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President Barack Obama addresses the student body, faculty and staff of Washington-Lee and invited guests.

Presidential Visit to Washington-Lee

President Barack Obama made his first visit to Washington-Lee High School on Friday, May 4. The President and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan met with three students and a parent of each for a roundtable discussion on the Stafford loan program and the students' dreams of their futures. The participants included: Amirah Delwin and her stepmom Kezia Truesdale, Brendan Craig and his father Tim Craig and Rina Castaneda and her mom Elma Molina. After the discussion, the President was ushered into the gymnasium to address the junior and senior class students. Each student was allowed to bring one parent to see and hear the President's address. Approximately 1,175 people attended. The underclassmen watched the President's address on the TV screens in their classrooms.

Washington-Lee senior Amirah Delwin introduces President Barack Obama.



President Obama walks and greets students and their parents at the conclusion of his remarks on Friday afternoon at Washington-Lee High School.

Treaty of Four Mile Run?

A potential compromise to ongoing dispute between Arlington and Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

Back in October 2010, Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition chairman Tim Lovain feared what he called a "disaster" on the horizon — transit corridor commuters may be facing a day when they would have to get off an Arlington streetcar and board an Alexandria bus. Now that disaster could become a reality as the two neighboring jurisdictions are moving in different directions, with Arlington seeking Small Starts funding for the Columbia Pike streetcar project and Alexandria seeking Small Starts funding from the Federal Transit Administration for the Crystal City Potomac Yard transit corridor.

"It's fair to say there's competition," said Lovain, a former member of the Alexandria City Council. "But there may also be a solution."

Behind the scenes, Lovain and others have been urging officials on both sides of Four Mile Run to broker a compromise. Instead of extending the streetcar line from the border of Arlington to the Braddock Road Metro. The alternative scenario under discussion would terminate the streetcar line at the new Potomac Yard Metro station, the location of which has yet to be determined. Arlington and Alexandria would then enter a joint application for a Small Starts grant that would include a stop at the Arlington side of Four Mile Run and extend through Alexandria to the new Metro station.

"It makes perfect sense to me that the Arlington streetcar should terminate at a Metro, although there might be some raised eyebrows at the FTA," said Lovain, a registered lobbyist with Denny Miller Associates. "It's a little unconventional, but I think it could work."

LOVAIN ESTIMATES the project

would cost about \$40 million, half of which could be picked up by the Federal Transit Administration under the Small Starts program. If Arlington were willing to kick in \$5 million to \$10 million, Lovain said, Alexandria might be willing to pay for the rest, estimated at \$10 million to \$15 million. Arlington would get to have its valuable streetcar line terminate at a Metro, and Alexandria would get federal funding for a pilot streetcar project.

"It sounds like a great idea, although I'm not prepared to support it right now," said Arlington County Board member Libby Garvey. "I think we are going to work something out. Whether this is it or not, I don't know."

For years, Arlington County Board member Chris Zimmerman has been one of the leading advocates of creating a regional streetcar system. Since Alexandria leaders learned that Arlington officials decided against participating in a joint study with Alexandria on Small Starts funding for the Crystal City Potomac Yard transit corridor, Zimmerman has declined to return calls for comment. His aide said that he would be declining to participate in this story after receiving written questions from Connection Newspapers.

"For Mr. Z, the Columbia Pike corridor is where his heart is," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Government Leadership. "So it seems to be that he sacrificed one for the other."

ARLINGTON'S DECISION to opt out of an optional alternatives analysis on the Crystal City Potomac Yard transit corridor leaves Alexandria leaders scrambling to come up a new plan of action, and opinions are divided on the campaign trail about whether or not Lovain's plan is the best course. Several council can

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PEOPLE

Toftoy Pens Sequel: 'Eyes of Cold Case Killers'

Local author uses Northern Virginia as setting. cate themselves to finding out what hap- pen to the victim. These homicide detec- tives are very special people," he said.

BY SENITRA T. MCCOMBS
THE CONNECTION

What's next for professor sleuth Lars Neilsen and Alpha Team after solving the murders of four local uni- versity co-eds in "It's In The Eyes?"

In "Eyes of Cold Case Killers," Neilsen and the Alpha Team pursue a cold case serial killer named Taurus over four jurisdictions (Fairfax, Arlington, Falls Church, Alexan- dria) in Northern Virginia.

Arlington resident Dr. Charles N. Toftoy just published his sec- ond book, "Eyes of Cold Case Kill- ers", a sequel to his first thriller/ mystery "It's In The Eyes" from De- cember 2011.

"With this killer sort of haunting the D.C. Metro area, it will remind people of the whole post 9/11, an- thrax and snipers scares when the whole community was walking on eggshells. So it's sort of fascinating from that standpoint," he said.

Toftoy said the public outcry for solving cold cases and his admiration for the cold case detectives motivated him to write the

second book.

During his research Toftoy learned about the forensic strategies and techniques used to solve cold cases.

"After 5 years or so, a per- son sort of changes their story because now they don't feel as threatened by the murder. So now witnesses are more open to talk with police," he added.

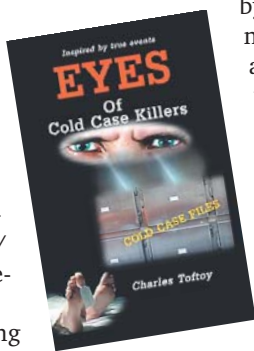
He also learned how they deal with the victims' families which can be very emotional at times. "I really admire the cold case detec- tives. They have to think outside the box. And they stay with the case. They leave no pebble unturned," he said.

His respect for cold case detectives and their work made Toftoy determined to ac- curately portray them in his novel.

"All that's left of the victim is a gray file in a file cabinet. They are the last hope. They've got to make sure that they dedi-



Dr. Charles N. Toftoy



Though he had a great ex- perience conducting research, Toftoy en- joyed developing the characters. He remem- bers waking up at 3 a.m. from a dream where Brenda (one of his characters) told him not to forget to put a certain scene into the story. He wrote it down and went back to sleep.

"Particularly, the four main characters, they live inside of me," he said.

Cindy Bauer, one of the editors' of "Eyes of Cold Case Killers," also saw the deep con- nection between Toftoy and his characters

while working on the book with him.

"He is an excellent writer with a wonder- ful voice and his own personal humor comes out in his characters," she said.

After reading both books, Bauer stated that she "... fell in love with the characters. The characters' personalities are very real- istic, funny, and as a group, make the story come alive. He did extensive research which really helped as well."

According to another of the book's edi- tors, Irene Stefanski, Toftoy's detailed de- scriptions of his characters' lives — right down to the stores where they shop — bring these characters to life in his novel.

Currently, he is working on a screenplay of the book for a possible TV mini-series or film. Although Toftoy spends most of his time writing, he does take time to read out- side his genre such as "After the Reich" and "The Hunger Games."

A portion of the profits from "Eyes of Cold Case Killers" will be donated to Heroes, Inc. an organization dedicated to helping families of law enforcement officers and fire fighters who have died in the line of duty in the D.C. Metro area.

"Eyes of Cold Case Killers" can be pur- chased at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

Toftoy currently works as a business strat- egies advisor to several local companies in Arlington. He has a MBA in strategic plan- ning from Tulane University.

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Senior trips: Allenberry Playhouse, Boiling Springs, PA, Sunday, May 20, \$87 (includes lunch); Mike's Waterfront Restaurant, Riva, Md., Monday, May 21, \$61; Thursday, May 24, Rehoboth Beach, Del., \$44; Friday, May 25, Wolf Trap, Garrison Keillor, \$63. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

Keeping food safe at home, Monday, May 21, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

Senior Boot Camps start 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 21, Walter Reed. \$28/6 classes; \$31.50/7 classes. Register, 703-228-0955.

Holistic tools to manage neck and back pain, Monday, May 21, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

Variety of Yoga classes at Culpepper Garden, Aurora Hills and Langston-Brown begin the week of May 22. Call for cost and times, 703-228-4745. Registration required.

Zumba cardio dance classes for all fitness levels begin Tuesday, May 22, 2:15 p.m., Lee. \$31.50/7 classes. Register, 703-228-0555.

Roundtable chat about

historical events, Tuesday, May 22, 11:15 a.m., Lee. Free. Details, 703-228-0555.

Painting classes for all skill levels begin Wednesday, May 23, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. \$48/8 two hour classes. Register, 703-228-0555.

Tai Chi tune up classes begin Wednesday, May 23, 3 p.m., Langston-Brown. \$16/4 classes. Register, 703-228-6300.

Women's basketball clinics begin Wednesday, May 23, 7 p.m., rookies, 8 p.m., intermediate, Langston-Brown. \$24/4 clinics with 55+ Pass. Register early, 703-228-4771.

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Belly dancing classes begin Friday, May 25, 10 a.m., Lee. \$33/6 classes. Register, 703-228-0555.

Arlington Cemetery documentary, Friday, May 25, 1 p.m., Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

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A gallery of photos submitted for Mother's Day.



Isabelle Mauro, 105, with her three children (from left): Louis D. Mauro, Alicemarie Veronica (Mauro) Precup and Walter A. Mauro.



Isabelle Mauro celebrates her 105th birthday on Feb. 5 at Esposito's Restaurant in Fairfax.



Easter morning on the front porch: Mia Lodwig (age 8) with her mom, Tara Lodwig of Arlington.

Seeking Solutions to Transit Border

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didates applauded the proposal as a creative solution to the stalemate between the two neighboring jurisdictions. Former Councilman Justin Wilson said he supports Lovain's plan in principle, although he wants to make sure that Alexandria is not distracted from finishing its own transit corridor to the Braddock Road Metro.

"Arlington and Alexandria are in a game of chicken right now," said Wilson. "Both sides are looking at the funding options."

Several Alexandria City leaders say that Arlington County acted in bad faith by inviting Alexandria to be part of an alternatives analysis that the county ultimately decided against pursuing. Now the ball is in the city's court, and several are urging against moving forward with Lovain's solution. Councilwoman Alicia Hughes, for example, says the city should abandon the concept of streetcars altogether — at least for now.

"We can't afford it," said Hughes. "It is unrealistic, and to the extent that we try to make it reality, a tax bill that is more than unduly burdensome on Alexandria taxpayers, which is irresponsible."

WHEN ASKED about Lovain's proposal, candidates in the Democratic primary for Alexandria City Council had a range of responses. Sean Holihan

praised the idea as an "original solution" that encourages regional cooperation while Boyd Walker said he thinks the city should consider abandoning the Potomac Yard Metro in favor of investing in a streetcar system. Several of the candidates criticized Arlington leaders for opting out of the alternatives analysis for the Crystal City Potomac Yard transit corridor. Arlington County Board Chairwoman Mary Hynes declined to return calls for comment.

"I don't think it's fair for Arlington to wait until the last minute that they aren't going to be participating in this," said John Taylor Chapman. "The original agreement was 50/50, and so I think we should hold out for Arlington to pay for half of this."

Melissa Feld said she's not sure she would support Lovain's proposal because she's not sure Alexandria would be getting enough out of the bargain. Sammie Moshenberg said she wasn't sure the community has had enough input into the process, pointing to other recent decisions that she says have lacked a clear mandate from citizens. Allison Silberberg said Lovain's suggestion was a "win-win" solution that should be seriously considered in Arlington and Alexandria.

"I give Tim a lot of credit for coming up with this," said Silberberg. "If it works well, we can see if expanding streetcars is something we want to look at in other parts of the city."

'Who Says I Can't?'

PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE CONNECTION

Face of America ride honors disabled veterans.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

— Face of America ride director
Van Brinson

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

"What our service members have done for us is outstanding," said World



Cyclists leave Crystal City April 28 as part of the 2012 Face of America bike ride. More than 500 riders participated in the 100-mile ride from the Pentagon to Gettysburg.

T.E.A.M. Sports CEO Paul Tyler. "We do this to show our thanks to our veterans for putting their lives on the line for us."

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

"All of our events are designed to combine able bodied individuals with people with disabilities," said retired Marine Major Van Brinson, chief operations officer of World T.E.A.M. Sports and director of the ride. "When able bodied individuals ride alongside someone with a disability, it really changes their perception of what that person can accomplish."

Among this year's riders was Gen. Robert

Magnus (ret.), the former Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps who was participating in his fifth Face of America weekend.

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

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

"This is just an amazing event for us to be a part of," said Booz Allen team member



Retired Marine Major Van Brinson is the director of the Face of America ride.

Eli Hertz. "We have 51 riders and 55 volunteers. From registration to the finish line and every mile along the way, there will be a Booz Allen volunteer doing this as a tribute to our wounded warriors."

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

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

For more information on World T.E.A.M. Sports including upcoming events, visit www.worldteamsports.org.

Yorktown Band Hosts Chili Cook Off and Spring Sale

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION



Steve Haring, Stephen Klein, Zach Hadley and Nikki Jafarie serve up samples of chili at the cook-off.

Adozen plus pots filled with chili filled the tables in the cafeteria for the Chili Cook-Off and spring sale on Saturday, May 5. Members of the Yorktown band entertained the chili cooks and guests with a few sets of jazz, the 4th grade chorus from Tuckahoe Elementary School sang a few numbers from their upcoming spring concert and Dr. Raymond Pasi, Brian Bersh and JD Slaughter judged the chili entries. Entries were judged on aroma, consistency, taste and aftertaste.

Dylan Finnegan and Natalie Little were both awarded "Best Chili in Yorktown." "People's Choice Award" was presented to Team Portofino and Team Haring. All proceeds from the cook-off and the spring sale go to support the Yorktown Bands.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Yorktown principal Dr. Raymond Pasi prepares to taste in next sample.



Peter Burkholder and members of the Yorktown band play a few sets during the Saturday cook-off.

OPINION

Transparency, Technology and Tolls

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Despite the high number of drivers in Northern Virginia who already have an E-Z Pass transponder, when the HOT-Lanes open on the Beltway, there will be pressure for many more drivers to subscribe.

VDOT is now proposing to tack on an additional \$1 a month fee for each E-ZPass transponder. Note that is per transponder, not per account, so in a household with multiple cars and multiple transponders, the additional annual charge could be \$36, \$48 or \$60.

There are 900,000 transponders in use in Virginia now, with an expected need for more than 400,000 more coming with the new I-495 Express Lanes.

Driving through the E-ZPass lane on the Dulles Toll Road without stopping while cars without a transponder line up to slog through is one advantage. The two other places one can use the E-ZPass

in Northern Virginia are the Dulles Greenway and, soon, the "express lanes" on the Beltway.

One of the disadvantages of using the E-ZPass is that you seldom know how much you are paying, and it's significant. Signs with full information about tolls are few and far between, and so far nonexistent on some roads.

Motorists will need an E-ZPass transponder to ride in the Beltway express lanes. Vehicles with three or more people will be able to drive in the express lanes for free if they have a Flex transponder which has a switch that identifies carpoolers, but which also costs more than a regular transponder.

It is worth noting that 100 percent of the tolls from the Beltway HOT-lanes will be collected by the private company that is building them, without any revenue sharing with the Commonwealth. If it is really VDOT's responsibility to maintain the system to collect those tolls, then that is a failure in the crafting of

the contract to build the lanes. Apparently all E-ZPass account holders will be paying for the contractor's collection of funds.

Meanwhile, we're still not sure what it will cost to drive in the express lanes, but we do know that the amount will vary depending on traffic. We can only hope that signs will make it clear how much it will cost.

Today VDOT approved four new signs for the Greenway that will at least let drivers know how much they are paying. The answer is more than \$5 each way, not counting the new fee per transponder.

VDOT will not hold public hearings on this, although it should. It will be accepting emailed comments. Visit www.virginiadot.org/e-zpass or submit comments directly to vdotinfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

— MARY KIMM,

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BULLETIN BOARD

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FRIDAY/MAY 11

Pulmonary and Allergy Issues. 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Free lecture. Presented by Steven Zimet, M.D. of Pulmonary Medical Assoc. Learn about the difference between upper respiratory issues and allergies, what their affects on us are, and what treatment options we have. At 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-558-6859.

"Fundamentals of Chinese Information Warfare and

Impacts on the Western

World. Noon to 2 p.m. Guest speaker will be William T. Hagestad II, author of the new book 21st Century Chinese Cyberwarfare (IT Governance, 2012). Lunch will be served and RSVP is required. Provide name and affiliation to Laurie Kinney, Director of Communications and Outreach, at lkinney@potomacsinstitute.org or 703-525-0770. At the Institute, 901 North Stuart St., Suite 200, Arlington.

MONDAY/MAY 14

The Arlington Sister City Association. Annual meeting and dinner to be held in the NRECA building from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. All welcome. NRECA is located at 4301 Wilson Blvd in Arlington. The ASCA is currently a sister city to Aachen, Germany; Coyocan, Mexico; San

Miguel, El Salvador; Reims, France and Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. The 'city' committee members participate in adult and student exchanges and many cultural events throughout the year. Interested parties should visit the Arlington Sister City website at arlingtonsisitercity.org for more information, directions and to RSVP.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Virginia Parole Board Discussion.

There has been much controversy over low parole grant rates in Virginia. The advocacy organization Virginia CURE will host the vice chair of the Virginia Parole Board to discuss policies and procedures of the board. The public is invited to attend and questions are welcome. The meeting will take place at the Arlington Unitarian Universalist Church on 4444 Arlington Blvd. in Arlington. Call 703-272-3624 or

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Optimal Dental Facial Developments for Children. 7 to 9 p.m. With Dr. Felix Liao of Whole Health Dental. At Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Visit <http://holisticmomsaralalex.blogspot.com/> Contact: HolisticMomsArlAlex@gmail.com (at) gmail (dot) com or call Jessica at 703-824-6167.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 30

The Better Sports Club of Arlington announces that Washington Senators All-Star slugger Frank Howard will deliver the Keynote address at the club's 56th Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 30. Sports broadcaster Byron Kerr will serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

The 56th Annual Awards Banquet will feature presentations of Arlington Sportsmen and Sportswomen of the Year awards to over 20 student-athletes selected from nominations submitted by coaches and administrators at the four high schools located in Arlington. College scholarships will be presented to the top two award winners, Arlington's Female and Male Athletes of the Year.

Banquet tickets are available to the general public at \$35 each. Banquet Boosters and program advertisers are also welcome. For more information contact Jim McIntire at 703-532-0492 or katbird1138@verizon.net, or Rick Schumann at 703-241-0390 or reschumann@aol.com.

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11 a.m. to 12 noon. Free lecture. By Clay Wellborn, M.D. of Nirschl Clinic Arthritis is a common issue we all develop as we age. Some individuals are diagnosed at a young age and some individuals have the condition but do not ever notice. Please join this presentation on the development and symptoms of arthritis and what can be done to manage it. At 601 S. Carlin springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.



Snapshot Door #1 at Washington-Lee High School. May 4, 12:26p.m.

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The Best Seats Outside the House

Local designers offer tips for creating a spectacular patio or deck.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Warm weather means more time spent lounging by the pool or grilling on the patio. A winter-worn outdoor space can make popular warm weather pastimes less than appealing.

Creating a space that provides both comfort and style can be a daunting undertaking. Local designers are offering suggestions for creating a luxurious retreat fit for relaxing or outdoor entertaining.

When a home's interior flows effortlessly into its outdoor surroundings, a patio or deck becomes an extension of the house. "Accessories are now focused on bringing indoor luxuries outside," said McLean-based designer Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean. "Outdoor furniture is now made larger and more comfortable, and outdoor fabrics are more beautiful than ever. We're really able to match the outside more closely to a home's interior."

Lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers are among the trendiest alfresco accents. Outdoor rugs deliver an instant elegant impact. "Another nice luxury is an outdoor articulating fan," said Munn. "Those work two-fold. They keep you and your guest cool and keep mosquitoes away."

INDULGENCE WAS THE THEME on a Potomac patio designed by Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects. He furnished the space with kitchen appliances and a television, all built for outdoor use, and topped it with a stained wood ceiling. "It's like having a living room outdoors," said Rill. "The spaces are connected to the outside, while also



When designing this patio in Alexandria, landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporates flowers in bursts of color to create a striking, contemporary space.

protected from the elements."

When designing the patio of an Alexandria home, Landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporated flowers in bursts of color. "I see the use of bold colors being the trend," he said.

Wlodarczyk said that growers are developing "designer" flowers in hues that span the color spectrum. He has a penchant for coneflowers, which bloom throughout the summer and come in varieties with names like hot lava, gumdrop and Maui sunshine.

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A kaleidoscopic landscape encourages lounging outdoors.

David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center says such spaces are created with vibrantly colored planters and vivid flowers like knockout roses and endless summer hydrangeas.



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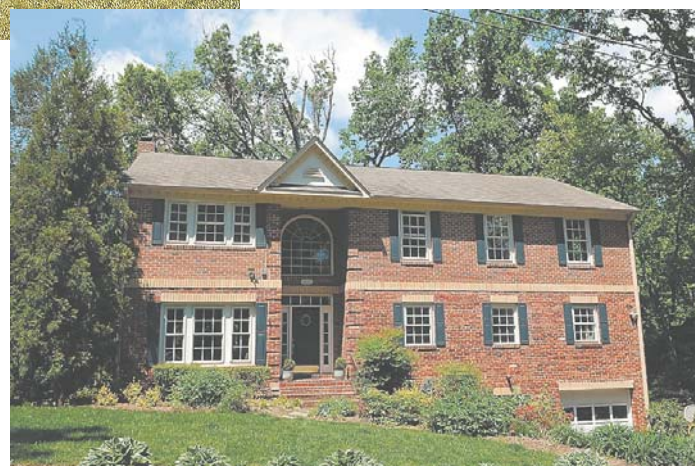


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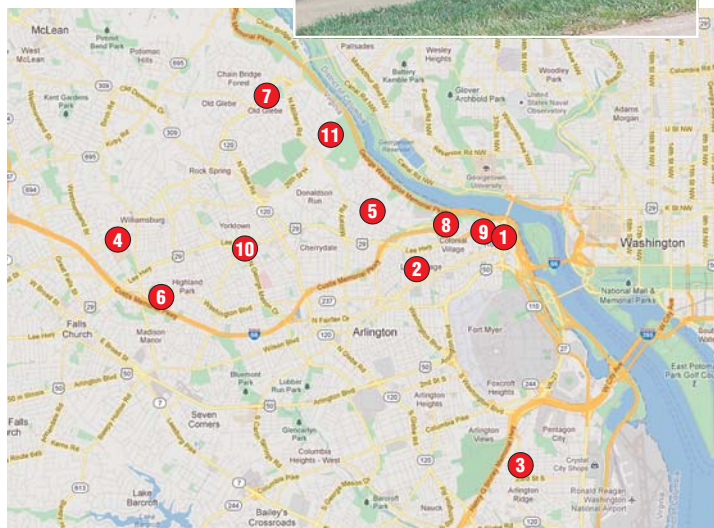


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Patio with 'European Feel'

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David Watkins, a Fairfax Station resident and manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax, Gainesville and Merrifield agrees that brightly colored blooms pack a powerful punch. "We're adding vibrant colors to landscapes with flowers like knockout roses and endless summer hydrangeas," he said.

The trend extends to patio furniture. "We're going from patio umbrellas and chair cushions in browns and blacks to colors like magenta," said Watkins.

TO MAKE A PATIO or deck child-friendly, Nancy Towmey, principal designer of Finnian's Moon Interiors, an Alexandria-based firm, suggests weatherproof storage ottomans and child-sized tables and chairs. "Kids like to be comfortable just like everybody else," she said. "Ottomans a great for holding their toys."

Don't skimp when it comes to quality. "I would encourage people to buy something decent. It is usually worth the money to invest in something decent," she said.

Gina Benincasa, landscape designer with D&A Dunlevy Landscapers, Inc. says that when building the patio of a McLean home recently, her team paid particular attention to the foundation. "Trendier patios are now very detailed and use all different kinds of stone like limestone and travertine stone," she said. "Adding a pebbled mosaic as part of the patio or in some cases the whole patio is really decorative and can give it a European feel."



Vibrantly hued cushions encourage lounging. David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center says some of the season's best outdoor furniture comes in bold colors.

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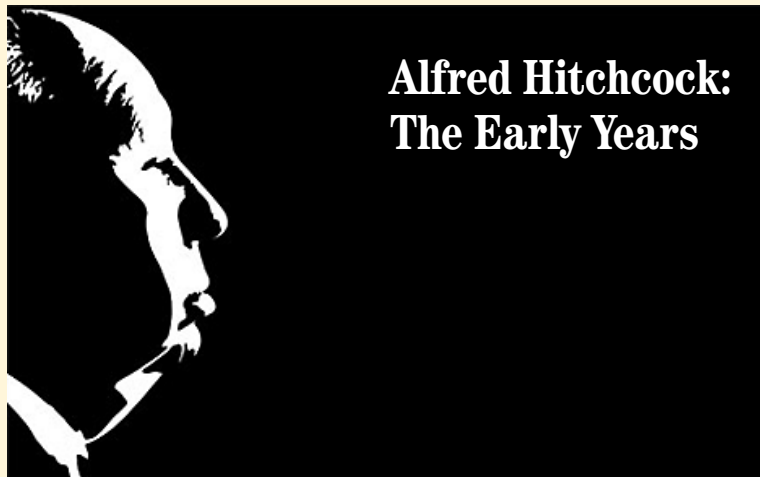
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Alfred Hitchcock: The Early Years

EVERY FRIDAY IN MAY

Alfred Hitchcock: The Early Years Film Series. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Before there was "Vertigo," "The Birds" and "Rear Window," Hitchcock directed films for over a decade that — beyond simply laying the groundwork for his later works — are considered masterpieces in their own right. Every Friday in May, Artisphere will screen a different classic from the "master of suspense" released before 1940. At the Dome Theater at the Artisphere.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

"Sabotage." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. A Scotland Yard undercover detective is on the trail of a saboteur who is part of a plot to set off a bomb in London. But when the detective's cover is blown, the plot begins to unravel.

FRIDAY/MAY 18

"Young & Innocent" ("The Girl Was Young." 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8. A man on the run from a murder charge enlists a beautiful stranger who must put herself at risk for his cause. Released in the U.S. as "The Girl Was Young," "Young and Innocent" was based on a novel by Josephine Tey.

FRIDAY/MAY 25

"The Lady Vanishes." 8 p.m. Tickets \$8. While traveling in continental Europe a rich, young playgirl realizes that an elderly lady seems to have disappeared from the train.

NOW THROUGH MAY 13

Mickael Broth. Free. Richmond-based visual artist will be demonstrating his work at the Works in Progress Gallery. At the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

Donna Cameron. Free. Donna Cameron is a new media artist from Arlington who creates highly sensual visual and aural collages through a process of paper emulsion which she developed specifically for her work; a process that helps her create surreal combinations of poetry, color, light and sound. At the Bijou Theater at the Artisphere.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

David Carlson. Carlson is an artist, teacher and community activist that lives and works in the Northern Virginia area. He has collaborated with composers, visual artists and dancers on video projects that deal with concepts of humanism on an international scope. Shown at the Artisphere's Video Wall.

NOW THROUGH MAY 31

Kevin Palomino: Dead Ghosts. Free. Palomino is a multi-medium artist from Wichita and Washington, D.C. Through his works with film, painting, screen printing, drawing and graphic story Palomino attempts to explore issues of identity, culture, nationality, modernity and technology as they relate to himself and his generation. At the Artisphere.

MAY 10 TO JULY 1

"The Bacchae" by Euripides. Part of the WSC Avant Bard Spring Repertory. Mixing history with myth to recount by the story of the God Dionysus's arrival in Greece, this tragedy centers on King Pentheus of Thebes and his mother Agaue and their punishment by Dionysus for refusing to worship him. Regular Performances: Saturday, May 19 – Sunday, July 1. Tickets: Previews: All Pay-What-You-Can; Regular run: Thursday, \$25 7:30 p.m. / Friday, \$30 7:30 p.m. / Saturday, Matinee, Pay-What-You-Can 2 p.m. / Saturday, \$35 7:30 p.m. / Sunday, Mat . \$30 2 p.m. / Sunday \$25 7:30 p.m. At the Artisphere.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

WJLA News Anchors To Lecture. 6 to 8 p.m. Join ABC7's evening news team, Leon Harris and Alison Starling, for a conversation about the TV news business. Part of the "Rooms with a View" lecture series. At Artisphere's Dome Theater, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. To make a reservation for this free lecture, email your RSVP by May 8 to RSVP@rosslynva.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Friday Morning Music Club (On Thursdays). Noon. Free classical music. At the Ballroom at The Artisphere.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

"The Creators." 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. "The Creators" explores the chaotic reality of modern day South Africa. Moving through the lives of artists from all segments of the formerly-segregated country, the film paints an intimate portrait of those actively remolding the legacy of apartheid. Followed by Q&A with director, Fulbright recipient and Arlington native Laura Gamse. At the Dome Theater at The Artisphere.



Taste of Arlington Is Sunday, May 20, from 12 – 5 p.m.

The Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) is hosting the 25th anniversary of Taste of Arlington on Sunday, May 20 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

The Taste of Arlington is an annual event that transforms Wilson Boulevard at Ballston Common Mall into a lively street festival, complete with family entertainment, local sponsors, children's activities, and many noteworthy restaurants from all over Arlington.

More than 40 restaurants will participate in this year's Taste event, which draws an average of 15,000 people from the area.

A wide array of Arlington's favorite eateries will be participating in the Taste again this year including: Bayou Bakery, La Tasca, Lebanese Taverna, P.F. Chang's China Bistro, Pete's New Haven Style Apizza, Vapiano, Willow and Zoes Kitchen. New restaurants participating in this year's Taste of Arlington will continue to be added to the event.

In addition to great food, the Taste will also feature live entertainment including popular acoustic music group, The Constituents and Lethal Peanut, a rock and blues band that also plays folk and bluegrass tunes. Joining these groups will be Taste favorites: the Levine School of Music, Bowen McCauley Dance's Kenmore Junior Company and The Children's Spanish Chorus.

A limited amount of tickets are already available online at the reduced price of \$25. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be the regular price of \$30.

This annual event is organized by the Ballston Business Improvement District (BID) and is the largest single day event in Arlington. This year's proceeds from Taste of Arlington will benefit Arlington Community Foundation, the Virginia Hospital Center and Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic.

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- ❖ May 16 — Anh-Thu Mai and Special Guest “Using Coupons To Save Money.”

WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

Twilight Tattoo. 7 p.m. Featuring the U.S. Army Blues and Downrange. At Summerall Field at Ft. Myer in Arlington. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

Arlington Free Clinic Night. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$10/door. Help support medical care for the uninsured. At Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org.

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MAY 10 TO JUNE 2

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THURSDAY/MAY 10

“Pershing’s Own” Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. The U.S. Army Strings usher in spring with a delightful evening of light classical favorites and Pops-style patriotic classics. At Brucker Hall, Ft. Myer. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

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

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Encore Chorale Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. Featuring the Virginia Encore Chorales. More than 175 singers, ages 55+, will perform Spirituals, Civil War music, and a Gilbert and Sullivan Victorian Bouquet arranged especially for Encore by John Barry Talley, retired director of musical activities at the United States Naval Academy. At Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St., Arlington. Call Encore at 301-261-5747 or visit <http://encorecreativity.org>

MAY 11 AND 12

“The Sound of Music.” St. Andrew’s Players present the 40th Anniversary of “The Sound of Music.” Performances are Friday, May 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. (dinner at 6:30 p.m.). Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children. Dinner theater is \$25 for adults; \$15 for children 12 and under. At St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane (at Military Road), Arlington.

Lucy’s Local Playlist. 8 p.m. Bowen McCauley Dance presents the premiere of “Lucy’s Local Playlist,” a contemporary dance performance inspired by the music of 10 Greater Washington, D.C., local bands/artists, at Syntetic Theater in Arlington. Listen to the artists or read their bios here: <http://www.bmdc.org/lucys-local-playlist>

SATURDAY/MAY 12

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SUNDAY/MAY 13

Arlington Children’s Chorus. 4 p.m. Presents a Children’s Festival of world Folk Music from Japan, Russia, Wales and the U.S. At the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, on Glebe Road, Arlington. Visit www.ArtsVA.com.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Arlington Sister City Association. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Annual meeting and dinner to be held in the NRECA Building in Arlington. The ASCA is currently a sister city to Aachen, Germany; Coyocan, Mexico; San Miguel, El Salvador; Reims, France and Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. The ‘city’ committee members participate in adult and student exchanges and many cultural events throughout the year. Visit arlingtonsisitercity.org

Concert. 7 p.m. Free. The Madrigalians of Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, will be in concert at Trinity Episcopal Church, 2217 Columbia Pike, Arlington. The 25-voice select vocal ensemble specializes in a capella literature of the 16th-21st centuries. This performance is part of their “New York, New York” tour this spring.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Psychologist Wendy Zevin. 7 p.m. Arlington Unitarian Cooperative Preschool presents “When You Worry, I Worry – Parents and Kids and Anxiety.” Licensed Clinical Psychologist Wendy Zevin will talk about normal developmental fears, especially separation anxiety and all its manifestations, as well as adaptive and not-so-adaptive coping mechanisms for both parents and children. The event is free and open to the public. At 4444 Arlington Boulevard, Arlington.

Glebe and Randolph Park Public Meeting. 7 p.m. Learn about the current status and discuss temporary improvements to Glebe and Randolph Park. At the Washington-Lee High School Little Theater. Free parking is available in the I-66 parking deck, located off of N. Stafford St. next to Washington-Lee and off of N. 15th St. and N. Quincy. Use door #5 to enter, the Little Theater is down the hall on the left.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 16

Twilight Tattoo. 7 p.m. Featuring the U.S. Army Blues and Downrange. At Summerall Field at Ft. Myer, Arlington. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

The State of Affordable Housing in Arlington. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Free. County staff and affordable housing providers will provide updates, and AHS staff will preview the education campaign. At the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th St., Arlington. Visit www.AllianceForHousingSolutions.org

The U.S. Army Blues and Downrange. 7 p.m. Twilight Tattoo. At Summerall Field, Ft. Myer.

THURSDAY/MAY 17

Senior Law Day. 1 to 4 p.m. The Hon. Joanne F. Alper, Judge in the 17th Judicial Court of Virginia, will headline the event. Also on the agenda are The Hon. Theo Stamos, newly elected Commonwealth Attorney, the Honorable Bob Brink, delegate to the State General Assembly representing the 48th District and Elizabeth Wildhack, attorney at law specializing in elder law. At the Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Call Jessica Vasquez, Office of Senior Adult Programs, 703-228-0948 or jvasquez@arlingtonva.us

Arlington Neighborhood Day Is May 12

From picnics to pony rides, Arlingtonians are gearing up for another Neighborhood Day. On Saturday, May 12, neighborhoods from Bluemont to Dominion Hills will connect residents at events throughout the County.

As a prelude to the Neighborhood Day festivities on May 12, visit Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall for the Twilight Tattoo event on Wednesday, May 9, beginning at 6:45 p.m. Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own.” The performance is free and open to the public. Bleacher seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Event parking will be in the parking lots off Jackson Avenue, near the Fort Myer Officers Club and Caisson Stables. Call 703-696-3283.

2012 Events:

Ashton Heights Yard Sale

8 a.m.-Noon, Ashton Heights
Sponsored by the Ashton Heights Civic Association
Dozens of homes will be participating with yard sales featuring children’s toys and clothes, furniture, books, kitchen equipment, and more. Go to <http://ashtonheights.org/for> a map to all the homes. Some yard sales may start a little later than 8 a.m. and some run a little later than noon.

Emergency Preparedness Canvassing In the Nauck Neighborhood

8:30 a.m.-Noon, Bonder & Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (2229 South Shirlington Road, Arlington)

In promoting community preparedness, several volunteers will canvas the Nauck Neighborhood. Kids are invited to attend and enjoy balloons and face painting. The event is hosted by Volunteer Emergency Support Team (VEST) and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) in collaboration with Bonder and Amanda Johnson Community Development Corporation (BAJCDC). Interested volunteers, contact Grelia Soliz at 703-228-0711 or gsoliz@arlingtonva.us.

Save Lacey Woods from Plant Invaders!

10 am-Noon, Lacey Woods Park
Sponsored by Arlington Regional Master Naturalists
Join the neighbors of Lacey Woods as they restore the area’s natural plant communities. Help remove plants like English ivy and bush honeysuckle, which threaten the health of Arlington’s parks and natural areas. Wear clothes that can get dirty, including long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, a hat and bring garden gloves and tools and a reusable water bottle if they are available. Some supplies will be provided. This event is for ages 9 to adult. Volunteers under 16 must be accompanied by an adult throughout the event. Contact Sarah Archer at 703-228-1862 or sarcher@arlingtonva.us.

“Among Women” Expo

10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Gates of Ballston Community Center (4108 4th Street N, Arlington)

Arlington’s Community Outreach Program will host a day for women that will include a wide range of programs such as a self-defense class, an arts and crafts project, and sessions on how to maintain healthy relationships. Marga Fripp, founder and president of Empowered Women International will be the featured speaker. Call 703-228-1317.

Highland Park-Overlee Knolls

Family Fun Day

10 a.m.-Noon, Westover Library
Sponsored by the Highland Park-Overlee Knolls Neighborhood Association

Families are invited to enjoy fun activities just outside of the Westover Library, including a visit from a local fire station, a giant moon bounce, and fitness activities such as jump rope, hula hoop, and hop scotch. All ages welcome! Contact Laurian Eckle at laurian.eckle@sum2sea.com.

Fairlington Cookie Bake Sale

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairlington Community Center
Share Our Strength’s Great American Bake Sale will be represented at Fairlington Center with home-baked cookies donated by residents will be sold to benefit the Great American Bake Sale. The bake sale is sponsored nationally by Share Our Strength, a non-profit dedicated toward eliminating childhood hunger in America. Everyone can bake a difference! Contact Cathy Malin at 571-480-9260 or arniemalin@gmail.com.

Fairlington Day

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Fairlington Community Center
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Face painting from last year’s T.E.A.M. group.

Fairlington home! Join your neighbors for an old-fashioned, family-friendly festival on the grounds of the Fairlington Community Center. Enjoy games, pony rides, a moonbounce, arts and crafts, music, and loads of fun and food. Contact Rosalind Jordan at 202-631-1731 or president@fca-fairlington.org

Claremont Community Cookout

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Claremont Mini Park (4700 23rd Street South Arlington)

Join in the fun at the Claremont community cookout in the Claremont Mini Park (4700 23rd Street South, Arlington), with family-friendly games and activities for Claremont residents, moon bounce, invited guests and special events. Email cca-board@hotmail.com or call 703-399-9144.

North Highlands First Responders Appreciation Picnic

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Dawson Terrace Park
Guests are invited to bring food to eat and to share, as well as blankets and lawn chairs to participate in the community picnic. Hot dogs will be provided. Enjoy games such as basketball, wiffle ball and soccer. Also, guests can volunteer to help maintain the nature trail. Email spotbarone@gmail.com or call 703-909-0871.

Bluemont Spring BBQ at Firehouse # 2

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Firehouse # 2 (4805 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington)

Sponsored by the Bluemont Civic Association
Bluemont residents, children and visitors are invited to the annual Spring BBQ. Tour Firehouse #2, meet Bluemont neighbors, and enjoy delicious food. Contact Judah dal Cais at 703-528-1551 or president@bluemontcivic.org.

‘Arlington Kids Read’ Community Read-a-Thon Kickoff

2 p.m.-5 p.m., Central Library
As a kick-off the Read-a-Thon and the campaign, The Reading Connection and Arlington Magazine are sponsoring a festive afternoon of reading. There will be continuous read-alouds, crafts and treats for all. Kids can pick up their Read-a-Thon log books and get more information about how to track their time spent reading. More information about the Community Read-a-Thon will be provided at the event, and can be found online at www.arlingtonkidsread.org. Arlington Kids Read is made possible by a \$20,000 donation by Verizon.

Dominion Hills Neighborhood Day Festival and Potluck Supper

4 p.m.-7 p.m., Dominion Hills Park (1060 N. Liberty Street, Arlington)

Enjoy a fun-filled day at the community-owned Dominion Hills Park with neighbors with a moon bounce, face painting, games, prizes and free sno cones. A concert band will perform a free show and a deejay will keep the crowd entertained. Free burgers and hotdogs prepared by Dominion Hills’ Finest Grillmasters! Guests are invited to bring a salad, favorite dish or dessert to share. Contact Brian Hannigan at 703- 625-3433 or bhannigan1@aol.com.

Luau Night!

5 p.m.-8 p.m., Arlington Community Church (6040 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington)

All families are invited to join this luau night of fun at Arlington Community Church. With dinner, games, a magi

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Argentina National Day

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The event highlights the cultural and social diversity of the Argentinean people, and showcases music, dance and food. This year's guest artists include: singer Miguel Dure (Camino Milongas), the U.S. debut of Tais and Son Ellas, and folk singer Daniel Bouchet.

Professional Tango exhibitions will be highlighted by the performance of Argentina's legendary Pampa Cortes in a trio with Gigi Jensen and Lizett Perelle. Also performing will be Victorio Menchi (Tango Fusion world tour artist), Cristian Perez and an array of D.C. area tango dancers, including the Carlos & Victoria Tango Show, Camilla Ng and Milonga with Sylvia Rodriguez.

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Sunday, May 20

1 p.m. - Family Class in Chacarrera
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tals
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Special Anniversary Activity "Soccer Shoot Contest" at Long Bridge Park on Friday, May 18 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Approximately a block from the Metro in Crystal City, Arlington, at 475 Long Bridge Dr. Arlington.

Neighborhood Day

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cian, and a movie, this night is sure to be a blast for the whole family! Free admission! Register to attend at www.accweb.org. Email info@accweb.org or call 703-533-9874.

Family Fun Night at TJ

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center

Guests can participate in a variety of activities during Family Fun Night, including an inflatable obstacle course, rock climbing wall, moon bounces, sports games, face painting, family bingo, art projects and more! Register by calling 703-228-4747 or online at registration.arlingtonva.us and reference Activity Code 970004.

Teen Night at TJ Café

9 p.m.-11 p.m., Thomas Jefferson Community Center. For just a \$2 entry fee, middle and high school students in Arlington get access to a night of fun, including basketball, soccer, ping pong and pool tables. For an additional \$3, guests can purchase an activity card for access to the rock wall, inflatables, giant human hamster balls and roller skating. Food will be available for purchase. Contact Kevin Clements for details at 703-228-4729 or kclleme@arlingtonva.us.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

To participate in the food drive, leave a bag of non-perishable food at your mailbox on Saturday, May 12. Your letter carrier will collect the food and deliver it to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. AFAC provides food for 1,600 Arlington families each week and the Stamp Out Hunger food drive is the organization's second largest food drive each year. Email volunteer4afac@afac.org or call 703-845-8486.

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Dowdell Powers Yorktown Baseball Past Hayfield

Patriots win, Stuart loss earns Yorktown district's top seed.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Yorktown catcher Red Dowdell attempted to block home plate in the top of the third inning during the Patriots' May 4 showdown with Hayfield, but Hawks center fielder Robert Banks slid under Dowdell's tag to score the first run of the game.

On the play, Banks' spikes caught Dowdell's pants and ripped them along the crotch. Unaware of the tear, Dowdell couldn't figure out why his teammates were laughing when he returned to the Yorktown dugout.

"I didn't even notice my pants were completely torn," Dowdell said. "Everyone started laughing and I'm like, 'What's going on? Did I do something wrong?' They're like, 'Your pants are completely open in the back.'"

Dowdell quickly taped his pants — though it didn't help much — as he was due to hit third in the inning. After hearing laughter from fans who saw the tear, the left-handed-hitting senior grounded out to first base as Yorktown's offensive struggles continued against Hayfield pitcher Cameron Lundmark.

After the at-bat, Dowdell changed into a pair of practice pants teammate Paul Vaselopulos happened to have in his bag. A few innings after solving his equipment issue, Dowdell and the Patriots solved Lundmark.

Dowdell's fifth-inning RBI triple tied the score at 1-all and his seventh-inning double off the center-field fence plated the winning



Yorktown catcher Red Dowdell drove in the game-winning run on May 4 against Hayfield with a double in the bottom of the seventh inning.

run as the Yorktown baseball team defeated Hayfield 3-2 at Greenbrier Park. The victory, along with a Stuart loss to Washington-Lee, assured the Patriots of the National District's best record and the No. 1 seed in the district tournament. Hayfield and Stuart were tied for second.

"We made all the plays. We went after it," Yorktown head coach Mike Ruck said. "We didn't play that game to lose."

Dowdell, who will play for VMI next season, made two of the biggest plays of the evening for Yorktown, driving in a pair of runs with extra-base hits — both of which occurred on full counts. With two outs in the fifth inning, Dowdell, after fouling off a pair of two-strike pitches, hit a line drive that skipped past the Hayfield center fielder and scored Ben Criswell, who reached on a single.

In the seventh inning, after Criswell led

off with his third single of the evening, Dowdell smashed the ball off the fence in center field, driving in the winning run.

"With two strikes, he's comfortable," Ruck said. "That's the difference between a great, consistent high school hitter and someone who's not quite as successful as someone like Red. He can do it at any count. Most other guys are learning to hit with two strikes. Red is a little bit ahead of the curve."

With a chance to win the game, No. 5 knew he hit the ball well.

"I had that feeling off the bat like I almost didn't even hit it," Dowdell said. "Whenever you hit a ball like that, you know it's going a long ways."

While Dowdell and Criswell provided the offense, starting pitcher John Yuest held the Hayfield lineup in check for most of the contest. Yuest earned the complete-game victory, allowing two runs on seven hits



Yorktown pitcher John Yuest earned a complete-game victory against Hayfield on May 4.

while walking two and striking out seven in seven innings. The junior right-hander credited the Patriots' defense, which did not commit an error.

"When you have defense playing like that, it takes all the pressure off the pitcher," Yuest said. "... I can pound the [strike] zone. It was really a great effort by our defense."

Yorktown will host a first-round game in the National District tournament on Tuesday, May 15. Friday's victory over Hayfield helped ensure home-field advantage throughout the tournament — and showed Dowdell he might want to pack an extra pair of pants.

"Honestly, that's just the way he plays," Yuest said. "We love teasing him about it. If there's a play at the plate, he's willing to sacrifice his body. The way he plays just shows how much character and integrity he's got as a ball player."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wakefield Boys' Lacrosse Looking To Build On Victory

In its final opportunity to keep the program's losing streak from reaching the century mark, the Wakefield boys' lacrosse team jumped out to a 1-0 lead against Park View on April 24. However, Park View answered with a goal on the ensuing possession, leaving Wakefield head coach Brian Gilman to wonder how the Warriors would respond.

"It [appeared it] was going to be one of the games where we had to fight for every goal," Gilman said. "They haven't been in a situation where it's been a close game and they had to fight for each point. I was kind of worried about what was going to happen."

As it turned out, Gilman had nothing to worry about.

With the cloud of a 99-game losing streak hanging over its head, including eight lopsided defeats to start the 2012 season, Wakefield won for the first time since 2004 with a 12-1 triumph against Park View. After not scoring more than three goals in their first eight games, the Warriors reached double-digits against the winless Patriots.

"It was liberating," said Gilman, who completed his first season as Wakefield head coach. "... After [Park View] scored, the guys showed some great heart and they just dominated from there on."

Da'John Johnson led Wakefield with four goals against Park View. Matthew Mason, Michael Keck and Alejandro Galea each scored two goals.

Gilman said he told the Warriors they need to continue working hard and not to be satisfied with one win.

"[I told them], 'You got the first win, you got the monkey off your back, let's keep the pedal down to the floor,'" he said. "Just

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The Wakefield boys' lacrosse team snapped a 99-game losing streak with a victory against Park View on April 24.

SCHOOLS



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History Awards

Six individuals were honored April 25 who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Among those honored was Arlington resident and St. Stephen's St. Agnes student Douglas Maggs. Above: Four High School History Awards were given to Robert LaRose (Bishop Ireton High School), Joslyn Chesson (Episcopal High School), Douglas Maggs (St. Stephen's St. Agnes) and Saara Kaudeyr (T.C. Williams High School). With the students are Alexandria Historical Society president Bill Dickenson and former state Sen. Patricia S. Ticer

School Board Names New Jefferson Principal

The Arlington School Board appointed Keisha Boggan as the new principal of Jefferson Middle School. Boggan has been the principal at Francis C. Hammond 1 Middle School in Alexandria since 2009.

Boggan received a bachelor's degree in political science from North Carolina A&T State University. She has a master's degree in public administration and a master's in secondary education, both from the University of Akron. Boggan also has an endorsement in school administration from George Mason University.

Boggan has been with Alexandria Public Schools since 1996 when she began her teaching career as a sixth grade history teacher at George Washington Middle School. In 2001, she served as program evaluation specialist before returning to George Washington Middle School as an assistant principal and an associate principal. In these roles, she was responsible for student welfare, safety and discipline, teacher evaluations, curriculum and instruction, special education, English as a Second Language, staff development, the new teacher induction/mentoring program and the school improvement plan.



Keisha Boggan

In 2006, Boggan was named principal of George Washington Middle and then in 2009 she became principal of Hammond 1 Middle School.

Last year, she was named Alexandria's Principal of the Year and received The Washington Post's Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. She also received two Outstanding Public Service awards in education from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in 2001 and 2009.

Her appointment will be effective July 1.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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because we got the first win doesn't mean it's going to be easy to get the second or the third."

Wakefield finished the season 1-12, ending the year with a loss to No. 1 seed Edison in the opening round of the National District tournament.

Yorktown, W-L Lax Teams Advance

The Yorktown and Washington-Lee lacrosse teams advanced to the regional tournament via victories in the first round of their respective National District tournaments.

The Yorktown boys defeated Hayfield 8-3 on May 4 and the girls beat Mount Vernon 18-4.

The Washington-Lee boys beat Falls Church 10-9 and the girls defeated Stuart 20-8.

Yorktown Softball Takes Over First Place

The Yorktown softball team defeated Hayfield 4-2 on May 4 to take over first place in the National District standings with one game remaining. Charlotte Batdorf went 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs against the Hawks and Kate Bauman earned the win in the pitcher's circle.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

❖ **Jahan H. Shieky of Arlington** is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Ahmed A. Aly of Arlington** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Sarah C. Fyffe of Arlington** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Emma R. Gilbert of Arlington** is a junior majoring in hospitality and tourism management in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Doreen M. Ng-Sui-Hing of Arlington** is a sophomore majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Joshua G. Eddy of Arlington** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Brendan J. Karlstrand of Arlington** is a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

❖ **Irene C. Khuu of Arlington** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Aurora A. Martin of Arlington** is a senior majoring in music in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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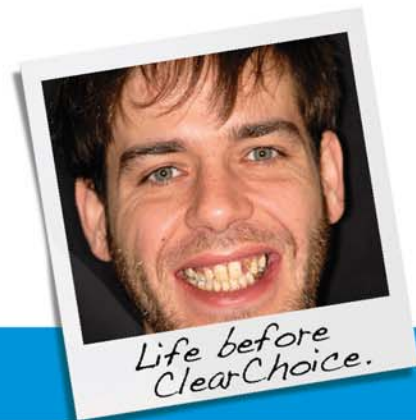
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