Columbia Pike Corridor Keeps on Truckin’
Economic Vitality, Resilience Is Lauded During an Online-for-2020 Luncheon

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The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn haven’t stopped forward economic momentum along the Columbia Pike corridor.

That was the takeaway from the annual “Pike Progress Luncheon,” held Sept. 25 in a “virtual” format – a first for the event.

“It’s easy to get down in this time – today’s presentation certainly inspired a lot of optimism,” said John Murphy of Washington Workplace, who chairs the board of the Columbia Pike Redevelopment Organization (CPRO), which sponsors the annual look both forward and backward.

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Legacy, Decency of Late Board Member Lauded at Memorial

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Nearly six months after his death, memories of the late County Board member Erik Gutshall, an analysis of his contributions and a sadness over what might have been permeated a memorial service held Oct. 4 at Lubber Run Amphitheatre.

“He was on the cusp of something great,” noted friend and political ally Laura Saul Edwards, who spoke at the event. “We lost Erik at precisely the time his character and gifts as a leader and public servant would have been the most welcome and useful. He did so much in the brief time [he had].”

Gutshall, a Democrat who was elected to the County Board to succeed Jay Fisette in 2017, was diagnosed with brain cancer earlier this year and died April 16. He was 49.

Despite its being cut short, Gutshall lived “a productive, good life for which he was always very grateful,” said Takis Karantonis, a political ally who in July won a special election to fill the remaining 18 months of Gutshall’s term.

“He was focused on the future, because he spent a lot of time and a lot of effort to deeply understand the present,” said Karantonis, who first worked with Gutshall in his unsuccessful 2015 attempt to unseat County Board member Libby Garvey in the Democratic primary.

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8th District Contenders Split Slightly on Getting Kids Back to Class

If single-year trends are worth exploring, the news for Arlington Public Schools’ Class of 2020 on graduation rates is almost uniformly positive.

Arlington’s public-school students posted a 93.4-percent on-time graduation rate up from 92.5 percent a year before, according to new data from the Virginia Department of Education.

Rates rose among both genders and in major racial/ethnic groups compared to the Class of 2019, while the school system’s dropout rate showed improvement, declining from 5.6 percent in 2019 to 4.9 percent in 2020.

The only major downside? The percentage of students earning advanced diplomas declined slightly, from 65 percent in 2019 to 62 percent in 2020.

But otherwise, the news at the county level was positive:
- 91.3% of male students graduated on time, up from 91.1% a year before.
- 95.6% of female students graduated, up from 94.1%.
- 96.7% of Asian students graduated, up from 96.5%.
- 98.5% of black students graduated, up from 94.7%.
- 82.7% of Hispanic students graduated, up from 81.4%.
- 78.8% of English-language learners graduated, up from 77.1%.

Arlington’s generally positive news was mirrored at the state level, where 92.3 percent of nearly 99,000 potential graduates in the Class of 2020 earned diplomas on time, up from 91.5 percent a year before. The dropout rate also improved, declining from 5.6 percent to 5.1 percent.

“My top priority after schools closed [due to the COVID-19 pandemic] was to make sure that every student in the Class of 2020 who was on track to earn a diploma was able to graduate on time,” Superintendent of Public Instruction James Lane said.

Due to the pandemic, state education officials issued a number of waivers, including allowing students to graduate without taking required Standards of Learning tests and, in some cases, without completing coursework that otherwise would be deemed required.

Statewide among various groups:
- 98.1% of Asian students graduated and 1.2% dropped out.
- 91.3% of black students graduated and 5% dropped out.
- 81.9% of Hispanic students graduated and 15.8% dropped out.
- 95.2% of white students graduated and 2.5% dropped out.
- 90.4% of students with disabilities graduated and 7.6% dropped out.
- 89% of economically disadvantaged students graduated and 6.8% dropped out.
- 75.3% of English learners graduated and 25.5% dropped out.

Incumbent U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8th) was in agreement with the principle of students’ returning, but he was more cautious.

“We all want our kids back in class, but we want them back in school safely,” said Beyer, pushing for federal funds to provide masks, testing and cleaning supplies.

Shortly after the Trump administration in June pressed school districts across the nation to open schools with in-person learning this fall, all the public-school divisions in the 8th District (Fairfax, Alexandria, Ar-...
With the 2020 spring high-school sports season canceled because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the four Arlington schools honored senior athletes with various profiles. From top left: Bishop O’Connell girls basketball player Maikya Simmons is honored because she will play college basketball at South Georgia Technical College. Wakefield High’s Anjulia Abdon and other girls lacrosse players are honored. Yorktown High girls soccer manager Megan Jones is recognized. Washington-Liberty swimmer Atti Rattelman is honored, along with Yorktown baseball player Cameron Patton and girls lacrosse standout Camille Kuwana. From O’Connell, girls basketball player Ajia James is honored for attending Saint Peter’s University to play. Visit the particular school athletic Twitter sites to see the full display of senior profiles.

Photos from Arlington schools
Del. Patrick Hope (D-Arlington) has been elected to a two-year term chairing the Joint Commission on Health Care, a General Assembly panel that aims to provide cost-effective, high-quality health care for all Virginians.

Hope has served on the commission for seven years. “I look forward to steering the commission in a more strategic direction to better address our commonwealth’s health-care needs,” he said in a statement.

For information on the commission, see the Website at https://jchc.virginia.gov.

Green Party Wants Taxes on Single-Use Bags: The Arlington Green Party is pushing the Arlington County Board to enact a tax on single-use grocery bags, now that the General Assembly has given localities the permission to do so.

Party members on Sept. 2 endorsed the proposal to enact a 5-cent tax on bags, and plan to present a petition to the County Board in November, calling single-use plastic bags “an environmental nuisance that clogs our storm drains, rivers and oceans.”

When Republicans held the majority in the General Assembly, localities were not allowed to tax single-use bags. Democrats, who took over both houses of the legislature this year, passed legislation giving localities that authority.

Greens want the commonwealth to go further; the party is encouraging the state government to give localities the power to ban single-use plastic bags in many cases.

Committee of 100 to Look at Constitutional Amendment: The Arlington Committee of 100’s October meeting will focus on the Virginia constitutional amendment on the Nov. 3 ballot that, if approved, would change the way the commonwealth conducts legislative and congressional redistricting.

The event will be held “virtually” on Wednesday, Oct. 14 beginning at 7 p.m. Panelists will include Brian Cannon of OneVirginia 2021, which supports the amendment; Del. Cia Price (D-Hampton), who opposes it; and Jeremy Mayer, an associate professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University.

The event is free, but registration is required. For information, see the Website at www.arlingtoncommitteeof100.org.

Bar Foundation Program Looks at Election Security: The Arlington County Bar Foundation recently hosted an online forum on ensuring elections are conducted free of outside interference, and is placing the program on its Website for public consumption.

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The presentation was slated to tackle “all kinds of issues about election security, election procedures,” said local attorney Brent Baxter, who led the discussion, in a preview of the event.

Running elections “is very different than it was a decade, two decades, three decades ago,” said Jeremy Epstein, an expert in cybersecurity and foreign interference. “We need to understand all the different areas that are at risk.”

That said, “we have some good resilience in Virginia,” said Epstein, pointing to paper ballots and other advances in recent years.

Joining Epstein on the panel was former County Board member John Vihstadt, along with Arlington elections chief Gretchen Reinemeyer.

The program will be archived on the foundation’s Website at www.arlingtonbarfoundation.org.

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Our View: Bond Referendums Deserve ‘Yes’

Had 2020 turned out differently, the Arlington County government – which in recent years has started drifting back to its pre-2014 profligate ways – likely would have put a number of whopper bond referenda on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The arrival of COVID, its impact on the economy and the bottom line of the county government, resulted in a retrenchment in thinking over the spring and summer. As a result, it’s a rather scaled-down package of referenda headed to voters. (Breaking the tradition of only holding bond referendums every other year, county officials plan on coming back with a new bond package in 2021, assuming the economic floor doesn’t fall out of the region during what could be a severe winter of discontent in America.)

In 2020, here is what voters will see on their ballot:

- A referendum totaling $52.65 million for county schools.
- A referendum totaling $50.84 million for stormwater projects.
- A referendum totaling $29.94 million for transportation and Metro.
- A referendum totaling $7.485 million for community infrastructure.
- A referendum totaling $3.63 million for parks and recreation.

There have been complaints made about a number of them; some open-space advocates aren’t happy with the park bond and there have been some rumbles of discontent with the priorities of the stormwater bond.

But overall, there has been no sustained opposition, and given that no county bond referendum in Arlington has been defeated since Jimmy Carter (happy 96th birthday last week, by the way) was in the White House, there is little chance voters will be turning thumbs down.

And we see no reason for doing so. We’ll recommend a “YES” vote on the five referenda.

Redistricting Amendment Not Perfect, But Will Start to Put Citizens in Charge of Process

Sometimes, politicians get a bad rap for working across party lines. I get it – our political climate is as polarized as ever.

But I can also say that it is precisely because our American DNA; the “Great Compromise” of 1787 established the federal government’s Senate and House, giving each state two representatives regardless of the population. The last gerrymandering round resulted in a 100-percent re-election rate of House incumbents, according to the Princeton Gerrymandering Project.

Gerrymandered districts give incumbents little incentive to actually represent their voters, because a general election win is almost guaranteed. Nor will these incumbents risk working with politicians across the aisle on compromise solutions, because this might expose them to a challenger from the extreme wing of their party, as happened in Virginia in 2012 when populist candidate Dave Brat defeated House Majority Leader Eric Cantor in the Republican congressional primary.

The constitutional amendment, if approved, would set up a citizen-led redistricting commission, provide complete transparency and incentives to compromise, and write minority voting rights protections into our constitution for the first time.

Some politicians, including some who voted for the draft amendment in 2019, are now opposing it, citing issues real and imagined; they say they want something better, with no politicians on the commission.

The problem is that if we do not pass this amendment, the General Assembly will be able to use the 200-year-old status quo in which delegates and senators make decisions in secret to benefit themselves; also, that “something better,” if passed, could not take effect until the 2031 (not a typo!) redistricting.

No law can tie the General Assembly’s hands and prohibit gerrymandering; we have to amend the constitution to end it. The measure on the table presents a vast improvement over the status quo.

Compromise is an essential element of the diplomat’s toolkit. It is also built into our American DNA: the “Great Compromise” of 1787 established the federal government’s Senate and House, giving each state two representatives regardless of the population. The last gerrymandering round resulted in a 100-percent re-election rate of House incumbents, according to the Princeton Gerrymandering Project.

The amendment will, for the first time in Virginia history, put citizens in the room – and in charge – when political districts are drawn, remind our legislators who their bosses really are, and give them incentives to compromise to our benefit.

Greg Delawie, a former Foreign Service Officer, was U.S. ambassador to Kosovo from 2015-18. He lives in Alexandria.
Editor:

The distance-learning model that the Arlington Public School (APS) system has implemented is putting my children at risk of foreseeable and potentially irreparable damage.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention outlines the many harms children face when deprived of the opportunity to physically attend school: severe learning loss, impairment of social and emotional skills, mental-health damage. My experience confirms as much, as my children are despondent in their relative isolation and falling behind academically.

In choosing to maintain an extended distance-learning regimen for most students, APS has made the implicit determination that it sees the potential suffering a spike in COVID-19 cases might cause as a worse harm than the very real suffering the county’s children are experiencing right now.

Editorial Was Right to Criticize Proposed TJ Admissions Change

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Virginia’s home-sales market in August continued to brush aside COVID and the resulting economic downturn, with total sales volume for the month up more than 25 percent on a year-over-year basis.

“Home sales were up strongly in nearly all markets across the commonwealth,” said Lisa Sturtevant, chief economist for the Virginia Realtors’ trade group, in an analysis of monthly sales figures.

“August was a very strong month for sales activity, continuing the rebound that began in June,” Sturtevant said.

The data back up her assessment: Home sales statewide totaled 13,745 in August, which while down from July (as usually is the case) was up 12.2 percent from the 12,245 transactions that occurred in August 2019.

Some of that increase is attributable to ongoing, pent-up demand that has lingered since the spring buying season was delayed by COVID. But there also are indications that the statewide (and national) home market has momentum of its own.

“Home-sales activity that was paused this spring was unleashed over the summer,” Sturtevant said. “Buyers returned in force.” (But where they have returned is interesting – the Virginia market has seen stronger sales activities in rural and exurban corridors than in close-in suburbs and urban areas. “The ability to work from home, coupled with concerns about COVID-19 in dense areas, may be pushing home-buyers to seek out smaller communities,” Sturtevant said.)

Year-over-year sales were up in each of the eight geographic reporting regions of the commonwealth with the exception of Southside Virginia, where sales were effectively flat. Double-digit increase were reported in a number of areas, including Northern Virginia, which saw a 17.4-percent boost to 4,925 transactions.

The median sales price of all homes that went to closing during the month statewide was $330,000, up 10.6 percent from a year before and by far the largest year-over-year jump for the month in recent years.

Median sales prices were up in all eight corridors of the commonwealth – by double digits in five of them – and ranged from $104,000 in Southside Virginia to an even $500,000 in Northern Virginia.

That rate of growth is hurting affordability, with just 18.4 percent of properties that sold for the month going for less than $200,000. A year ago, 24.7 percent of homes sold in that price range.

On the other side of the coin, 31.3 percent of properties across the state went to closing for more than $1 million, up from 2.2 percent a year before.

Add up the sales and prices, and sales volume for the month stood at $5.5 billion, up 25.5 percent from the $4.4 billion of a year before.

One of the reason for rising prices is the ongoing dearth of inventory. While more sellers brought their homes to market in August than a year before, the spike in sales meant inventory at the end of the month (22,780 homes) was down more than 41 percent from a year before.

Where might the market be headed? With pending sales in August up about 11 percent from a year before, the market seems poised to continue to roll through as summer segues to fall.

If so, the Virginia market will be able to catch up to 2019’s total sales, as the January-to-August total of 86,471 is down just 498 properties, or 0.6 percent, from a year before – despite loss of much of the spring buying season.

While sales are down slightly, year-to-date sales volume of $33.1 billion over the first eight months of the year is up 5.4 percent from the same period in 2019. The median sales price for all homes that sold statewide during the first eight months of the year stood at $314,900, up 5.3 percent from a year before.

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Arlington Jobless Rate Continues to Battle Back

Arlington in late summer continued to rebound, jobs-wise, from the depths of the COVID shutdown, but still has a significant way to go before getting anywhere close to where the county had been.

With 144,339 residents in the civilian workforce and 6,988 looking for jobs, Arlington’s unemployment rate stood at 4.5 percent in August, according to figures reported Sept. 30 by the Virginia Employment Commission.

The good news? That’s down more than a full percentage point from the rate of 5.6 percent seen in July. The bad news? Prior to the pandemic, Arlington’s jobless rate was hovering at just under 2 percent.

The month-over-month decline in Arlington was generally mirrored across Northern Virginia, where rates from July to August fell from 4.5 percent to 6.8 percent in Fairfax County; from 7.5 percent to 6 percent in Loudoun County; and from 7.9 percent to 6.8 percent in Prince William County.

For Northern Virginia as a whole, the jobless rate declined from 7.3 percent to 5.8 percent, representing 1.55 million in the civilian workforce and just under 96,000 looking for jobs. About 30,000 more Northern Virginians were working in August than in July, a figure totaling about 45 percent of the statewide employment increase of 68,000. However, there were 80,900 fewer Northern Virginians with jobs in August compared to a year before, and 212,600 fewer statewide.

Across the commonwealth in August, there were about 4 million residents in the civilian workforce, 275,000 looking for jobs. The resulting 6.3-percent jobless rate was down from 8 percent a month before but up from 2.9 percent a year ago.

Month-over-month employment statewide rose in eight of 11 major industry sectors statewide, led by government (largely due to local governments recalling employees that had been furloughed). Federal-government employment, which kept growing in Virginia even at the depths of the economic calamity in the late spring and early summer, rose by 5,700 jobs.

Leisure and hospitality, the industry most negatively impacted by the downturn, saw a return of 6,300 jobs (to 324,900) in August. Construction, the industry most negatively impacted by the pandemic largely unscathed, was up 1,400 jobs for the month to 735,900 statewide, and at the end of August had 4,400 more workers than a year before.

Among Virginia’s 134 independent localities, Highland County reported the lowest jobless rate for the month, at 3.5 percent, followed by Madison County and Falls Church (3.5 percent each) and the city of Poquoson (3.9 percent). The highest rates were found in Petersburg (15.8 percent), Emporia (13 percent), Hopewell (11.9 percent) and Martinsville (11.6 percent).

Nationally, the non-seasonally-adjusted jobless rate of 5.8 percent in August was down from 7.3 percent a month before, with declines reported in 41 states.

Ten states reported rates higher than 10 percent for the month.

D.C. Region Sees Higher Year-Over-Year Joblessness: Though it continues clawing its way back, the D.C. region’s employment picture has a long way to go before reverting to its pre-COVID numbers.

With 3.43 million in the civilian workforce and 235,000 looking for jobs, the Washington region’s unemployment rate of 6.9 percent in August was down from 7.9 percent in July, but was well above the 3.2-percent rate recorded in August 2019.

Nationally, the jobless rate was 8.5 percent in August. Figures were reported Sept. 30 by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Washington region was among 387 of the nation’s 389 metropolitan areas to see higher year-over-year jobless rates, although most of those areas are seeing improvement from the depths of the COVID crisis in late spring and early summer.

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Our travels to explore the best in local real estate this week brings us to a one-of-a-kind contemporary on a wood-ed one-third-acre lot in Lyon Village, close to all the amenities of Clarendon.

Designed by the acclaimed Berny Hintz, this 1990 home, featuring 3,100 square feet of living space, offers symmetrical lines and masterfully adapts to its surroundings, sitting on steel columns, barely disturbing the grounds. In fact, the house does more than sit on the site; it extends out and becomes one with its environment, and breathtaking, and succeeds well.

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The guest suite – with full bath, cabinets, refrigerator and private balcony – shares a level with a study with built-in bookshelves, perfect for working from home.

Some of the many special features of this home include more than 90 windows and decking on every level inviting the outdoors in, a hidden loft above the trees (perfect for an artist studio or stargazing), cable and steel railings, new Karastan carpeting, a skylight illuminating the living room from the upper level deck, outdoor deck with gas fireplace, gas-hook up for grill, two storage sheds, landscape lighting and a heated driveway.

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Confidence of Builders at All-Time High

Builder confidence in the market for newly-built single-family homes increased five points to reach an all-time high of 83 in September, according to the latest NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index.

The previous highest reading of 78 in the 35-year history of the series was set last month, matching the figure of December 1998.

Derived from a monthly survey that NAHB has been conducting for 35 years, the index gauges builder perceptions of current single-family home sales and sales expectations for the next six months as “good,” “fair” or “poor.”

The survey also asks builders to rate traffic of prospective buyers as “high to very high,” “average” or “low to very low.”

Scores for each component are then used to calculate a seasonally adjusted index where any number over 50 indicates that more builders view conditions as good than poor.

All the HMI indices posted their highest readings ever in September. The HMI index gauging current sales conditions rose four points to 88, the component measuring sales expectations in the next six months increased six points to 84 and the measure charting traffic of prospective buyers posted a nine-point gain to 73.

Looking at the three-month moving averages for regional HMI scores, the Northeast increased 11 points to 76, the Midwest increased nine points to 72, the South rose eight points to 79 and the West increased seven points to 85.

What is leading builders – whose confidence levels were in the dumps at the start of the COVID crisis – to be so upbeat?

“Historic traffic numbers have builders seeing positive market conditions,” said NAHB chairman Chuck Fowke, a custom home builder from Tampa, although he voiced concerns about the cost of lumber, now up 170 percent since spring and adding more than $16,000 to the price of a typical new single-family home.

Helping to spur buyers to consider new homes is the current interest-rate environment, and a shift toward suburban and rural areas away from city centers due to both the current public-health situation and civil unrest.
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MALICIOUS WOUNDING:

□ On Sept. 28 at 5:40 p.m., police were flagged down by an individual in the 2700 block of Washington Boulevard in need of assistance.

Police investigation revealed that, during a dispute among multiple parties inside a business, the incident escalated when one of the combatants began waving a knife and began kicking one of the other parties. At that point, another individual intervened, only to be struck with the knife by the suspect, who fled.

One victim was treated on the scene; the second was transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries described as minor.

RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE:

□ On Oct. 1 at 12:00 a.m., police were dispatched to the 3600 block of South Glebe Road for a report of two individuals trespassing and tampering with vehicles in a parking garage.

Security officers observed the suspects enter the garage on motorcycles and attempt to enter vehicles, police said.

Arriving officers observed the suspects, but when they attempted to stop them, one suspect fled on a motorcycle and the other fled on foot.

The suspect on foot was stopped at South Glebe Road and South Ball Street and was taken into custody. The suspect on motorcycle was last seen traveling northbound on Richmond Highway.

According to police, one of the motorcycles previously had been reported out of Leesburg, and the suspects were determined to have been involved in an earlier eluding case.

The first suspect – 23-year-old Joseph Santora of Nanjemoy, Md. – was arrested and charged with receiving stolen goods, eluding, driving without plates displayed and two counts of driving without a valid motorcycle endorsement.

The second suspect, who was identified but not yet arrested, is facing similar charges.

WEAPONS VIOLATION:

□ On Sept. 27 at 9:30 p.m., an individual was in his home in the 3800 block of Columbia Pike when he heard a noise and observed a stray bullet come through the ceiling.

Police investigation determined that the suspect had been engaged in a dispute with a group of people behind the residential building. When he went inside to retrieve a firearm, it discharged and the bullet entered the residence below.

The suspect – 36-year-old Jose Gomez of Arlington – was arrested and charged with reckless handling of a firearm, discharging a firearm in an occupied building, and possession of a firearm by a foreign alien.

Robbery:

□ On Sept. 26 at 3:50 p.m., an individual was exiting a restroom in the 1600 block of South Hayes Street when he was approached by three men who assaulted him and stole personal belongings before fleeing the area.

The suspects are described as black males, 16 to 20 years old, 5’8” to 5’10”.

□ On Sept. 27 at 2:30 a.m., an individual in the 200 block of North Glebe Road was approached by someone claiming to be the police and demanding the items in his pockets.

The victim complied, and the suspect fled.

The suspect is described as an Hispanic male, average height and thin build, with light facial hair and wearing a black security uniform.

□ On Sept. 29 at 3:55 a.m., a ride-share driver became engaged in a verbal dispute with his three passengers and stopped his vehicle to end the trip in the 2500 block of Lee Highway.

According to police, the passengers assaulted the victim, pulled him from the vehicle and assaulted him some more. The suspects then re-entered the vehicle, stole it and drove it away.

The suspects are described as black males, Hispanic male and black female, all between 25 and 30 years old and between 5’7” and 5’9”.

□ The victim was treated at a local hospital for what were described as non-life-threatening injuries.

BURGLARY:

□ On Sept. 30 at 2:17 p.m., a woman was walking in the 1200 block of South Joyce Street when she noticed someone following her and turned around, at which point the suspect grabbed her purse.

Two bystanders attempted to chase the subject, but he implied he had a firearm, causing them to discontinue their efforts.

The suspect then entered a vehicle described as an old green-and-silver Chevrolet minivan driven by another individual, and fled the area.

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□ On Sept. 27 between 4:30 and 7 p.m., a home in the 2800 block of Clarendon Boulevard was burglarized. The suspect stole the victim’s car keys.

The victim then noticed that his vehicle was missing from its prior position in the garage, but it subsequently was located on another level.

The Sun Gazette has been the community’s source for news and information for a long time, dating back to its founding as the Northern Virginia Sun back in December 1935. That’s nearly 85 years of service to the local region!
Forecasters Expecting Robust U.S. Home Sales

The nation’s real-estate market is expected to stay strong in the short term, but prognosticators are more divided on the price performance over a longer-term perspective.

After watching the for-sale housing market largely shrug off the potential impacts of the coronavirus pandemic this summer, a panel of experts is singing a much more bullish tune about short-term home price performance than in the spring. But a few clouds appear when looking further out. Skepticism remains in the long term, with elevated unemployment expected to persist into the next decade.

The Zillow Home Price Expectations Survey, sponsored by Zillow and conducted quarterly by Pulsenomics LLC, asks more than 100 economists, investment strategists and real-estate experts for their predictions about the U.S. housing market. The third-quarter survey focused on the short- and long-term outlook for home prices, as well as expectations for U.S. unemployment.

Just three months ago, when the housing market was in the midst of what turned out to be only a brief lull in activity, the panelists expected a slight (0.3 percent) overall decline in home prices through Q4 2020. That dip has failed to materialize thus far, as historically low inventory and heavy buyer demand have pushed up prices, and panelists have adjusted expectations accordingly.

Panelists are now more optimistic than they were even before the pandemic, forecasting a 3.7-percent increase in home prices this year compared to an average expectation for a 3.3-percent increase in the first-quarter survey of 2020. Expectations for home prices in 2021 were also raised, up to 2.7-percent average forecasted growth from 0.9-percent last quarter, marking the most optimistic the panel’s outlook for 2021 has been since Q1 2018.

“In many ways, the pandemic has helped supercharge a pre-existing housing supply shortage that has struggled to keep up with strong demand,” said Zillow economist Treh Manhertz.

“Many of those fortunate enough to have kept their jobs are looking to take advantage of low mortgage rates by jumping into the market, and they’re finding competition to be fierce with inventory as limited as ever,” Manhertz said. “The longer-term path for prices will depend largely on the course of inventory, including whether homeowner finances are stable enough to avoid a wave of distressed sales when forbearance terms expire, and at what level builders, who are reporting

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McAuliffe, Lopez to be honored by ‘APAH’: Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Del. Alfonso Lopez will be the honorees at the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing’s “Celebrate Home” benefit fund-raiser, to be held “virtually” on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The $62 million project upgraded the 1970s-era main original building to modern standards, and expanded the total capacity from 206 units to 2010. Culpepper Garden is Arlington’s largest affordable-housing community for seniors, offering both independent and assisted living. The renovation project was a joint effort of Arlington Retirement Housing Corp. and Wesley Housing, along with a host of partners.

Initially, there had been plans to hold an in-person event (with proper public-health restrictions in place) on Oct. 13, but that has changed to an all-online program to be streamed on Facebook Live.

No registration is required. For information, see the Website at www.pathwayhomes.org.

PATHWAY HOMES TO MARK 40th ANNIVERSARY WITH BREAKFAST: Pathway Homes will mark its 40th anniversary this year on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m.

The event is the organization’s largest fund-raiser of the year. Oct. 12 is the deadline to purchase tickets and sponsorships.

For information, see the Website at www.apah.org.

For information, registration and sponsorship opportunities, see the Website at www.pathwayhomes.org.

CULPEPPER GARDEN RIBBON-CUTTING GOES ‘VIRTUAL’: A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the refurbishment of the original wing of the Culpepper Garden senior-living facility will be held “virtually” on Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p.m.

The event has been operated in conjunction with the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), which has provided $22 million in sponsorship opportunities. See the Website at www.pathwayhomes.org for information.

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Arlington Notes II

‘CPRO’ MULLS NEW NAME: The Columbian Pike Revitalization Organization has been known by the name — and the acronym CPRO — for nearly 35 years. But plans are now in the works to provide a new name to describe the organization’s current focus.

The renaming process “will probably happen over the next few months,” CPRO executive director Kim Klinger said in announcing the plan at the annual Pike Progress Lunch in late September.

“We are in the early phases of exploring the name of CPRO’s name to better reflect our organization’s direction,” Klinger told the Sun Gazette in a follow-up statement. She promised a robust community-engagement effort.

ARLINGTON CHAMBER TO HOST ‘BEST BUSINESS AWARDS’: The Arlington Chamber of Commerce will hold its 34th annual Best Business Awards as a hybrid event — with tickets available either for in-person or “virtual” participation — on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

Awards will be presented in a variety of categories to businesses and organizations throughout the county, but registration is required. Tickets for the online presentation are $35 for Chamber members, $50 for others.

For additional information, see the Website at www.arlingtonchamber.org.

EVENTS SLATED FOR URBAN AGRICULTURE MONTH: The local celebration of Urban Agriculture Month will focus on “Resiliency Rooted in Innovation” throughout October.

Conducted mostly in a “virtual” format this year, events will include panel discussions on how local businesses and urban gardens adapted to the pandemic; a town hall with local elected officials; and cooking and gardening workshops. In addition, there are in-person garden tours and recorded classes by Master Gardeners and Master Naturalists.

The month-long event showcases urban agriculture in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church. Sponsoring organizations include Virginia Cooperative Extension, Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture, Fairfax Food Council, Fairfax Master Gardeners, Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia, Falls Church Garden Club and Master Food Volunteers of Northern Virginia.

“In response to the COVID-19 health crisis, our groups have been working to support and expand efforts to grow fresh produce for our neighbors in need,” said Robin Broder, president of Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture. “This global crisis will have long-lasting health and economic impacts for our local community, and has shown that we need a resilient local and regional food system that is not fragile in the face of crises.”

“Individuals, churches, schools and other groups have stepped up to grow fresh, nutritious produce for our community; but they can’t go it alone,” said Stacey Evers, co-chair of the Fairfax Food Council’s urban-agriculture working group. “We need policies and incentives that will support the many exciting local urban-ag initiatives that can boost everyone’s access to healthy local food.”

“Our communities experienced a dramatic and rapid increase in demand for supplemental food programs, and our local governments, nonprofit organizations, schools, PTAs and businesses came together to find ways to meet that demand,” said Aisha Salazar, Farmer & Consumer Scientists Agent for Virginia Cooperative Extension Arlington & Alexandria.

“Now the question is, how do we move the ongoing food needs of our communities who will continue to suffer from food and economic insecurity?”

Full information can be found at https://arlington.ext.vt.edu/programs/urbanag.html.

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE LOOKS AT LEASESHES, COLLARS: The Animal Welfare League of Arlington will host a training program focused on leashes and collar behavior and training on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The hour-long online session will feature behavior and training expert Kathryn Grayson discussing tips for success in dog-walking.

The course is free, but registration is required. For information, see the Website at www.awla.org.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO LOOK AT COUNTY’S GROWTH: The Arlington Historical Society will present “The Fastest Growing County in America: Suburbanization, Segregation, and Community Development in Arlington” as an online program on Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

The speaker, historian Lindsey Besbreurerejette, will discuss Arlington’s growth from the early part of the 20th century to the 1970s.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required.

For additional information, see the Website at www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.
O’Connell
Guard to
Maryland

Junior Is One of the Area’s Top Shooters

DAVE FACINOLI  Staff Writer

Paul Lewis is staying local.

The Bishop O’Connell High School standout junior point guard recently made his decision to play men’s college basketball for the University of Maryland. Playing for the Terrapins at Maryland has long been a goal for the 6-foot-3 Lewis, who was recruited by other Division I college teams.

“Paul had a tremendous season for us as a sophomore,” O’Connell coach Joe Wootten said. “He is an outstanding shooter and shotmaker, and he has great range as a shooter. He helped us get better as a team last season.”

Lewis averaged 15.7 points, 3.8 assists and 3.9 rebounds per game for O’Connell as a sophomore and made multiple three-pointers. He helped a young O’Connell team finish 1-1 in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, with a first-round upset of Bishop O’Connell as a sophomore, and took four of the top five individual spots.

Bishop O’Connell High School point guard and shooting standout Paul Lewis has committed to play college basketball for the University of Maryland’s men’s team.

Popular All-County Event Has Been Postponed

A Staff Report

The annual and popular eight-team, all-Arlington high-school varsity girls and boys cross country meet is one of the few such events during the school year.

The event is held every fall at Blue-

mount Park, either in late September or sometime before mid October. The meet includes dozens of runners and draws scads of spectators, ending with an awards ceremony often held in darkness.

Most of the other varsity sports in Arlington don’t hold all-county events, with the occasional exception of wrestling.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no such county meet this fall, as there are no fall sports being held at this time. The county cross country meet might be held in March or April, if the fall seasons are held then, which is a possibility.

Whenever the meet is run, it will be unique because three of the schools – Wakefield, Washington-Liberty and Yorktown – have new head cross country coaches. So how will those three prepare their teams and runners for the county meet, and do those coaches yet understand the passion of that competition?

Giovonni Gifft is the new coach at Wakefield. Paulette Rigali takes over at W-L and Jacob Dumford at Yorktown. Longtime Bishop O’Connell High School girls coach Cindy Walls is the only veteran in the group of coaches. Her team is the defending champion and is expected to be strong as usual and a top county-meet contender, led by senior runner Tess Brinkmann. She was third in last year’s race.

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O’CONNELL BASEBALL FIELD: The project to put artificial turf on the Bishop O’Connell High School baseball field is getting closer to completion.

In coming days, the turf will be spread on the field, the lines drawn and the work will be finished. The new batting cages

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Renewed Prep Rivalries On Tap Starting Next Fall

There is some very good future news regarding high-school sports coverage for the Sun Gazette.

Dave Facinoli

With Marshall and Wakefield high schools being realigned into the Liberty District to start the 2021-22 school year, that means a number of natural neighborhood rivalry events will be renewed. That fortunately will result in many more annual showdowns to cover among the local sports teams.

Wakefield will again join Arlington rivals Washington-Liberty and Yorktown in the same district. Those three schools played frequently in the past, until Marshall was moved into a different conference a half dozen years ago or so. That also should never happen again.

Neighborhood high schools in close proximity like these should have their sports teams meet as often as possible. Such clashes are great for community interest, draw big boisterous crowds and are money makers, especially during football and basketball seasons.

In Arlington, popular girls and boys varsity doubleheaders usually are held anytime the three county teams are scheduled in basketball. Those events often draw sellouts, with large student sections attired in various themes, no matter if held on a Friday, Saturday or weeknight.

Lost in the realignment, unfortunately, will be the good basketball rivalries that developed the last few seasons between the standouts Marshall, Wakefield and Edison girls and boys teams, which met twice each regular season. That’s a down side.

But the Sun Gazette looks forward to covering many more of those neighborhood high-school events. The more the merrier.
Knights Hire Standout Player to Coach Lacrosse Team

Dave Facinoli
Staff Writer

Jack Rowlett is used to winning big and playing at a high level of lacrosse. Now, as the new head coach of the Bishop O’Connell High School boys program, he seeks to take that team to a similar spot.

The former Atlantic Coast Conference and current professional player recently was named to the post. “We want to build a program and develop a culture by putting my spin on things, and the talent is here to win right away,” Rowlett talked to the Sun.

Rowlett played on a national-championship University of North Carolina men’s squad and was a member of a gold-medal under-19 Team USA. He currently is a professional player in the Premier Lacrosse League.

As far as coaching, he most recently served as the director of lacrosse at the St. James sports facility in Springfield, as an assistant coach at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes High in Alexandria, and has been the new boys lacrosse coach at Bishop O’Connell.

In addition, Rowlett took 39 shots, gathered 140 ground balls and caused 59 turnovers. After college, he was chosen by the Chaos as the seventh overall draft pick in the 2019 Premier Lacrosse League. For the Chaos in the 2019 season, Rowlett had 19 ground balls and caused multiple turnovers. (The team saw limited action this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.)

O’Connell did not play a 2020 spring lacrosse season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, holding a few practices and having a scrimmage or two. The team is already holding some limited practices for the upcoming 2021 spring season.

Rowlett works at O’Connell as a full-time member of the staff. That allows him to regularly connect with his players. “Seeing them all the time speeds up the learning curve,” Rowlett said. “I can’t wait to get the season started for real.”

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Ireon. In surprising win over nationally-ranked Mater Dei during a mid-season out-of-town tournament, Lewis scored 28 points.

Lewis was chosen first-team all-Sun Gazette for his performance last season and made second team all-WCAC. Wootten said the 2020-21 season like will be delayed or condensed in some manner because of the pandemic. His older brother, Matt Lewis, an O’Connell graduate and first-team all-Sun Gazette player as a senior, is a standout guard for the James Madison University men’s basketball team. Matt Lewis was a second-team all-Colonial Athletic Association player for the 2019-20 season, averaging 16.6 points per game. He has scored 1,574 career points, made 193 three-pointers and had 274 assists.

NOTE: Paul Lewis is the first player from O’Connell who will play for the University of Maryland since point guard Melo Trimble a few years ago. O’Connell graduate Dave Neal is another former Maryland player.

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and bull pens are almost complete, as well.

Once finished, the field is large enough to also hold practices for various sports, including football and lacrosse. Some football and lacrosse games could be played on the surface, as well.

The project began in May and has taken longer to complete as a result of delays from the rainy months of August and September. “The biggest thing about putting turf in like this is getting the drainage right,” O’Connell athletic director Joe Wootten said. “With all of that rain, that delayed that process."

There were days when no construction work was done because of the wet and muddy grounds, leaving piles of dirt stacked high. The O’Connell baseball team used the natural-grass field for practices and scrimmages this past spring season, which was cut short and eventually canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. O’Connell actually played one game and won during the spring.

When the field is finished in coming days, the team hopes to hold some limited workout sessions on that new turf surface.

The field will become the second regulation-size artificial-turf baseball diamond in Arlington County. The other is at Barcroft Park, home of Arlington Senior Babe Ruth and the George Washington University baseball team during the spring.

MEET THE COACHES: Whether or not any public-school sports are played during the 2020-21 school year, varsity teams in Arlington are still holding meet-the-coaches-nights. They will be held “virtually” in upcoming days. For information on those times and dates, visit the high-schools’ athletic Web sites and Twitter sites.

WAKEFIELD COACHING OPENINGS: Wakefield High School has an opening for a head swimming and diving coach for the upcoming 2020-21 campaign. The swimming and diving seasons are held during the winter months, scheduled to begin possibly sometime in December with practice sessions. For information, contact Nate Hailey at Nathel.

STUDENT ATHLETE AWARDS: The Virginia Sports Hall of Fame is accepting applications for its annual Student Athlete Achievement Awards. The Hall of Fame is looking for high school juniors and seniors from across the state who excel on the field, in the classroom and in their communities.

Student athletes may submit an application themselves, or be nominated by a family member, coach, administrator, or mentor. Individuals completing the application will be asked to include details and references that support the student’s achievements in each of the areas of focus: academic, athletic and civic.

Applications and all supporting documents must be submitted through the online application, which can be located on the Web site www.vasportshalloff.com.

CONDITIONING WORKOUTS: High-school athletes interested in participating in whatever type of team workouts are held, should contact the head coaches of those specific teams at Bishop O’Connell, Wakefield, Washington-Liberty and Yorktown, or the schools’ athletic departments to find out more information.

The fall high-school sports seasons have been postponed, with no decision yet on the winter campaigns.

UNIFORM, EQUIPMENT RETURN: High-school directors of student activities at Wakefield, Washington-Liberty and Yorktown are asking students to get in touch with them to return uniforms and other equipment if they have not done so.
GOLFER COMPETES IN AMATEUR EVENT: Arlington golfer Matt Sughrue was a participant in the recent 54-hole 114th Mid-Atlantic Amateur golf tournament, played on the Bethesda Country Club course in Chevy Chase.

Sughrue shot a first-round 3-over-par 73, leaving him six shots off the lead held by three players on the par-70 layout.

In the second round, Sughrue carded a 78 and made the 36-hole cut to play in the final round. In those last 18 holes, Sughrue shot 76 for a 227 total to finish 51st overall at plus-17. The winning total was 207.

In September, Sughrue won the 36-hole Senior Open of Virginia with a 70-69-138 total score, winning by three strokes. He birdied the final hole in the final round to ice the victory at Independence Golf Club in Midlothian.

The victory was one of the biggest in his career, which includes a runner-up finish in the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur in St. Louis and top finishes in various other amateur events over the years.

STEWART PLAYING FOR BROWNS: Yorktown High School graduate M.J. Stewart is receiving significant playing time in the defensive secondary for the Cleveland Browns through three NFL games this season.

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound cornerback has made four tackles (all solos) in those contests, including three in a victory over the Washington Football Team. Stewart played a good deal and was active in that contest, when the Browns intercepted three passes.

His other tackle came in a win over the Cincinnati Bengals.

This is the third NFL season for Stewart. He played his first two with Tampa Bay, which drafted him out of the University of North Carolina in the second round with the 53rd pick overall. Tampa Bay released Stewart during the summer, and he was quickly claimed by Cleveland.

In an interesting twist in the game against Washington, Stewart and Washington defensive lineman Jonathan Allen were on opposite teams. The same thing happened in high school back in 2012 in Virginia, when host Stone Bridge of Ashburn defeated Yorktown, 69-50, in the Northern Region Division 5 championship game.

Stewart was a standout runningback, defensive back and kick returner for Yorktown. Allen was a hard-to-block defensive lineman for Stone Bridge, who spent that Saturday afternoon trying to tackle Stewart. In turn, Stewart tried to block Allen on occasion.

The players were on the opposite sides of the ball in that NFL clash when Cleveland and Washington met. So they never came face-to-face during game action.

SOCCER CAMPS: The Northern Virginia Soccer Club is offering various camps. For information, visit www.novasc.org.

VIRTUAL 5K RACE: The Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. will hold its National Run for Refugees, a virtual 5K race Oct. 22-25.

Over three days, participants can run (or walk) a race, then submit time to the ranking. To register, sign up at https://www.bspbports.com/ecdc-virtual-national-run-for-refugees.

ARLINGTON LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS: Anyone wanting information about Arlington Little League fall ball and registering should visit: www.registrar@arlingtonlittleleague.org.

Also, the league is looking for umpires for upcoming seasons. For information visit: umpire@arlingtonlittleleague.org.
Class

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lington and Falls Church) opted to start the 2020-21 school year with all-online classes. Some districts are beginning to rethink that plan, with tentative steps to begin some in-person learning in coming weeks and months.

Jordan, who was May defeated Mark Ellmore to win the Republican nomination, said getting students back in class was a precursor to a full economic revival.

“We need our communities healthy and vibrant, and getting teachers and students back into schools is the best way to do that,” he said, pointing to the need of parents to have some regularity back in their lives.

“People have to work and they need to be able to go to work,” he said. “Opening the schools is huge.”

Beyer said the best way to deal with economic recovery is to pass federal legislation providing assistance to governments, businesses and those affected by the downturn.

He acknowledged that impact of the situation on local small businesses, “many of which have already failed, many of which are going to fail in the next couple of months.”

Beyer and Jordan have taken part in a series of debates over the past month, although given the political leanings of the district, the incumbent—who in 2014 was elected to succeed Jim Moran—is likely to win a new two-year term relatively easily.

The Arlington Sun Gazette has been the community’s source for news and information. We’ve got the staff that knows the issues—and it shows!
Goodbye windmill, hello skyscraper on a tiny triangle of land in central Tysons.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 29 unanimously approved a proposal by jrs@tysons LLC to raze the existing J.R.'s Stockyards Inn at 8130 Watson St. and erect a 270-foot-tall, 26-story, mixed-use building with 244 residential units, a small amount of ground-floor retail and underground parking.

The 1.1-acre site, located between International Drive and Watson Street in central Tysons, has been occupied by the steakhouse since the late 1970s. Owned by Jim and Karen Wordsworth, the restaurant has an iconic windmill that several supervisors said they were sorry to see go.

“I look forward to seeing this project built,” she said. “I’ll miss the windmill [but] it will be an exciting addition to Tysons.”

“All of the site is within one-third of a mile of the Tysons Corner Metro Station and 74 percent of it is within a quarter-mile of the station, which under the Tysons Comprehensive Plan allows it to have unlimited development density,” said Supervisor Dalia Palchik (D-Providence).

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The applicant will build 0.57 acres of urban park space that will be publicly accessible at-grade and have a variety of both active and passive recreational amenities.

“Beyond next year, panelists on average indicated a 44 percent probability that the U.S. will reach that milestone during the decade.

The amount of park space is slightly lower than the 0.64 acres stipulated under the county’s zoning rules for Tysons.

— Brian Trompeter

Nationally, the lowest jobless rates for the month ranged from 4.7 percent (Newport News) to 4.9 percent (in Winchester, Staunton-Waynesboro and in Harrisonburg) to 7.4 percent (Newport News).

Among the nation’s 51 metro areas with populations of more than 1 million, the lowest jobless rate for the month was found in Salt Lake City, at 4.7 percent, with the highest found in Las Vegas (15.5 percent) and Los Angeles (13 percent).

In Virginia, August’s jobless rate of 6.3 percent was down from 8 percent a month before but up from 2.9 percent in August 2019. The most recent rate represents 435 million in the civilian workforce and 275,000 looking for jobs statewide.

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October 8, 1987:
Mrs. Warner (Elizabeth Taylor) was planning a rally at Washington-Lee High School on Oct. 19.

October 7, 1978:
Hogan’s Heroes” and “The Addams Family” began its 21st season with a concert at Wakefield School.

October 8, 1965:
School officials plan to hold open houses at the aging Gunston and Thomas Jefferson junior high schools, in an effort to convince the public to support bonds for their reconstruction.

October 8-9, 1957:
Ronald Reagan is on the stump for New Virginia teachers may have to deal with incorrigible offenders.

Crossword Solution

ACROSS
1. Capital of Ghana
6. Paris in Tour de France
9. Wild ox of India
13. Admiral’s group
14. “Mele Kalikimaka” wreath
15. Julian Barnes’ “The____ of an Ending”
16. Telephone company
17. Acronym in a bottle
18. Birth-related
19. 3. Set briefly on fire
21. Separate solids from fat in melted butter
23. Crusty dessert
24. Uncouth person
25. Westminster broadcaster, aca.
26. Coffee break spot
30. Scalp quickly in boiling water
35. Like desert
37. Like Civil War re-enactment battle
39. Like old chips
40. Delhi dress
41. Subculture language
43. “Good or bad it emanates from stoves”
44. “As the World____”
46. Like Jekyll and Hyde’s personality
47. This over matter?
48. Encryption device, a.k.a. ___ machine
50. Practice in the ring
52. Low-___ image
53. Competitive advantage
55. NBA coach “____” Rivers
57. “____” by Rivers
59. Delhi dress
60. Debussy’s “Clair de ____”
61. Thicken by simmering
62. Tire swing holder
63. Hawaiian Mauna
65. Pigeon sound
67. Pianist’s exercise
68. Hawaiian Mauna

DOWN
1. Capital of Ghana
2. Staff symbol
3. Text messenger
4. Short version
5. Like number 1 to hydrogen
6. Besides
7. Opposite of paleo-
8. 1970s music genre
9. Wheel in grandfather clock
10. ____ perspiant
11. Defender of skies
12. Count on
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67. Pianist’s exercise
69. Resembles a fish
70. Hawaiian Mauna
71. Smart candy?
72. Tire swing holder
73. Bruin legend Bobby
74. “____” reward

ONLINE TOUR OF IRELAND OFFERED: An online tour of Ireland with frequent traveler Susan Court will be presented on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. (Activity #91400-18)

HEALTH FORUM FOCUSES ON BREAST CANCER: Cathy Turner of Virginia Hospital Center will present an overview of breast-cancer awareness, including risk factors, early detection and prevention tips, online on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 11 a.m. (Activity #911500-8)

ARTIST AVAILABLE TO CHAT WITH PUBLIC: A chat with artist Jennifer Drvlyen will be offered online on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. The event will focus on techniques, materials and creative expressions. (Activity #911301-9)

ONLINE PROGRAM SERVES UP 4-1-1 ON POKER: A basic crash course on poker for beginners will be offered online on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. (Activity #911601-2)

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