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Everyone had an idea at the Sept. 15 meeting.

Parkway Intersections In Crosshairs Again

Belle Haven Road and Belle View Boulevard were topics at meeting.

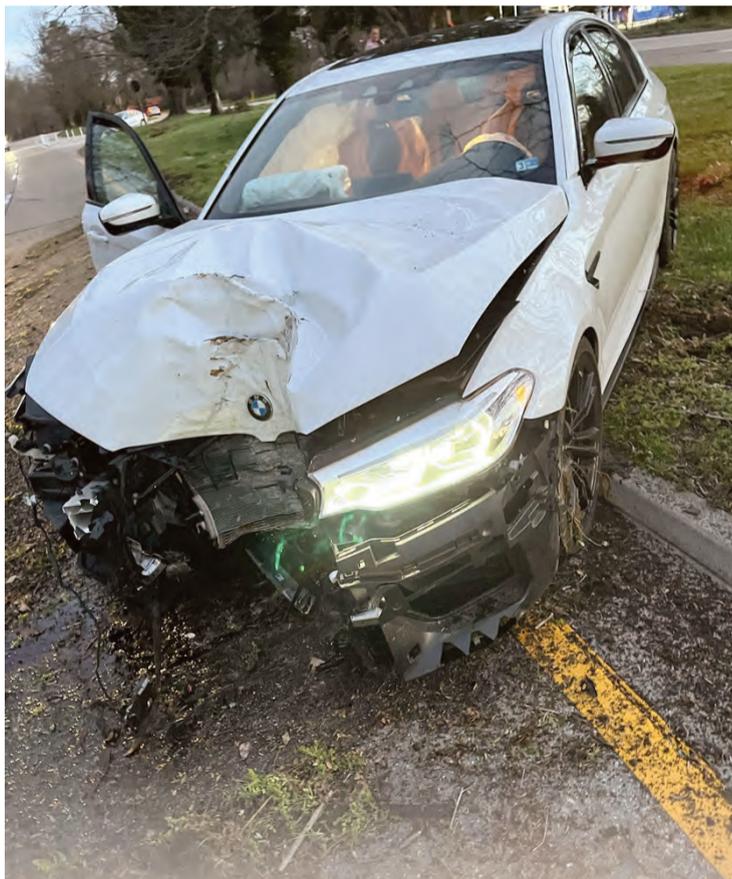
BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

When Landon Holden was turning left off Belle Haven Road to the GW Parkway, many things went wrong. There was a crash that fractured her sternum and turned her world upside down. “It was awful,” she said. “We spun around and into a tree.”

There were other lasting effects of that crash. Others shared similar horror stories of that intersection at the meeting in Belle View Elementary School on Thursday, Sept. 15. It’s a road, and a way to get to Old Town, or to other points north, but this intersection is one of nine along the parkway that are avoided because of the dangers. “There’s no margin of error, I don’t go that way anymore,” Holden said.

In the cafeteria, the room was full of residents, elected officials, National Park Service officials and traffic engineers all looking for a solution. Everyone agreed that speed is a big factor, and limited sightlines, but no one solution presented itself. It would take a few things, and a test period to see if anything worked. This has been tried before with limited successes.

In 2020, the National Park Service released a study called the “George Washington Memorial Parkway: Traffic and Safety



Landon Holden’s car after the parkway accident last March.

Context Sensitive Solutions Assessment.” It concluded that speed is a big problem. The speed data collected indicated that the median speed is above the posted speed limits, with the 85th percentile speed ranging from 8-12 mph above the posted speed limits.

It’s up to the Park Service or the Fairfax County Police Department to enforce

the speed limits, and this was something GWMP Superintendent Charles Cuvelier, acknowledged. But putting a traffic light in the middle of the parkway is not going to happen, or a pedestrian bridge.

“A bridge is not in the works, and a traffic light is not in line with the parkway design,” said Cuvelier. “We understand the need to slow traffic down,” he added.

There were lots of ideas floating around, and experiences at these two intersections that are problematic. Lots of crashes, near misses and bushes in the way of seeing what’s coming. “I know a couple of people who died there,” said Ellen Young, one of about 20 speakers at the meeting. “Failure to yield the right of way,” was the official reason that went on record.

Many compared it to the 1980s computer game called “Frogger,” where there’s an island in the middle and crossing is a matter of racing to the island on the first try and then to the other side.

In the last year, there were changes implemented on the parkway that included a turn lane, and constricting lanes which may have reduced the speed in some parts. But this effort was called “a swing and a miss,” by Jim Covaleski.

Noah Simon from Rep. Don Beyer’s office admitted that it’s not going to be a quick fix.



George Washington Memorial Parkway Superintendent Charles Cuvelier.

“We’re trying to make the parkway as safe as possible, this is not easy,” he said.

But cutting the bushes back and trimming trees is a start, and Cuvelier said it would be a main concern of his office. “We’ll put in work orders for that, we’re in Virginia and things grow fast,” he said.

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Calmness and Nutrition

Mantra at Zen Press Juice Bar.

By MIKE SALMON
MOUNT VERNON GAZETTE

The “Zen,” at the Zen Press Juice Bar in Mount Vernon might be the mood crystals, the resident house dog named Cocoa, the Schnikerz Bar, or the logo which is “Bring out your inner peace.” All of these elements, combined with the energy from owners Joann Wong and Nakornsri Sintaisong, are the magic behind this newcomer located along Richmond Highway just south of Little Hunting Creek.

Chaiya Ortiz has been in twice but already has a favorite drink, the Dirty Tumeric Tea Latte. She likes the taste, but also the uniqueness. “You don’t see that anywhere,” she said. Tumeric? From the spice rack?

“Tumeric is really good for you,” said Wong. They’ve got it in a couple of drinks on the menu, and it’s been known to help the skin, arthritis and digestion.

The next customer in the door was a regular too, and made it a point to say hi to Cocoa before ordering.

“Everybody knows him,” she said, before ordering a purple frozen drink called the Pitaya Smoothie.

It all sounds pretty exotic and that seems to be the formula that works in this part of Mount Ver-

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non. Wong brought her experience in another juice shop in Washington, D.C. and signed the lease on this location last October. She and Sintaisong put their energy into it and opened the doors on Feb. 22, 2022 which was 2/22/22. They did that on purpose because they are two women that pulled it all together. Wong admitted a good part of the energy came from her business partner. “She is more spiritual,” Wong said.

On the menu there are dishes like the Guilt Free Egg Sandwich, Zen Rolls, Pad Thai, and the Strawberry Dream, to name a few. The drink menu features cold-pressed juices, shots and detox programs. In addition to the juices, they have coffee, espresso drinks, beet latte, turmeric lattes, and matcha which can be made with regular milk, oat milk or almond milk and teas.

A friend named “becca,” with a small b, came in one day, suggested some desserts and now fills the dessert display with her homemade treats. She has a bakery called the Sunflour Bakery. One of her creations is the Schnikerz Bar, which is a play on the other Snickers bar in the candy aisle of the local 7-11. “It’s a lot better tasting, you feel less guilty about it,” said Wong.



Zen Press tee shirts are available.



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Joann Wong and Cocoa, the Zen dog who knows everyone at the juice shop.



Aurelia Rodriguez holds her Pitaya Smoothie.



The dessert display is the work of “becca,” of the Sunflour Bakery.



Inside the juice shop, the light colors create a calm atmosphere.



The sage incense packs are for relaxation, healing and warding off diseases.

Locals Mourns Queen Elizabeth

Many touched by death of a queen we grew up with.

BY EDEN BROWN
GAZETTE PACKET

On Sept. 8, as the news of Queen Elizabeth's death filtered through a busy day, I couldn't have been more surprised to feel a catch in my throat, even tears, and several times over the next few days, being caught off guard, deeply moved, as the BBC described the reaction of millions of Britons learning of their queen's death. The reliability of royal succession, the God Save the King refrains, the long understudy of Charles over and his taking on the role solemnly, well trained by tradition, were followed obsessively by millions.

"I can't get anything done," said one friend, a New Zealander. "I'm glued to the TV and in tears."

"Sure," I thought, "You're practically British. But this is crazy. I'm not even British, my ancestors fought the redcoats, and I'm this sad?" And that's when I found out I wasn't alone. The Union Jack was hung from front porches all over the county. Much of Arlington was mourning too.

Everyone I asked was deeply moved, and none of us were monarchists. We had grown up, and our mothers had grown up, with the Queen. As she weathered the changes in society, major global and personal challenges, we

watched to see how she managed, what color hat she was sporting, who she had knighted, how she dealt with losing her spouse. As she had died, so had our mothers recently died or become, like the queen, unable to walk very well. Her public use of a cane, managing it even with the trademark purse on her arm, showed us she was aging, but not giving up.

When I asked Joanna Cameron, born in England, how she was coping with the Queen's demise, she thanked me for asking. "I'm saddened by her death. I had not really noticed there was ample evidence of her failing health. I'm thankful for the Queen. She was a great unifier. When I was growing up in England, we all got together as a family to watch her annual Christmas address. We sat around the radio, and then the TV, because she was the first to use the TV, you see," said Cameron, "and listened to the Queen. It was a highlight, a tradition. The unifying and reassuring words of the Queen were very important, particularly during turbulent times in the sixties and at other difficult times. And what she said wasn't as important — we always knew what she would say — as the way she addressed us, and the constant of the Queen, just being there, reliable, 'steadfast and true.'"

Cameron wasn't buying all this talk about the monarchy being a thing of the past and Queen Elizabeth's death possibly marking an end to the royal era. "The Queen really was loved, and the royal family is an important part of the U.K." And somewhat jokingly, she added, "After all, what would people talk about if they didn't have



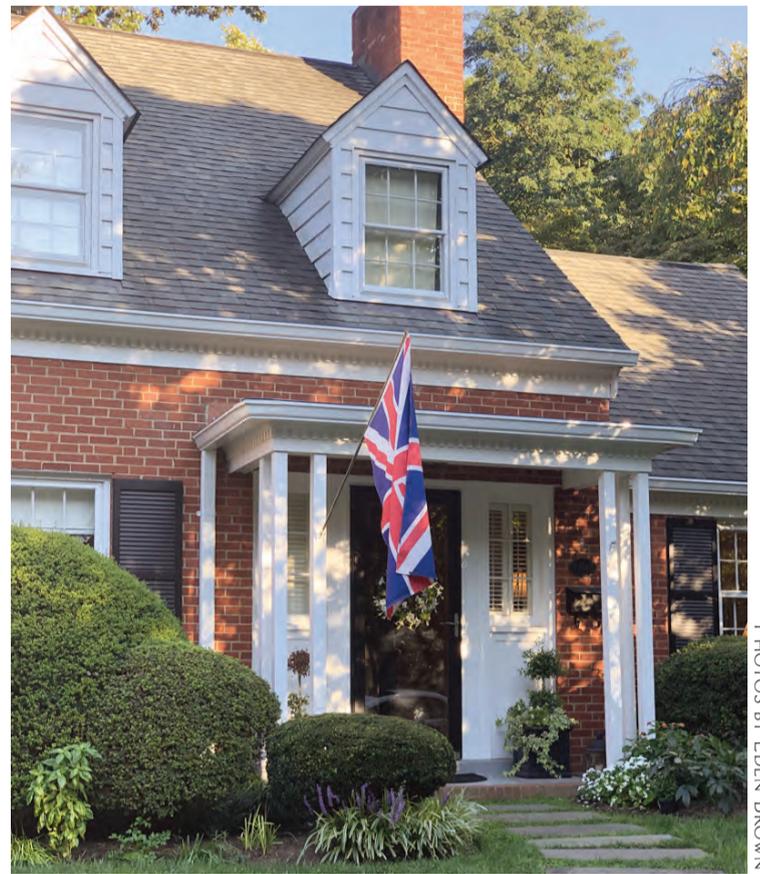
A milky tea, British style, in a mug celebrating Queen Elizabeth's 60th year on the throne, proclaiming her "steadfast and true."

the royals to talk about?"

Anne Stewart, a teacher at Yorktown High School, said, "We loved Queen Elizabeth II. We have a photo (my mom took it on her little, cheap camera) of the Queen riding her horse, dressed in her red uniform, during Trooping the Colour 1982. My parents were lucky enough to be guests (and apparently I was left at the hotel with my brother). She was splendid!"

The constant refrain of "end of an era" gave shape to some of the sadness. It was the era of hats, white gloves, brooches, riding a horse well, service to country, pearls, tea time, a stiff upper lip: these were things our grandmothers may have shared, but now are increasingly rare. It seems the queens of England have always defined their eras: the first Elizabethan, the Victorian, and now the second Elizabethan era. It turns out, 98 percent of the global population grew up with Elizabeth as Queen of England, and 31 percent of British subjects have actually met her or seen her in person.

And I was one of those.



Flying the Union Jack locally in remembrance of the Queen.

Invited to tea at Buckingham Palace as part of the Queen's regular invitation to diplomatic personnel, I had waited three years for my tea time with the Queen. Protocol required my husband wear a top hat and morning suit; we went down to Piccadilly to find one. I would wear a tea dress with obligatory hat. We were driven to the palace, walked in through the gates into the garden, and waited for the Queen. We drank a lot of tea. We ate endless tea sandwiches served by her staff. We weren't sure she would make it. Would Princess Anne come instead? And

there she was. She walked through the garden greeting guests, her purse on her arm, and her practiced gaze scanned the crowd. She glowed. She was happy to be there in a way I had never imagined, believing as many did that she was a rather stern, remote lady. And then she saw my husband, in his wheelchair, a man a few years younger than she, and she stopped, and turning slightly, looked him in the eye, nodded to him, and gave him a warm smile, as though she recognized him, as though to say "I see you, fellow traveler." It made his day.

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

MT. VERNON FARMERS MARKET IS NOW OPEN

The market is located at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. From 8 a.m. to noon every Wednesday (through December 21), 18 farmers and local food 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.

This year's vendors are:

Arnest Seafood – crab cakes, scallops, shrimp, rockfish, oysters and more
The Fermented Pig- charcuterie and gourmet bacons
Grace's Pastries - cakes, pastries and breads, with a Caribbean touch

Great Harvest Bread - breads and pastries
Honey Brook Farms - meats and vegetables raised with no chemicals, gluten-free baked goods

House of Empanadas –variety of empanadas
King Mushrooms –variety of locally grown mushrooms

Layla's Lebanese Restaurant – Lebanese hummus, eggplant dip, garlic sauce and more

Linda Vista Farm - fruits and vegetables, specializing in Asian and Latin produce

Memis - gluten-free paellas, quiches and more
Misty Meadow Farm Creamery - milk, ice cream, cheese and eggs

Ochoa Produce - vegetables, herbs and flowers
Salsa Las Glorias - fresh salsas, guacamole and chips

Sharkawi Farm - herbs, spices, teas, plants and flowers

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Twin Springs Orchard - fruits, vegetables, cheese and more

Valentine's Bakery & Meats - meats and baked

goods.

All of the items sold at the market are grown or produced by the vendors and come from within a radius of 125 miles. The McCutcheon/Mt. Vernon market is one of 10 farmers markets run by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA); for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics,

assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools. To see how volunteers are assisting their teachers, view the video clips at www.seniorscientist.org. To volunteer, contact donaledge@aol.com.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To learn more, email info@alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

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Docent Patricia Wirth greets three bus loads of General Federation of Women's Clubs members for a guided tour of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial on Aug. 19.



International federation president Debra Strahanoski, of Illinois (right) and Nancy Ames, of Maine, reenact the suffragist's 1917 position before the White House fence.

Federation of Women's Clubs Visits Suffragist Memorial

Group's donations helped build the site.

BY SUSAN LAUME
GAZETTE PACKET

A week ahead of Women's Equality Day, members who serve on the boards of their respective states' General Federation of Women's Clubs and their national board of directors, visited the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial at Occoquan Regional Park (9751 Ox Road, Lorton). This year marks the 102nd anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing women the right to vote, celebrated on Aug. 26.

The 160 club leaders from across the country came to experience the memorial that their donation of \$60,000 helped to build, and to contribute again this year to the site's on-going maintenance costs. Their visit was a highlight of the national board of directors conference held in the District of Columbia over several days.

The outdoor memorial, dedicated in May 2021, is open for free, self-guided tours during the park's normal hours of operation. The park recently added docent-led tours for groups of 10 or more people, which can be scheduled for a modest fee. Docents Patricia Wirth and Kathleen Pablo, both heavily involved with creating the memorial, are likely to lead groups dressed in period attire and sashes employed by suffragists in colors of purple, gold, and white. (See <https://www.novaparks.com/parks/turning-point-suffragist-memorial>)

The memorial evokes the 1917 setting at the White House gate where women were



Linda O'Toole, Mary Powell, Jolie Frankfurth, Candy Aubin, all of Florida, "feel good about their financial contribution" to the memorial.

the first to protest outside the White House. A 24-foot artifact section of the iron fence, in service during their demonstrations, is embedded there. The memorial includes the names of all of the suffragists who were jailed in 1917 for that protest. Those women were kept in harsh conditions at the nearby Occoquan Prison where many were beaten and brutalized. Their poor treatment became the "turning point" of national sentiment for the women's movement, from which the memorial takes its name. More than five million American women, from coast to coast, participated in the suffrage movement for more than seven decades. Their stories are reported on 19 information stations, with dozens of pictures and graphics, within the grounds.

Then Federation of Women's Clubs international president Mary Ellen Brock de-



The outdoor Turning Point Suffragist Memorial incorporates quiet gardening educational elements for learning of women's struggle for the right to vote in the United States.

"It's emotional for me, and quite humbling. I brought my daughter who had no idea how women got the vote."

— Jolie Frankfurth of Florida

livered a speech during the 2019 groundbreaking ceremony. Current international president, Debra Strahanoski lead the group visiting this year announcing the group's pledge of an up-keep donation, saying "My organization made this happen. We are so very grateful." Donations from individuals and groups around the country, as well as from Virginia State and Fairfax County,



Beth Smith former Federation of Women's Clubs state club president for Tennessee kisses her club's donation acknowledgement on the donor wall.

funded the memorial completed in 2021. A Donor Wall lists the memorial's major donors, including the substantial donations from many GFWC state clubs. A list of past donors can be seen at <https://suffragistmemorial.org/donors/>.

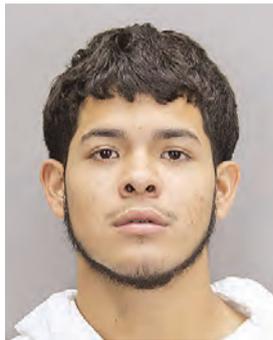
Federation members watched the building of the memorial through photographs from afar. Actually touring the site, the women praised the completed memorial.

Linda Kreussling of New York called it "very impressive."

Jolie Frankfurth of Florida explained, "It's emotional for me, and quite humbling. I brought my daughter who had no idea how women got the vote. It made me feel good about my financial contribution."

Arrest Made in Woodlawn Homicide

On Tuesday, Sept. 20, detectives from Fairfax County Fugitive Track and Apprehension Unit arrested Kevin Alexander Lemus, 18, of Alexandria. Detectives determined Lemus got into an argument with Darlin Ariel Diaz Flores on Saturday night, according to police. The argument escalated to a physical confrontation. Lemus fatally shot Darlin then ran from the area. Preliminarily, detectives do not believe the two men were known to each other.



Kevin Alexander Lemus

Detectives combed through surveillance footage throughout the neighborhood and conducted several interviews which led to identifying Lemus as the shooter. Detectives obtained warrants for second degree murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. During the arrest of Lemus, no firearm was found. Lemus was taken to the Adult Detention Center and held without bond.

At a news conference on Wednesday morning, Major Edward O'Carroll, Commander of the Major Crimes and Cyber and Forensics Bureaus, said that Lemus had confessed to the murder during an interview at FCPD headquarters, and that Lemus had more than 80 previous contacts with the police. The two teens did not know each other, preliminarily, and the tragic death resulted as the argument between passersby escalated and Lemus was carrying a gun. The weapon has not yet been found.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Bureau are investigating a homicide after a 19-year-old was shot outside in an apartment complex in the Woodlawn section of Alexandria. Officers were called at 9:34 p.m. on Sept. 17 to the 8400 block of Graves Street after a community member heard a gunshot and saw an individual laying on the sidewalk.

Officers arrived and found Darlin Ariel Diaz Flores of Annandale with gunshot wounds to the upper body. Daiz Flores was transported to Fairfax Hospital with injuries that were considered life threatening. Flores was pronounced deceased at 10:22 p.m.

Preliminarily, detectives believe Diaz Flores was with a group of friends outside of a nearby apartment when a confrontation took place with a passerby. This argument led to the shooting.

Detectives are asking anyone with information regarding this incident to call the Major Crimes Bureau at 703-246-7800, option 2. Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers – 1-866-411-TIPS (866-411-8477).

Arrest for Robberies

In unrelated police news, a 19-year-old Lorton man has been arrested for a series of commercial robberies. According to police reports, at 11:48 a.m. on Aug. 27, a 19-year-old entered the Tobacco Hut, 6844 Franconia Road, Springfield. The suspect assaulted the clerk and took money. Surveillance footage was disseminated, and a detective immediately identified the robber. Detectives obtained a warrant for robbery, and he was arrested on Aug. 31. Through the detective's investigation, the suspect was connected to two other commercial robberies. He was charged with robbery and destruction of property for an Aug. 14 robbery at the Sunoco, 9308 Gunston Cover Road, Lorton, and was also charged with robbery, preventing a 911 call and destruction of property for an Aug. 25 robbery at the 7-Eleven at 9402 Richmond Hwy in Lorton. He remains held without bond at the Adult Detention Center.

Man Sentenced to 30 Months For Manslaughter

An Alexandria man who was intoxicated and had used drugs, and then drove his truck more than 50 miles per hour over the speed limit before crashing into a tree and killing his front seat passenger was sentenced today to 30 months in prison for manslaughter. The following account comes from a release by Jessica D. Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Pamela A. Smith, Chief of U.S. Park

Police, after sentencing by Senior U.S. District Judge Liam O'Grady.

According to court documents, on May 31, 2020, at approximately 5:45 p.m., Samuel Meyer, 22, was driving his Toyota Tacoma truck southbound on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, which is federal land. Near Mount Vernon Circle, as the road curves, Meyer lost control of his truck, left the roadway, and crashed into the woods next to the travel lanes. The

truck crashed with such force that the skin of the passenger side of the vehicle was peeled off entirely, and the front passenger door of the vehicle was embedded into a tree a short distance from where the truck came to a stop. Meyer's front seat passenger, Michael Cunningham, 19, who was wearing his seatbelt, was transported by ambulance to the hospital. Hospital personnel could not resuscitate him.

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FALL

Dyke Marsh's Dynamic Fall Plants

BY GLENDA BOOTH
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Fall is a special time to study the plants of Dyke Marsh, as 19 enthusiasts learned on a Sept. 17, balmy, two-hour walk under blue skies led by Mount Vernonite Dr. Elizabeth Wells, a botanist and George Washington University emeritus professor.

Many plants were dropping or ready to drop their seeds to start the next generation, important food sources for wildlife and in some cases, people. "In early September, tidal fresh marshes are still full of robust growth," wrote John Page Williams in the latest Virginia Wildlife magazine.

Fall seed dispersal is well underway. Wild lettuce seeds, like those of the common dandelion, "take flight" aided by the plant's white hairs that act "like parachutes," Wells explained. Botanists call the hairs "pappus," the tuft or part of a plant that enables seeds to disperse with the wind. The seeds of the fireweed plants were also close to "taking flight."

Yellows Abound

Yellow blossoms brightened the landscape. The smooth beggar ticks or *Bidens laevis* create brilliant yellow swaths across the marsh every autumn. "Bidens" does not refer to the U.S. president, Wells quipped. The plant's seed has two teeth, hence the Latin-rooted name, "bidens."

Orange-yellow jewelweeds are favorites of bees and other pollinators that almost disappear into the cone-shaped flower when they nectar on the plant. Spatterdock or

yellow-pond lily plants poked out of the wetland's muddy bottom with their leaves stretching above or floating on the surface. Close observers could see their distinctive, golf-ball-like, yellow flower.

There are many goldenrod species in Northern Virginia, Wells noted. Most are self-seeding and get blamed for causing fall hay fever, but the real snuffle-inducing culprit is ragweed, she said. Dodder, a yellow, spaghetti-like, twining vine, twisted along the shoreline.

Reds Too

Show-stopping red hues popped out. Smooth sumac's conically-shaped, bright red drupes or fruits pointed straight up. They have a lemon aroma and some sumac species are popular in Middle Eastern cuisine.

Several native plants, including Virginia creeper and poison ivy, signaled by their reddish leaves that fall is coming. "Birds see red very well and feast on poison ivy's berries," Wells explained. Red spicebush berries can be added to pumpkin soup, she offered, and smell like the men's cologne called Old Spice. The spicebush is a host plant for the spicebush swallowtail butterfly.

A brilliant, eye-popping, red standout that wowed Saturday's walkers was the cardinal flower, a plant with long, tubular flowers favored by hummingbirds. On Saturday, a black swallowtail butterfly nectared diligently on the flowers. The plant's name is from the scarlet color of robes worn by cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church.

Monarch and common buckeye butterflies nectared feverishly on



Dr. Elizabeth Wells explained that the buckeye tree has a palmate compound leaf, five leaflets originating from the same stem.

climbing hempweed. Across the wetland, wild rice swayed in the breeze and narrow-leaf cattails stood erect. This species of cattail has dominated the marsh for thousands of years and differs from those in the Huntley Meadows Park wetland, an inland, non-tidal marsh that has broad-leaf cattails.

Wells "got into the weeds" describing plants' parts, venation, leaf types and reproductive strategies.

"The evening primrose has an inferior ovary," she said, adding, "no value judgment intended." "Inferior" is a botanist's term for an ovary below the flower. This primrose typically opens at dusk and attracts

pollinating moths that have a long proboscis that can reach into the plant's flower and long tube supporting the flower.

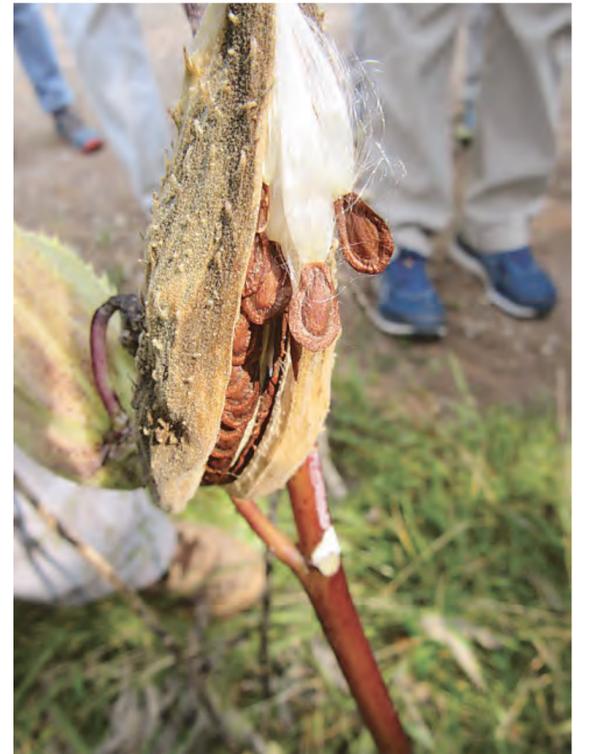
While fall is a time of approaching dormancy and decomposition, nature is very much alive and robust in Dyke Marsh, the group found.



Some parts of the marsh are ablaze with yellow composites.



Silver maple leaves are turning red as day length shortens.



Milkweed pods are opening and dispersing seeds.



The swamp rose mallow or hibiscus has finished blooming and has brown seed capsules now.



Humans disperse seeds too.



Persimmons were tempting.

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The spatterdock plant has a yellow golf-ball-shaped flower.

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The brown flowers of male narrow-leaf cattails resemble hotdogs or cigars.



The smooth and glossy white porcelain tile striated with subtle shades of grey mimics the look of marble.



Durable fabrics in neutral colors add a modern and airy appeal to the living room.

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Inside a Modernized Townhouse

Designer transforms an outdated home into a modern and elegant space for entertaining and family.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKETT

When a retired couple with adult children and young grandchildren took a look around their home, they were slightly embarrassed by what they saw. It was an outdated structure that was stuck in the 1980s and needed to be transplanted to 2022. They tasked Chantilly based inte-

rior designer Sallie Lord of Grey Hunt Interiors with the undertaking.

“Our clients wanted to update every aspect of their home from opening up walls to a new more functional kitchen and primary first floor bathroom,” said Lord. “They wanted to have a space to entertain family and friends often, but still feel cozy enough for the two of them.”

The effort to modernize the

home included not only adding updated furnishings and accessories, but also incorporating some of the client’s existing treasures into the design.

“We refinished the dining table, and repainted the kitchen table and chairs, along with the china cabinet,” said Lord. “We kept the tree root table that already belonged to the client, but gave it a completely different life and look.

The overstuffed furniture in the living room and family room were replaced with sleek seating upholstered with fabric that would accommodate the grandchildren.

Part of the overhaul included a subtle altering of the home’s floor plan. Lord worked with Velasquez

Group Construction & Design, Inc of Manassas and Cornerstone Kitchen and Bath to create a plan that included removing walls to create a light, airy and free flowing space. The cabinet-front appliances that are in the home’s new kitchen are consistent with the sleek and modern look that homeowners desired.

“We were able to maximize the storage space, open it up and make it have real visual purpose and function,” said Lord. “The kitchen looks larger and more connected to the rest of the home.

The once out-of-date master bathroom is now elegant and serene. Lord was able to incorporate accessories that would add an el-

ement of safety for the couple, who are now in their 70s, without compromising style. On the walls of the new bathroom is a smooth and glossy white porcelain tile. It’s striated with subtle shades of grey that mimics the look of marble.

“[Porcelain] is better because it isn’t as porous as marble and it won’t stain as much, but still gives it that luxe look,” said Lord. “It became a gorgeous functional bathroom that is connected to the master bedroom to create a romantic retreat.”

The end result of the overhaul is a space that is both comforting and welcoming, says Lord. “Now they are proud to entertain friends.”

In honor of Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month, PRS and Volunteer Fairfax volunteers joined together to make care packages for PRS’ crisis workers. PRS is a nonprofit that operates the regional crisis call center and its trained crisis workers are the heroes who help save lives by fielding the calls, texts, and emails from the crisis hotline. PRS’ Sami Smyth, Fairfax County Supervisor Dalia Palchik, and Volunteer Fairfax Board President VJ Bala participate in the care package volunteer event.

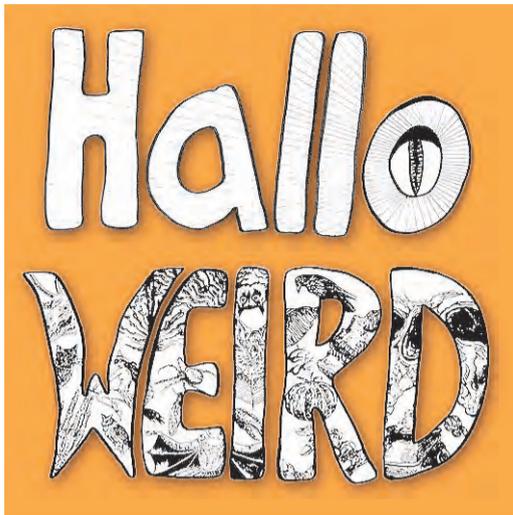


CALENDAR

CHECK OUT THESE PLANT CLINICS

The Del Ray Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 203 E. Oxford Ave., Alexandria is open on Saturdays from 8:30-11:15 a.m., and will operate through September 24.

The Alexandria Old Town Farmers Market Plant Clinic, located at 301 King St., Alexandria, operates on Saturdays from 7:00 - 9:30 a.m., through September 24.



The HalloWEIRD Art Market will take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery in Alexandria.

NOW THRU OCT. 17

Hummingbird Photo

Exhibition. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. For those who can't get enough of the beauty of hummingbirds, a group of local photographers are mounting an exhibition this summer. The title of the show is "A Bouquet of Hummingbirds," and it will feature works from more than 20 area artists and include hummingbirds from all over the Western Hemisphere. All profits from the sale of photos will be donated to the Friends of Green Spring, a non-profit organization devoted to maintaining the gardens and furthering public education and outreach.

AUG. 31 TO OCT. 5

Waterfront Wednesdays Music Series. 5-7 p.m. At Robinson Landing Promenade and Pier, 7 Pioneer Mill Way, Alexandria. Head to Robinson Landing for the Waterfront Wednesday Music Series presented by Yellow Door Music Concert Series featuring a range of music genres by local musicians. Bring a chair or simply stop by to enjoy some beautiful waterside beats.

SEPT. 2 TO OCT. 1

"The Big 3-0" Members Showcase. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features artwork in a variety of media and celebrates Del Ray Artisans 30th Anniversary. Open Thursdays 12-6 p.m., Fridays 12-9 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12-6 p.m. (Closed October 2). Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

SEPT. 22-28

Faces - An Interactive Art Installation. 12-6 p.m. At Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Opening Reception Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5-7 p.m. The Faces exhibit aims to capture what it means to live and be part of the Alexandria community. Everyday people we see walking down the street have their own story to tell, and each story, feeling, and thought matters to our collective understanding of one another.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

80th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The TWIG's 80th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour will showcase seven addresses including a home recently featured in Southern Living magazine, a home shaded by a 75-year-old fig tree and a home with a guest room featuring an

"Alexandria-centric," hand-painted mural. Docents will share interesting information and details about each property. Proceeds from the tour support Inova Alexandria Hospital which is celebrating 150 years of serving the health and wellness of the community. Admission: \$40 in advance; \$45 day of tour. At Various locations throughout Old Town Alexandria. Visit thetwig.org/homes-tour

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

HalloWEIRD Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Colasanto Park, adjoining Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. HalloWEIRD Art Market features a variety of artwork from local artisans that celebrates the spooky and fun sides of the season. Rain or shine outside Del Ray Artisans. Free. Go to elrayartisans.org/exhibits/#event=halloween-art-market-2022

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Saving Garden Treasures - Taking Plant Cuttings. 10-11:30 a.m. At Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria. (Adults) Learn how to propagate plants from cuttings following simple techniques demonstrated by Green Spring staff. Gain strategies to overwinter your favorite tender perennials so you can add them to your garden next year and save money. Take home a starter collection to begin your own saved treasures. \$23 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakers or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173. Code 3UC.HSFG

SATURDAY, SUNDAY

SEPT. 24, 25

The Annual Civil War Books, Relics and Memorabilia Show will be held at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 24 and 25, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. both days. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Vendors are welcome. For information, call Bud Mayo, 703-389-1505 or mayo5304@cox.net

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Tea Program: All Things Scottish Tea. 1-3 p.m. At Green Springs Gardens, Alexandria. (Adult) Tea is regarded as England's quintessential drink, but Scots played important roles in tea-drinking history. Travel north

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Uncovered History of Liberty and Justice

BY PAUL GILBERT,
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Northern Virginia is rich in history, and many of us have visited the best-known sites and feel like we know something about the main stories of the American Revolution and Civil War, but there is so much more just beneath the surface.

Recently an amazing story was discovered at Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. More than seventy years before the Emancipation Proclamation, over five hundred enslaved people were set free and allowed to own land. Robert Carter III was one of the richest people in America when he had a religious awakening that led him to emancipate his enslaved workers in the 1790s. While the direct descendants of those he freed continued to remember this, few others knew these stories. New evidence of this remarkable time has been found at Bull Run Regional Park. And on Juneteenth 2022, these stories were shared, celebrated, and memorialized at the park.

Starting in the 1770s, Robert Carter III adopted the Baptist faith and began building churches. The first was the Bull Run Meeting House, which was open to both black and white people. While predominantly used by the enslaved residents of the area, Carter buried his son in an unmarked grave next to the Bull Run Church.

In the same time period, Carter publicly acknowledged that his enslaved business agent, Billy, was his half-brother. A combination of his relationship with his half-brother Billy, who he viewed as his most trusted advisor, and his religious convictions made it increasingly difficult for him to justify slavery. Carter said, "Whereas I have for some time past been convinced that to retain them in Slavery is contrary to the true principals of Religion and Justice and that therefore it is my duty to emancipate them." Carter then emancipated all of his enslaved workers over a period of a few years, starting with the oldest.

This act of kindness created ripples through time. Ninety years after the Bull Run emancipation, a descendant of those emancipated, Alfred Harris, was also in a position to change history for the better. Harris had grown up at what is today Bull Run Regional Park in the 'freeman community' that had thrived after Carter's action. After the Civil War, Alfred Harris earned a law degree from Howard University, served on the Alexandria City Council, and was then elected to the Virginia House of Delegates representing the Petersburg area. Delegate Harris championed the bill that created the



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first Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in Virginia. This became Virginia State University. Harris wanted the University open to all people, regardless of race, just as Carter had done with the church. But due to segregation laws, it was initially only open to non-white students.

The positive ripples through time continued when Dr. Gladys West, who graduated from Virginia State University with degrees

in mathematics, went on to play a critical role in the invention of GPS navigation. Would West have had her opportunities without Harris, and would Harris have had his opportunities without Carter?

NOVA Parks historian Paul McCray discovered these and other related stories when he started researching a site in the woods that was known as the Harris family cemetery. Little was known about this site. Old

maps confirmed that this was the site of the old Bull Run Church, although no structure remains. Ground penetrating radar found over 90 graves, most of them unmarked. The size of this cemetery sheds light on the size of the community that used this church during the roughly fifty years it was active.

The Juneteenth event on June 18, 2022, where these stories were unveiled, was a partnership between the Fairfax Branch of the NAACP and NOVA Parks. The NAACP's Youth Council played a central role in leading the program. Karen Champblin, President of the Fairfax Branch of the NAACP, remarked, "It is historical narratives such as this, and many more untold stories, that must be shared to highlight the contributions from the black community, and all communities, that helped shape Virginia today. The Fairfax County NAACP values our partnership with NOVA Parks and appreciates their research into this important and unknown local history."

What was just an open grassy area in the woods a year ago now tells a compelling story of liberty, justice, education and progress that helps us understand our region and our history.

In the process of these discoveries from over 200 years ago, NOVA Parks re-discovered that the Harris family donated the land that is now the site of Atlantis Waterpark in 1963. It is next to the waterpark, which is enjoyed by over 50,000 people a year, on the land generously donated by the Harris family, where you will now find interpretive signs that tell some of these stories. And from this point, you can follow the trail to the historic cemetery that stands as a monument to a free community from over 200 years ago.

What was just an open grassy area in the woods a year ago is now this area that tells a compelling story of liberty, justice, education, and progress that helps us understand our region and our history.

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Leona "Lee" Bobko Lemeshewsky, 81 of Alexandria, VA passed on July 27, 2022 having been surrounded by family in Midlothian, Virginia. She is survived by her loving children Craig Lemeshewsky (Wendy), Roxanne Young (Preston), Charlene Nieman (Eric), Toni Day (Wes); grandchildren, Craig, Andrew, Carter, Jason, Simon, and Molly; sisters Mary Ann Bauder and Shirley Bartholomew. She was preceded in death by her husband Arthur Lemeshewsky; granddaughter Vivienne Day; her parents Francis Jr. and Mary (Skraban) Bobko; siblings Marlene Blakenship, Francis Bobko, Robert Bobko, and Samuel Bobko.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, September 24 at Commonwealth Baptist, 700 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Having My Cake, and Eating It Too



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After way too many months to remember; my eagle, so to speak, has finally landed. The Entenmann's "Marshmallow Iced Devil's Food Cake" is once again in the house. The only problem is its size, it's too small. A sheet cake type-size would be ideal. Nevertheless, cake one will likely be consumed in a day, two maximum. Followed by cake number two which will suffer a similar fate. In my house anyway, if the Entenmann's cake referenced above was an animal, it would sit atop the endangered species list. Moreover, I had written in a previous column moaning about my difficulties finding this item locally; even going so far as calling the parent company, "Bimbo Bakers USA" at their headquarters in Horsham Township, Pa. My thinking was, perhaps if I could speak with a distribution or public relations person, maybe they could determine where, specifically, this item is being delivered. Unfortunately, the call was in vain, as the cake couldn't be located. In fact, the woman with whom I spoke wasn't even familiar with this item. Amateur. This escalation is some context for what action has followed.

This unsuccessful attempt followed my initial pursuit which was to visit my local Giant supermarket (after perusing the Entenmann's website which also proved unsatisfying) to speak with the store manager about possibly adding this cake to their rather pedestrian weekly inventory of cookies, other cakes, donuts, and such. I was told that the Entenmann's order is handled by a middleman-type vendor who isn't even a Giant employee. As a result, Giant has no control/ability to submit any amended weekly list to accommodate my needs. Very disappointing. Therefore, I am stuck between a chocolate fudge cake, a cheese Danish/pastry, and an array of miscellaneous donuts/popems. None of which compares to the "sinfully good cake with heavenly Marshmallow frosting" as it's described on the Entenmann's website under "Delicious Products."

The reason I was forced to take this action is because the Entenmann's website provided no relief. There is a "store locator" feature on the site which enables the user to specify the item and then find it, if available/delivered within a 20-mile radius (maximum distance, from the zip code provided). After multiple visits to their site, I came away unrequited. I was out of any alternative ideas to reach this promised land. Then it hit me, perhaps the cake is located/distributed in other less local - to me, supermarkets, and so on a few occasions when I was further than 20 miles from my home, I would stop in a local supermarket or two (it didn't have to be a Giant; I've bought the cake at Safeway before, twice) and cross my fingers and hope to buy. That too, on the occasions which presented themselves, likewise proved unsuccessful.

And there the pursuit had remained, stalled almost, until Sept. 10, a day that will live in Lourie lore. That's the day when the eagle that had been flying around with no place to land indeed found its landing spot. It all happened so unexpectedly, so innocently, when I wasn't necessarily even thinking about the cake (it's rare, but it does happen) that it makes the reward all the more sweeter. As former vice president Hubert Horatio Humphrey, Jr. (1965 to 1969) might have said: "I am pleased as punch" to have found and already eaten in their entirety, both cakes. They never stood a chance, really. (And yes, they were as delectable as ever.) Not that it had been years since I was last lucky enough to find/eat this cake, it only seemed like it. Nevertheless, it was still long enough by half for yours truly to be deprived of something so essential to my existence; especially considering that as a cancer patient who was initially diagnosed with terminal lung cancer, you want what you want because you may never be able to want it again. A "13 month to two-year" prognosis will do that to you.

Next week the details of this most fortuitous circumstance which led to this auspicious and memorable occasion. The working/likely title: "As I Was Saying Last Week."

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Thank you to the hundreds of supporters who helped keep all our Connection Newspapers alive throughout Alexandria, Fairfax County, Arlington County and Potomac, Md. along with affiliated websites and digital media. Now we need help again in 2022.

Each local newspaper's mission aspires to provide greater community service, and we do know that our communities are better off if we continue to publish. Last year's financial support from readers and supporters like you bridged the shortfall before Federal PPP funding arrived, and both made our survival possible. We now await a decision for a grant from Rebuild Virginia in early February that we hope will help us in 2022 and beyond. But we need help to survive the first quarter, always a brutal time for cash flow in weekly newspapers. Thank you.

Please, help save these historical papers. All gifts will be used to fund our printed newspapers and websites and to meet obligations to our loyal and patient employees, writers, contractors and suppliers.

The ongoing pandemic continues to crush many newspapers across the country, and our newspapers continue to be at risk. The Northern Virginia area's best read and most trusted source for community news includes the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Mount Vernon Gazette and all Connection Newspapers in the metropolitan region.

The pandemic has hit small businesses hard, which in turn has reduced advertising revenue that keeps these local newspapers alive to provide hyper local news to residents. It feels like no small miracle to be looking forward into 2022.

The pandemic has been a bear, financially and otherwise. Revenue plummeted at the beginning of 2020. Some beloved advertisers have stayed the course supporting us throughout, and many more have done what they can. In the fall of 2021 we saw the return of some advertising for events and Grand Openings, but now ominous clouds the horizon in so many ways. Revenue still remains short of expenses despite our greatly curtailed costs.

Connection Newspapers has been offering these local newspapers to residents for over 200 years. Countless residents have grown up with these papers covering significant moments in the lives of family and children, news, community events, school activities, and even pictures of your dogs and cats. Internet news and large national newspapers cannot provide the local connection or historical connection that local papers like Connection Newspapers and the Alexandria Gazette Packet provide. If your child, dog, mother, father, neighborhood, school has been featured, you understand the value of local community newspapers.

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NEWS

Man Sentenced to 30 Months For Manslaughter

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and he died from blunt trauma injuries to his head, neck, trunk, and extremities.

Meyer and a backseat passenger were also transported to the hospital with minor injuries. About three and a half hours after the crash, blood samples were taken from Meyer. An analysis showed that Meyer's blood alcohol content was .09 g/100 mL, still above the legal limit hours after the crash. Also present in Meyer's blood were benzoylecgonine, the main metabolite of cocaine; THC, the psychoactive compound in marijuana; and cocaethylene, which is formed by the liver when cocaine and alcohol coexist in

the blood.

Meyer's vehicle's electronic data recorder revealed that he was driving 85.1 miles per hour at the time of impact. The speed limit at the location of the accident is 35 miles per hour.

There was no sign that Meyer had applied his brakes and the accelerator was pressed for the last five seconds prior to impact. The roadway was clear and dry, and Meyer's truck was working properly with no defects or malfunctions. Just before the accident, Cunningham and the other passenger had each implored Meyer to slow down, according to the report.

CALENDAR

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of the border to explore Scottish afternoon tea and what it reveals about the country's culture and traditions. Along with our regular tea menu enjoy some delicious Scottish fare! A traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 Historic House follows each program. Full tea includes finger sandwiches, pastries, scone, cream, and jam. Programs are by reservation only. Call (703) 941-7987, TTY (703) 324-3988. \$42 (lecture + tea); \$15 (lecture only).

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Art on the Avenue. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Along Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray, a multicultural arts festival celebrating our community's diversity through the arts in Alexandria. Entertainment for all ages, art activities, food, and artists displaying and selling their work. Website: <https://delrayartisans.org/calendar/#event=art-on-the-avenue-2022>

SATURDAY/OCT. 1

Used Book Sale: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Selection of over 20,000 gently used children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs,

BULLETIN BOARD

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counselors, youth tutors and mentors, office administration/data entry, and community outreach. Flexible hours and schedules. Opportunities for all ages to serve, including community service hours. More info at ucmagency.org/volunteer-opportunities or email volunteer@ucmagency.org.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See www.ophrescue.org for information and all volunteer opportunities.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Line Dance Instructor needed for the Gum Springs Senior Program once a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Volun-

50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional>.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Old Town Art Walk. 5-8 p.m. At various locations in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy a self-guided tour of Old Town Alexandria and explore the fine art and studio crafts found in art galleries and boutique shops on the third Thursday of each month, May to October. The stroll is a great activity after an early dinner, or before enjoying a meal at one of Old Town Alexandria's restaurants. The Old Town Art Walk is presented by the Old Town Business Association.

THE BIRCHMERE

At 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All shows are at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com. Contact The Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or www.Birchmere.com.

SEPTEMBER

Thu. 22: Phil Vassar \$45.00
Fri. 23: Scarypoolparty (unplugged) w/ Covey (solo) \$25.00
Sat. 24: Paul Thorn (Band) \$39.50
Sun. 25: Heaven 17 \$45.00
Wed. 28: Marshall Crenshaw "40th Anniversary Show!" \$35.00
Fri. 30: Tinariwen with Garcia Peoples \$55.00

teer Solutions, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711. Volunteer Fairfax makes it easy for individuals and families, youth and seniors, corporate groups and civic clubs to volunteer. Fulfill hours, give back, or pay it forward through a variety service options. Visit www.volunteer-fairfax.org or call 703-246-3460.

Fairfax County's Community Services Board is seeking volunteer office assistants. Volunteers are needed to assist CSB staff with greeting guests, making reminder phone calls, data entry, filing, shredding, stocking shelves, and other duties as needed. Hours are flexible, but would be during normal business hours. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

Yoga Teachers are needed. Help improve a person's well-being by teaching yoga classes to adults who are staying in a residential facility. The day/time is flexible, but would be during the week. Prior yoga instruction is required. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/viva/volunteers.htm for more.

The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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