Best in Business Landrum, local businesses honored.

By Jeanne Theismann Gazette Packet

The stars of the business community walked the red carpet Oct. 2 as the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce celebrated the Best in Business awards at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.

Presented by Burke and Herbert Bank, awards were presented in several categories with Stephanie Landrum, president and CEO of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership, honored as Business Leader of the Year.

“It’s been a fulfilling 14 years for me,” said Landrum in accepting the award. “I look forward to the implementation of projects like the Virginia Tech Innovation Campus. This is my hometown and I truly love working in Alexandria.”

Virginia Tech president Tim Sands was on hand to salute Landrum and the Alexandria business community.

“This is Alexandria’s biggest night of the year,” said Sands, who presented Landrum, a graduate of the University of Virginia, with a football jersey from state rival Virginia Tech. “We are here to be part of celebrating the city’s brightest stars.”

Awards were presented in several categories, including the Rising Star award for new businesses in the city. This year’s Rising Star honoree was Nicole McGrew for Threadleaf.

“Threadleaf is a women’s boutique in Old Town focused on responsibly made fashion,” said McGrew. “We focus on fair labor, organic fibers and small independent designers and labels that produce beautiful clothing.”

Business Leader of the Year Stephanie Landrum is presented a Virginia Tech football jersey from Virginia Tech president Tim Sands at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Best in Business awards Oct. 2 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.

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Uptick in Student Absentee Ballots Might Indicate Higher Turnout

By Imani Thaniel Capital News Service

In addition to hitting the books this fall, more Virginia college students may hit the polls next month, according to the Virginia Department of Elections.

Virginia Department of Elections data show that 10,923 students in Virginia have applied for absentee ballots this year. That’s more than double the number of absentee ballot applications (4,876) received in 2015, the last year all 140 seats were up for reelection in the General Assembly, according to Christopher Piper, commissioner of the department.

Residents (including students) have requested 66,219 applications for absentee voting, according to state election data. Records show that 62,605 absentee ballots were filed four years ago. As of today, the state has filed 24,766 absentee ballots; it remains to be seen how many more are returned.

Piper said absentee ballots have increased in popularity.

Last year, voters submitted 287,763 absentee ballots, the highest number of votes in the state during a non-presidential election based on the data available since 1976. The 2008 presidential election had the highest rate of absentee voting recorded in Virginia, with 506,672 absentee ballots submitted.

“Using absentee voting is a good indicator of potential turnout, and if you look at previous elections and compare it to today there has been an increase in this election and overall,” Piper said.

Traditionally, voter turnout is highest during presidential elections and drops during state elections.

For instance, 72% of registered voters participated in the 2016 presidential election, but turnout for the 2017 gubernatorial election fell to 48%.

That same year, the second highest number of absentee votes, 496,452, were filed.

Perhaps this election is predicted to spur higher voter turnout in part because it includes over 30 competitive races. Further, redistricting maps gave an advantage to some House Democrats, who hope to wrest back the slim majority Republicans hold — in both chambers.

As of Sept. 30, Virginia had 5,612,769 registered voters. In the 2015 election, nearly 5.2 million residents registered to vote and a little over 1.5 million, or 29%, actually voted.

Erin Burke Brown, the voter registration and turn Chair for VCU Votes, which promotes voter engagement at Virginia Commonwealth University, said it remains to be seen whether young voters will show up to the polls.

“It depends on whether young people are fired up to want things to change and have their voices heard,” Brown said.

The last day to register to vote is Oct. 15. Applications for absentee ballots can be found online or by visiting the local registrar’s office.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is Oct. 29. Absentee is Nov. 2.
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Goblins Coming

Halloween seems spookier now more than ever in Alexandria. There’s something about all those skeletons and cobwebs that have invaded the city this year. Maybe it’s something in the numbers. Strolling through the archives of the Alexandria Gazette, and you’ll come across this nugget from 100 years ago this month.

“The goblins will get you if you don’t watch out,” exclaimed the Alexandria Gazette on Oct. 24, 1919. “For there will be Jack o’ Lanterns a plenty in Alexandria on Hallow’en Day, if the youngsters want them.”

Alexandria Gazette editor Michael Dwyer noted that farmers across Maryland and Virginia were shipping large quantities of pumpkins to the markets, and “mother will want the pumpkin pulp for pies.” He adds all those new novelty stores in the city sell paper mâché lanterns, which he noted have replaced the “old-fashioned, home-made Jack o’ Lanterns.” Plus, he says, mischievous boys no longer use Halloween as an excuse to fill an old sock with flour and pelt passersby.

“Dignified Alexandria boys have abandoned that trick,” he explained.

Along the Waterfront

The transformation of the Alexandria waterfront is taking place so fast it’s difficult to remember a time when the waterfront plan was the hottest controversy in town. Temps flared and the rhetoric was hot. Angry letters to the editor were penned, and fiery campaign speeches were delivered. Ultimately the plan to expand density was approved over fears that the size and scale of development would choke the narrow streets of Old Town.

“Even when I run into some of the harshest critics who were opposed to the redevelopment of the waterfront,” says former Mayor Bill Euille, “particularly from the Boat Club, they say to me, ‘Hey Mister Mayor thanks for what you were pushing for.’ People are going to want to oppose something until they see it completed or near completion, then they jump on the bandwagon.”

Now that everyone’s jumping aboard the waterfront bandwagon, Euille says it reminds him of other times when neighborhood associations and advocacy groups. Specifically, he mentions opposition to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the U.S. Patent Trademark Office.

“And then once it happens everybody says, ‘Wow this is really nice,’” he says with a chuckle.

Smooth Sailing

Are rough seas ahead for the port city? Alexandria’s captain of industry says the weather’s fine for now.

Reacting to a recent report from the Stephen Fuller Institute at George Mason University, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Joe Haggerty says he disagrees with the “Washington Regional Leading Index,” a cocktail of data in retail and in restaurants.

“The unemployment rate is low, and there’s really having trouble getting people in construction and in retail and in restaurants.”

In the old days, sentry boats might sail the Potomac looking for signs of enemy vessels. These days the Fuller Institute has the Washington Region Leading Index, a cocktail of data including retail sales, unemployment claims, consumer expectations and construction permits. Across the Washington metropolitan region, those sentry boats are all returning with dire warning signs. But Haggerty says the view from this side of the river isn’t as gloomy.

“We were hurt by the Metro shutdown, obviously, in Alexandria,” he says. “But still half of the retail outlets said their business was up over the last few months.”

— Michael Lee Pope

Week in Alexandria

Nice Work If You Can Get It

Eight Alexandria city officials pull in more than $200,000 a year.

Alexandria does not have the top paid government officials in the region. But it certainly doesn’t have poorest either. According to information received in a Freedom of Information Act request, Alexandria’s City Manager Mark Jinks pulls in a cool $288,000 a year. That’s at the top end of the range for local government chief appointed managers and administrators who oversee governments with a population of 100,000 or more, according to an annual survey conducted by the International City/County Management Association.

“When you’re looking at the compensation for city managers and county managers, you’re taking into account the same kind of factors as you would when you’re looking at the CEO of any business,” says Martha Perujo, director of membership and ethics for the association. “What is the complexity of the work for which they’ve been hired? You’re also looking at the experience of the person you’re hired.”

Most of Alexandria’s top-paid employees are deputy city managers or department heads, although that’s not always the case. The second highest paid city employee is the internal medicine practitioner who runs the opioid treatment program and administrator physicals in the detox program. Also in the top ten list are three clinical psychiatrists who see patients referred through Alexandria’s human services programs.

“There is a national shortage of physicians, especially psychiatrists,” says Communications Director Craig Fifer, who makes more than $170,000 a year.

“We continue to face significant competition for these positions from higher-paying jobs in the private sector.”

In the Washington region, the top-paid government executives are usually in D.C. Montgomery County and Fairfax County also pull in salaries larger than Alexandria, whereas Prince George’s County and Loudoun County usually appear at the bottom end of the list. For a city of 144,000, Alexandria’s top salary of $288,000 salary is generous without being extreme by comparison.

Alexandria’s Top-Paid Employees

$298,000: Mark Jinks, city manager
$260,000: Uzma Mian, medical supervisor
$243,812: Joanna Anderson, city attorney
$220,002: Ana Lince, senior clinical psychiatrist
$220,000: Elia Valladareas Juarez, senior clinical psychiatrist
$208,291: Bryan Porter, commonwealth’s attorney
$203,085: Dana Lawhorne, sheriff
$202,144: Dean Inouye, clinical psychiatrist
$199,130: Emily Baker, deputy city manager
$199,130: Debra Collins, deputy city manager
$199,130: Laura Triggs, deputy city manager
$198,840: Wendel Wu, clinical psychiatrist
$195,881: Michael Brown, police chief
$190,000, Terry Suehr, director of project implementation
$189,640: Catherine Garvey, director of human services
$182,062: James Spengler, director of recreation
$179,496: Shawnda Howard, chief HR officer
$177,230: Rose Dawson, library director
$175,248: Morgan Routt, budget director
$175,248: Kendel Taylor, finance director
$175,247: Yon Lambert, transportation director
$175,247: Karl Moritz, planning director
$174,057: Vanetta Pledger, chief IT officer
$173,430: Jill Schaub, deputy city attorney
$170,552: Craig Fifer, communications director
$170,522: Thomas Canfield, special city architect
$169,754: Gregg Fields, director code administration
$169,754: Helen McIlvaine, housing director
$168,622: Renee Gordon, emergency commns director
$168,448: Jeremy McPike, general services director

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Ben Brenman Awards 2019
Fort Ward, Myers honored by Archeological Commission.

The Alexandria Archeological Commission presented its annual Ben Brenman Archeology in Alexandria Awards during a proclamation ceremony Oct. 2 at City Hall. Named in honor of the late Bernard "Ben" Brenman, a longtime Commission chair, the award recognizes businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections, or conservation. Councilmember Del Pepper presided over the awards presentation, reading a proclamation recognizing the 2019 honorees. Two awards were presented, one to members of the Fort Ward Interpretive Committee and one to McArthur Myers.

The Fort Ward Interpretive Committee, consisting of members Frank Cooling, Mary Furlong Minkoff, Carol Johnson, Krystyn Moon, Frances Terrell, Adrienne Washington and Charles Ziegler, was recognized with the Outstanding Interpretive Plan award for their dedication to the ongoing interpretation of history at Fort Ward Park.

Through organizations including the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, the Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, and the African American Heritage Trails Committee, Myers has worked to interpret Alexandria’s history at the Universal Lodge #1, Third Baptist Church and the Historic Waterfront.

The Alexandria Archeological Commission established the Brenman Award in 2007 in honor of the late activist and retired U.S. Army colonel. Brenman was a founding member of the Commission, serving as its chair for 21 years. A City of Alexandria commission, it was the first of its kind established in the country.

By Jeanne Theismann
Gazette Packet

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Frances Terrell, a member of the Fort Ward Interpretive Committee, and McArthur Myers, hold the Ben Brenman awards following a presentation by City Council and the Alexandria Archeological Commission Oct. 2 at City Hall.
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The Finance Department is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on November 15, 2019 to be considered on time.)

News

Best in Business

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are hard to find anywhere else.”

McGrew was appreciative of the recognition. “This award means a lot to me,” she said after the presentation. “It shows that when you have an idea, a dream, and when other people like it and appreciate it, it makes you feel good. As an Alexandria resident, it’s amazing to be part of the business community and is a way to connect with your friends and neighbors.”

Other honorees included: Small Business of the Year — Tartan Properties Commercial; Medium Business of the Year — Daniel O’Connell’s Irish Bar and Restaurant; Large Business of the Year — Brandywine Living at Alexandria; Nonprofit/Association of the Year — Del Ray Business Association; Rising Star Business of the Year — Threadleaf; and Overall Business of the Year — The Goodhart Group.

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Threadleaf owner Nicole McGraw, center, is presented with the Rising Star award from Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Joe Haggerty and board chair Charlotte Hall at the Best in Business awards Oct. 2 at the Alexandria Westin Hotel.

Niamh O’Donovan accepts the Best Medium Business of the Year award for Daniel O’Connell’s Irish Bar and Restaurant at the Best in Business awards from Chamber president and CEO Joe Haggerty and board chair Charlotte Hall.

Patterson Group vice-presidents Brittany Patterson, left, and Phyllis Patterson, right, with Adam Froemming at the Oct. 2 Best in Business awards.
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Dear Editor:

As your readers may know, every Senate seat (there are 40) and Delegate seat (there are 100) in Virginia’s General Assembly is up for election this November 5, 2019. This election will determine which philosophy controls the Virginia legislature: an extreme liberal agenda intent on legalizing the inhumanity of late-term abortions, or a more moderate and conservative philosophy that respects the precious lives of those about to be born. There are other issues too, of course, but none so clear in its delineation of moral right and wrong.

The frustration of Alexandria’s moderates and conservatives is palpable. We are a minority population of around 30% with no elected representation. In Alexandria, every elected representative we have is a Democrat. One-party rule on Council is a given, and Republicans hardly bother to run for office because the end result is virtually the same. However, moderates and conservatives are being represented by not just liberals, but extreme liberals. Three of the Democrat representatives in Alexandria are of the General Assembly (Sen. Adam Ebbin, Sen. Dick Saslaw, and Delegate Mark Levine) are ranked as being among the “Coalition of the Radical Left” by the American Conservative Union Foundation’s Center for Legislative Accountability. Levine was a co-patron of Delegate Kathy Tran’s infamous, but unsuccessful, late-term-abortion bill HB 2491. Alexandria City has three different Virginia Senate districts (30, 35, and 39) and two House of Delegate districts (45 and 46). The five Democrat incumbents on the ballot are running unopposed in all districts but one, Senate District 39 with Republican nominee “Dutch” Hillenburg http://dutchforсенate.com/, a large district which includes a small portion of Alexandria’s West End. We all seem to know that Virginia is at a tipping point. Which values will Virginia represent to the rest of the nation? Will Virginians protect viable human life, respect law enforcement officers and veterans, increase opportunities for small businesses, promote self-reliance and empowerment through education, and preserve constitutional values?

We are a minority population. There is just this. A letter to this newspaper’s editor, letting moderates and conservatives know that there is a choice on election day. You can find our bio and district maps www.alexandriacrwc.org.

Townsend A. “Van” Van Fleet
Alexandria

Scooters: Not Ready for Prime Time

Dear Editor:

In the next several weeks, we will see the Alexandria City Council approve a new scooter pilot program for the year 2020. Undoubtedly, this will be a unanimous decision, because the City Council has proven over time to be indifferent to the concerns of citizens, and this scooter program is no exception. This stems from the patriarchal attitude of the City Council that the City Staff has the best interests of the Citizens when preparing staff work on the recommendation of decisions. This attitude prevails because Alexandria is one of the few local governments in Virginia that doesn’t have a “ward system,” which results in citizens having no representation at all, and Council Members being accountable to no one. Imagine if Congress consisted of representatives at large — who would speak for the concerns of the individual states, and who would champion their interests? In the last year, a number of articles have been written about the numerous reasons why the scooter program is not ready for prime time in our two major business districts, Old Town and Del Ray. Who are our advocates? The citizens of Alexandria appear to be voices crying out in the wilderness, their concerns falling on deaf ears. This appears to be another case of taxation without representation.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

OPINION

Republicans Offer Write-in Candidates

We understand why we have four uncontested offices, but it pains our patriotic hearts. So, we, the undersigned, have decided to be write-in candidates. We identify as Republican, and have been members of the local Republican party for many years. We are not officially endorsed by the Republican party, are not professional politicians or policy experts, and we never intended to run for public office. We are simply fellow citizen-neighbors who are willing to “step into the arena” in this symbolic way. We have no campaign money, so you won’t be seeing any campaign advertisements or sample ballots with our names. There is just this. A letter to this newspaper’s editor, letting moderates and conservatives know that there is a choice on election day. You can find our bio and district maps www.alexandriacrwc.org.

Eileen Marie Brackens, House District 45, Republican, Write-In candidate.

Gerald Chandler, House District 46, Republican, Write-In candidate.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Delegate Paul Krizek

The month of October marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month here in the Commonwealth. It was designated as such by the General Assembly in 1989 and is an annual reminder of how important it is for us to continue to work to prevent domestic abuse and to treat and support survivors across the Commonwealth.

Domestic violence is characterized as a pattern of coercive behaviors used by an individual to gain or maintain power and control over another individual in the context of an intimate, dating, or familial relationships. Forms of domestic violence may be criminal (physical assault or stalking) or not (verbal abuse or financial control). Approximately 28% of women and 11% of men in the United States have experienced sexual violence, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner. Sadly, 31% of all Virginia homicides in 2014 were attributed to Family and Intimate Partner Violence. Thankfully, the number of homicides reported in recent years have decreased since 1999 when data was first collected. This decrease in homicides is a credit to the comprehensive services offered through the Domestic Violence Awareness Network (DVAN) and the Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) in the Commonwealth. DVAN and DVRT work closely with local law enforcement to prevent domestic violence and help survivors.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Delegate Paul Krizek

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Bottles of Beaujolais Nouveau for the last 36 years sit on shelves on the walls of Le Refuge on Washington Street. They are interspersed with pictures from World War II donated by customers, a wood carving from the grandfather in France and lids from boxes of cheese “that you used to be able to bring back from France.” Anne-claire Fregnan, now full time manager of Le Refuge, points to a wooden lid on the wall; “this was my mother’s favorite cheese.”

Anne-claire says her parents came to America in 1976 and worked in other places, her father at Le Gaulois in D.C. and her mother in the French restaurant that previously occupied the space where Le Refuge is located today. Back then they were wedged between an establishment advertising facials on the corner and a shoe store next door. But Anne-claire and her father think many things in Alexandria seem the same today.

In 1983 Jean Francois Chaufour and his wife Francoise opened Le Refuge. Anne-claire was born two months later. Her father remembers they opened on a Friday night and had 30 covers. “It was crazy because he didn’t know what to expect the first night.” He quickly turned Le Refuge into his concept of “fine dining but in a casual atmosphere.”

But Anne-claire explains her father deviated from the traditional French dining experience because he thought you shouldn’t have to wait between courses. “He thought you should sit down and order a drink and get it right away.” You should be able to have a good dining experience in an hour and a half so you could have a nice meal and then go to the Kennedy Center or Little Theatre of Alexandria. “And he believed your glass of Sancerre or Côtes de Rhône should be priced appropriately.”

Also Chaufour believed in consistency. The menu has changed little since the restaurant opened. Anne-claire says they had bouillabaisse (her mother’s favorite), Dover sole, frog legs and Beef Wellington along with onion soup on the original menu. “We are very well known for our onion soup.” She says, “There is a couple who moved to Ashburn over 10 years ago who still return once a month for the onion soup. … And you know it can take two hours to get here on a Friday night.”

Anne-claire started coming to the restaurant on Friday and Saturday nights when she was about seven years old. “Oh my gosh, I lived in here. I remember the garlic smell when you walked in. And people were happy. My mother walked in with a huge smile.” She says, “My parents wanted to create an atmosphere for people who had to be with your friends. It was so comforting to so many people.”

“We would all have dinner together at table 30 over there in the corner.” Her favorite dinner was hearts of palm and veal Normandy with cream, mushrooms and brandy. “I would fall asleep on le banquette and my parents would sit chit chatting with the customers. They all lit cigarettes and be with your friends. It was so comforting to so many people.”

Anne-claire Fregnan, her husband, Hugh and their daughter, Savanna Fregnan today with daughter Anne-claire Fregnan.
From princesses to superheroes, within the next two weeks, as Halloween approaches, many children will be choosing a costume. As children express their creativity with the help of wigs and light sabers, public safety advocates are encouraging caution both in costume selection and mapping-out a Halloween night route.

“There are several components to safety, first make certain the costumes are well-fitted so they aren’t a tripping hazard,” said Tammy Franks, senior program manager for Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council. “Instead of masks that could obstruct their view try using non-toxic face paint.”

It’s possible to use face paint that is free of toxins, but doesn’t sacrifice a creative disguise, says Aieda Turner of costume supply store Total Fright in Arlington. “Mehron face paint is completely safe and it’s made of aloe vera and cucumber and doesn’t have any alcohol which can irritate a child’s skin,” she said. “Almost all children’s costumes made now, even elaborate costumes, are fire resistant.”

When children are trick-or-treating without a parent, says Franks, drivers should be able to see children, especially if they are wearing a dark costume. Adding glow-in-the-dark or reflective tape can help. “Children should carry a flashlight or glow stick so that they can see and be seen,” she said. “Parents should make sure that costume is flame resistant and they should add a reflective component.”

“The costume itself shouldn’t have accessories that pose hazards, says Franks. “For example, if your costume includes a sword or knife, make it out of foam or cardboard or something flexible,” she said. Parents should make a plan with their child about the route they’ll take so they’ll know where to find them in an emergency situation. They should also agree on the time when a child should be back at home.”

Children should carry a cell phone so that parents can contact them if necessary, says Baker. “Parents should definitely be able to reach their children on Halloween,” she said. “As hard as it might be these days, parents should stress to their children the danger of texting and keeping their head buried in their phones while trick-or-treating.”

Staying in well-lit areas and trick-or-treating with a group of friends can help make Halloween activities safer. “The same basic rules of pedestrian safety also apply on Halloween. Cross the street in crosswalks, stay on the sidewalk … and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don’t trip.”

—Tammy Franks, Home and Community Safety at the National Safety Council

Keeping Children Safe on Halloween

Safety advocates offer tips ranging from costumes to trick-or-treating.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection
ALEXANDRIA, VA — The Alexandria Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation in the 300 block of S. Reynolds St.

At approximately 11:53 p.m. on Oct. 9, police were dispatched to the area for a possible shooting. Upon arriving, officers located an adult male suffering an injury to the upper body. He was transported to a local hospital.

On Oct. 11, the victim, De’shon Jenkins, a 21-year-old Alexandria resident, succumbed to his injuries.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Ryan Clinch at 703.746.6673.

This is the second homicide in Alexandria this year.

**Tom Lovejoy of PBS Nature Series to Present “A Wild Solution to Climate Change,” Sunday, Oct. 20**

World renowned expert on biodiversity Tom Lovejoy will present “A Wild Solution to Climate Change” at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20 at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria.

Lovejoy will discuss the dramatic and damaging effects of climate change on the Earth’s biodiversity and offer practical and effective solutions for reducing those impacts, as well as how saving carbon-dioxide-absorbing forests can slow climate change.

Lovejoy was later the founder of the PBS series Nature, introduced the term “biological diversity” in 1980, and many consider him the “godfather of biodiversity.”

Lovejoy’s presentation is hosted by Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church’s Climate Action Team. Register at eventbrite.com/e/74578948643 for this free event open to the community. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact climateaction@mvuc.org.

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By Steve Hibbard
The Gazette

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Art Exhibit: "Emotional Support: Animals" Through Oct. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Kiln Club member Cheryl Knoll's exhibition of "Emotional Support: Animals" in the wholehearted celebration of the exotic and domestic. Visit www.scopegallery.org or call 703-548-6289.

Art Exhibit: "Twilight Zone," Through Oct. 27, gallery hours at Dell Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Art Inspired by The Twilight Zone" is a collection of work inspired by the classic television series. An opening reception is planned for Friday, Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m. Photos/artwork encouraged. Visit www.dellrayartisans.org/exhibits.

Art Exhibit: "Day of the Dead." Through Nov. 3, at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents its juried show, Day of the Dead. Neighbors in Mexico and Central America celebrate Day of the Dead. It is a joyful time that helps people remember the deceased and celebrate their memory. The colors and vibrancy of this holiday inspire artists of the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Visit www.potomacfiberartgallery.com for more. Photos/artwork encouraged.

"Board, or out of our minds!" Through Nov. 10, gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. "Board, or out of our minds!" relates to the games we play. The included works exhibit the creative means in which people developed board games to reflect their thoughts and reflections on the role of chance in life. While some are actual games, some refer to the role of games in life. Visit www.niaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McLaughlin/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 4515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leiby directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us.

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Ghost & Graveyard Tour. Nightly at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays second tour at 9 p.m. Departs from Alexandria Visitor Center, 231 King St., Alexandria. Follow an 18th-century costumed guide by lantern light through Old Town. Call 703-746-4127 or visit www.ghostandgraveyard.com.

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light through the charming streets of Alexandria’s historic district known as Old Town. On this tour, you’ll hear ghost stories, legends and folklore. You will also hear about unsolved mysteries, tales of romance and angry ghosts looking for revenge. Appropriate for ages 9 and up. No pets please. Admission: $15 for adults; $14 for senior, military and law enforcement; $10 for children. Visit the website: alexcolonialtours.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18
Garden Talk—Putting the Garden to Bed. 1:30-2:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Enjoy the break from the summer heat as you head back into the garden for some end-of-season maintenance. Learn from Extension master gardeners what you need to do to ensure that your plants are well prepared for the cold weather, what needs pruning and what needs mulch. $10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 493.064 or call 703-642-5173.

SATURDAY/OCT. 19
Electric Vehicle Showcase. 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. At Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Join Environment Virginia for an electric vehicle (EV) car show to celebrate environmental, consumer, and public health benefits of cleaner cars. Come learn about the cars of the future and Virginia’s transition to electric cars. There will be an opportunity to test drive a variety of electric vehicles on the market, ask EV owners about their experience and even board an electric transit bus. RSVP if you would like to showcase your electric car by emailing ereynolds@environmentamerica.org. Visit the website: https://www.facebook.com/events/2484766682008935/

Woodlands and Wetlands Tour. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (Adults) Experience Green Spring’s wilder side. Take a docent-led tour through the Virginia Native Plant Garden, woodland stream valley and ponds, and learn how we protect these special places. Hear about plants and wildlife, and view remnants of a globally-rare magnolia bog. Admire the fall display with refreshments at the pond gazebo. $15/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 900.4C7F or call 703-642-5173.

Puppet Show. 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. At Oswald Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Tickets are $6. Beech Tree Puppets perform The Giant Turnip. An old man and his wife lovingly tend their garden and grow a vegetable so large they can’t pull it up by themselves. This whimsical folk tale is sung and told with hand-crafted rod and shadow puppets. The story celebrates caring for the earth and working together. Visit alexandriava.gov/WebTrac.

Civil War Shelter Program. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Can you tell a Sibley tent from a dog tent? How did Civil War soldiers stay warm in camp? Find out the answers to these questions and more when Fort Ward Museum presents the Civil War Shelter Program. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Can you tell a Sibley tent from a dog tent? How did Civil War soldiers stay warm in camp? Find out the answers to these questions and more when Fort Ward Museum presents the

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Floral Design Workshop-Fall Flowers & Foliage. 1-2:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. (16-Adult) Enjoy autumn’s rich colors and textures by bringing them into your home. Learn how to create a unique, take-home floral design that celebrates the season with the help of professional floral designer Betty Ann Galway. Learn tips and tricks of the trade to practice on your own designs at home. $39/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/participants using code 30F.C61A or call 703-642-5173.

Fix-It Clinic. 2-4 p.m. At Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Bring in your broken items and receive free guided assistance from volunteers. First-come, first-served. Services include fabric mending, jewelry repair, lamp/small electrical appliance repairs, silver polishing, and more. Contact Sharon Waseeman at 703-766-6700.

Sopranessence Fall Concert. 3-4:30 p.m. At Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Admission: $20. The City Tavern has been the site of many historic events, but also of macabre ones. This special tour explores the stories of the people who breathed their last breath at the hotel and the scenes surrounding them. Bring your friends and raise a glass (drink provided) to those who have come before, from a famous actress to Civil War soldiers. Reproductions of some major types of period tents will be set up and explained by Union Army interpreters, and Fort Ward’s furnished Officers Hut, a typical military structure in the Defenses of Washington, will be open to the public. A variety of camp life accessories, furnishings, and heating methods for military accommodations will also be displayed and discussed. Contact Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848.

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At Long Last, Augie’s Reopens on King Street

By Hope Nelson
Gazette Packet

I t’s almost a law: Every renovation project takes longer than expected. In the case of Augie’s Mussel House and Beer Garden, what was intended to be a springtime reopening has become an autumnal one, but Common Plate Hospitality partner Chad Sparrow says the wait was worth it.

“We’ve completely transformed the space,” Sparrow said. “It’s unrecognizable from what it was before.”

What it was before, historically, was Le Gaulois, that longtime bastion of French fare that closed in 2009. After a series of openings and closures from various businesses afterward, Augie’s took over the space last year and immediately opened its patio for seasonal dining while the interior renovations took place.

Now, at long last, the indoor dining room has opened anew, and with it the patio has seen a rebirth, too.

“We’ve gotten so many great modern looks while actually adding in a lot of history,” Sparrow said. Such looks include signage from the old Alexandria Marine shop; a bar consisting of crushed glass (mainly from empty Yuengling bottles) formed into an epoxy and lit up; and above (mainly from empty Yuengling bottles) formed into an epoxy and lit up; and above the bar, “there’s an old wooden beam that we pulled out of the Potomac River” near Robinson Terminal that’s probably a couple 100 years old, Sparrow said. “We sanded it and sealed it and put some lights into it and put it above the bar. It’s a really cool feature.”

The upstairs dining room has “more of a formal setting,” while still remaining fairly casual, Sparrow said. The downstairs, meanwhile, takes on more of a higher-end sports-pub feel.

But what guests are really there for is the food and drink. And in those lanes, Augie’s is ready too. The restaurant offers 10 different types of mussels, from the classic (with garlic, onion, tomato and white wine) to the Eastern shore (with corn, sausage, crab broth and Old Bay), “which I think are going to be the biggest sellers,” Sparrow said. Along with mussels, guests can munch on housemade pretzels with beer cheese, five different kinds of wings, and heartier fare like ribeye steak, steak tartare, tuna tartare, and more.

Admittedly, a sports-bar feel doesn’t take root without a robust drink menu. Augie’s is offering up $5 beers on tap and another 40 bottles and cans, as well as a craft cocktail program and wine.

And though the indoor dining rooms have geared up just in time for the weather to turn cooler, the patio is still poised to be a popular place.

“It’s definitely where everybody first goes to,” Sparrow said, even when the cooler temperatures take hold. “We’re hoping to be a nine- or 10-month-a-year patio.”

Following a soft launch event and a quiet opening on Oct. 7, Augie’s officially opened to the public on Tuesday, Oct. 8, and so far, Sparrow says, the reception has been positive.

“We have a great staff and really happy guests,” Sparrow said. “It’s definitely where everybody first goes to.”

Augie’s Mussel House and Beer Garden is offering up 35 beers on tap and another 40 bottles and cans, as well as a craft cocktail program and wine.

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crease may be attributed to an increase in awareness, which is a step in the right direction. In order to continue combatting this crisis, we must promote awareness of domestic violence so that victims know they are not alone and that there are local organizations that will protect their anonymity and ensure they receive the help they need.

In 2016 in Fairfax alone, 1,605 emergency protective orders were issued against family or household members for acts of family abuse involving violence, force or threat, and 258 children were provided with Emergency Shelter with their parent or guardian. Across Virginia, 5,732 adults and children received 191,759 nights of emergency or temporary shelter to escape domestic violence. Every month in Fairfax County, domestic violence hotlines receive over 240 calls with approximately a quarter of those victims requesting family abuse protective orders. Between 2010 and 2015, over 400,000 calls were answered by domestic and sexual violence hotlines in Virginia.

In my day job as the General Counsel for Christian Relief Services here in Alexandria, I work every day to assist domestic violence survivors and their families find safe, stable, and affordable housing while they get back on their feet. Our Safe Places program works with survivors in Fairfax County to help them become self-sufficient through financial planning, counseling, and legal aid. We assist survivors regardless of income, language spoken, or immigration status. Through this work, I have seen what a growing problem domestic violence has become, and have also been exposed to many things we can do legislatively in the Commonwealth to continue fighting against domestic abuse.

During this next session, I plan to put forward a bill that will increase the penalty for any person who deceptively installs or places an electronic tracking device and uses that device to track the loca...
Domestic Violence

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Domestic violence is the intentional use of physical or emotional force, coercion, intimidation, and threats to control or harm a person. This includes actions such as physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and economic or psychological abuse. The term “domestic violence” typically refers to violence within intimate relationships, including partnerships and marriage. It can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation.

Violence is a pervasive issue that affects millions of people worldwide. It is a human rights violation and a public health issue. Domestic violence can have a severe impact on victims, including physical harm, emotional trauma, and long-term psychological effects. It can also lead to a cycle of violence, where both partners engage in abusive behavior.

Preventing domestic violence requires a multifaceted approach that includes education, awareness, and support for victims. It is essential to address the underlying factors that contribute to violence, such as gender inequality, power imbalances, and lack of resources.

Prevention efforts should focus on education and awareness campaigns, providing support services for victims, and strengthening laws and policies to protect vulnerable individuals. It is crucial to create safe environments for victims and to hold abusers accountable for their actions.

Victims of domestic violence can reach out for help by contacting local support organizations, hotlines, or law enforcement agencies. It is important to recognize the signs of domestic violence and to seek assistance when necessary.

In conclusion, domestic violence is a serious issue that requires a collaborative effort to address. By increasing awareness, providing support, and strengthening laws, we can work towards creating a safer and more just society for all.

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.
No Soap. No Radio.

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This is a punchline to a joke I heard 50-plus years ago during my adolescence. I never knew what the actual joke was, but somehow it was thought to be funny. And so too was it funny the other day when preparing to take a shower at home, I noticed that the bar of soap waiting for me in the shower was razor-thin and inefficient for the task at hand. I then opened the bathroom vanity where I knew I had back up and saw there was only one bar remaining. It was the last hold-out of an eight-pack I had bought many months ago. As Maurice Chevalier sang in the movie "Gigi:" "Ah. I remember it well." And remember it well as I remember other similar bulk-type purchases. Sometimes, being meticulous, be positive about the negative and not "Live Like You Were Dying," as sung by Tim McGraw, but to live like I was living. Which to me has meant to live normally as I did not have stage IV lung cancer, with no bucket list or urge. And to assimilate having cancer into my life as just another variable, like the weather or the Red Sox bullpen.

Unfortunately, and it might just be me (Oh, really), but this kind of soap and mundane minutiae does occupy. I'm not saying pre-occupy thought my world. But it doesn't necessarily occupy it because I have cancer. It occupies it because I'm more like my mother than I am my father and cancer or not, it's what I do. And being exactly who I am in spite of my diagnosis is how I've rolled through these last 10-plus years. It's been a living for which I remain extraordinarily grateful and to be honest about it, amazingly lucky.

Mention, I make the same jokes, with or without punchlines, do the same impressions, invoke the same popular culture references and make decisions as I always have. In addition, I allocate resources, juggle funds and plan for the future while being mindful of the present likewise as I always have. My diagnosis certainly defines me, but I try not to let it control me. Still, it's reaps into every decision I make, from soap to nuts. It's the elephant in the room and the pebble in my shoe (actually that's the neuropathy in my feet).

Still I have to take things in stride - or else. When I saw that last hold-out of bar of soap, it conjured memories of the tightrope I have to walk (Leon Russell not withstanding). And it gave me pause: Wow, I made it through that entire pack. Now what? Soap. No radio. And so it goes.

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