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

Is Richmond Highway Improving?

By Michael Lee Pope

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 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 survey 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.”

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.

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 Ace Chavez, Abria Garris, Jasmine Cruz, Johnnie Martinez, Jessica Requeno, Jacklyn Benavides and Sara Sorto.

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

William Vipraio appears as the reporter from the Woodlawn Post.

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

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

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Face of America ride honors disabled veterans.

By Jeanne Theissmann
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 Joethy Rosenberg, an amputee rider and cancer survivor. “Joethy 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 includes 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 give our thanks to our veterans for putting their lives on the line for us.”

Mount Vernon Community School Daisy Scouts Lauren Southerland, Abigail 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.

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,” said Alexandria resident 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.

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Eat, Tour and Buy Local

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 Gatsbyesque 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 notable 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.

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 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 in-vite the public to join in renaming ceremo-

nies 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 cele-
brate 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 contrib-
utions 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 Mas-
ter 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 Citi-
zens 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 facili-
ties and locations. These include the Laurel Hill prop-
erty, Old Colchester Park and Preserve, the establish-
ment of the Grist Mill Dog Park, renovations at Mount Vernon REC Center 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 REC Center located at 2017 Belle View Blvd. in Alex-

andria. 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 sur-
rounding community. Members, guests and local poli-
ticians 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. mili-
tary 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 com-

munity.

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 ma-
rina. 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, ac-
cording to Past Commodore Bonnie Breneman, who will act as Master of Ceremonies. Current Commo-
dore Ron Reinsel will also preside over the 235-fam-
ily member club’s annual event. Owners of sail boats and power boats will decorate their vessels to com-
pe for the “best dressed” title prizes.

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the Route 1 corridor has been painfully sluggish, especially com-
pared to redevelopment efforts in Tysons Corner, Merrifield, Spring-
field and Bailey’s Crossroads.

“Considering the amount of time we’ve been talking about redevelop-
ment 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
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Kahan Dhillon

A NUMBER OF PROJECTS are currently under-
way along Richmond Highway, and the corridor
is in the midst of a dramatic trans-
formation. But the contours of that transforma-
tion are still in flux, and many of the key decisions
have yet to be made. One of the most
costentious is at North Hill, a
vacant 33-acre parcel on the east
side of Richmond Highway near
the intersection of Lockheed Bou-
levard. Plans to create a 67-unit manufactured home development
there have long been delayed, and
Fairfax County is currently consid-
ering an unsolicited proposal from
developer AMP Virginia to scrap
the trailer park in favor of a 204-
unit multifamily apartment com-
plex.

“That would open up a can of
worms,” said Planning Commiss-
ioner Earl Flanagan. “There are
a lot of people who want this to
be a park, and giving serious con-
sideration to this proposal would
start advocating to preserve the
entire site as a park again.”

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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
Dungoogler Island on Tuesday, May
8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The meet-
ing 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 at-
tend.

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 resto-
ration 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 Planning, Environment and Public
Comment website at: http://parkplanning.nps.gov/gwmp.

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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).

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 County 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 receiving 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief (3-minute) fireworks display will take place as part of private events at George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens on the following dates:
Friday, May 4, between 9:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m.
Saturday, May 5, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
Sunday May 6, between 8:15 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

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Reminders to Press Ahead for Housing

Spring discussion on hypothermia shelters could help preparations for winter.

I n 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, staffing 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

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 DAVER accepted for the staff.

EDITORIAL

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 an 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 FCPO 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 FCPO 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. Calosi by a member of the FCPO 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 shootings deaths of unarmed citizens and a case of negligence by a member of the department. In the entire history of the FCPO 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 issues 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.

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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.

Nicholas R. Beltrante
Executive Director
Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability

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.

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 at 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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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.

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

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.

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. The current owners started with smoking sludge on the walls, dangerous wiring, wavy staircases, dead-bolted makeshift doors and wallpaper over window screens.
❖ 306 East Hume – The current owner purchased at the Wine Festival can be transported by wine valets to 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.

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**Entertainment**

**May 3 to 5**

*Spring Book and Media Sale.* Sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library. Book prices $1.00 to $5.00; media $0.50 to $3.00. Dates are May 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; May 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and May 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or duncanlibraryinfo@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 School Community Day School will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. At 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Call 703-960-3431.

**Thursday/May 3**


**Friday/May 4**

*Volunteer for Community Service Day.* Event combines Community Service Day, Fundraiser and Luncheon. Tickets are needed to help in community service projects throughout Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event information: springforalexandria2012.kintera.org. See Entertainment, Page 18.

**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 703-790-4699.

*Midnight Yoga.* 9-10 p.m. Midnight Yoga Xi 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 drop for fluid asana sequences set to magic 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 jckombs@alexandria.lib.va.us.


*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, fragrance, nuts, butterfly and scented gardening. The gardens are located between the YMCA and Eugene Sullivan baseball stadium. Park in the YMCA lot. Visit www.mgna.org.

*Bowties & Belles, a Kentucky Derby Party.* 4 to 7:30 p.m. (Television racing 6:15 p.m.) Tickets are $100/paarons; $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 Alexandria. Visit www.Ticketmaster.com.

**Sunday/May 6**

*Prenatal Yoga and Dance for Conscious Birthing.* 12-1 p.m. Enhance your comfort, enjoyment, and relaxation during all prenatal trimesters! Develop greater vitality and awareness of your body that is home for baby, 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 per 2/2 or $40 thereafter. At 532Yoga, 532 N. Washington St., Alexandria. Email suzanne@532Yoga.com, www.532Yoga.com.

*Art at Home.* Noon to 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (Two sessions). Tickets are $15. New Interior Design Interactive Lecture Series introduced at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Interior designer Michelle Mitchell will show how to layer design elements with furnishings and the visual arts to create an environment unique to every homeowner. At Studio 265, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org, www.torpedofactory.org; or call 703-834-4565. See Entertainment, Page 18.
PURCELL: Funeral Music of Queen Mary

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Sunday in the Woods Concert.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

Mother’s Day Tea at Style 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, Cheese Cake with Strawberries and Powdered Shortbread Tea Cookies all while sipping special blend High Tea from Tea & Spice Exchange of Alexandria. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Contact Carlyle House Hotel at 703-549-2977 or e-mail: carlyle@torpeda.org

Black Star Orchestra.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is $10. With The Thrillbilities. 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.
Fine Arts

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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 3 TO MAY 28

Christopher Nitsche (GA), Seamus Lian 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.

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Liberty’s Disgrace
To the Editor:
As Governor of Massachusetts, Romney signed same-sex marriage
into law, though it will be instruc-
tive to note that he was under ab-
solutely no obligation to do so.

When asked earlier this year at the
South Carolina Debate [Fox
News] whether or not, as Presi-
dent, 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 abor-
tions, (2) the enslavement and
subjugation of ordinary citizens,
and (3) the destruction of our religious
freedom, and an emerging
ocracy of secular humanism.

Outside of Obama himself, I can-
not think of a more ruthless po-
litical figure to have ever held ex-
ecutive 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 under-
stand 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 Represen-
tative Diane Galvin, for searching
and finding my host family; also
a big ‘thank you’ goes to West
Potomac High School; my coun-
elor Ms Levine and to my teachers
Mrs Chance, Mr. Jones and Ms
Fansten, 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 Photogra-
phy 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 stu-
dent 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
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.

Volunteers Honored for Efforts

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

By Marilyn Campbell
The Gazette

Our 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.

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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 reliant we are influenced by geography. The speakers also discussed how understanding cultural values and norms is important in military efforts worldwide.

The Carl Sandburg Science Olympiad Team.

Carl Sandburg Competes in Science Olympiad


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.

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 Feature Writing.

❖ 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 9 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 Schwilm at guwhom@rams-inc.net to reserve a box and mark your place on this evening. Each game will have a morsel of 15 to secure your place early. First serve so get your commitment emails back ASAP.

Eleanor Chesney Hellmuth and Ashton Elizabeth Hellmuth of Alexandria, have been selected on the Chancellor’s Honor Roll for the Fall 2012 semester at the University of Mississippi.

MVHS student Katie Victoria won the Gold Medal for the Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Alexandria Optimist Club on April 18. She will now move on to compete at the district level on April 22.

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.mountvernonspors.org and click Sports Physical Night. Contact Daniel Reynolds at 703-619-3323 or HYPERLINK mailto:Daniel.reynolds1@fcps.edu Daniel.reynolds1@fcps.edu.

Diana Leigh Geoller of Alexandria was named to the Dean’s List at Washington University in St. Louis for the fall 2011 semester. Geoller 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 United 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 a week-long leadership development program, focusing on issues in environmental science and conservation.

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

❖ Antonio C. Bell of Alexandria is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ Gonzalo S. Mallo of Alexandria is a sophomore majoring in engineering at the College of Engineering.

❖ Kavisha R. Omou-Boateng of Alexandria is a senior majoring in bio

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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 Freesworld; guest designers are Nam Nguyen, Ugglee Collection, Kimchu Collection, and My Bougie Baby. The pink carpet will be managed by Fashion Empowerwomen, and music will be supplied by DJ Neekula.

The following sponsors and business partners have contributed to the event: Paul Mitchell the School Tysons; OnBoard Tours; Fashion Empowerwomen; Look Good Do Good Movement; Shoot For Change; Fashionographer; My Bougie Baby; Freeworld; DJ Neekula; 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 703-718-2556 or 703-718-2750.

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.

School Notes

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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 sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.
❖ Brian T. Linnell of Alexandria is a freshman 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.
❖ Sasa A. Spregg 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.
❖ Kerrianne 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. Bowdridge 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 senior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.
❖ 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 freshman majoring in construction in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.
❖ Sascha R. Kroesen of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in computer science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.
❖ Tracey H. Lux 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. Maye 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. Naegel 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 senior majoring in business in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.
❖ Nicholas D. Schaum of Alexandria is a senior majoring in biological sciences 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.
❖ Emma P. Swaney of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.
❖ Blake H. Barrow of Alexandria is a freshman majoring in economics in the Pamplin College of Business.
❖ Hunter J. Fairchild of Alexandria is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.
❖ Michael C. Fagan of Alexandria is a senior 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 F. 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 general engineering in the College of Engineering.
❖ Bridget A. Kodua of Alexandria is a junior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering.
❖ Brett A. Krog of Alexandria is a senior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.
❖ Lauren E. Kurz of Alexandria is a senior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

The MVHS Science Department is proud of the 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 Organizations Awards.
❖ Emily Whitworth, Kaitlyn Schneider and Isabelle Guzman won first 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.
Mount Vernon 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 Center. 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.

Mount Vernon Majors
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.

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.

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 defeat 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.

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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 a 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 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 Needed

“Head to Toe” Specialty Clinic for low income, uninsured patients.
❖ Saturday, May 18: 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.

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