year extension, so there is a sense of urgency.”
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