

Candidates Take the Podium at Lee Mount Vernon Chamber Breakfast

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Although the Washington Nationals playoff victory at 1 a.m. that morning was still fresh on many minds, the candidates at the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce candidate forum had other things to highlight, ranging from transportation, the minimum wage and abortion when they took the podium early on Oct. 10 at the Belle Haven Country Club.

Del. Paul Krizek (D-44) is running against Richard Hayden in the 44th District, which encompasses most of Mount Vernon. Krizek grew up in the area, went to Groveton High School back when it still existed, and has been in office four years as a delegate. "Our school system is probably the best in the country," he said, before talking about a bill he's brought up before the assembly to protect seniors when they are banking.

"I had a successful four years," he said. "It's an honor to serve you."

Richard Hayden took the stand, and talked about potholes, business and the difficulty raising minimum wage. "I'm honored the Republican party has chosen me to be their candidate," he said. There has been a proposal afloat for the minimum wage to be \$15 an hour, but he said that "will break the back of small businesses."

The wage a business pays should be determined by the market, he said. "Government can't come in and force that, it has to be the market," he said. The recent money taxpayers have received from the Commonwealth of Virginia was the result of a Republican effort, Hayden said.

Next were life issues, and this led to his stance on abortion. In past years, his son's girlfriend got pregnant but chose to have the baby, which Hayden supported. "I'm a grandfather because I supported her," he said.

Next up was Steve Adragna, who is running against Kathy Tran (D-42) in the 42nd district, which includes a little of the Mount Vernon District, Lorton and West Springfield. Adragna was



At the education breakout group, school board member Karen Corbett Sanders discusses school needs.

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Delegate Paul Krizek (D-44) touts his record of accomplishments in the four years at the House.



Republican candidate for House of Delegates District 44, Richard Hayden.

in the Army for 15 years, and another 13 years of experience working for the Department of Defense. He is against some of the government "intrusions," as he called it.

Tran was not present at the event. "I disagree very strongly with her initiatives," he said. "We need to build a true opportunity society here in Virginia," he said.

After the speeches, everyone broke into small groups to discuss topics, which included transportation, commerce, education and environment. It was another opportunity for the candidates to highlight their issues, but a new method of discussion for the chamber.

"We wanted to try something different, you get a one-on-one chance to speak with the candidates," said Chamber President Stanley Koussis. "People talk to each other, that's what's successful in the Mount Vernon corridor," Koussis said.

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 (4,878) 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 votes 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 turnout 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. The deadline to vote in-person absentee is Nov. 2.

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OBITUARY

WWII Veteran Philip K. Lundeberg

Last survivor of the Frederick C. Davis dies at 96.

By JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Shivering in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, Philip Lundeberg struggled for hours amid the ocean swells as the USS Frederick C. Davis slipped quickly into the murky waters below. It was April 24, 1945, and the Davis had just been torpedoed by a German U-boat, becoming the last warship sunk in the Battle of the Atlantic.

Lundeberg was just 22 years old at the time, a Navy Ensign and the youngest of only three surviving officers aboard the Davis when it was hit less than a week before the end of fighting in Europe during World War II. On Oct. 3, the decorated veteran and last remaining survivor of the Davis died at his home in the Waynewood section of Alexandria. He was 96.

The Frederick C. Davis had been deployed to the western Atlantic in early 1945. The ship served as a coastal convoy escort and anti-submarine patrol and in mid-April joined a special surface barrier force formed to protect the Atlantic coast from the threat of German submarines during Operation Teardrop. It was one of these, U-546, that hit the Frederick C. Davis on the forward port side.

Within minutes, the ship broke in two and efforts to preserve the buoyancy of the stern, where the damage was less and the majority of survivors were located, failed. Her survivors — only 27 out of a crew of 192 — abandoned the ship, with a loss of 115 men.

“I think I was in shock,” Lundeberg recalled prior to being presented with the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce 2018 Salute to Veterans Distinguished Patriot Award. “We did our best to murmur words of encouragement to each other but we could still feel the rumbling of depth charges below us.”

Born June 14, 1923, Lundeberg would go on to spend more than 40 years in military service, completing his doctorate at Harvard University in 1954 and teaching at the U.S. Naval Academy before being hired by the Smithsonian Institution in 1959. He rose to the position of curator in the National Museum of American History and over the years organized reunions of the survivors



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Philip Lundeberg aboard the USS Frederick C. Davis just weeks before it was hit by a German torpedo and sunk in the North Atlantic during World War II. Lundeberg was one of just 27 survivors.

Philip Lundeberg, seated, with his wife Eleanore and son Karl in his Waynewood home last November. A veteran of World War II, Lundeberg died Oct. 3 at the age of 96.



Philip Lundeberg and survivors of the USS Frederick C. Davis warship struggle in the icy waters of the North Atlantic in April of 1945.

of the Frederick C. Davis, U-546 and the rescue boats involved.

“There is a shared history of survivors of Frederick C. Davis and U-546 that has continued even after the passing of many participants,” Lundeberg said prior to last year’s Veterans Day tribute. “There is a brother-

hood among survivors at sea. Friend, foe or rescuers, it becomes a close fraternity.”

Lundeberg, an active member of the American Legion Post 24 in Alexandria, was a recipient of the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and several campaign medals. Additionally, he received the Commodore Dudley

W. Knox Naval History Lifetime Achievement Award in 2013, established by the Naval Historical Foundation to honor the memory of the naval historian Commodore Dudley Knox, and to recognize the lifetime achievements of historians of the United States Navy.

He served as president of the United States Commission on Military History from 1974-1981. He was also the organizing chairman for the International Congress of Maritime Museums at London in 1972, and a secretary of the International Committee on Museum Security of the International Council of Museums. Additionally, he was a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s Committee on Maritime Preservation. Lundeberg’s scholarly writings, his involvement in national and international military history organizations, and his contributions to maritime history established him as one of the foremost historians of his generation.

Lundeberg is survived by his wife of 66 years, Eleanore, son Karl Lundeberg, sister Andrea Lundeberg Ross, and two granddaughters, Marika Julia Lundeberg and Annika Kjersti. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at St. Luke Lutheran Church, in Silver Spring, Md.

Burke & Herbert Bank Names Recipient of ‘Hundreds for Homes’ Sponsorship

Burke & Herbert Bank has named Homestretch, a local Falls Church-based non-profit organization, as this season’s recipient of the Bank’s “Hundreds for Homes” donation during the 2019-20 National Hockey League (NHL) season. Through this sponsorship with NBC Sports Washington, Burke & Herbert Bank will donate \$100 for every goal scored by the Washington Capitals during the regular

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Homestretch is a non-profit organization that empowers homeless parents with children to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by providing the skills, knowledge and hope they need to become pro-

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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, later the founder of the PBS series Nature, introduced the term "biological diversity" in 1980, one of the reasons many consider him the "godfather of biodiversity." During more than

30 years of work on the interaction between climate and biodiversity, he brought worldwide attention to tropical deforestation and published the first estimate of global extinction rates. He originated the concept of debt-for-nature swaps, produced groundbreaking work on the effects of fragmenting forests, and worked with the United Nations Foundation, the World Bank, and the Global Environment Facility.

Lovejoy is currently a Senior Fellow at the United Nations Foundation and university professor at George Mason University's Environmental Science and Policy Department.

Rapidly warming global temperatures are putting stress on many species, rais-

ing the specter of mass extinctions. Warming oceans put coral reefs at risk; droughts and wildfires severely damage critical habitats and cause billions of dollars of damage to human communities and infrastructure.

Lovejoy's presentation is hosted by Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church's Climate Action Team, recently launched by the congregation as a year-long project to increase awareness and action around reversing climate change based on the Drawdown model created by Paul Hawken. 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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The Great Pumpkin Patch



Airman Christopher Thorne with his wife Kiara and son Camden choose the perfect pumpkin Oct. 13 at Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill's annual Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkin patch is open seven days a week through Oct. 31 and sales help benefit local charities.

Immanuel fundraiser supports local charities.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Charlie Brown would be impressed. The legendary pumpkin patch sponsored by Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill opened for business Oct. 6 with a volunteer bucket brigade unloading thousands of pumpkins ready for sale to benefit local and international charities.

Now in its 26th year, the Pumpkin Patch fundraiser features pumpkins sustainably grown on a Navajo Indian Reservation near Farmington, N.M., and trucked across the country for sale in Alexandria.

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Local charities benefitting from the sale include ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Senior Services of Alexandria, Christ House and Community Lodgings.

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The Immanuel-Church-on-the-Hill Pumpkin Patch is located at 3606 Seminary Road and open seven days a week through Oct. 31. www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org.

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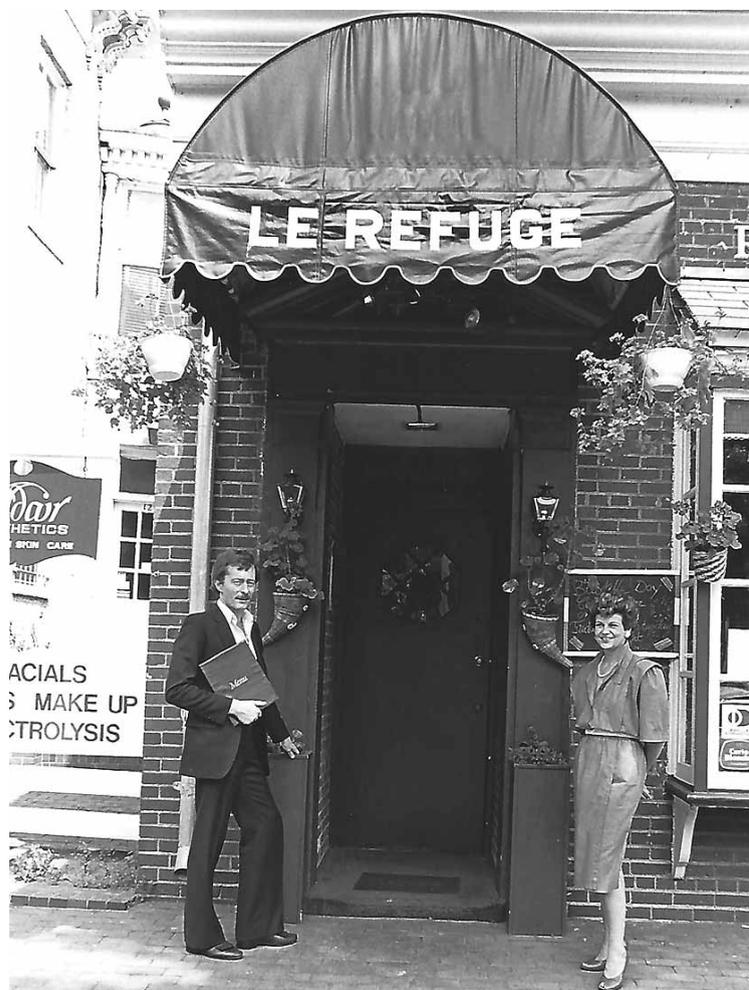
Bottles of Beaujolais Nouveau for the last 36 years sit on shelves on the walls of Le Refuge on Washington Street. They are interspersed with pictures from World War II donated by customers, a wood carving from the grandfather in France and lids from boxes of cheese “that you used to be able to bring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



Le Refuge on opening in 1983 with owners Jean Francois Chaufour and Françoise.

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 hit 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

worked so hard, a place where you could 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

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Anne-claire Fregnan, her husband, Hugh and their daughter, Savanna



Le Refuge today with daughter Anne-claire Fregnan



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Oysters Meet Oktoberfest at Shirlington’s Shucktoberfest

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

More oysters, more tents, even a food truck: Welcome to the second annual Shucktoberfest, hosted by Copperwood Tavern and taking place in the Village at Shirlington. Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, 11a.m. – 5 p.m.

The event, which has its origins with the longtime Capital City Brewing’s Oktoberfest event, has taken a new angle and gotten new life over the past couple of years as Copperwood has taken the mantle from the fallen Cap City and made the event its own.

“The main event is obviously the oysters and the beer tent,” said Copperwood Tavern’s Lindsey Shields. And while last year, oysters were in high demand and, thus,

shorter supply than intended, this year Shucktoberfest has ensured a plentiful supply of the bivalves.

“Probably double the oyster tents is going to be the largest difference from last year,” said Copperwood marketing director Mackenzie Ryan. “People were really upset that it took so long ... to get an oyster, so we made that a top priority this year.”

In terms of raw numbers: That means festival-goers will have their choice of 25,000 oysters this year, served a number of different ways, including champagne shooters.

Along with the oysters, breweries will be well-represented at the event. About 50 local and regional craft brewers, including Old Ox, Devil’s Backbone, 2 Silos and Fair Winds, will be on hand to pour their wares for guests. The Meggrolls food truck will

also be on hand for some non-oyster fare.

Shucktoberfest operates on a ticket system. While entrance to the festival is free for passersby, in order to try the food and drink, guests need to belly up to the cash register. Each ticket is \$35, which earns guests 10 tasting tickets. Each ticket is good for a 5-ounce tasting of beer or two oysters.

Coming with a group? Shucktoberfest also offers VIP packages. A \$300 price tag nets guests 80 event tickets to disperse among the group, as well as an eight-person table, eight commemorative beer mugs and a private test. Of five existing packages, two have already been sold, Ryan said.

Shucktoberfest aims to be a family-friendly festivity, and along those lines, the Kid Zone will be hopping. Those young and

IF YOU GO

Shucktoberfest
Village at Shirlington, 2700 S. Quincy St., Arlington
Oct. 19
Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tickets: \$35 for a package of 10 tasting tickets; \$300 for a VIP entry.

young at heart can play a round of cornhole or giant Connect Four; little friends can also partake of face-painting and balloon art.

At its heart, the event runs on volunteers, and this year Shucktoberfest sports 200 volunteers from various civic and sport groups, as well as individuals who just want to pitch in. And pitch in they will: Organizers are expecting 3500 to 4500 people, Shields says.

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Keeping Children Safe on Halloween

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

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

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.

When out-and-about trick-or-treating on Halloween, retired pediatrician Julia Baker, MD, advises parents to accompany children under the age of 12. “Parents know their children best and should use their own judgement when it comes to allowing a child to go trick-or-treating [without an adult],” 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,” said Franks. “Cross the street in cross-

“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

walks, stay on the sidewalk instead of running through yards and walk instead of running when crossing the street so that you don’t trip.”

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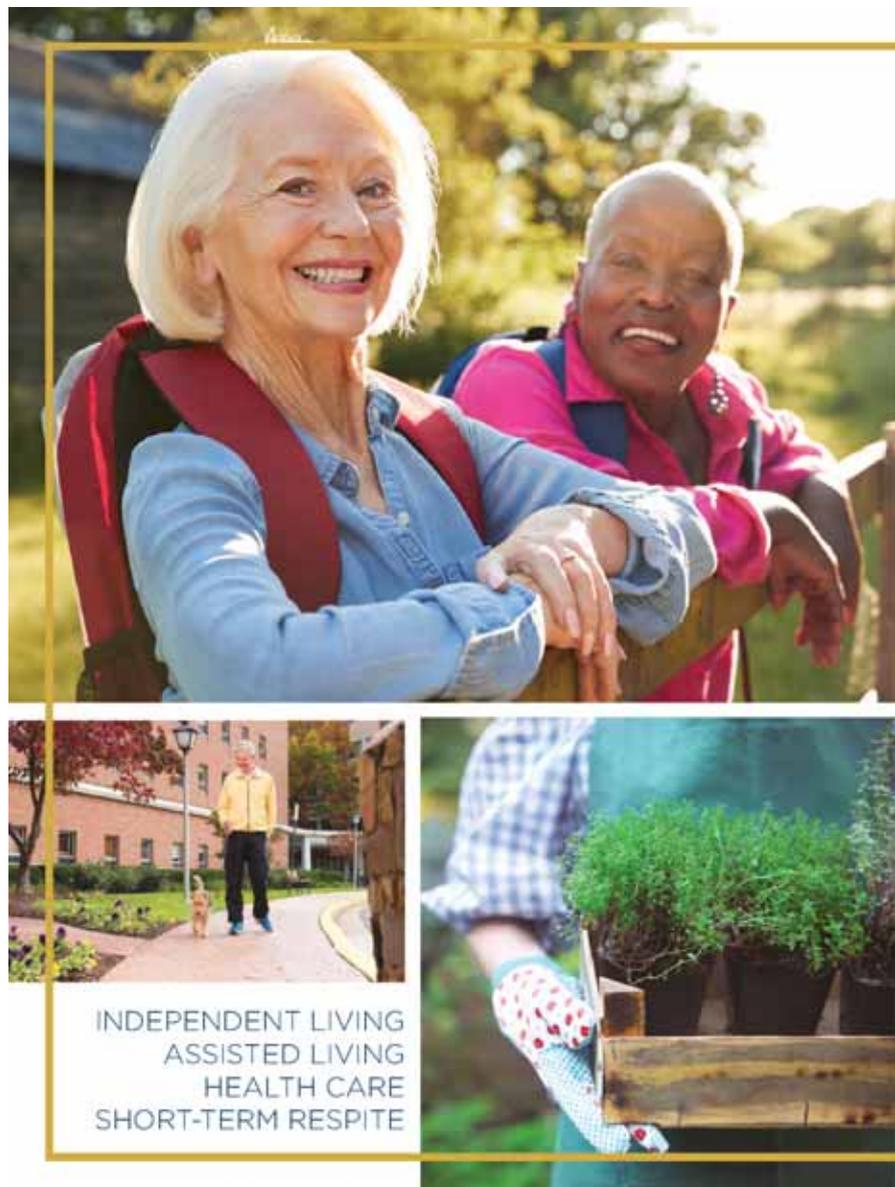
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ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Stages “The Haunting of Hill House”

Enjoy a gothic horror production just in time for Halloween.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

No one ever visits Hill House, especially not after dark. When three strangers are invited to join the mysterious Dr. Montague at the eerie house on the hill, not even their darkest dreams could have prepared them for what awaits. Based on the 1959 gothic horror novel by Shirley Jackson, and considered one of the best ghost stories of our time, this story is a chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror. The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is staging “The Haunting of Hill House” from Oct. 19 – Nov. 9, 2019.

Director Maggie Mumford said she is an absolute nerd about all things Shirley Jackson (novelist), and the novel upon which this play is based is what started that fandom. “I picked it up in October 2016, looking for some spooky escapism, and I was expecting some page turning pulp. But ‘The Haunting of Hill House’ is deep and dark and complex and so, so, so funny.

When I was looking for something creepy to submit to LTA, I wondered if there was a play version of the book—and thank goodness there was! A really good adaptation too,” she said.

In deciding to produce the show, co-producer Stacey Becker said she had never heard of the story before. “We were at a social function at the theater and Alan (Wray, producer) asked me to co-produce this show with him and I happily agreed. In fact, when I realized



The cast of LTA’s “The Haunting of Hill House” in rehearsal.

The cast of LTA’s “The Haunting of Hill House” in rehearsal. The show runs from Oct. 19 – Nov. 9, 2019.

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THE GAZETTE

what I agreed to produce I was in horror because this is the opposite of my go-to for entertainment. However, I knew that Alan and I would put together a great production team to do justice to this story,” she said.

James Murphy plays the role of Luke Sanderson, the charming cad of the show. “Luke is a well-intentioned, well-educated, good-for-nothing.

Though not explicitly stated in the script, it definitely comes across that Luke has a troubled family history. While his parents were most likely disappointed in the man he became, Luke seems mostly content with his lot in life, and deals with his parental resentment by pushing those memories to the back of his mind and locking them away with the swig of a flask like every other high-functioning adult,” he said.

Shannon Labadie plays the role of Eleanor Vance, who comes to

Hill House looking for a different life. “She has spent all of her adult life caring for her ailing mother, with whom she had a ‘complicated’ relationship (to say the least). Searching for adventure and also determined to make her own choices for the first time in her life, she embraces her new life in Hill House, despite all the warning signs. However, as events in the house become more centralized on her, she realizes it is harder to escape her past than she thought,” she said.

Kathy Ohlhaber plays the role of Theo, the antithesis of Eleanor. “Although she seems to have it all together at first glance, her persona runs deeper than red nail polish and a verbose attitude – she holds her own secrets, dreams and self-doubts. Like many on-stage characters, she is complex, merging a loving, mothering attitude towards Nell with sassy sarcasm and an artist temper. She also has

psychic capabilities, which adds another dimension to her,” she said.

Danielle Taylor plays the role of Mrs. Dudley, the housekeeper. “She’s a woman of few words who doesn’t like people very much. Taking care of Hill House gives her a certain level of job security since there aren’t any other people around willing to do the work. It also allows her to set her own work terms, which she greatly approves of,” she said.

Kirk Lambert plays the role of Arthur, a macho lapdog. “He is the headmaster of a boys’ school in New England. He is arrogant, full of himself, super macho, and a bit of a buffoon—the kind of person people make fun of behind their back,” he said.

He added: “Arthur brings some levity to the dark and ominous House as buffoons are wont to do, and along with the brilliant Mrs. Montague, gives the audience a

chance to laugh amid the fear, chills, and horror.”

Pat Nicklin plays the role of Mrs. Montague, a formidable and dominant woman who is a fervent believer in her ability to communicate with the “loving and suffering” spirits residing in Hill House. “She arrives with her ‘friend’ and sidekick Arthur Parker, a headmaster of a boys’ school. They use a planchette, otherwise known as a Ouija board, to summon the spirits and cause chaos in their wake,” she said.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging “The Haunting of Hill House” from Oct. 19 – Nov. 9, 2019. Show times are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$21 and \$24.

The theater is located at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Call the Box Office: 703-683-0496 or visit the website at www.thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Emotional Support: Animals.” Through Oct. 27, daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursdays until 9 p.m. at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Kiln Club artists wax poetic on “Emotional Support: Animals” in the wholehearted exhibition of the exotic and domestic. Visit www.scopegallery.org or call 703-

548-6288.

Art Exhibit: Twilight Zone. Through Oct. 27, gallery hours at Del 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. Fee admission. Visit www.DelRayArtisans.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.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

“Board | out of our minds!” Through Nov. 10, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Board | 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.nfaa.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 McCutcheon/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, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/.

OCT. 1-31

Ghost & Graveyard Tour. Nightly at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays second tour at 9 p.m. Departs from Alexandria Visitor Center, 221 King St., Alexandria. Follow an 18th-century costumed guide by lantern

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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 seniors, 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, what needs transplanting and what needs mulch. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 493.0654 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/2448766682008935/>

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 folktale 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

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Partners in Art

Join a collegial group of artists to share goals and get feedback on artwork. Monthly meetings include discussions on exhibit opportunities, the creative process and the local art scene. Artist can bring 1-3 works – complete or in progress – for feedback. All skill levels and media welcome. Donations (\$1-3) appreciated. Monthly on the second Monday, 2-4 p.m. and fourth Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mt Vernon Ave. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/partners-in-art for more.



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Participants in Partners in Art meet to share their goals and get feedback on their artwork.



Public Meetings 2019 Fall Transportation Meetings

You are invited to participate in public meetings held by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. The meetings will begin with a brief open house followed by a public comment period. At the open house you can learn about various transportation initiatives, including:

- Adjustments to Virginia's project prioritization process (SMART SCALE)
- Virginia's Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
- VTrans Draft Mid-term Transportation Needs (Virginia's Statewide Transportation Plan)
- Adjustments to the Highway Safety Improvement Program.

Representatives of the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment (OIPI) and Departments of Transportation and Rail and Public Transportation will be in attendance to highlight their transportation programs and discuss your ideas and concerns about Virginia's transportation network. The open house will be followed by a public comment period, during which you may provide comments about the various initiatives. Comments will be accepted at the meeting and may also be submitted via email or online at www.CTB.Virginia.gov.

Meeting Dates and Locations

Open House begins at 4 p.m. in each of the locations unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019* Richmond District Richmond Marriott Short Pump 4240 Dominion Boulevard Glen Allen, VA 23060 *This meeting will also provide opportunity for comment on the I-95 Corridor Study Plan	Tuesday, October 22, 2019** Northern Virginia District Northern Virginia District Office Potomac Conference Room 4975 Alliance Drive Fairfax, VA 22030 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Monday, October 28, 2019*** Staunton District Doubletree Hotel Harrisonburg 1400 E. Market Street Harrisonburg, VA 22801 ***meeting begins at 3 p.m.
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 Salem District Holiday Inn Valley View 3315 Ordway Drive Roanoke, VA 24017	Monday, November 4, 2019 Lynchburg District Lynchburg District Complex Ramey Memorial Auditorium 4303 Campbell Avenue Lynchburg, VA 24501	Wednesday, November 6, 2019 Hampton Roads District Hampton Roads District Office 7511 Burbage Drive Suffolk, VA 23435
Thursday, November 7, 2019 Bristol District Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center One Partnership Circle Abingdon, VA 24210	Tuesday, November 12, 2019** Fredericksburg District James Monroe High School 2300 Washington Avenue Fredericksburg, VA 22401 **meeting begins at 6 p.m.	Wednesday, November 13, 2019 Culpeper District VDOT Culpeper District Office 1601 Orange Road Culpeper, VA 22701

Fall meeting materials will be available at <http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/> beginning October 15, 2019.

You may submit comments on any transportation projects and initiatives to OIPI Deputy Director Ronique Day, 1221 E. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23219 or PublicComments@OIPI.Virginia.gov. **Comments will be accepted until November 30, 2019.**

The Commonwealth is committed to ensuring that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its services on the basis of race, color, or national origin, as protected by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need further information on these policies or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency, please contact the Virginia Department of Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-2730 or the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Title VI Compliance Officer at 804-786-4440 (TTY users call 711).

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Mount Vernon Farmers Market

The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

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living history program Civil War Shelter. This interpretive program will explore a variety of tents and shelter for 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.

24th Annual Art Safari. 12-5 p.m. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. An Alexandria tradition for almost a quarter-century, Art Safari returns for a day of hands-on activities for kids and families. Dozens of artists lead budding art enthusiasts in exciting and creative projects throughout the building. Dress to get a little messy. This event is perfect for children ages 5+. Younger children may need some extra help but will still have a lot of fun. Call 703-746-4570 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

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/parktakes 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 Wasserman at 703-768-6700.

Sopranessence Fall Concert. 3-4:30 p.m. At Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Sopranessence kicks off its fifth season with "Let's Start at the Very Beginning...." (Root to Blossom) by revisiting our roots and sharing some of our favorite songs from past shows. From dueling Divas to the harmonies of Puccini, your favorites are sure to be here. Cost is pre-sale thru Oct. 18: \$20 General Admission; \$18 for Seniors/Military; \$10 for Youth. At-the-Door: \$25 all tickets. Visit the website: www.sopranessence.org

Country-Western Dance. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Trial memberships available at door for member level entry fee. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. For more information see www.nvcwda.org.

Specialty Tour: Death at the City Hotel. 7-9 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

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At Long Last, Augie's Reopens on King Street

BY HOPE NELSON
GAZETTE PACKET

It's almost a law: Every renovation project takes longer than expect. 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 the bar, "there's an old wooden beam that we pulled out of the Potomac River" near



PHOTO COURTESY OF AUGIE'S MUSSEL HOUSE AND BEER GARDEN

Augie's outdoor patio, which is dog-friendly, is destined to be a popular dining and drinking space even when the temperatures dip.

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 are

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

IF YOU GO

Augie's Mussel House and Beer Garden
1106 King St., Alexandria
Hours: 11 a.m.-midnight Sunday-Wednesday; 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.

tartare, tuna tartare, and more.

Admittedly, a sports-bar feel doesn't take root without a robust drink menu. Augie's is offering up 35 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 with the feedback we've gotten so far," he said on the eve of Augie's reopening. "But the true test is coming in a couple days."

Between the mussels, the history-meets-modernity vibe and the thriving bar scene inside and out, there's a good chance Augie's will pass the exam.

Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

APPETITE

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War soldiers. You won't look at this historic corner of Alexandria the same again. Call 703-746-4242. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx

Concert: The Spheres. 7:30 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Campus, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria. The Alexandria Choral Society Celebrates its 50-year anniversary. Featuring composers Gabriel Fauré (*Requiem*), Ola Gjeilo (*Sunrise Mass*), and Alexandria's Jonathan Kolm (*Pieces of Night*), all set for choir and strings. Brian J. Isaac is the Artistic Director of the Alexandria Choral Society (Alexandria), the Williamsburg Choral Guild (Williamsburg, VA), and the Founder / Artistic Director of Church Circle Singers (Annapolis, MD). Visit www.alexandriachoralsociety.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 19-20 Mount Vernon Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., Mount Vernon. Celebrate the autumn season with 18th-century activities for the whole family at Mount Vernon. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride and play colonial games on the bowling green before heading to the Pioneer Farm to observe 18th-century demonstrations and greet General Washington. Find your way through a straw bale maze and listen to the Itinerant Band play colonial tunes. Sightseeing cruises are offered at half the regular price. Admission: Included in general admission (\$20 adults; \$12 youth). Visit the website: www.mountvernon.org.

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"The Haunting of Hill House." At The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Get spooked by "The Haunting of Hill House," based on Shirley Jackson's 1959 gothic horror novel. Considered one of the best ghost stories of our time, this tale is a chilling and mystifying study in mounting terror. Show times: Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Admission: \$21-24. Visit the website: thelittletheatre.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 20

A Wild Solution to Climate Change. 1 p.m. At Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. World renowned biologist Tom Lovejoy will present "A Wild Solution to Climate Change." Lovejoy, founder of the PBS series *Nature*, 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. The talk is hosted by Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church's Climate Action Team. Free and open to the public. Register at eventbrite.com/e/74578948643. Contact climateaction@mvuc.org.

Hurricane Dorian Relief Concert. 4 p.m. At Immanuel Chapel at Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Benefit concert to raise money for Hurricane Dorian relief efforts in the Bahamas. No tickets for this concert. A free-will offering will be received and people give whatever they can. There will be a post-concert reception in the seminary's Welcome Center.

TUESDAY/OCT. 22

Twilight & Tipple Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare

chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/

The French Perspective. 7-9 p.m. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$10. The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee invites you to a lecture: The French Perspective on the 100 Years War. Shakespeare's Henry V depicts the Battle of Agincourt (1415) during the Hundred Years War (1337-1453) as a heroic English victory against improbable odds. However, the battle made little difference and the war should actually be read as the story of Joan of Arc's resistance, a settled civil war and how the French state emerged from the challenge of foreign invasion stronger and more unified <https://shop.alexandriava.gov>

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 23

Quarters of Confinement Talk. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Alexandria's History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Cost is \$5. The Alexandria Historical Society and the Office of Historic Alexandria present a lecture by Douglas Sanford, Professor Emeritus of Historic Preservation at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Dr. Sanford will discuss research outcomes for the Virginia Slave Housing Project, a long-term effort to document, interpret, and preserve slave-related buildings across the state. While cabins and quarters represented white attempts to control aspects of enslaved African Americans' lives, these occupants altered the structures' interiors and yards to their own ends, finding ways to foster families and their own society. Visit the website: <https://alexandriahistorical.org/events/>

THURSDAY/OCT. 24

A Cappella Concert. 7 p.m. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. The Georgetown Saxatones will perform everything from alternative to pop to soul. Tickets \$10 sold at the door. Free for Athenaeum members. RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org

FRIDAY/OCT. 25

Canine Halloween Cruise. 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. At Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Admission: \$24.99 for adults; \$15.75 ages 2-11; infants and dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com or call 703-684-0580.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

BY DELEGATE
PAUL KRIZEK



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 relationship. Forms of domestic violence may be criminal (physical assault or stalking) or not (verbal abuse or financial control). Approximately 27% 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 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 location of any person without their consent. With the increased availability of GPS devices, this method of stalking is being used more and more by intimate partners to track and control their victims. This is especially concerning if victims are attempting to leave the relationship and escape to a safer location. Currently, tracking an individual without consent is only a Class 3 misdemeanor, which is on par with unintentional damage to property or a monument and only is punishable by up to a \$500 fine. Harsher pen-

**24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline
703-360-7273**

alties should be put in place to deter this dangerous behavior. Continuing to allow this in Virginia with minimal punishment puts lives at risk. Something that everyone can do to support life-saving work preventing domestic abuse is to purchase a "KIDS FIRST" or any Family and Children's Trust Fund (FACT) specialty license plate through the DMV, which I have written about in the past, participate in the tax write-off program, or send tax deductible contributions to FACT's office in Richmond. FACT was created by the General Assembly in 1986 to serve as a partnership between the public and private sectors to raise funds for the prevention and treatment of a wide spectrum of family violence.

To report a crime, call the Fairfax County Police Department at 703-691-2131 or, for emergencies, please call 911. If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of domestic violence, and you want to talk about options and resources available, call the 24-hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273.

Obituary: Virginia Marie Cooper

June 1, 1932-Oct 8, 2019

Virginia Marie Cooper, long time resident of the Mount Vernon area, passed away peacefully at home on Oct. 8, 2019. She was the beloved mother of Cynthia Louise Reiss, and Patti Ann Price; grandmother of Virginia Marie Price "Gina", Stephanie May Reiss, and Kristen Noel Price. Great Grandmother of Demeitre Vincent Reiss, and Christian Westcott Trader, and Great-Great grandmother of Rhea Everly Reiss

Proceeded in death by parents Oliver Jacob Cooper "Pop" and

Mary Elizabeth Gibbons, sisters June Mary Cooper Barco, and Marion Estelle Cooper Burton, and brothers; David Lee Cooper, Gene Wilford Cooper, and Theodore Oliver Cooper, and by her granddaughter, Marie Faith "Faye" Young Burns along with her unborn infant daughter. Also preceded in death by her beloved Aunts Ruth Helen Gibbons Meagher, Clarine Janet Cooper Belt, Margaret Lauretta Cooper Reagan, and Mildred Marie Cooper Facchina; and cousin, Dorothy "Dot" Clarine Belt and nieces Bonnie Sue Cooper Chumley, and Veronica Lee "Vicky" Cooper

Young, and nephew SGT Gene Wilfred Cooper, Jr. And her beloved friend and teacher Martha Mary Dalton.

Virginia leaves behind numerous cousins and nieces and nephews. She was the remaining matriarch of the Cooper family, often sending well wishes and photos to every family member and their children. She had great joy in sharing her family history and acknowledging the lives of others.

Virginia was born and raised in the Woodlawn, Mount Vernon area off Richmond Highway and Cooper Road, so named after her father the late Oliver Jacob Cooper.



Virginia Marie Cooper.

Cooper Street was named after her late Grandfather, Frederick Cleveland Cooper; the Coopers were early developers in the Woodlawn, Mount Vernon area. They built many homes and lodging establishments; The Willows and the Rainbow Tourist Court in the 30s. The property were sold in the 60s and Cooper Center, along with McDonalds is now where her family home used to be.

She graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 1949, where she said "I Virginia Marie Cooper, leave the answer for get-

ting through Mount Vernon, perseverance, ability, and a seat behind."

She loved all different kinds of music; and often recalled her childhood being from a "singing" family. She and her sisters would harmonize and sing while doing the dishes. She said June was contralto, Marian was alto, and she was soprano They often sang as family, and grandma played piano. They would also sing Irish songs; she was very proud of her Irish heritage, and the Irish Blessing was one of her favorites

She got her first job at Fort Belvoir as a clerk typist. She had an honorable long career of 31 years with the Federal Government serving as a procurement professional and retired in 1987 from the Defense Fuel Supply Center, Cameron Station, Alexandria, VA. She loved our country, and proudly displayed the American flag on every occasion.

She lived in Alexandria for many years, and then moved to Sarasota, Florida, so that she could be near the Gulf of Mexico that she loved dearly. She enjoyed watching the sunsets, the warm Florida sunshine, and the crystal blue waters. She took long walks on the Siesta Key beach. It was her favorite place to sit and meditate. She loved the soft silky sand and collecting seashells.

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Le Refuge Tradition from Father to Daughter

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had after dinner drinks.”

She points in one direction ten feet to the wall and says, “That was the smoking section.” She points ten feet to the wall in the other direction and says, “That was the non smoking section.” Today it is all non-smoking. Her father would make the drinks and work the door on the weekends. “That was back when they had the Rob Roy, French 75’s and old fashioned cocktails. But the Cosmo has stuck and the dirty martini and Manhattans.” And she adds that today people flock for their signature drink which is made with peach schnapps, champagne and fresh raspberries.

Anne-claire says her father brought his recipes with him to Le Refuge. He had worked in luxury hotels in England and the South of France “and he had almost a gift.” He had baked and cooked all the time as a kid. His own favorite menu item is the liver with caramelized onions with a veal demi glace sauce.

Now Chafour has gradually stepped out of the management of the restaurant due to health issues and has turned the reins over to Anne-claire who works with her husband Hugh Fregnan. Hugh’s parents had owned Maison de Crêpes in Georgetown and Alexandria, and he remembers living over the restaurant for years.

Anne-claire now manages the everyday operations, ordering the fresh meat every day and fish, choos-



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Anne-claire points to mementos crowding the walls of La Refuge

ing the wines and letting them age “because that’s what he did.” She had started working as a server in the restaurant when she was 18 and then gradually moved into part-time management when her parents would return to France for three months. “I didn’t sink the ship.” But she acknowledges the assistance along the way of Ricardo, an irreplaceable employee, who has been with Le Refuge for 31 years.

Anne-claire says they have a lot of regulars including a woman who has been dining there two-to-three times a week for twenty years. But they also get a lot of new customers, some from France.

“With the internet you can stretch your information. You can even see our location from France on Google maps.” She adds that Le Refuge is number two out of 900 restaurants on Trip Advisor.

As the restaurant moves forward, Anne-claire says, “I have absorbed a lot of my father’s ideas. I was raised with his concept, and I think he is proud that I embraced it on my own.”

History may be repeating itself. Anne-claire says their seven-year-old daughter, Savanna, now comes to the restaurant on Saturday mornings and puts the fresh flowers on the tables and fills the ice buckets.” She explains, “Ricardo gives her two dollars. Savanna loves it. Maybe a third generation will follow, keep going and not changing it.”

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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 insufficient 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 diagnosed with a "terminal" form of cancer interferes in the most unusual way. When I buy things or make arrangements

when the use/benefit is in the future, I'll often wonder if I'll still be alive to actually derive the benefit from this day's commitment. As involves the soap; that day in the supermarket aisle, I was really looking for a two- or a three-pack, not an eight-pack, hesitating to over-buy when I may under-use. I suppose if I had plenty of money and fewer financial concerns than I do now, I wouldn't have given this soap purchase any thought at all. But I'm me, not somebody else.

And sometimes, I don't want to be me. I'd rather be somebody else. Somebody else who throws a bit more caution to the wind. Somebody who damns the torpedoes and goes full speed ahead. Somebody who's a bit fast and furious and less slowky, if I can invoke metaphorical Comcast turtles into the conversation. Nevertheless, at the end of the day (at the beginning, too), I may not be Sammy Davis Jr., but "I Gotta Be Me."

And 'me' is someone who doesn't throw caution anywhere, has never sworn at a torpedo and loves turtles, especially when they beat hares. My approach to this excruciating cancer ordeal is to keep my glass half full, compartmentalize, 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 if I didn't have stage IV lung cancer, with no bucket list or urgency about anything; 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 soapy mundane minutiae does occupy (I'm not saying pre-occupy though) 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.

Moreover, 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, its reality seeps 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 remaining 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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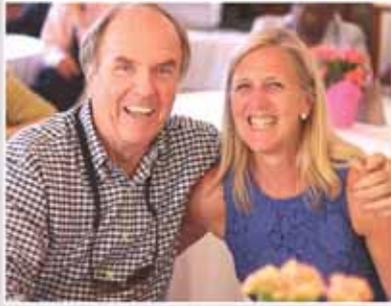
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