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Happy Thanksgiving! Mount Vernon, Lee, and Alexandria

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IMVH Unveils State-of-the-Art Emergency Dept.

By STEVE HUNT

Staff Writer

Every year, about 40,000 people come to the emergency department at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital for medical services.

That amounts to roughly 3,300 a month, 769 a week and 109 every day.

And as of 3 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, those arriving at the IMVH ED seeking assistance, in some cases life-threatening, will be being treated at the newest emergency department in Fairfax County.

Tuesday evening, IMVH held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veatch Family Emergency Department, a state-of-the-art facility featuring 35 all-private treatment rooms, new "fast track" rooms to treat less serious injuries, improved ambulance access, new cardiac emergency rooms and a specialized pediatric treatment area among its many amenities.

The Inova Foundation noted that support from generous neighbors, in particular Wayneswood resident Jeff Veatch, was key to the major upgrade of the emergency department.

Veatch, a local entrepreneur, committed a \$2 million lead matching gift to help meet



Staff photo/Steve Hunt

Lead donor of the Veatch Family Emergency Department at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, Jeff Veatch, cuts the ribbon for the new ED Tuesday, Nov. 15, just hours before it opened at 3 a.m. on Nov. 16. With Veatch, are, from left, Del. Paul Krizek (D-44th), state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36th), Mt. Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck, IMVH CEO Deborah Addo, Courtney Elliott, RN, nurse manager of the emergency department, Everett Embrey, MD, chair of emergency services (partially obscured), Ty Veatch, Sydney Veatch, Amiya Veatch, and Inova president and COO Mark Stauder.

the total \$4 million needed to complete project.

IMVH CEO Deborah Addo noted that the ED completion occurred on the 40th anniversary of the hospital and commented, "I like to think it gets a little better every year."

Addo noted that while there may not be that many local residents who require to be admitted to IMVH, there are tens of thousands who use the emergency department every year.

"We are here for the entire community," Addo said.

In addition to Veatch, Addo recognized Mark and Brenda Moore who earlier had committed \$2 million to the new patient tower at the hospital and "who lit the spark for so many others," including Veatch.

Dr. Everett Embrey, chair of emergency services at IMVH, pointed out that even before the new ED opened, IMVH's ED had received a 97 percent patient satisfaction rate — among the highest in the country.

He described the hospital's ED as "truly the safety net of the community" and assured attendees that when they toured it following the ribbon-cutting

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Chamber Honors First Responders

By MARY PADEN

Contributing Writer

Fairfax County police, firefighters, and other first responders from Mount Vernon and Lee districts, as well as Fort Belvoir, were honored at an awards banquet sponsored by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Friday at the Hilton Springfield Hotel.

Twenty-one awards were presented by guest emcee Jonathan Elias of ABC7 / WJLA-TV who kept up a humorous banter throughout the ceremony. Entertainment was provided by CAMMO, a band of members with military connections. The awards were presented by the various station commanders and by Lee Supervisor Jeff McKay of Lee District and Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck.

A few of the award descriptions gave glimpses into the work of meritorious policing and firefighting. One officer was rewarded for handling a domestic violence situation according to methods encouraged under new crisis intervention training.

Police Officer of the Year at the Franconia station, Police Officer First Class Daniel A.

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Photo/Mary Paden

**FCFRD Officer of the Year
Capt. Leroy "Sam" Butler**



Staff photo/Steve Hunt

The Mount Vernon home where a man allegedly set a woman on fire.

Police Say Man Ignited Woman

Fairfax County police are searching for Engleside area man Lewis Edward Reeder who is accused of setting a woman on fire early Saturday morning.

Detectives have obtained a warrant for Reeder's arrest and are seeking the public's help in locating him following the incident which occurred about 1:40 a.m.

Police and fire units responded to a home in the 4900 block of Keeler Street for the report of a house fire and a disorderly man, police reported.



FCPD photo

Lewis Edward Reeder

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COMMUNITY LIFE



Courtesy photos

Area Centenarians Celebrate at The Fairfax

The Fairfax retirement community recently hosted a celebration for local residents in the Northern Virginia Region who are turning 100-years-old or older. There was lunch, a ceremony and a speaker, the founder of the National Centenarians Awareness Project, Lynn Peters Adler. Above, from left, at the luncheon: Kay St. John who is 101 with Clive Watson who is 102; Vera Punke who is 101 and Ray Renola who is 100; and Colonel Scudder and his sons. Scudder celebrated his 101st birthday at the party.

Pets of the Week



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Fuzz

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Zeus

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Don't Miss Scottish Walk Weekend on Dec. 2 and 3

The Campagna Center will hold its 46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, featuring the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade through the streets of Old Town Saturday morning.

The weekend's activities begin at 9 a.m. Friday with the opening of the Heather & Greens Day sales at The Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Hours of the sales on both Friday and Saturday are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The sales provide the opportunity for shoppers to purchase a variety of wreaths, garlands and fresh heather bundles to add festive flair to any home during the holiday season.

The "Taste of Scotland" will be held Friday evening at a new location this year, The Atrium Building at 277 South Washington St. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a patron hour. General admission runs from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

The festive event features a Scotch tasting menu including a variety of Scotches direct from Scotland distilleries, Scottish ale sampling, beer, wine and food. The Patrons Hour features rare, top-shelf Scotch and passed hors d'oeuvres.

Individual general admission tickets are \$110/person, individual patron hour tickets are \$180/person or \$290/couple.

In addition, a Scotch seminar will be held at 8:30 p.m. for an additional upgrade charge of \$20/general admission or \$10 patron admission.



File photo

Santa greets the crowds at last year's Scottish Walk Parade.

For many Alexandria residents the highlight of the weekend is the Scottish Christmas Walk Parade featuring marching units filled with the magnificent tartans of dozens of Scottish Clans, the stirring sound of Scottish bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, elected officials and dignitaries, classic cars, and, of course, Santa Claus himself.

The parade, which is held rain or shine, starts at the corner of St. Asaph and Wolfe streets, traveling north across King Street, and winds through Queen and Fairfax streets, concluding at Market Square in front of Alexandria's City Hall. The parade is immediately followed by a massed band concert of bagpipers.

Also on Saturday is the holiday

home tour providing the rare opportunity to stroll through some of Old Town's most splendid homes all decked out for the holidays by acclaimed interior designers and local florists.

The home tour run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homes on this year's tour are located at 314 S. Saint Asaph St., 407 Duke St., 300 S. Lee St., 208 N. Royal St., 205 S. Fairfax St., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St., and Historic Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. Tickets are \$35.

Proceeds from all events benefit The Campagna Center's core programs that assist children and families from cradle to career by providing high quality early learning experiences, preschool programs, enrichment learning and guidance through high school, as well as English lan-

guage learning for adults.

For 70 years The Campagna Center has been helping children, teens and adults in Alexandria reach their potential.

The Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend Parade is the largest fundraising activity for The Campagna Center as is coordinated and planned by the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center, which since 1970 has

provided critical fundraising and volunteer support to the center.

The Mount Vernon Voice is proud to be a media partner of the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend.

For event tickets or more information about The Campagna Center and the Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend go to www.campagnacenter.org.

— Steve Hunt

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary Presents:

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New ED Now Open at IMVH

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ceremony, "you guys won't be disappointed."

Then it was time to introduce "the man of the hour" Jeff Veatch.

Veatch acknowledged that Moore inspired him to get involved and that when he realized the need for a new ED at IMVH, "I was blessed to be able to give back to the community.

"That was a no-brainer for me," said Veatch, who added that he recently underwent surgery there which cured him of a potentially life-threatening condition.

Addo, while grateful for the support of Veatch, Moore and many others in community who supported the project including members of the IMVH Auxiliary, Commonwealth Emergency

Physicians, Thomas DePasquale and Rafik Djida, Ray and Shaishta Mahmood, Matt and LeeAnn Murrell, Edwin A. Sheridan IV, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Veatch, the IMVH medical staff, Brian and Lisa Karlisch and Asif and Sunna Mahmood, noted that Inova Health System itself also made a significant investment in the hospital upgrades.

Addo praised Inova for its "unwavering support" of IMVH, pointing out that the health system has contributed \$80 million for renovations and improvements to the hospital.

Inova president and COO Mark Stauder remarked that today is "a day of thanksgiving for everything that we have been able to accomplish together."

He pointed out that IMVH already has the best rehab program in the mid-Atlantic and the world-class facility could not have been accomplished without the partnership with the community.

However, he noted that there is nothing more important at IMVH than its emergency department.

"It's the most critical resource we can offer and that the community needs," said Stauder, adding that he planned on being there at 3 a.m.

"I want to see the first patient served," he said.

As for Addo, she couldn't help but plug the "\$2 million club" and assured others there and in the community that they are ready, willing and able to accept anyone who wants to sign up anytime.

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CRIME LOG

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Station of the Fairfax County Police Department for the period Nov. 18 – 14.

COMMERCIAL ROBBERY

*North Kings Highway (New China Taste) — 5910 — Nov. 14, 1:25 p.m. A man entered the restaurant, displayed a handgun and demanded money from an employee. The suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash; the victim was not injured. The suspect was described as black, in his 30s, about 6 feet tall and approximately 200 pounds. He was wearing a black jacket, black pants and a black mask.

BURGLARY

*Pantano Place 8000 block — Nov. 16 between 9 a.m. and 3:29 p.m. Entry was forced into a home and electronics were reported missing from inside.

LARCENIES

*7900 block of Audubon Avenue, clothing from business
 *2100 block of Forest Hill Road, purse from vehicle
 *3600 block of Drews Court, cell phone from vehicle
 *6600 block of Richmond Highway,

cell phone from business
 *6300 block of South Kings Highway, clothing from business
 *2300 block of Huntington Avenue, merchandise from business
 *2500 block of Parkers Lane, wallet from residence
 *6700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
 *7800 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business
 *1600 block of Belle View Boulevard, merchandise from business
 *2300 block of Huntington Avenue, beer from business
 *6100 block of North Kings Highway, merchandise from business
 *7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
 *7900 block of Richmond Highway, credit card from residence
 *8600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
 *8200 block of Russell Road, merchandise from business

The following incidents were reported by the Franconia District Station of the FCPD.

ARMED ROBBERY

*Franconia Commons Drive 6300 block — Nov. 14, 8:55 p.m. A food delivery driver arrived at the home with an online order. The homeowner told the driver they had not placed an order, so the driver left and continued on with other deliveries. At some point, a man flagged the driver down and told him the online order was his. As the driver approached, the man displayed a handgun. The driver dropped the food and fled back to his car. The suspect picked up the bag of food and fled on foot. There were no injuries. The suspect was described as black, He was approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a slim build. He was wearing black pants and a black, "beanie style" hat.

ROBBERY WITH ARREST

Lorton Station Blvd./Harrover Place — Nov. 12, 8:12 p.m. A 34-year-old man was shopping at a local business and saw two men outside asking people for money. The man walked out of the business and a short time later, both of the other men approached him threatened him with a knife and demanded money. The suspects eventually fled with the victim's cell phone, after striking him in the head with the handle of the knife. The victim did not require medical attention. He was able to watch the suspects get on a Fairfax Connector bus. He called 911 and provided the bus number and a description of the suspects. Officers located and stopped the bus a short distance away. The suspects were located on the bus. They were positively identified and arrested.

Christian Dias, 18 and Darien Hicks, 24, both of Lorton, were charged with robbery and malicious wounding. Dias

was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and Hicks was charged with illegal possession of narcotics.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

*Telegraph Road. BP Gas Station 5700 block — Nov. 11, 6:37 a.m. An employee came to open the business and noticed damage to the cash register. Apparently no cash was kept in the register overnight, cigarettes were stolen.

LARCENIES

*6500 block of Frontier Drive, cell phones from business
 *5800 block of Kingstowne Boulevard, merchandise from business
 *8500 block of Cinder Bed Road, property from residence
 *5900 block of Wood Field Estates Drive, property from residence
 *5900 block of Kingstowne Towne Center, shoes from business
 *7800 block of Lewis Chapel Circle, cash from residence
 *7800 block of Lorton Road, computer from business
 *6400 block of Springfield Towne Center, cash from business
 *8400 block of Frye Road, beer from business
 *7400 block of Mount Vernon Square Center, cash from business
 *2500 block of Parkers Lane, license plate from vehicle
 *8000 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business
 *8600 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business
 *6000 block of Crown Royal Circle, property from vehicle
 *7700 block of Gunston Plaza, merchandise from business
 *6600 block of Springfield Towne Center, merchandise from business
 *5500 block of Vincent Gate Terrace, cell phones from business
 *5700 block of Backlick Road, license plate from vehicle
 *6700 block of Bland Street, cell phone from business
 *6100 block of Franconia Road, credit card from business
 *6100 block of Franconia Road, jewelry from business
 *9800 block of Hagel Circle, license plates from vehicle
 *5900 block of Kingstowne Towne Center, liquor from business
 *7600 block of Marin Woods Court, license plate from vehicle
 *6600 block of Springfield Towne Center, headphones from business
 *6600 block of Springfield Towne Center, wallet from business
 *3300 block of Tennessee Drive, medication from residence

STOLEN VEHICLES

*9800 block of Richmond Highway, 2006 Ford F350
 *7700 block of Gunston Plaza, 2001 Honda CVR

LEGISLATOR REPORT

Indigenous Peoples Day

By Del. PAUL KRIZEK
 (D-44th)

Last year, I proposed legislation that designated the day before Thanksgiving as Indigenous People's Day. The day before Thanksgiving is the day when the Pamunkey and Mattaponi tribes present a deer and turkey to the Virginia governor as part of a 338 year tradition as their tax tribute.

The Mattaponi and Pamunkey have reservations based in colonial-era treaties ratified by the colony in 1658 and their treaties included providing this tribute to the Crown, now replaced by the Commonwealth. The tribute will be ceremoniously handed over to the Governor at 10 a.m.

Working together with local tribal leaders to find a day in the calendar that would recognize our Virginia tribes and their historic and current contribution to our Commonwealth, the day before Thanksgiving was the day that they decided upon as the best day to be recognized as Virginia's Indigenous People's Day. The General Assembly unanimously voted to pass the legislation as a joint resolution and this year is the first year Indigenous People's Day will be commended in Virginia.

I decided to sponsor the legislation because Native Americans are too often marginalized through a lack of access to education, and the problem is compounded with a lack of recognition for the issues confronting Native Americans both on the federal and state levels. There is an overall misinformation and confusion about the eleven state recognized tribes in Virginia

who deserve to have their history and culture acknowledged and appreciated:

- Chickahominy -
- Charles City County
- Eastern Chickahominy -
- New Kent County
- Mattaponi - Mattaponi River/
- King William County
- Upper Mataponi -
- King William County
- Nansemond - Cities of Suffolk
- and Chesapeake
- Rappahannock - Indian Neck/
- King & Queen County
- Monacan Indian Nation -
- Bear Mountain/
- Amherst County
- Pamunkey - Pamunkey River/
- King William County
- Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) -
- Courtland/Southampton
- County
- Nottoway of Virginia -
- Capron/Southampton County
- Patowomeck - Stafford County

My hope is that this day will raise awareness for Native Americans in Virginia and educate the general public on historic and current struggles of these tribes. The role our American Indian tribes played, and continue to play, in shaping the history and culture of the Commonwealth deserves to be acknowledged and appreciated, through learning from educational resources that focus on the traditions, culture and background of Native Americans. It is a day to celebrate the heritage of Native Americans, our Indigenous people, and for both native and non-native cultures to unite so the many aspects of native culture can be shared.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SFDC Thonen Awards Dec. 1

The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation will host the 2016 Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The awards presentation will be held in conjunction with the grand opening of Towne Place Suites at 8632 Woodlawn Court.

The Mary Thonen Awards are presented to local businesses that demonstrate an effort to improve the appearance of their properties. Ten businesses along the Richmond Highway corridor, from the Beltway to Fort Belvoir, will be recognized, with the top three receiving trophies.

Photos of the businesses are taken in June and July with a committee of local volunteers selecting the winners. Criteria is based on general aesthetics of the plantings and/or accent materials such as benches and fountains, as well as how well maintained the property is throughout the year.

The awards are named in memory of Mary Thonen, a community champion and long-serving board member of the SFDC.

Area Woman Set on Fire

Fire from Page 1

Firefighters put out the fire and discovered a 64-year-old woman who had been badly burned.

"It appears the couple got into an argument and the suspect, Lewis Edward Reeder, of the same address, set the victim on fire," police stated.

Fire investigators, working alongside detectives, are working

to determine exactly how Reeder allegedly set the victim on fire.

She was taken to a hospital and police reported Saturday that her injuries are believed to be life-threatening.

Anyone with information as to Reeder's whereabouts is asked to contact Det. Needels at 571-221-8131.

— FCPD report

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from the Voice*



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Marlene & Steve

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What We Think

By Mary Paden

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving?



Sam Ulm
Alexandria

“My friends and my health and my religious experiences and that I live in a country with freedom and opportunity.”



Liz Campbell
Alexandria

“Not the election, that’s for sure. I’m thankful for good friends during this tough time.”



John Henrehan
Old Town Alexandria

“That I can still play volleyball and go dancing.”



Esther Dickinson
Montebello

“I am grateful for having family and a circle of friends.”



Bill Cassidy
Woodstone

“I still have my family and they all voted the same way so we won’t have any arguments over Thanksgiving dinner.”



Denise Cruz and daughter Zoe
Woodbridge

“My family, my daughter.”

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New Emergency Dept. Opens

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Veatch Family Emergency Department at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital was held Tuesday evening Nov. 15. The event featured remarks by IHS senior vice president and CEO of IMVH Deborah Addo, Everett Embrey, MD, chief of emergency services at IMVH, lead donor Jeff Veatch, Inova president and COO Mark Stauder, and Rev. Dr. Philip Bush, chaplain manager.



Above, Everett Embrey, MD, chief of emergency services at IMVH, left, took attendees on a tour of the emergency department following the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Behind him, from left are Del; Paul Krizek (D-44th), Mt. Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck, Mt. Vernon Voice co-publisher and editor Marlene Miller, and state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36th). Right, one of the 35 all-private treatment rooms in the new emergency department.



Above left, one of the decontamination rooms in the emergency department. Above right, IMVH COO and Chief Medical Officer Donald Brideau, MD, and his wife, Terry.



At right, Catherine Webster, left, with Sydney Veatch, daughter of Jeff Veatch.

At far right, major supporter Ray Mahmood holds his granddaughter on his lap during the remarks.



John and Pat Veatch, parents of Jeff Veatch, speak with Anthony Burchard, center, president of the Inova Health Foundation.



Staff photos/Steve Hunt



ICE!

The theme of this year's ICE! at Gaylord National at National Harbor is "Christmas Around the World" featuring dozens of huge ice sculptures representing the holiday in countries from the U.S. to China to Peru and Ethiopia. ICE! features more than two million pounds of hand-carved ice sculptures as well as a two-story tall ice slide in a chilly 9-degree facility. ICE! runs Nov. 19 through Jan. 1 (closed Dec. 5-7). Tickets are \$29-\$36 for ages 12 and over and \$21-\$29 children 4-11. For more information go to ChristmasOnThePotomac.com.



Left, a young child is dwarfed by a giant ice Santa and Christmas tree. Above, an ice giraffe modeled on a stuffed giraffe.

Staff photos/Steve Hunt



The United States was represented by a Native American child.

Kids enjoyed sliding down the long ice slide.



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street
Saturday, December 10 from 10 am - 12 pm

For more information visit

www.campagnacenter.org/scottishwalkweekend

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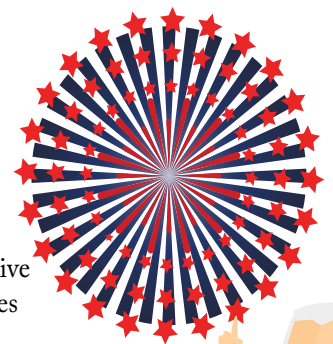
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Wolverine Season Ends with Loss to Madison, 21-14



Senior wide out Brandan Lisenby hauls in a 2nd quarter touchdown pass as the Wolverines take the half time lead, above left. Lisenby had an electric run in the 4th quarter, above right, bringing back memories of another #5, De'Mornay Pierson-El, as he ran side line to side line looking for a break away run.



West Potomac traveled to Madison for a 2nd round playoff game last Friday night. The 7th ranked Wolverines gave Madison all it wanted before losing 21-14. Starting his first game as the varsity QB, junior Tanner Jones hit senior wide out Justine Lisenby for a quick score only to have the play called back for holding. That did not hold the high powered offense back for long as senior running back Justine Annan broke free for a 46 yard touchdown run for the early lead. Madison quickly tied the score but the Wolverines took the lead into the half after Jones hit Lisenby for a 2nd quarter touchdown. Madison quickly tied the game with a 84 yard touchdown run by Landon Thomas. With the game tied going into the 4th quarter, West Potomac had its opportunities but the ball just never bounced its way and Thomas sealed the win with a 3 yard touchdown run. The Wolverines ended their season in the 2nd round of the playoffs with a 9-3 record.



Senior WP RB Justin Annan ran for a 46 yard 1st quarter touchdown.

Above, WP senior DB DaWann Steagall recovered a fumble. The Wolverine Defense helped keep the game close.

Right, the Wolverine cheerleaders kept the fans' spirits high throughout the game.



Photos/
Richard Maple

'Fantastic Beasts,' Fantastic Film

By MICHAEL CASTLEBERRY
Contributing Writer

If you are J.K. Rowling, of *Harry Potter* fame, if you are basking in wealth and fame and have nothing to do after the seven books and eight films ... well, what would you do??? For Rowling there was nothing else to try than to create another character as memorable as Harry and start a new slew of books and films expanding the world of wizardry.

In *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, Newt Scamander (the gifted Eddie Redmayne of *The Danish Girl*) is his name and the world of wizardry is his game. He is rather a low-level wizard, tasked with roaming the world in a Sherlock-like overcoat collecting weird stuff, e.g. odd animals with fangs, beaks wings, small and gigantic. Which he packs away in a magical valise (it's 1926 and they use words like that to describe a suitcase) that has an 'endless bottom' which means he can also shove in a mountain to go along with the gnats he's been collecting.

He's an odd duck, a low-level kind of wizard, doing a very odd job.

Then, In New York City, somehow, his suitcase gets switched up

with that of Jacob (Dan Folger), an American 'no-mag' (in Rowling's world that's a 'non-magical'

sort' that was called a 'Muggle' in the Potter series).

Well, that's a predicament, isn't it?!!

And from this start, and guided by the magical pen of script-writer Ms. Rowling and the directorial talent of David Yates (who helmed that last slew of Potter films) and the whimsy of Stuart Yates (the production designer who turned the books into sets and artifacts) comes a fully realized story that is at least as good as any of the Potter films.

And rumor has it Rowling has plans for five more in this series!

The story is more than engaging and the actors make all of this sound plausible but, as in the later, wildly successful Potter films, there is just too, too much of everything, e.g. actors, quirkiness, subplots, characters, etc.

You'll meet Tina (Katherine Waterson), a police witch (don't ask) as well as her sister Queenie

(Alison Sol) whose gift is mind-reading, and a host of others too numerous to mention. It is a memorable, if somewhat bewildering but exciting, beginning of another Rowling franchise that will probably last well beyond the life of this reviewer.

And maybe that's a good thing since this new series should be taken at face value and without comparisons to the past of the authoress, directors, designers, actors, etc., but with lots of money they have certainly packed a lot into the first of the new franchise.

It's all there if you're a fan of the previous series and it won't hurt you if you never heard of Harry Potter before!! With endless talent and money this team rivals the Spielberg and Lucas camps in terms of being able to do just what they want to do, expense be damned! And, face it, they're very, very good at what they do.

So get moving to the theater, get comfortable, and enjoy your newest offering from the ex-Potter team. They haven't lost their talents and, if you're a fan, you won't be disappointed.

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10 Boy Scouts Achieve Eagle Scout Rank

Recently Boy Scout Troop 888, sponsored by Heritage Presbyterian Church, recognized 10 members as having earned the rank of Eagle Scout during the 12 months from fall 2015 to fall 2016. Pictured, left to right, back row, are Erik Roach, Chris Jones, Carter Engvall, Ian Schurr, Alex Wells, and Tom Boswell. Pictured, left to right, front row, are Hayden McCloud, Nick Hogan, John Boswell, and Dominic Mancini.



Photos/Mary Paden

Left, the honorees gathered together holding their awards at the Friday night tribute dinner. Detective of the Year from the Franconia station, MPO Richard R. Henry, center, above.

Mount Vernon–Lee Chamber Honors First Responders

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Houtz “responded to a domestic violence call where the suspect had bit and strangled the victim. He found that the suspect suffered from PTSD and was in a very agitated state. PFC Houtz explained to the suspect that he was being arrested for domestic violence and the suspect became more agitated. The suspect began to tense up and yell to the officers for something to bite on.

While maintaining control of him, PFC Houtz and his backup allowed the suspect to calm himself down by biting on a rolled up shirt and jump up and down. Afterwards, the suspect was calm and compliant with the officers. PFC Houtz showed great empathy and restraint during a delicate incident which could easily have turned into a use of force situation.”

Captain Leroy “Sam” Butler of Gum Springs, received the Fire



The awardees from the Mount Vernon police station.

Robert “Bubba”Urps.

Franconia Police Station winners: Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year: Richard R. Majauskas; Detective of the Year: Master Police Officer Richard R. Henry; Police Officer of the Year: Police Officer First Class Daniel A. Houtz; Supervisor of the Year: 2nd Lt. Timothy M. Forrest; Meritorious Service Award: 2nd Lt. Patrick J. Ronan.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Awards: Company Officer of the Year: Captain Leroy “Sam” Butler; Meritorious Service Award: Lieutenant James “Jimmy” Low; EMT/Medic of the Year: Michael Guck; Firefighter of the Year: James “Brodie” McKendree; Volunteer Fire Fighter of the Year: Anna Morgan.

Fort Belvoir Fire Department Awards: Firefighter Medic: Mike Estes; Firefighter of the Year: Phillip J. Neith; Company Officer of the Year: Stephen McDaniel.

Fort Belvoir Police Department Awards: Security Guard of the Year: Veronica Jones; Traffic Officer of the Year: Blas Conrad Robert; Patrol Officer of the Year: Christopher Metcalf; Detective of the Year: Lisa C. Caicedo; Supervisor of the Year: Lieutenant. Ronald L. Horne II.

The ceremony was also attended by commanding officers, some of whom helped present the awards, including: Col. Angie Holbrooke, Commanding, Fort Belvoir; Major Christian Quinn, Fairfax County Police Department; Deputy Chief Brad Cochrane, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department; and Frank Hentschel, Director, Fort Belvoir Emergency Services.

and Rescue Company Officer of the Year award as the only maritime fire fighter.

“In addition to responding to emergency calls in the Mount Vernon/Lee District area, Captain Butler and his team also patrol the County’s coastline with the only fireboat in Fairfax County. Sam and his team also provide marine support to the Coast Guard, Mount Vernon Estate, and Gunston Hall.”

He also received a 30 years of service plaque.

EMT/Medic of the Year award winner Michael Guck operates Franconia Tower Ladder 405. As a part of this company Mike

has been involved in the technical rescue of trapped riders on a roller coaster at Six Flags Amusement Park in Maryland, assisted in the fire suppression and rescue of trapped occupants at a garden apartment fire on Mary Caroline Circle, and assisted in the delivery of 14 babies over his career.

Mt. Vernon police station award winners: Auxiliary Police Officer of the Year: APO Carol Might; Detective of the Year: Det. Jonathan Hartle; Police Officer of the Year: Police Officer First Class (PFC) Thomas Duffy; Supervisor of the Year: Sgt. Michael Wheeler; Meritorious Service Award: Master Police Officer

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The "Mayor's Table" at Hen Quarter, above left, featuring photos of current Mayor Allison Silberberg and former Mayors Bill Euille and Kerry Donley. Above, guests enjoyed chicken and waffles.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Wednesday night for the newly-opened Hen Quarter restaurant located at 801 King St. in Old Town Alexandria. The menu features southern classics such as deviled hen eggs, fried chicken and waffles, home-style biscuits, macaroni and cheese as well as craft cocktails.

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Above, participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were, from left, Warren Thompson, president and CEO of Thompson Hospitality, Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg, Ron Hallagan, president of Pheast, Food Group, a subsidiary of Thompson Hospitality and Alexandria Chamber of Commerce president and CEO Joe Haggerty. Right, the kitchen at Hen Quarter was busy Wednesday night preparing food for guests.



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