



The family of Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith (retired) are joined by county and elected officials after the unveiling at Grist Mill Park.

Renaming Field Honors Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith

Friends and family gathered Saturday, April 28 at Field #5 at Grist Mill Park for the renaming of the field in honor of Lt. Colonel Gary F. Smith (ret.), a longtime soccer coach who died at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2011.

Smith began coaching soccer in 1980s when his girls expressed interest in the

game. He bought a book on coaching the game and for over 12 seasons was out on the field.

While in active service in Vietnam, Smith was awarded a Soldier's Medal for heroism: "A helicopter that he was riding in crashed and caught fire. He went back to the wreck, despite the intense heat and

danger of explosion, he rescued a soldier trapped inside."

Smith was a civilian employee of the Army attending a meeting when American Airlines Flight 77 struck the Pentagon.

A fundraising effort is underway to make the soccer field a state-of-the-art synthetic turf field. The field will offer more playing

time, a better surface and less maintenance than a regular turf field. Roberta Longworth of the Fairfax County Park Foundation is heading up the fundraising efforts for the new turf field. For more information visit www.FairfaxParkFoundation.org or call 703-324-8582.

— LOUISE KRAFFT

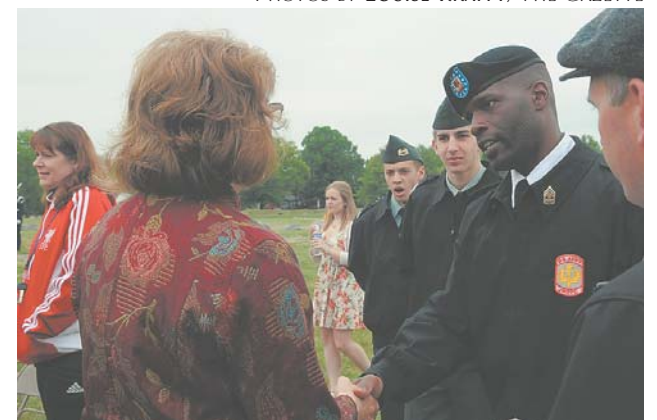
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Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority John W. Dargle Jr. presents Ann Smith and her family with a replica of the new sign designating Field #5 at the Lt. Col Gary F. Smith Memorial Field.



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland introduced Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority John W. Dargle Jr. to Ann Smith before the ceremony on Saturday afternoon.



Ann Smith greets the honor guard from Hayfield Secondary School: Brendan Lang, Andrew Strom and Philip Yorkman.

Is Richmond Highway Improving? New survey says attitudes are improving, but critics say change is too slow.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Is Richmond Highway improving? A new survey of 900 consumers shows that the vast majority of respondents thinks so, and by a two-to-one margin. Others say progress along the Route 1 corridor lags far behind other parts of Northern Virginia.

"People are definitely very interested in this," said David Ben, marketing and communications

director for the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, which conducted the survey.

Earlier this year, volunteers for the private nonprofit organization distributed the survey by email to its members. A handful of community organizations also distributed to their members. Although the quasi-government agency receives about \$183,000 a year, leaders of the organization say there was no cost to taxpayers because volunteers conducted the survey. And

even though the objective of the organization is to promote economic development along the Route 1 corridor, leaders say they are confident that the results were not biased by the mission of the organization.

"We did not ask leading questions. In fact, all the questions were open-ended," said Ben. "This is how people responded, which is pretty encouraging."

Not everyone is encouraged. Critics say participants of the sur-

vey were self-selecting, slanting the results toward a favorable response. And although the group was able to get 900 responses, 121,000 people live in the Mount

Vernon District and 119,000 people live in the Lee District. Ultimately, critics say, progress along

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From Theatre Workshop to Stage

Fifty-one fifth graders from Mt. Vernon Wood, Woodley Hills and Woodlawn Elementary Schools have spent the past 12 weeks in a theatre workshop hosted by the Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre. The students created original plays based on themes from their life at school. The plays have been in rehearsal since February. On Tuesday evening, May 1, the students brought their work to the stage at Woodlawn Elementary.

The students at Mt. Vernon Woods performed "The Princess Bullies," directed by Sara Lilly. John Waldron directed both Woodley Hills in "A Night at the Woodley Hill Museum of Unnatural History" and Woodlawn Elementary in "The Woodlawn Post."



Basketball players ponder a question posed by the reporter. Pictured are: Jaelon Hubbard, Kyra Meneely and John Martinez.



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During the tour of the "Woodley Hills Museum of Unnatural History" a group of Greek gods wait for an audience.



The cast of "The Woodlawn Post" takes a bow. The cast includes: Jaelon Hubbard, Kyra Meneely, John Martinez, Demetrius Coleman, Aedan Amos, Jhonny Lovo, Mark Rivera, Zain Vipraio and Madison Burtis.



Football players Demetrius Coleman, Aedan Amos and Johnny Lovo answer questions during an interview with a reporter from the Woodlawn Post.



William Vipraio appears as the reporter from the Woodlawn Post.



A scene of confrontation in "The Princess Bullies." The cast includes: Catherine Martinez, Sarika Houssain, Camilo Rodriguez Cabrera, Keona Fulton, Serena Mensah, Dariana Martinez, Katherine Tessalona, Mishal Rabbani, Rosemarie Ann Dela Cruz, Joel Duarte, Carlos Manuel Arce Chavez, Abria Garris, Jasmine Cruz, Johnnie Martinez, Jessica Requeno, Jacklyn Benavides and Sara Sorto.



The gods, the stars and the monsters dance off stage at the conclusion of the Woodley Hills show. The cast includes: Yasmin Abdulaziz, Adeleke Ayotunde, Rachael Appiah, Janice Asabere, Imani Campbell, McKenzie Clark, Saher Hussain, Santos Hernandez, Alaina Kazmierczak, Chyna Marshall, Sherif Mohammad, Rosita Navarro, Adwoa Ofoso, Paila Ortega, Nicolas Pabich, Dylan Reynolds, Delmy Rodriguez, Weston Rogers, Zakiya Smith, Alisha Tonche-Molina, Casey Zanowic, Denilson Zapata, Matthew Zaragoza and Bernice Bendsen.

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'Who Says I Can't?'

Face of America ride honors disabled veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

They came from across the country, gathering before dawn in the shadow of the Pentagon to begin a two-day journey to honor the sacrifices of America's wounded warriors and gain a better understanding of people with disabilities

"This is our second year participating in Face of America," said Timra Stump, a member of the "Who Says I Can't?" team that was making the 110-mile trek to Gettysburg in honor of Jothy Rosenberg, an amputee rider and cancer survivor. "Jothy couldn't be with us this year due to an infection from a recent surgery but he is still an inspiration to all of us riding today."

Stump's 58-member team joined more than 500 other riders April 28 to participate in the 10th annual Face of America bike ride that included disabled and able bodied veterans, servicemen and civilians on bicycles, hand cycles and recumbents.

"What our service members have done for us is outstanding," said World T.E.A.M. Sports CEO Paul Tyler. "We do this to show our thanks to our veterans for putting their lives on the line for us."



Alexandria resident Gen. Robert Magnus (ret.), former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, recites the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the start of the 2012 Face of America bike ride April 28.



Mount Vernon Community School Daisy Scouts Lauren Southerland, Abygayl Moon and Emily Milton prepare for the presentation of the colors prior to the start of the Face of America bike ride in Crystal City April 28.

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

The annual Face of America ride is managed by World T.E.A.M. [The Exceptional Athlete Matters] Sports, a 20-year-old not-for-profit that organizes inclusive events for disabled citizens and wounded warriors.

"All of our events are designed to combine able bodied individuals with people with disabilities,"

"I've seen first-hand how this ride can transform people."

— **Face of America ride director Van Brinson**

said Alexandria resident and retired Marine Major Van Brinson, chief operations officer of World T.E.A.M. Sports and director of the ride. "When able bodied individuals ride alongside someone with a disability, it really changes their perception of what that person can accomplish."

Another Alexandria resident among this year's riders was Gen. Robert Magnus (ret.), the former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps who was participating in his fifth Face of America weekend.

"I started as a speaker five years ago and have been a rider ever since," said Magnus, who celebrated his 65th birthday the morning of the ride. "I never take for granted how fortunate I am to live and enjoy the liberties of the

greatest nation on earth."

Presented by Capital One, Face of America sponsors included American Portfolios, General Electric, Revolution Cycles, Subway of the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Veterans Corps, Penske Truck Rentals and Booz Allen Hamilton.

"This is just an amazing event for us to be a part of," said Booz Allen team member Eli Hertz. "We have 51 riders and 55 volunteers. From registration to the finish line and every mile along the way, there will be a Booz Allen volunteer doing this as a tribute to our wounded warriors."

Beginning with a kick-off dinner and silent auction April 27 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Crystal City, this year's ride raised more than \$400,000 to support the participation of wounded warriors and for upcoming events like this summer's Sea to Shining Sea ride from San Francisco to Virginia Beach.

"I've seen first-hand how this ride can transform people," said Brinson, who tackled his first Face of America ride in 2006 before joining the organization in 2011 after 24 years of active duty military service. "It gives disabled riders more confidence and shows what they can do rather than focusing on their limitations. It truly is an inspiring journey for everyone who participates."

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NEWS

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Three activities open to the public have been planned at St. Luke's Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, for Saturday, May 5.

First, St. Luke's will host its annual Gatesby Jones Barbecue beginning at 11 a.m. until sold out. Parishioners will begin the 25-year-old tradition by smoking the barbecue starting at 6 p.m. the day before. Lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m.

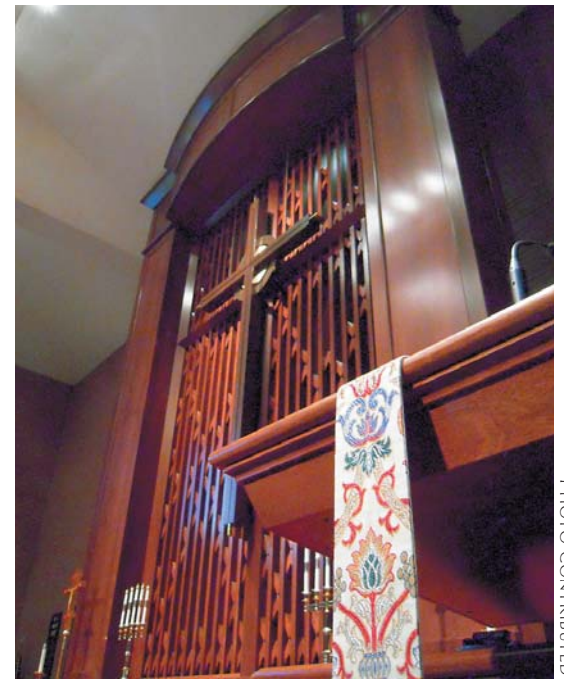
Second, the 80-year-old church also invites area residents to tour its newly renovated nave and narthex. For some 40 years, St. Luke's was using an altar and retable area that was intended to be temporary. St. Luke's recent capital campaign has allowed the church to finish what was started when the current church building was completed in 1971.

A newly painted and carpeted narthex has been completed.

A completely renovated Sunday School and Day School facility is on the church's basement level. This \$950,000 renovation which was completed two years ago.

Thirdly, the Farm Stand opens. Locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables in addition to meats and other food items will be sold through this community-supported agriculture operation. For more information, see www.orchardcountryproduce.com.

Later in the month, in celebration of the completion of the nave and narthex portion of the capital improvements of the past two years, St. Luke's will



Area residents are invited to tour St. Luke's Church's newly renovated nave and narthex.

conduct a ceremonial ribbon cutting and blessing of the new nave during Bishop David Jones' visit on Sunday, May 20, at the 10 a.m. service.

Park Authority Honors McCutcheon

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Park Authority Board invite the public to join in renaming ceremonies at Lamond Park, which will now be known as Gilbert S. McCutcheon Park, a tribute to the late Park Authority Board member and Farmers Market master. McCutcheon was a dedicated public servant and volunteer, and residents will have a chance to celebrate the stories of his life.

McCutcheon served on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board from 1992 to 2010, serving as vice chair from 2000 to 2005. He was also a member of the Founders, Benefactors, Supervisors and Friends of Frying Pan Farm Park for many years. His contributions ensured the growth and success of the farm.

He was also a well-known figure at Mount Vernon Farmers Market where he served as the Market Master for 26 years. Regardless of the weather or ill health, he could be found at the market each week.

He was also the president of the Marlan Forest Citizens Association.

During his 18-year tenure as a member of the Park Board he was instrumental in the planning, creation, protection and acquisition of numerous park facilities and locations. These include the Laurel Hill property, Old Colchester Park and Preserve, the establishment of the Grist Mill Dog Park, renovations at Mount Vernon RECenter as well as the acquisition of Lamond Community Park. McCutcheon's service to the community ended with his death on Dec. 28, 2011.

Ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 12 at 1 p.m. at the park located at 7509 Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria. Onsite parking is limited, so attendees are asked to park at the nearby Mount Vernon RECenter located at 2017 Belle View Blvd. in Alexandria. A shuttle bus will run for one hour before and after the ceremony.

Blessing of Fleet Scheduled for May 6

The first Sunday in May at 2 p.m. will start off the same as it has for the past 56 years at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club and the surrounding community. Members, guests and local politicians will dress in nautical blue and white attire to officially start the 2012 boating season on May 6.

The Rev. Ruth Walsh, who served in the U.S. military in Iraq and is the interim pastor at St. James Episcopal Church, on Old Mill Road, will offer the prayers for the safety of boaters on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.

The U.S. Coast Guard's Color Guard and Drill Team will present the proper flags and a precision drill. The Mount Vernon Community Band will play and the Mount Vernon High School Crew Team will race in view of the ceremonies at the Yacht

Club at 4817 Tarpon Lane in the Yacht Haven community.

Also expected are Virginia representatives from county and state government, including Del. Scott Surovell. The Fairfax County Fire Department Search and Rescue Team 420 will dock its boat at the marina. Representatives of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association and Coast Guard Auxiliary Auxiliary Flotilla 25-8 will also be on the program.

Friends and neighbors are welcome to attend, according to Past Commodore Bonnie Breneman, who will act as Master of Ceremonies. Current Commodore Ron Reinsel will also preside over the 235-family member club's annual event. Owners of sail boats and power boats will decorate their vessels to compete for the "best dressed" title prizes.

Survey Says ...

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the Route 1 corridor has been painfully sluggish, especially compared to redevelopment efforts in Tysons Corner, Merrifield, Springfield and Bailey's Crossroads.

"Considering the amount of time we've been talking about redevelopment on the Route 1 corridor, we should be much further along by now," said Kahan Dhillon, a member of the Tysons Task Force. "Any progress that's been made on the Route 1 corridor has been at a drastically lethargic pace."

A NUMBER OF PROJECTS are currently underway along Richmond Highway, and the corridor is in the midst of a dramatic transformation. But the contours of that transformation are still in flux, and many of the key decisions

have yet to be made. One of the most contentious is at North Hill, a vacant 33-acre parcel on the east side of Richmond Highway near the intersection of Lockheed Boulevard. Plans to create a 67-unit manufactured home development there have long been delayed, and Fairfax County is currently considering an unsolicited proposal from developer AHP Virginia to scrap the trailer park in favor of a 204-unit multifamily apartment complex.

"That would open up a can of worms," said Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan. "There are a lot of people who want this to be a park, and giving serious consideration to this proposal would start advocating to preserve the entire site as a park again."

The Route 1 corridor has long been the focus of study after study,

and a number are still underway. The Federal Highway Administration is currently conducting a study for widening the road to six lanes between Telegraph Road and the intersection of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Old Mill Road. The project has already received \$180 million from the Department of Defense, and the environmental assessment is expected this summer. One scenario would have the northern section widened where the road is currently located, although some are concerned that might violate the

National Preservation Act because Woodlawn Plantation is a protected site. Another scenario would construct the road through a popular horse stable and behind the Woodlawn Baptist Church.

"I just want the road built," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), adding that he hasn't taken a position on the dispute yet. "I would hate to see this thing get bogged down in litigation and be delayed another five years."

WHEN ASKED what types of new businesses they would like to see, respondents to the SFDC survey said they would like to see more full-service restaurants and more entertainment options. Unsurprisingly, many respondents said they were concerned about traffic congestion. Perhaps more surprisingly, 73 percent of respondents said they dine at least once a month on Richmond Highway and 89 percent said they shop at least once a month on Richmond Highway.

"This demonstrates a strong demand for economic activities," said Ben.

"Any progress that's been made on the Route 1 corridor has been at a drastically lethargic pace."

— Kahan Dhillon

Comment on Dyke Marsh Restoration and Management Plan

The George Washington Memorial Parkway, a unit of the National Park Service, is seeking the public's input on concept alternatives for the Dyke Marsh Restoration and Long Term Management Plan.

GWMP will host a public meeting at Indigo Landing Restaurant on Daingerfield Island on Tuesday, May 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The meeting is being held so that interested public can ask questions, learn more about the alternative concepts for the Management Plan and submit comments. All are welcome to attend.

As part of this project, the NPS and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have developed alternative concepts in an effort to implement actions for restoration and long-term management of the tidal freshwater marsh and other associated wetland habitats lost or impacted in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve on the Potomac River. More details about the project, including maps and descriptions of alternative concepts, will be available on the NPS

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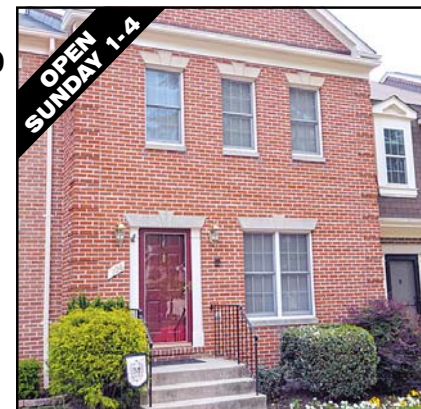
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Pennies For Patients The Stratford Landing Elementary School K-Kids Club (sponsored by Mount Vernon Kiwanis) collected a total of \$4,144.37 last month for a project called Pennies For Patients. This is about \$1,400 more than last year's collection. The collection is a Leukemia and Lymphoma Society community service project where students and their friends donate their spare change to fund blood cancer research and patient aid programs. Above, the K-Kids present a symbolic check to the representative from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Joann Hatch (shown on right).

COMMENTARY

Route 1 Transit Study Moves Forward

BY LINDA T. "TODDY" PULLER
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

In 2011, I introduced and got passed a bill to initiate and fund the Route 1 Transit Study in both Fairfax and Prince William counties. I am pleased to report that actions have been taken to move this initiative forward. Prince William County will propose a plan for their section of Route 1 and Fairfax Country a proposal for their part of Route 1.

In Fairfax, the Fairfax Department of Transportation is going to perform an alternative analysis study to recommend various ways to assist with transit in this area. They have applied for a \$2 million grant from the Federal Transit Authority. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transit has made available \$500,000 to assist with the alternative analysis study. Completing this alternative study is key to re-



ceiving Federal funding whether it is bus rapid transit, eventually metro, or any other type of transit service. The Federal Transit Authority should be making its decision whether to grant financial assistance with the transit analysis in July. It will take two years to do the transit analysis in Fairfax.

Congressman Jim Moran was able to obtain \$180 million in Federal funding to provide congestion relief caused by the

new community hospital at Ft. Belvoir between Woodlawn Plantation south to Telegraph Road. Now that the hospital is open there will be many more trips to and from Belvoir by staff and patients going to the hospital 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And, in that project they are saving right of way for future transit so it will be ready to hook up with whatever transit is decided on and eventually built.

In other areas along Route 1, the Fairfax Department of Transportation is building shelters for passengers who use the bus or some other type of rapid transit that may come as well as much needed pedestrian improvements. A transit center will also be built on Route 1, but no site has been selected. The Fairfax Department of Transportation has been working with the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC), with County Supervisors Gerry Hyland and Jeff McKay, and others to come up with a site agreed upon by the surrounding communities.

Things are moving forward albeit slowly. The alternative study must be completed to receive Federal funding. We are pushing ahead to keep this project going to provide some relief to this long-time congested area.

Police Arrest Suspect After DNA Hit

Police arrested a 45-year-old man in connection with a burglary of an 82-year-old woman's home in February. After receiving information of a DNA hit, officers responded to the home of an Alexandria man around 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 11. He was charged with abduction, robbery, burglary, and disabling a telephone line to prevent help. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he is being held without bond.

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OPINION

Reminders to Press Ahead for Housing

Spring discussion on hypothermia shelters could help preparations for winter.

EDITORIAL

In February, 2007, 59-year-old Robert Bruce Miller was found dead outdoors in Chantilly. Miller was homeless, known to businesses and residents in the area. He died of hypothermia, exposure to the cold.

Since that time, houses of worship and non-profit organizations have stepped into the gap, providing shelter from the storm on a “no-turn-away” basis from November to March.

In Fairfax County, about 35 houses of worship provide shelter to approximately 1,000 homeless men and women during the winter months. Each year, various churches, synagogues, mosques and temples take turns providing space to provide food and shelter for the homeless population during the winter months. Last year, there were no hypothermia-related deaths reported. Similar programs operate in Arlington and Alexandria.

An alarm went up over the past month as some churches that have been providing hypothermia shelter heard that they could be barred from providing the service due to fire-

code violations. While some faith leaders said they had heard as many as 18 would be unable to reopen, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said that just four might have insurmountable fire code violations for serving as emergency shelters. Obviously no one wants to put both church volunteers and those seeking shelter at risk.

“Fairfax County has a unique partnership with our faith communities and non-profits. We are committed to serving the homeless population in a way that is compassionate and ensures their safety,” Bulova said.

It’s important to recognize that providing shelter from life-threatening conditions is in fact a government function. Faith-based organizations and nonprofits are stepping in on this issue and many others to provide leadership, inspiration and services, saving local governments enormous sums of money.

The county should consider if it might be appropriate for firehouses with capacity might be open in rotation as hypothermia shelters,

staffed with church volunteers, if some churches cannot make the changes needed by fire code regulations.

More important is to recognize the need for hypothermia shelters as an indicator that we have not ended homelessness. Providing housing first to people who need a variety of services saves money and makes the most effective use of scarce resources.

Amanda Andere, head of FACETS, Catherine Hudgins, member of the Board of Supervisors, and others reminded the group concerned about the shelters that the real issue is housing.

“Shelter is a temporary solution. We need housing,” Andere said.

It is telling that many services are provided to the homeless men and women who come to the hypothermia shelters.

Housing advocates continue to press for more affordable housing. It’s a goal that is urgent to keep in mind as Fairfax County looks at what is likely to be its last massive growth in development, the increased density and building around the county’s coming Metrorail stations.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where Is County’s Accountability?

To the Editor:

The Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA) is a pro-police grassroots citizen activist organization that is dedicated to making our community a better and safer place for all of its citizens.

The CCPA was founded as a Virginia Corporation in 2010 as a direct result of the tragic

shooting death of unarmed former U.S. Army Green Beret David A. Masters who was shot and killed by a Fairfax County Police Officer on Richmond Highway and Fort Hunt Road on Nov. 13, 2009. He had allegedly stolen a small handful of flowers from a roadside stand on Richmond Highway. While stopped in traffic, a police officer walked up to Masters’ auto, and without provocation, fired his weapon through the left rear window of the car, striking him in the left shoulder causing his immediate death. The official “manner of death” as reported by

the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Manassas, Va., was “Homicide.” The Commonwealth of Virginia Certificate of Death also reads cause of death “Homicide.”

Even though the FCPD General Order Number 540.1 specifically states “Deadly Force shall not be employed to apprehend a fleeing misdemeanor,” the officer was cleared of misconduct by the FCPD and the Commonwealth’s Attorney. Nearly a year later, the officer was “fired” from the department for “improper use of deadly force.”

A \$10 million civil lawsuit is now pending for a “wrongful Death” for Dr. Salvatore J. Culosi by a member of the FCPD SWAT Team at his home while the police were serving him with an arrest warrant for sports gambling. In recent years, Fairfax County has paid nearly \$4 million in court settlement for cases of wrongful death involving shooting deaths of unarmed citizens and a case of negligence by a member of the department. In the entire history of the FCPD no officer has been found guilty in the fatal shooting of an unarmed citizen.

During the years 2010-2011, the CCPA has directed a number of letters to Chief David M. Rohrer regarding these and other citizen allegations of police abuse, misconduct, and negligence. These letters have gone unanswered. As a result the CCPA began in January 2012 mailing letters of complaint to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova with the understanding they would be forwarded to Supervisor Gerald W. Hyland, the Board’s Public Safety Committee chairman, for appropriate action. In recent weeks the CCPA has written to Supervisor Hyland in an effort to determine what action, if any, he had taken. To-date, we have not heard from Supervisor Hyland.

The apparent lack of accountability by vari
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Academic Excellence Award for Waynewood

On Monday, April 30, Acting Assistant Superintendent Deborah Tyler and Mount Vernon School Board Representative Dan Storck presented Waynewood Elementary School and Principal James Meier with the Academic Excellence Award for the fourth year in a row. Retiring teacher Eileen Deaver accepted for the staff.

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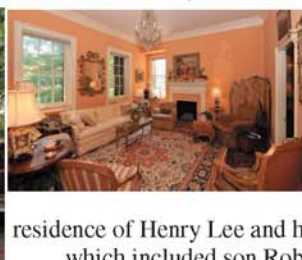
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LETTERS

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ous entities of the Fairfax County Government regarding these serious issues has caused many citizens grave concern and some have expressed their frustration by indicating their belief this may constitute a case of malfeasance.

A lack of accountability appears to be common in Virginia. The prestigious Center for Public Integrity (CPI) and WDC recently reported its findings from its national "corruption risk report card" that includes (1) Public Access to Information (2) Executive Accountability (3) Judicial Accountability (4) Internal Auditing and other factors. Virginia ranked 47 among the 50 states with an overall grade of "F." Virginia ranks near the bottom on the state integrity index.

The Citizens of Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia deserve better than this.

To contact the CCPA by email: virginiaccpa@aol.com.

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Executive Director
Citizens Coalition for Police
Accountability

I could not wait to be eight. Eight was going to be the best year, because that was the year when I could finally ride horses at Woodlawn. Every time we passed the stables, my face was glued to the window, staring the horses in the field, wishing it took longer to drive by. I was excited just to be close to something so magical right there on Route 1.

I've now been riding at Woodlawn for six years, getting to know the horses and the people. It has been everything I imagined it would be. The summer I was 13, I got my first job working on barn crew. It gave me my first taste of real responsibility, and it also gave me the amazing feeling of earning something with my own two hands. I've learned so much about what needs to be done to keep a barn running, and I feel like a significant part of it. This past summer I started working in the office as well, and that gives me a view of the business side of things. Joan and Cindy Mitchell, the owners, have taught me so much, and those lessons are going to help me my whole life. It makes me unbelievably sad to think that only a few more girls will get to experience what I have.

The Federal Highway Administration is currently considering a plan to re-route Route 1 directly through the center of the Woodlawn Stables property. It would destroy barns, riding rings, pasture, and historical property. The Stables would be forced to shut down. This would be a huge

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Help Save Woodlawn Stables

To the Editor:

If the currently favored plan to "improve" Route 1 wins approval, it will destroy Woodlawn Stables. That breaks my heart.

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 Canal Way Traditionally inspired 3BR/2.5BA TH in Canal Way. \$33,000 in recent updates: 1st Flr Pwdr Rm, hrdwds, EE heat pump & wndws; SS appl; MBR w/ vaulted ceilings, walk in closet & fpl.
 Chris Upham 202-359-1308



Historic Old Town **\$1,895,000**
 608 Oronoco St, Alexandria, VA 22314
Historic Old Town Located across from Lee's boyhood home, exquisite 3,000+ sqft, 4BR, 4.5BA. Landscaped backyard retreat, garage & 4+ car pkg. Spectacular addition, kitchen renovation & MBR Suite.
 Chris Upham 202.359.1308



Belle Haven Meadows **\$660,000**
 2409 Belle Haven Meadows Ct, Alexandria, VA 22306
Cooks Dream Striking 4 BR, 3 level colonial features a grand kitchen renovation on a quiet cul-de-sac. Master suite with sitting room and spalike bathroom. FR w/fireplace and formal DR.
 Cathy D'Antuono 703.819.3077



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WayneWood **\$519,000**
 1106 Croton Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308
Great Home & Price Fabulous 3BR, 2.5 BA, 3 level, Salem Model w/Addition w/Fireplace. Freshly Painted Throughout. Large Newer Kit w/Island. Warm Wood Flrs. Newer Double Pane Windows, Clean, Vacant & Ready.
 Ed Pagett 703.518.6161



Popkins Heights **\$469,000**
 2430 Ross St, Alexandria, VA 22306
Lots Of Space For Under \$470K Recently updated throughout incl win, painting, roof w/ridge vent & more. 5BR, 2BA 2 LVL, walkout ramblar w/FP, deck & patio on private lot in close-in neighborhood.
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9514 Mount Vernon Ld
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WATERFRONT-PRIVATE DOCK
Unique opportunity to acquire direct water frontage with private dock in prestigious MVOP! Designed by architect to capitalize on water views. Dramatic open floor plan, soaring ceilings, expansive glass walls and all brick exterior. All major components in place-personalize interior.

9017 Stratford Ln
\$899,000
Totally Expanded and Updated!
Understated elegance-modest front elevation belies stunning expanded interior featuring room sizes and amenities typically associated with new custom homes. Many fabulous features include gourmet kitchen, stunning master suite, hardwood floors, upgraded HVAC system, imported tile and many additional luxurious amenities. No cost was spared in renovation resulting in top of the line brands throughout.

9403 Ferry Landing Ct
\$755,000
Large Colonial-Custom Pool!!!
Fabulous Colonial in prime location on one of area's most attractive streets. Home features unique courtyard effect with "L" shaped two car garage. Exceptionally well maintained home with bright floor plan and spacious rooms. Open kitchen and family room. Gorgeous professionally manicured 1/2 acre grounds with custom pool. Exceptionally well price.

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
\$519,000
Alexandria House
400 MADISON ST
Spacious 2BR is one lvl living at it's best! Recently updated, walls of windows, desirable southeast light & pretty park views, you will not be disappointed. 24hr desk, pool, party rooms, extra storage & garage parking.

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\$649,000
Leesburg
"JUST LISTED"
Stunning 2011 Carter-Burton designed home on 10 gorgeous & private acres. Stone, wood, glass & concrete combined to create a modern & organic retreat. 3BR/2BA

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Michael McCormick & Daniel Lusk
202.412.8884

8355 Justin Rd
\$799,900
PERFECTION!
Owner has spared no expense updating this spectacular, spacious Colonial on quiet cul-de-sac in the heart of Mt. Vernon. Fabulous features include: open floor plan, high ceilings, expansive glass window walls, recently updated gourmet kitchen, 2 levels of hardwood floors, stunning master bedroom suite and the list goes on. Truly a remarkable home!

8313 Mt. Vernon Hwy
\$775,000
New Home-Under Construction!
Brand new home opportunity in prime Mt. Vernon location by Wakefield Homes. Custom building with many modern amenities and upgrades. Features include: expanded master bedroom suite, front porch, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, 2 car garage. Buy during construction and personalize the interior to suit your taste. Fabulous new home amenities combined with convenience of a prime Mt. Vernon location.

9115 Mt. Vernon Dr
\$549,500
Picture Book Cottage-Park Like Setting!
Character abounds in this uniquely attractive Cape located on gorgeous, meticulously

OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4!
\$420,000
Fairfax
9100 BOWLER DR
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\$685,000
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Martha Deal 703.622.6797

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"NEW LISTING"
Spring brings azaleas to this 3BR/2BA split level home. Located on a quiet street, convenient to schools, nearby library, parks, golf course, shopping & restaurants. Upgraded kitchen has new cabinets, granite, refrigerator, stove & flooring. 6 ft privacy fence encloses the backyard. Home Warranty.

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2327 Winton Rd Blvd
\$645,000
Better Than New-Gorgeous Lot!
Stunning 3 level, 4 bedroom Colonial just renovated from top to bottom!

9020 Old Mt. Vernon Rd
\$650,000
Stunning Renovation-Borders Mt. Vernon Estate!

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Don't let the front elevation fool you-this 4 level home is huge! Unique property with large

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Gorgeous Custom Pool & Grounds!!
Spacious two level rambler with bright open floor plan. Expansive glass walls on both levels overlook gorgeous pool and

2413 Cambridge Dr
\$547,500
Stratford Colonial!
Classic 4BR Colonial in prime location in Stratford Landing. Many features include: updated

3035 Wakefield Ln
\$549,500
Spacious 2 level rambler with bright open floor plan. Expansive glass walls on both levels overlook gorgeous pool and

8428 Old Mt. Vernon Rd

\$659,000
Hollin Hills
7507 ELBA RD
Lovely 3BR/2B remodeled Goodman designed home offers open flrpl, updated kit w/granite, SS, modern cabs, & Carrera marble backsplash & hdwd flrs, new floor-ceiling windows. SGD opens to parkland. Rare, oversized gar. Int/ext painted.

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\$635,000
Alexandria
6311 GOLF COURSE SQ
Stunning 3lvl brick colonial TH on park-like courtyard across from Belle Haven CC. 4BR/3.5BA. Updated kit; systems & more; striking open LR/DR; FR opens to slate patio. Min to Potomac, bike path, marina, grocery, Old Town, Metro, & DC.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Boutiques Give Back' Charity Day is May 19

The Old Town Boutique District announces its Second Annual Boutiques Give Back Charity Day — a community-focused Spring event taking place on Saturday, May 19. This creative, small business driven event is staged to be the largest charity collaboration in the D.C. Metro area.

More than 30 retailers and 30 charities will be participating in this event. Each retail member of the OTBD has hand-picked local and national charities to support and honor on this special shopping day. On this day, retailers will create an activity or promotion in their stores that would benefit that charity of choice.

Examples of charity day participation include children's boutique Pink & Brown will donate profits to K.I.D.S. (Kids In Distressed Situations), Current Boutique will give customers 15 percent off their purchases if they donate gently-used suits for Suited for Change, and Red Barn Mercantile will host a variety of activities such as free design advice all day, craft for kids and 20 percent of sales from the day will go to Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia.

A complete list of each shop's activity and charity is at www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com/calendar/may/boutiques-give-back.



Wine, coffee, tea, lunch, dinner, classes, socials and monthly features are all within Grape + Bean.



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

John Shackleford, director Rosemary Hartman, David James and Matthew Randal celebrate April 20 following the opening night performance of the Port City Playhouse production of "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me."

Cast Party for 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me'

David James, right, is congratulated by his wife Catherine following the opening night performance of "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." The show runs through May 5.



To Go

What: Old Town Boutique District's Boutiques Give Back Charity Day
When: Saturday, May 19
Presented by: Old Town Boutique District
Where: Participating Old Town Boutique District stores in Old Town Alexandria
Time: Retail store hours
Website: www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com

2012 Del Ray House & Garden Tour

The 2012 Del Ray House and Garden Tour is pleased to announce the 12 homes that will be featured on the May 19 tour:

❖ **308 East Hume** – Extensive termite damage required a complete 'redo' of this farmhouse dating from the 1800's and the opportunity to add a family room and attic dormers.

❖ **306 East Hume** – The current owners started with smoking sludge on the walls, dangerous wiring, rickety staircases, dead-bolted makeshift doors and wallpaper over window screens.

❖ **309 East Hume** – An outdoor spiral staircase, a screened-in porch, storage nooks, yard art, and bedrooms to delight the heart of any little girl.

❖ **2600 DeWitt** – Look for a floating glass staircase and a master bathroom inspired by one this couple saw on their honeymoon in South Africa.

❖ **2607 DeWitt** – This owner/builder added large pocket doors, a wainscoted billiards room, custom-built china cabinets and a majestic wood-

burning fireplace to what was a 1920's bungalow.

❖ **2500 Leslie** – Built on the existing foundation in 2008 this craftsman style classic is the newest house on the tour with a wrap-around porch, detailed custom moldings and iron work, and reclaimed lumber.

❖ **2501 Terrett** – 1930's ordinary transformed into 2012 extraordinary with vaulted ceilings and a wall of windows, all done by local craftsmen.

❖ **11 East Windsor** – Whether installing central heat or a new kitchen or two new baths, this homeowner has worked hard to maintain the character and integrity of her 1920's farmhouse.

❖ **400 East Howell** – A one-time home for railroad workers, this is a flight of fancy with personal art pieces, family antiques, fabulous thrift store finds and recycled items.

❖ **406A East Howell** – Don't let the exterior fool you. This is a must see example of what can be done on with a classic brick duplex from the 40's – on a budget and with eco-friendly materi-

als.

❖ **2001 La Grande** – This folk Victorian was built in 2006 with four floors of living space and a grand outdoor oven.

❖ **506 East Windsor** – A brick Sears and Roebuck mail-order house with a country music history that will simply make you happy, inside and out!

The tour is a biannual project of the Del Ray Citizens Association, and serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects as well as a showcase for local homeowners.

This year proceeds from ticket sales will support the Alexandria Scholarship Fund and landscaping at the "Tot Park" at the corner of Commonwealth and Oxford.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and may be purchased online at www.drca.org or at the Farmers Market starting in late April. Day-of-tour tickets are \$20.

The self-guided tour runs from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Contact Mary Maginniss at HouseGardenTour2012@delraycitizen.net.

Mount Vernon's Spring Wine Fest

Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. Visitors can bring a blanket and relax on the lawn as they sample wines from 16 Virginia wineries on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18, 19, and 20, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Individual tickets are \$35 per person. Private reserved tables featuring a fruit and cheese platter, three bottles of house wine and VIP table service are available for \$1,000. Tickets and tables are now available at MountVernon.org or the ticket window at Mount Vernon's Ford Orientation Center.

Historic interpreters will conduct special candlelit tours of the Mansion throughout the evening. The interpreters will discuss Washington's attempts at creating a vineyard and highlight various wine-related items inside the Mansion, including the basement's brick vaults where Washington stored his wine.

To accompany the wine tasting, Fruit & Cheese Boxes are available by advance purchase for \$26. A variety of hot and cold food and desserts including baguettes, gourmet sandwiches, and specialty sweets will be available on site from the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Outside food and beverages are not allowed. Pets are also not allowed. Guests can take home a remembrance of Mount Vernon's Wine Festival and Sunset Tour from the Shops at Mount Vernon, open until 9:30 p.m. each evening. Cases of wine purchased at the Wine Festival can be transported by wine valets to the Shops for easy pick up at the end of the evening.

Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour takes place rain or shine, tickets are limited and all sales are final. This is a popular event; early ticket purchase is suggested. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

MAY 3 TO 5

Spring Book and Media Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library. Book prices \$1 to \$5; media \$0.50 to \$3. Dates are May 3 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; May 4 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and May 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At 2501 Commonwealth Avenue Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or duncanlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

MAY 3, 4, 5

"South Pacific." 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5/adults; \$1/children will be sold at the door. Eighth-grade students from the Burgundy Farm Country Day School will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. At 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Call 703-960-3431.

THURSDAY/MAY 3

Democrats for a Better Alexandria. 9 a.m. Democrats for a Better Alexandria will announce its endorsement of candidates in the June 12 primary election. At Royal Restaurant, 734 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Contact Jack Sullivan at 703-370-3039.

FRIDAY/MAY 4

Volunteer for Community Service Day. Event Combines Community Service, Fundraising-and Fun. Volunteers are needed to help in community service projects throughout Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event information: springforalexandria2012.kintera.org <http://springforalexandria2012.kintera.org>

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Giant Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4696.

Midnight Yoga X. 9-10:30 p.m. Midnight Yoga X is set to become a signature jam on the first Saturday of each month. Designed for rebels and truth seekers alike, we're talking deep hot fluid asana sequences set to great music for a real Saturday Spiritual High! All rebels welcome! COST: \$15 prior to 5/2. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Email suzanne@532Yoga.com, www.532Yoga.com

History Book Sale. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. History books, historical who-done-its, historical novels, travel, decorative arts and antiques books. At Alexandria Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1706 or gkcombs@alexandria.lib.va.us

Alexandria Art Market. Third season begins May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Colasanto Park. Local artists, musical performances. Other dates: Saturdays 6/2/12, 7/7/12, 8/4/12, 9/1/12, 11/3/12. Application available for non-DRA members. Contact Kimberley Bush ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket.

Simpson Demonstration Garden Open House. 9 to 11 a.m. At 420 E. Monroe Avenue, Alexandria. Tour five gardens, each of which demonstrates a separate theme — waterwise, flagstone, tufa, butterfly and scented gardening. The gardens are located between the YMCA and Eugene Simpson baseball stadium. Park in the YMCA lot. Visit www.mgnv.org.

Bowties & Belles, a Kentucky Derby Party. 4 to 7:30 p.m. (Televised racetime is 6:15 p.m.) Tickets are \$100/patrons; \$80/individuals. Features an afternoon of watching the Kentucky Derby, a raffle, silent auction, cocktail reception. Sponsored by the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center. Proceeds help support programs of The Campagna Center. At Collingwood on the Potomac, 8301 East Boulevard Dr., Alexandria. Parking is available across the GW Parkway at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Visit www.CampagnaCenter.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 6

Prenatal Yoga and Dance for Conscious Birthing. 12-2 p.m. Enhance your comfort, enjoyment, and relaxation during all prenatal trimesters! Develop greater vitality and awareness of your body that is home for two, and deepen your relationship with your baby. This workshop is an introduction to an 8-week prenatal course commencing Sunday, 20 May at 11:15 a.m. No previous yoga experience necessary. COST: \$35 prior to 5/2 or \$40 thereafter. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Alexandria; email suzanne@532Yoga.com, www.532Yoga.com

Art at Home. Noon to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Two seatings). Tickets are \$15. New Interior Design Interactive Lecture Series introduced at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Interior designer Mary Mitchell will show how to layer design elements with furnishings and the visual arts to create an environment unique to every home owner. At Studio 325,



MAY 4, 5, 11, 12

"Crazy for You." Tickets are \$5/students, seniors; \$10/adults. Presented by T.C. Williams Drama Department. Show dates are May 4, 5, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door. The whole family will enjoy this upbeat show, which features a humorous plot, impressive dance numbers, and unforgettable songs, including "I Got Rhythm" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

connection between trauma and behavior. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3579 or email latanya.wooten@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/MAY 8

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Bay Jazz Project. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

Musician Mike Doughty. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Featuring "The Book of Drugs": Concert, Reading, Q&A. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

Ottmar Liebert in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Ticketmaster.com www.Ticketmaster.com.

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

National Foster Care Month Appreciation Event. 6:15-8 p.m. Adolescent and Family Growth Center, Inc. (AFGC), in honor of National Foster Care Month, will pay tribute to families and the amazing work of its therapeutic foster parents. Join us and see how: "Kids Grow Better in a Family." Call 703-425-9200 or visit www.afgcinc.com.

Belle Haven Women's Club Spring Fashion Show. "Bright, Bold and Beautiful." Cocktails 6:30 p.m.; Dinner and Fashion Show 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Bloomingdales. Tickets: \$60/members; \$70/guests. No tickets will be sold at the door. Send checks payable to BHWC, c/o Fran Slade, 6016 Grove Drive, Alexandria, VA. To be held at Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria.

MAY 10, 17, 23, 31

"Tea" Talk. 10:15 a.m. Experience the world through Tea with your guide, Lee Maguire. Join tea aficionado and Hollin Hall Senior Center Assistant Lee as he leads this four-part series about the world's second cheapest drink. Learn about the history of tea, its role in society, and how it has even changed history. Participate in blind tea tastings and help decide what tea best captures the essence of Hollin Hall Senior Center. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Bid and Win Dinner/Auction. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Cocktail Social and Silent Auction will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. A Buffet featuring London Broil and Chicken will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. and the night will cap off with a Live Auction. Tickets are \$40 each. Sponsored by the Fort Belvoir Officers' Spouses' Club. At 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. To reserve your tickets or offer an item for donation contact Boscfundraiser@gmail.com or 540-847-1467.

Music for Oboe. 8 p.m. Free concert. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call The United States Air Force Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Benefit Concert for Haiti. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. NSO Concert Master Nurit Bar-Josef and acclaimed pianist Rohan De Silva are guest artists for this National Chamber Players concert featuring Fritz Kreisler's Schön Rosmarin, Liebesleid, Sicilienne and Rigaudon, "It Ain't Necessarily So," by George Gershwin and arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and Antonín Dvořák's Fritz Kreisler's Schön Rosmarin, Liebesleid, Sicilienne and Rigaudon, "It Ain't Necessarily So," by George Gershwin and arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and Antonín Dvořák. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.episcopal.highschool.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Free Bee Yard Sale. 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., the Free Bee "Shop for Free" Yard Sale" being held at the Faith United Methodist

Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.torpedofactory.org>; www.torpedofactory.org; or call 703-838-4565.

Titan Expo. 1 to 5 p.m. A community fair, will be held on the front lawn of T.C. Williams High School. Featuring games, moon bounce, bingo, food, book sale, and the ever popular car bash. All proceeds support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. T.C. Williams is located at 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-824-6868.

MONDAY/MAY 7

Children and Trauma. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Featuring guest speaker Margaret Dowell who will discuss the



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ENTERTAINMENT

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Church Campus, 7010 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. The Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Women (WFUMW) have collected donated items, and will set them out on tables like a traditional yard sale, but everything is free. Contact Maria Teel, President of WFUMW at 703-496-6380.

Barbershop Chorus

Concert. 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$20. Fairfax Jubil-Aires present "A Salute to the Troops and Moms." At the Ernst Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Order tickets at:

www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or call Ron at 703-975-7844; tickets also can be purchased at the door.

Jazzercise Fundraiser. 10 to 11 a.m. Fundraiser where 100 percent of donations go to the American Cancer Society. At Waynewood Elementary Gymnasium, 1205 Waynewood Blvd., Alexandria. Contact Peg Frydenlund 703-765-5659 or peg2011@verizon.net.

"This Old House." 10 a.m. Watch episode 2 of "This Old House" that was filmed in Alexandria. General contractor Tom Silva heads to Alexandria to restore the windows in a home built by George Washington. Afterward, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey installs a water filter at a kitchen sink. Airing on WETA-TV 26 and WETA HD.

Garden of Light Reception. 3 to 5 p.m. Help put an end to domestic violence by attending the Bethany House reception. Tickets are \$55/person. At the Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria. Visit www.bhvnv.org or call 703-658-9500.

American Balalaika Symphony Spring Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Peter Trofimenko and The American Balalaika Symphony welcome Spring with How a Peasant Went to a Fair — An ordinary tale told through extraordinary music. Travel back in time to a place where the pace was slow, the pleasures simple, and spring, a time of wonder and delight. With works by Andreyev, Tsygankov, Shalov, Gorodovskaya, Kachalin and more. Featuring ABS balalaika soloist Ekaterina Borodulina. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St (NVCC Campus), Alexandria. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

BBQ Fundraising Dinner. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. The Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army Alexandria is hosting its BBQ Fundraising Dinner. Dinner is sponsored by RockLands Real Barbeque. Show Military ID at the door and receive a 10% discount. Tickets are available through Auxiliary Members or calling TSA at 703-836-2427. Event is held at The Salvation Army Citadel Corps, 1804 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Symposium on Historic Clothing. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Historic Pohick Church Docents Guild is sponsoring a "Symposium on Historic Clothing at Historic Pohick Church" covering the 18th and early 19th centuries. Speakers for this event are costume historians Mary Doering, Colleen Callahan, and Newbie Richardson. Tickets are \$75 (\$65 for students), which includes lunch and a tour of the church. Deadline for registration is April 27, and space is limited. For ticket information contact Charlotte Knipling at 703-339-8196 or c.knipling@gmail.com.

Folk Trio We're About 9. Meets at 7 p.m. Trio of Katie Graybeal, Brian Gundersdorf and Pat Klink. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria. Visit www.FocusMusic.org. Explore Alexandria's Firefighting History. 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past." As they walk through Old Town, participants will learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria and stop at historic buildings that once served as fire stations. At Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net or by calling 703-746-4994.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Adam Golka. Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem, Debussy's La Mer, Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand, and Elgar's Enigma Variations. Free pre-concert discussion for ticket holders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Civil War Crimean Oven Lecture. 1 p.m. Admission is \$10. Fort Ward Museum will sponsor a lecture on "The Story of Alexandria's Civil War Crimean Ovens and Camp California." The lecture will be presented by Wally Owen, Assistant Director at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848.

MAY 12 AND MAY 13



SATURDAY/MAY 5

St. Luke's Barbecue. 11 a.m. Besides slow-cooked North Carolina-style chopped pork BBQ, the church will be offering grilled chicken, hot dogs, beans, cole slaw and soft drinks. Proceeds support church activities and community outreach. St. Luke's is located at 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

spring activities. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

Mother's Day Tea at Carlyle House. 2 p.m. Tickets are \$27/person. Guests will enjoy finger sandwiches, scones with orange marmalade, banana or lemon tea bread, a Mother's Day desserts of Petite Fours, Cheesecake with Strawberries and Powdered Shortbread Tea Cookies all while sipping special blend spring teas from Tea & Spice Exchange of Alexandria. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Contact Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or e-mail: carlyle@nvrpa.org

Sunday in the Woods Concert. 4 p.m. Premieres, two Debussy works as arranged for orchestra: Diane Overture (world premiere) and Operatic Love Duet from Diane au bois (U.S. premiere). Tickets are \$25/adults; \$20/seniors. At the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Visit www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With The Thrillbillies. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. John Philip Colletta will present, "Turning Biographical Facts into Real Life Events." This lecture demonstrates how to turn biographical facts into the real-life experiences they were; how to gather together and evaluate evidence about a particular event, including its historical context, to "individualize" every ancestor in your family tree. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, in Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

Dark Star Orchestra. Doors open 6 p.m.; Show at 7:30 p.m. Special acoustic show. Continues The Grateful Dead's Live Experience. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria. Call 800-745-3000. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Dragonflies and Damselflies. 7:30 p.m. Learn about the arthropod aerialists of the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve — dragonflies and damselflies like blue dashers, prince baskettails and eastern amberwings — from a presentation by Chris Hobson, Natural Areas Zoologist with Virginia's Natural Heritage Program. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh and the National Park Service. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Square Dancing Lessons. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Singles, couples and families are welcome. Presented by the Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At the Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., in Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378 or email tom.nancystafford@cox.net.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, The Cutaways. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

"Pennsylvania Railroad." 10 a.m. Model Railroad Club presents the story of the Pennsylvania Railroad, the history of the famous Broadway Limited Passenger Train, the Pennsylvania Railroad and World War II, and HO display of PRR Locomotives and Cars. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Spring Flower Show. 12 to 3 p.m. Free. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8532 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Presented by the Garden Club of Waynewood, which is celebrating 50 years of gardening, education, service and friendship.

Consciously Exploring Your Legacy. 10:30 a.m. Free. Bev Hitchins of Alexandria is a professional organizer who will show seniors how to shed light on clutter so they can let go and move on. At The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-845-5000.

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NOW THROUGH MAY 28

Moody Mud: Gentle to Geometric. A Ceramic Guild show that runs at the Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

MAY 3 TO JUNE 3

The Biennial Ikebana Show and Tea Ceramics Exhibit.

Reception is May 31, 6-8 p.m. Some 200 ceramic artists from all corners of the United States and Canada turned out to submit various wares associated with the ritual of drinking, serving, and presenting tea. Juror John Neely, ceramic artist and current Professor of Art in Ceramics and Assistant Department Head at Utah State University in Logan, UT, selected 47 pieces created by 33 artists from 19 states and Canada. At The Art League, 105 North Union Street, Studio 21, in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

MAY 8 TO JUNE 18

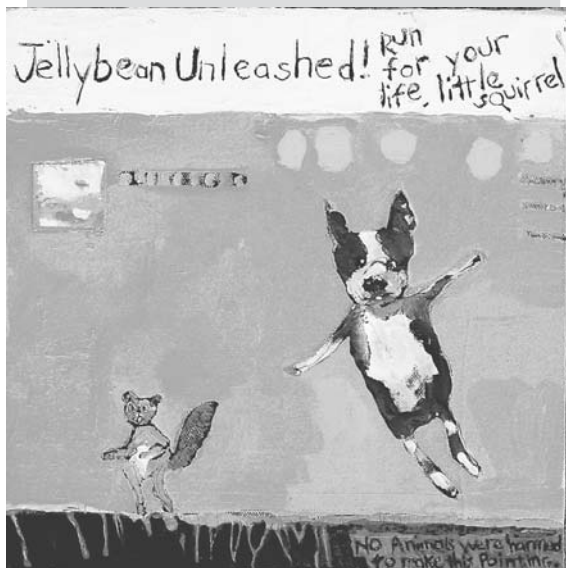
Variations. A photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sisen. Opening reception is Sunday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com

SUNDAY/MAY 13

Spring Open House. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Take in the fresh artwork while strolling through studios and galleries as you enjoy a lively Mother's Day afternoon filled with treats and sweets, artist demonstrations, and special spring activities. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

NOW THROUGH MAY 13

Push Pull Play. Focuses on interactive and toy inspired art. The juror, Prescott Trudeau, selected 12 artists to be a part of the exhibition. These artists are from around the country with three from the local DC metro area. The artists include Ellen Benson (PA), Ashley V. Blalock (CA), Phillip Delacruz (FL), Marlene Hawe (VA), Ericka Heffernan (NY), Joel Jonientz (ND), Melanie Kehoss (VA), Caroline McCatty (MD),



"Jellybean Unleashed" by Kathy Beynette, Studio 5

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Raining Cats and Dogs. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Browse open studios, interact with artists, and enjoy refreshments. Part of the 2nd Thursday Art Night at the Torpedo Factory. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Christopher Nitsche (GA), Seamus Liam O'Brien (NY), Mallory Sloss (PA), and Alex Waggoner (GA). At the Target Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

NOW THROUGH MAY 19

Word Incarnate. The Gallery at Convergence presents "Word Incarnate" featuring visionary artist Anita Breitenberg Naylor. Come explore as Biblical passages are brought to life and rearranged as visual images to provide a focal point for contemplative thought. Artist's reception is Saturday, May 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260. Visit www.convergenceccf.net.

MAY 3 TO MAY 28

Sculptor Elissa Farrow-Savos. Presents "Conversations With My Mother." Opening reception is Thursday, May 10, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, Studio 21, (Located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center), Alexandria. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

MAY 4 - MAY 13

Student Art Show. Sponsored by T.C. Williams High School Art Department. Opening reception: Friday, May 4, 7 - 10 p.m. The exhibit will feature the work of 13 members of the National Art Honor Society (NAHS). At Del Ray Artisans Gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Gallery hours are: Thursday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 12 noon to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org

MAY 10 TO MAY 31

Diverging Mediums: Photography vs. iPhoneography. Reception is May 10 from 6-8 p.m. This exhibit aims to raise discussion on iPhoneography, a movement that, some would argue, is transitioning from solely a social media into a fine-art form of its own right. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

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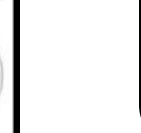
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

loss to the riders, the horses, and I bet to all of you who pass by and enjoy that beautiful view.

There are about 50 horses at Woodlawn right now, and it would be necessary to re-home all of them. That would be extremely difficult, particularly because Woodlawn keeps a number of horses that are retired from lessons. They enjoy the best care and the happiest life possible until they pass away. As sad and stressful as it would be to try to re-home the younger horses, it would be even worse for these.

Little girls and boys learn valuable lessons when they begin riding at Woodlawn. You have to work as a team with your horse, because horses won't always do what you say just because you say it. They are very big, bright, independent creatures, and you have to work with them as a team. You learn to love animals and nature even more than you already did. The people at Woodlawn are great too. You make friends that you never would have met otherwise, and you all have a common interest.

Woodlawn is a magical, natural place tucked inside a very commercial, urban area. There are tur-

keys, foxes, hawks, groundhogs, deer and more. This past spring we watched a family of wild turkeys grow up. They were so small, and now they walk around the paddocks, hopping the fences, and are as much a part of the Stables as the horses are. Woodlawn is brimming with life, all of which is threatened by the new plan.

Even if you don't ride or work at Woodlawn, isn't it nice to pass it and see something green? Isn't it cool to see some animals? Winston Churchill said, "Something about the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man." If a road is built, you'll just see ... more cars, and more buildings.

On behalf of everyone at Woodlawn, we ask you to please help save it. There are several alternate plans that will widen Route 1 without hurting the Stables. You can get more information at the website www.savewoodlawnstables.org where you can read up on the issue, sign a petition, and find links to your representatives so you can write them.

This place is my second home, and I love it more than you can imagine. If it is destroyed, it will destroy a piece of my soul, and I know I'm not the only one. Thank

you for helping.

Grace Callahan, Age 14
Alexandria

Liberty's Disgrace

To the Editor:

As Governor of Massachusetts, Romney signed same-sex marriage into law, though it will be instructive to note that he was under absolutely no obligation to do so.

When asked earlier this year at the South Carolina Debate [Fox News] whether or not, as President, he would have signed the National Defense Authorization Act, which lifted the military ban on sodomy and bestiality, he glibly replied, "Yes, I would have."

He has worked to facilitate (1) the murder of children, through the institution of \$50 co-pay abortions, (2) the enslavement and subjugation of ordinary citizens, under a torrent of phony, liberalized legislative enactments, and (3) the destruction of our religious freedom, under an emerging theocracy of secular humanism.

Outside of Obama himself, I cannot think of a more ruthless political figure to have ever held executive office here in the United States.

For Liberty University to offer its "stamp of approval" to such a man is a disgrace.

Joseph A. Glean

Former candidate for the 44th District of the Virginia House of Delegates and past student of Liberty University

Student's Appreciation

To the Editor:

Hi, my name is Elena Dreimüller and I am an exchange student from Germany.

It seems like yesterday when I first met my Host Family, but it already has been 8 months!

I learned so much during this year: not just about the life in America, but also about myself. When I arrived I was really afraid. What if the people don't understand me, because my English isn't good enough? What if I don't make friends? What if ...?

But a lot of people helped me, making this year unique and a wonderful experience and I want to say "Thank You!"

First, I would like to thank my World Heritage Area Representative Diane Galvin, for searching and finding my host family; also a big 'thank you' goes to West Potomac High School: my counse-

lor Ms Levine and to my teachers Mrs Chance, Mr, Jones and Ms Funsten, Ms Rodriguez, Mr, Sanchez, Mr, Fitzgerald, Ms Schneider and Mr. Erhardt (thanks for making History Class fun again), Ms Larsen and Ms Dunn. Also 'thank you' to my Photography Class.

A very big 'thank you' goes to Ms Adrienne, Ms Gennifer, and the West Potomac Dance Team. I never had more fun dancing and I will never forget the time I could spend with you guys.

Of course I want to thank the Manthey family for hosting me; you were willing to host someone for a year, you didn't even know. You helped me, whenever I needed help, especially in my first weeks here. Thank you for introducing me to the American culture and for everything else you've done for me. Thank you so much.

Without y'all, I wouldn't have made the experiences I've made. I will never forget this year! It was awesome! Thank you so much!

Anyone who'd like to host a student can call my rep, Diane Galvin at 703-507-9224 or go to www.whhosts.com for details.

Elena Dreimüller

Lives with host family Kevin and Susan Manthey

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WELLBEING

Four Northern Virginia volunteers receive Community Champions Awards for their service to the community. Pictured are: Dr. Jean Glossa of Fairfax County Community Health Care Network; Mattie Palmore and Kari Warren of Mount Vernon; Marie Markey of Alexandria; Ed Shahin of McLean; and Gloria Calderon of Molina Medical Group.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Volunteers Honored for Efforts

Four locals receive Community Champions Awards for Health Care and Social Services to the Community.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Four Northern Virginia volunteers were honored for their charitable efforts recently. Edward Shahin of McLean, Marie Markey of Alexandria and Mattie Palmore and Kari Warren of Mt. Vernon received the Molina Healthcare Community Champions Award during a ceremony at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax.

"We are pleased to celebrate Marie, Ed, Mattie and Kari — individuals who have made such a positive impact in the lives of others through their selfless work," said Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director of the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network (CHCN) for Molina Healthcare. "Each of their stories is so inspiring, and the work that they do to better the health and well-being of their communities is so important. It is our pleasure to not only recognize these four winners, but also to be able to support their worthy causes."

Palmore and Warren were honored for their work to support victims of domestic violence through their organization, the Women's Group of Mt. Vernon.

"This award means that the work that we do is not done in vain," said Palmore. "We don't do the work that we do for recognition. We do it to help the victims."

Markey, a volunteer at Annandale Christian Community for Action, is the coordinator and chair for the group's Family Emergency Assistance program. As a retired physical therapist, she also provides free physical therapy for clients at local free clinics.

"I believe that helping people is what one should do if one has the time and the opportunity," she said. "The 'haves' should help the 'have-nots.'"

Shahin is a senior citizen from McLean who advocates on behalf of other Fairfax County seniors through his volunteer work at Lewinsville Senior Center and as one of the elected members of the McLean Community Center Governing Board.

"I retired three times," said Shahin. "I was afraid to retire until I could fill my life with worthwhile pursuits. I have taken up causes on behalf of seniors and it is the most worthwhile thing that I have done. I am more proud of

this award than any award that I have received for anything in the past because it is giving of myself to help others."

The winners were nominated by community-based organizations and received \$1,000 grants to donate to nonprofit organizations of their choice. Markey donated her grant to Annandale Christian Community for Action. Shahin gave his to the McLean Rotary Club Foundation. Palmore and Warren gifted their grant to the Women's Group of Mt. Vernon.

"We don't do the work that we do for recognition. We do it to help the victims."

— **Mattie Palmore, Mount Vernon**



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Responding to Natural Disasters

West Potomac High School students from Frances Coffey's Advanced Placement Human Geography class were treated to a visit from Cathi Hoefler and Steven Keating from the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency recently. Hoefler and Keating discussed the importance of using data to better predict and respond to natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina and the 2011 earthquake off the coast of Japan and tsunami. Students asked questions about how relief efforts are influenced by geography. The speakers also discussed how understanding cultural values and norms is important in military efforts worldwide.

Send announcements to the Mount Vernon Gazette, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Mount Vernon High School's DECA Chapter won an Honorable Mention Award at the 20th Annual GEICO Student Awards from the non-profit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP) last week. The GEICO Student Awards were presented by WRAP to Washington-metropolitan area high school student groups promoting alcohol and drug-free lifestyles to their peers. The awards were judged by a panel of area substance abuse prevention professionals including representatives from traffic safety organizations and prevention coalitions.

West Potomac Academy Professional Television Production and Dance students are collaborating to produce a film festival and dance performance, "Listen to Me," on Thursday, May 10, and Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the West Potomac High School Auditorium. The film festival and dance concert combined production is under the direction of Professional TV Production instructor Nancy Mantelli and Dance instructor Courtney Betzel. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Contact cjbetzel@fcps.edu, nemantelli@fcps.edu or the Academy office at 703-718-2750.

Seven Fairfax County students were cited for excellence in journalism at the Journalism Education Association (JEA) Write-Off Contest, held at the JEA-National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) spring convention in Seattle.

- Earning a Superior rating was:
- ❖ **Alexander Amico** of West Potomac High School for Broadcast Commentary.
- Earning Excellent ratings were:
- ❖ **Anna Peck** of West Potomac High School for Review Writing.
 - ❖ **Anna Jurkowski** of West Potomac High School for Copy-Caption: Sports Yearbook.
 - ❖ **Jack Wilson** of West Potomac High School for Photo Story.
- Earning Honorable Mentions were:
- ❖ **Samantha Cadd** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) for Newswriting.
 - ❖ **Ellen Kan** of TJHSST for Feature Writing.
 - ❖ **Lily Chaw** of TJHSST for Review Writing.

The **Mount Vernon Soccer Program** will hold the second-annual Alumni Soccer game on May 5 against West Potomac. There will be two games, one at 5:30 p.m. and the other at 7 p.m. Contact Robert Garza at Robert.garza@dc.gov and Gerard Schwenk at gshwenk@sams-inc.net to mark your place on this evening. Each game will have a roster of 15 so secure your place early. This will be a first come first serve so get your commitment emails back ASAP.

Eleanor Chesney Hellmuth and Ashton Elizabeth Hellmuth of Alexandria, have been listed on the Chancellor's Honor Roll for the fall 2011 semester at the University of Mississippi.

MVHS student Katie Junrakan, a student in German IB level 1, was selected to attend the Governor's German Academy this summer. Her acceptance into this program is very competitive, and both the students and the faculty at the Academy are outstanding. The

Academy will be a challenging and exciting opportunity for Katie to improve her German language skills. Katie will attend the Governor's German Academy for 3 weeks at Washington and Lee University in Lexington.

MVHS student John Victoria won the Gold Medal for the Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Alexandria Optimist Club on April 18. He will now move on to compete at the district level on April 29.

Sports Physical Night will be held on Wednesday, May 9 at 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School. Pre-registration cost is \$50. Price at the door will be \$60. To pre-register, visit www.mountvernonssports.org and click on Mount Vernon Spring Sports Physical Night. Contact Daniel Reynolds at 703-619-3323 or HYPERLINKmailto:Daniel.reynolds1@fcps.edu Daniel.reynolds1@fcps.edu.

Diana Leigh Goeller of Alexandria was named to the Dean's List at Washington University in St. Louis for the fall 2011 semester. Goeller is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Alexandria, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

Marlene Carol Kimmel of Alexandria was named to the President's List for superior academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester at Longwood University.

Longwood University has selected 672 students to the Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall 2011 semester. Among those who earned an academic average of 3.5 to 3.99 were:

- ❖ **Amelia Christine Hollingsworth** of Alexandria.

"The Perils of the College Drinking Culture" will be presented by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County, in collaboration with the Fairfax County Police Department Wednesday, May 16 from 7 to 9 p.m., at Mount Vernon High School. The event will feature a screening of the documentary, "Haze," followed by a question-and-answer session with a panel including representatives from the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's office, an emergency physician, representatives from the Fairfax County Police Department, the parent of a student who died following drinking at a college party, and a graduate student.

Kharis Schrage, of Alexandria, a student at West Potomac High School, has been selected to represent Virginia as a National Youth Delegate at the 2012 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

Schrage has been awarded opportunity to join a select group of 250 students from across the country to participate in an intensive study week-long of leadership in environmental science and conservation.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester.

❖ **Elliott T. Jernigan** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Gonzalo S. Mallea** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Kwabena B. Owusu-Boateng** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in bio

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The Carl Sandburg Science Olympiad Team.

Carl Sandburg Competes in Science Olympiad

The Carl Sandburg Science Olympiad Team ranked 12th out of 29 schools at the Virginia State Science Olympiad Tournament on Saturday, April 14, at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

CSMS Science Olympiad team has been training since October 2011. Each team member competed in three or four events at the State Tournament.

Several CSMS Science Olympiad Team members scored in the top 10 in their events:

- ❖ Sean Franklin - 3rd Place Disease Detective and 5th Place Road Scholar
- ❖ Will Shute - 3rd Place Disease Detective and 10th Place MouseTrap Vehicle
- ❖ Nate Foss - 5th Place Mission Possible; 9th Place Dynamic Planet; 10th Place Mystery Architecture
- ❖ Phoebe Otchere - 5th Place Mission Possible
- ❖ Nathan Alam - 5th Place Road Scholar; 7th Place

Anatomy

- ❖ Sam Dubke - 7th Place Anatomy; 10th Place MouseTrap Vehicle

- ❖ Nicole Freewalt - 8th Place Metric Mastery
- ❖ Jackson Kosmacki - 8th Place Metric Mastery
- ❖ Jessica Masterson - 9th Place Dynamic Planet
- ❖ Tyler Chui - 10th Place Mystery Architecture
- ❖ Olivia Ireland - 10th Place Rocks and Minerals
- ❖ Audrey Boling - 10th Place Rocks and Minerals.

2012 CSMS Science Olympiad Team:
Nathan Alam (7), Audrey Boling (8), Tyler Chui (7), Sam Dubke (7), Nate Foss (8), Sean Franklin (7), Nicole Freewalt (8), Olivia Ireland (8), Karl Keat (8), Jackson Kosmacki (8), Jessica Masterson (8), Revathi Mohan (8), Phoebe Otchere (8), Tucker Petersen (8), Alina Selnick (8), Will Shute (7), Andrew Yoder (8), Richard Yoder (8) and Billy Rice (7) alternate.

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Ringmaster Tom Mikulski and Mary Anne Hesch join the performers for pictures after the show.

St. Aidan's Kindergarten Circus

St. Aidan's held its annual kindergarten circus on April 20. Ringmaster Tom Mikulski introduced the performers before the show began under the big top.



Sam Cahill as the strong man.

Tightrope walkers took turns on the beam. They included: Megan Mailloux, Avalon Mikulski, Abigail Sanborn and Natalie Santangelo.



Students To Participate in 'Concept to Catwalk'

West Potomac Academy Fashion Design students will present "Runway Ready 2012: Concept to Catwalk," on Friday, May 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at West Potomac High School. All garments featured in the show are designed by graduating level two students.

Attendees can shop for items provided by local boutiques and vendors beginning at 5:30 p.m. on May 4. The event will be hosted by Freeworld; guest designers are Nam Nguyen, Uglee Collection, Kimchu Collection, and My Bougie Baby. The pink carpet will be managed by Fashion Empower-

ing Women, and music will be supplied by DJ Neekola.

The following sponsors and business partners have contributed to the event: Paul Mitchell the School Tysons; OnBoard Tours; Fashion Empowering Women; Look Good Do Good Movement; Shoot For Change; Fashionographer; My Bougie Baby; Freeworld; DJ Neekola; the Napoleon Complex Project; and Angie Goff of OhMyGoff.tv.

Tickets are available for sale in advance or at the door. For tickets, more information, or to become an exhibitor, call 703-718-2656 or 703-718-2750.

chemistry in the College of Science.
 ❖ **Michael L. Robertson** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Carlo A. Zuffi** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Alexander W. Cheng** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Kevin H. Corcoran** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Amanda M. Griffin** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Brian T. Linnell** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Richard Pastorino** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Alexander H. Simon** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Sasha A. Spriggs** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in environmental policy and planning in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Taylor G. Bostick** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Christopher C. Bahret** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Lindsey M. Baumann** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Kerriane R. Beyer** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in fine arts in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Julianne D. Bigler** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Andrew S. Blacker** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Molly A. Bowdring** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Reed H. Bryant** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Samantha L. Cooper** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in food science and technology in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Kelly K. Corridon** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Kelsey M. Dressing** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Alexander C. Gheesling** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Jennifer F. Hofmann** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Casey P. Jenkins** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Saskia R. Kroesen** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Tracy H. Laux** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in Spanish in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Eric M. Lofgren** of Alexandria is

a senior majoring in economics, science in the College of Science.

❖ **Corinne C. Mayer** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Kelly D. McFarland** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Janna C. Murphy** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Leo T. Naegele** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Kelley M. O'Leary** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Catherine B. Royka** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Nicholas D. Schaum** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Laina N. Schneider** of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in crop and soil environmental sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Emma P. Swaney** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

❖ **Meaghan K. Wilson** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Kelly E. Wood** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Blake H. Barrow** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Michael C. Fagan** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in economics in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Hunter J. Fairchild** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in economics in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Adam D. Frank** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Travis E. Frank** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in landscape architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Alan A. Gomez** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Andrew K. Hicks** of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Bridget A. Kodua** of Alexandria is a junior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Lauren E. Kurz** of Alexandria is a senior majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

The MVHS Science Department is proud of the 17 students who competed at the Regional Science Fair (March 16-18) at Robinson Secondary School. For the first time, all Mount Vernon students who competed at the Regional Science Fair either placed or won Corporate/Professional Organizational Awards.

Emily Whitworth, Kaitlyn Schneider and Izabelle Guzman won 1st place in their categories and have the opportunity to compete at the State Science Fair. Emily Whitworth was also a Grand Prize Nominee in Chemistry for her experiment, The Effect of Bayer Aspirin Titration on ASA Amount. This will automatically qualify Emily for participation in both the State Science Fair and the International Science Fair.

Hauptle Leads Wolverines To Victory on Senior Night

West Potomac girls' lacrosse defeats South County in overtime.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Emily Hauptle's final regular season game as a member of the West Potomac girls' lacrosse team began with an invite to the prom. It ended with the senior scoring a pair of overtime goals to beat South County.

Facing the Stallions on senior night, Hauptle scored three goals, including one in each three-minute overtime period to help the Wolverines to a 10-8 victory on April 30 at West Potomac High School. The victory helped the Wolverines' chances of securing a top-four seed in the Patriot District tournament and a first-round home game.

Last season, West Potomac defeated South County on the Stallions' senior night. With the Wolverines facing the pressure of not allowing South County to return the favor, the mood quickly lightened as head coach Lori Cochran's stepson, Richard, a sophomore at West Potomac, asked Hauptle to the prom by writing the request on the ball brought out for the opening draw (she said yes). Hauptle concluded the eventful evening with the game-winning goals.

"I was freaking out in the beginning. I really wanted to win," said Hauptle, who will play Division I lacrosse at Marquette. "We beat them last year on their senior night and I couldn't imagine letting [it happen to us]. ... The girls set me up [in overtime] and

I was just there to finish the shot. Any of our girls could have done it. It just happened to be me and I was lucky to be that person."

Fellow senior and team captain Livvy Mickevicius also scored three goals. After South County regained the lead with less than 10 minutes remaining in the second half, Mickevicius scored a pair of goals to give the Wolverines a 7-6 advantage. Mickevicius assisted a goal to Karley Zdebski to give West Potomac an 8-6 lead, but South County scored twice in the final 3-plus minutes to force overtime.

"I've never played an overtime game in lacrosse before, so that was awesome," said Mickevicius, who will play at Grand Valley State. "... [The win] shows that we've worked really hard this season and that anything is possible."

Zdebski scored two goals and seniors Annmarie Wood and Liz Quin each scored one.

West Potomac seniors Hauptle, Mickevicius, Wood, Quin, captain Jessie Dartoozos and Jenna Van Dyck each played in their final regular season home game.

"The seniors," coach Lori Cochran said, "really shined."

After starting the season 6-0, West Potomac suffered a three-game losing streak against Woodson, Lake Braddock and West Springfield. However, the Wolverines bounced back with a win against the Stallions and would clinch a first-round home game with a win over T.C. Williams in the regular season finale on May 2. Results of the game were not available prior to the Gazette's deadline. The Patriot District tournament begins Friday, May 4.

"This [win against South County] is what we needed [against] West Springfield and Lake Braddock," Hauptle said, "and now I know on Friday we can definitely win."



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

West Potomac senior Emily Hauptle scored three goals to help defeat South County — and secured a prom date — during the Wolverines' senior night on April 30.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mount Vernon Football Gives Back to Community

Members of the Mount Vernon Majors football team had a busy day last Saturday, April 21, participating in two community service activities. The team started its day at 7:30 a.m. at the high school delivering mulch with Mount Vernon parents to raise money for the All Night Grad Party. At 9:30 a.m., the team traveled to Sherwood Hall Library to assist in a beautification project with Barbara Sullivan, executive director of Mt. Vernon At Home. At noon, the team returned to MVHS to help with the remainder of the mulch sale.

Mount Vernon Boys' Soccer Suffers First Loss

The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team defeated defending National District champion Washington-Lee 3-2 on April 26, but four days later the Majors suffered their first loss of the season, falling 4-3 in overtime

against Chantilly on April 30.

Mount Vernon (7-1-2) will travel to face Hayfield on Thursday, May 3.

WP Baseball, Softball To Face Tough Matchups

The West Potomac baseball and softball teams will face tough matchups against Lake Braddock and South County as each approaches the conclusion of the regular season.

The baseball and softball teams will travel to face South County on Friday, May 4 and host Lake Braddock on May 8 before concluding the regular season at Lee on May 10.

The baseball team lost 12-2 to South County on April 11 and 10-2 to Lake Braddock on April 13. West Potomac is 9-8, including 5-6 in the Patriot District.

The softball team lost 6-0 to South County on April 11 and 3-0 to Lake Braddock on April 13. The Wolverines are 13-4, including 8-3 in the district, and will likely enter the district tournament as the No. 3 seed.



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Members of the Mount Vernon Majors football team with Barbara Sullivan, executive director of Mount Vernon At Home.

Route 1 Basketball Tournament

The Route 1 Memorial Day Classic basketball tournament will take place May 25 and 27 at West Potomac, Mount Vernon, Bryant and Gum Springs Community Cen-

ter. The tournament entry fee is \$300. Awards will be given to first- and second-place teams, and for 3-point and free-throw contest winners. For tournament information, call 1-866-360-7463 or call Gavin Palmore at 202-486-7344. One can also visit www.gsshooterz.org or www.dominatetheglass.org.

WELLBEING

Safety Net Clinics Seek Doctors

Specialty care physicians and other medical professionals needed to serve low income, uninsured patients.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

When Marie Markey of Alexandria retired from U.S. Air Force as a physical therapist, she rolled up her sleeves and went to work helping those in need. Markey works as a volunteer twice each week at the Arlington Free Clinic, offering physical therapy to the clinic's low income and uninsured patients.

"The clinic fills a huge gap," said Markey. "We have people who walk in who don't have access to medical care for basic illnesses like high blood pressure and diabetes."

Markey is motivated by a sense of responsibility to give back to the community. "If everyone did their part, the world would be better place," she said. "I had a patient once who was a construction worker. He'd had back surgery and needed physical therapy to recover fully. He didn't have insurance and couldn't afford to pay for therapy. If he hadn't received free therapeutic services to help him recover, he would have lost his job."



NOVA SPECIALTY ACCESS, a project of the Northern Virginia Health Services Coalition is looking for more volunteers like Markey to provide medical services to low-income, uninsured patients from local "safety-net" clinics. The project matches patients with local medical specialists who volunteer their services.

The coalition has reserved several days in May and June for medical professionals, such as specialty care doctors, nurses, and nurse practitioners, to volunteer at Head to Toe Specialty Clinics. The clinics will give patients enrolled at area safety-net clinics an opportunity to receive specialty health care services, including diabetic eye screening, foot care, diabetic nutrition counseling and audiology testing.

"The event is ... an important initiative where community members have the opportunity to get the

Volunteers Needed

"Head to Toe" Specialty Clinic for low income, uninsured patients.

❖ Saturday, May 19 : Loudoun Free Clinic, 224-B Cornwall St, Leesburg

❖ Saturday, June 2: Community Health Care Network, Bailey's Crossroads — 6196 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church

❖ Saturday, June 30: Prince William Area Free Clinic, St. Margaret's Clinic, (also for patients of the Family Health Connection) 13900 Church Hill Drive, Woodbridge

Two volunteer shifts: 8:30 a.m. - noon and 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed to fill the following slots:

- ❖ Registration Volunteers
- ❖ Translators
- ❖ Audiologists
- ❖ Nursing Volunteers
- ❖ Podiatrists
- ❖ Ophthalmologist/Optometrists

Volunteers must be 16 years or older. For medical professional roles, volunteers will need a valid Virginia license. On-site orientation provided. To volunteer, email manager@novaspecialtyaccess.org or call 571- 235-3577

Alexandria resident Marie Markey volunteers her time to low-income, uninsured patients at the Arlington Free Clinic. Local safety-net clinics are looking for volunteers, particularly specialty care doctors and nurses.

health screenings they need," said Sterling resident Karen Rudat, nurse manager for Fairfax Community Health Care Network.

Project officials say their most urgent shortage is of physicians: "Our greatest volunteer needs are for audiologists, podiatrists and ophthalmologists," said Ulrich. "If there are other specialists that come forward, we would add other services as well. The program is ongoing and we're hoping to generate interest even if it is not on these specific dates."

Health care professionals must hold a Virginia license and volunteer in an area that is consistent with their licensure.

VOLUNTEERS ARE CRITICAL to the mission of the clinics.

"We work with a fantastic group of volunteer physicians, mostly specialists. We are so grateful for their generosity as they give their time and talent to increase the quality and access to care," said Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director, Community Health Care Network of Fairfax County and Molina Healthcare "Without them, I don't know how some of our most vulnerable patients would be able to get the specialty care they need when they need it the most."

Services and availability vary from clinic to clinic. To be eligible for service at the safety-net clinics, patients must be adults who have a household income of 200 percent or less than the federal poverty level and no health insurance. Ulrich suggested that those interested in the services visit <http://novaclinics.org> to find a clinic that is right for them.

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- June 16-17: **Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival**
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ASSAULT

Lockheed Blvd./ Richmond Highway, April 25, 11:20 p.m. A Connector bus driver reported an intoxicated man threw beer on him as the suspect departed the bus. The suspect was not located.

BURGLARY

8300 block of East Boulevard Drive, April 12, 2 p.m. A UPS driver alerted police to an open door. An investigation revealed that someone broke into the home through the front door and stole jewelry.
9500 block of Lynnhall Place, April 3 between 8 a.m.-6 p.m. The victim reported that checks were stolen and cashed. She was notified on April 6 by the bank that her account was overdrawn.
8700 block of Richmond Highway, April 19, 7:20 a.m. Officers responded for several businesses which were broken into. It is unclear what was taken and there was damage to all the businesses.
4800 block of Old Mill Road, April 21, 9 p.m. The victim reported someone entered her home and stole cash from her purse. Entry was possibly made through a rear unlocked door.

ROBBERY

7200 block of Richmond Highway, April 7, 2:45 a.m. The victim reported being robbed by a single suspect. The suspect approached from behind, implied a weapon and took a cell phone and cash.
2200 block of Farrington Ave., April 9, 10:40 p.m. The victim reported two men approached her, struck her, stole her purse and fled. She was treated for minor injuries.

ASSAULT/ ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

3600 block of Buckman Road, April 12, 12:45 a.m. Three men approached the 29-year-old victim and attempted to go through his pockets. He fought the suspects off and was able to flee. Nothing was taken and the victim was transported to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

ANIMAL BITE/ RUNNING AT LARGE

5800 block of North Kings Highway, April 18, 12:20 p.m. A U.S. mail carrier was delivering mail when a Labrador Retriever ran at the carrier and bit him in the stomach. The dog owner, a 55-year-old male of Alexandria, was charged with no dog license. The Labrador was routinely quarantined.

LARCENIES

8500 block of Conover Place. Purse from vehicle.
8400 block of Eureka Court. Electronic tablet/iPad from vehicle.
2300 block of Huntington Ave. Sodas from business.
2800 block of Joseph Makell Court. Muffler from vehicle.
6200 block of North Kings Highway. Liquor from business.
7400 block of Northrop Road. Two bicycles from residence.
2500 block of Parkers Lane. Wallet from residence.
6600 block of Richmond Highway. Cash from business.
7900 block of Richmond Highway. BB gun from business.
5800 block of Saint Gregorys Lane. License plate from vehicle.
3100 block of Sherwood Hall Lane. Bicycle from business.
8500 block of Towne Manor Court. Ladder from vehicle.
2800 block of Bass Court. Jewelry from residence.
Buckman Road/ Groomsbridge Way. License plates from vehicle.
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace. Watch from residence.
2200 block of Huntington Ave. Wallet from business.
8200 block of Jake Place. Magnetic strips from vehicle.
8000 block of Janna Lee Ave. Satellite dish from residence.

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