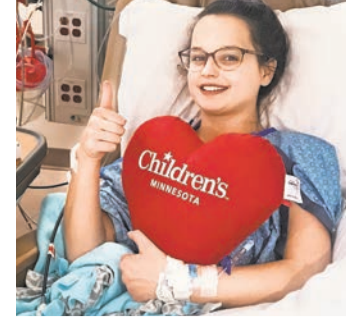




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New bar on Broadway?

Land owner exploring idea

By Al Edenloff
 Alexandria Echo Press

A new bar and restaurant in downtown Alexandria is a possibility – if all the details can be worked out.

Realtor Carl Kvale recently purchased the small lot in the space between the new Charlie's Bazaar that's under construction and Cowing Robards along Broadway by Fifth Avenue. The space at 510 Broadway had been the home of Little Darlings Children's Boutique until it was destroyed in the Broadway fire on Feb. 25, 2020.

"I think a bar or restaurant would fit that spot nicely," Kvale told the Echo Press on Tuesday, Nov. 30.

The space is bigger than it looks. It measures 22 feet by 150 feet, a total of 3,300-square feet, and it's only about two feet narrower than the Raapers Eatery and Grill building, which was also lost in the fire.

When the property for Little Darling's, which was owned by Wilhouse Properties LLC, went up for sale, Kvale said he grabbed it so he could preserve it and change

the bare lot into something better for downtown.

"At first, we weren't sure what to do with it," Kvale said. "We started kicking around some ideas and we thought, why not build a bar downtown – a place where people could have a cocktail?"

Whether the idea materializes hinges on several factors, Kvale said, including the cost to build the bar/restaurant and getting the plans approved. He envisions topping the bar with a rooftop patio.

Kvale, who admits he and his wife, Tonia, are pretty busy with their real estate business, said he's also open to the idea of leasing the building out to someone who could chase their dream of operating a downtown bar and restaurant.

"But if no one steps up to the plate, we will," he added.

City Planner Mike Weber said the lot is buildable and would be suitable for any of our retail or office uses, similar to the other locations in the downtown area.

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The Broadway property that sits between Cowing Robards (left) and the under-construction Charlie's Bazaar could be developed into a bar/restaurant, according to the property owner, Carl Kvale.



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Last year, Lydia Mason, 8, of Osakis, was a first-time performer at the Jingle Bells Telethon. Mason, the daughter of Kevin and JoAnna Mason, sang "O Holy Night."

JOYOUS GENEROSITY

Alexandria Area High School is set to host the 73rd Jingle Bells Telethon

By Thalen Zimmerman
 Alexandria Echo Press

The 73rd annual Jingle Bells Telethon will take place live at the Alexandria Area High School's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Dec. 11., from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Unlike last year, the 2021 Jingle Bells Telethon will open to a live audience. The event will also be

televised and streamed at the foundation's website, www.jinglebellsalexandria.org.

The following stations will be airing the program:

- ▶ Charter Spectrum Cable Channel 18
- ▶ Selective TV Channel 21.4
- ▶ Gardonville Channel 4
- ▶ Park Region Channel 1
- ▶ Runestone Telecom Channel 6

▶ Arvig Channel 14
 Viewers can expect to see over 30 live performances from piano playing, family bands, concertina, a barbershop quartet and more, along with skits and videos by the hosts. The show can provide a full set of talent due to the option to submit auditions via video.

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80 years later: Remembering Pearl Harbor

Editor's note: The following items were taken from the first issue of the Park Region Echo following the attack on Pearl Harbor. The issue was printed on Thursday, Dec. 11, 1941.

The first article concerns local people who were in Hawaii at the time of the attack.

Several from here in Hawaii

Capt. E. Hanson was under fire

in attack
 Several other men from this county were stationed in Hawaii when attack made

A number of boys from Douglas county are in the areas in the Pacific bombarded by (the Japanese), and Battery "C" is stationed at Frisco, to fight off expected (Japanese) raiders with its anti-aircraft guns.

E.W. Hanson, brother of County Attorney C. Fred Hanson, was in command of the Indianapolis, a battle cruiser stationed in Pearl Harbor. Richard Hintzen, son of County Auditor Pete Hintzen, was likewise stationed at Pearl Harbor, naval base in Hawaii. No word regarding either of these men has yet been received.

Leslie Wheeler of Carlos, is stationed on Midway island, one of the islands attacked Monday. Leo Arne is in the Medical Hospital corps at Scofield Barracks, 28 miles from Honolulu. No word has been received concerning them.

One of the Lehn boys was reported injured in the attack on Honolulu but the story is

probably a fake as both were recently home on furlough, but some members of the Battery "C" who have been at Camp Haan were sent to Alaska a while ago to prepare for defense of air bases there.

Only scattered bits of information on the whereabouts or fate of local army and navy

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Deadline draws near to enter the Echo Press' annual 'Light up the Night' holiday light photo contest



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Past winners of the contest were Ronald and Tami Sik, who live at 5th Avenue East and Lake Street.

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The Echo Press' annual 'Light up the Night' contest is now open.

Douglas County and surrounding area residents and business owners may submit photos of their holiday light displays in two different categories – Most Fun Display and Most Beautiful Display.

Photos can be entered now through Monday, Dec. 6, at 5 p.m. Voting will open on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and run through Sunday, Dec. 12, at 5 p.m.

The contest is all

online. To submit your photo, go to echopress.secondstreetapp.com/Echo-Press-annual-Light-up-the-Night-holiday-light-contest.

The votes will then be tabulated and one winner will be chosen in each category.

When submitting your photo, you will need to include your email, name, complete address and phone number.

If you want people to view your lights in person, please include your address in the caption of the photo.