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At Iwo Jima Memorial

Veterans visit the Iwo Jima Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 10. The annual U.S. Marine Corps birthday concert and wreath-laying was held the evening before on Saturday.

Retired Marine Master Gunnery Sgt. Furnie Lambert, Jr. from Maxton, N.C. took photos of the memorial during his visit to Arlington.

Zimmerman To Step Down

January departure to open the way for special election in April.

BY MICHAEL
LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION



Zimmerman

After 18 years on the Arlington County Board, Chris Zimmerman announced last week that he is stepping down to take a position as vice president for economic development of Smart Growth America, a Washington-based advocacy group that promotes walkable neighborhoods near public transit. During a press conference last week, Zimmerman announced he would be stepping down in January. That would likely set the stage for an April special election to fill the seat.

"I never planned to be a County Board member indefinitely," said Zimmerman. "But the kind of position that I had hoped to find has come my way a bit sooner than I would have expected."

Although Zimmerman has been the leading champion for a controversial \$300 million streetcar project along Columbia Pike, his exit from the board could change the political dynamic on that issue. After longtime County Board member Barbara Favola was elected to the Virginia state Senate in 2011, the issue of streetcars emerged as one of the leading issues in the special election. Most of the candidates in that race were against the streetcar or skeptical of it. After School Board member Libby Garvey won the Democratic primary, she staked a position in firm opposition to the project for the general election against Republican Mark Kelly and Green Party candidate Audrey Clement.

"If the last special election is a guide, and I think it is, the streetcar will be a very important issue in this special election," said Peter Rousselot, a former chairman of the Arlington County Democratic Committee who has become one of the chief opponents of the streetcar system. "A good candidate understands public opinion."

SPECIAL ELECTIONS have a long history in Arlington, where members tend to hold onto County

Board seats for long periods of time only to resign abruptly. Zimmerman, for example, first ran for the County Board during a special election back in 1993, when William Newman became a Circuit Court judge. That opened up a hotly contested special election

that included Jay Fisette, who was then executive director of Whitman-Walker's Northern Virginia AIDS clinic, and Charles Monroe, who was the chairman of the county's Human Rights Commission. Zimmerman, who was then chairman of the county's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission, lost the Democratic primary to Fisette.

Although he lost his first campaign, Zimmerman was not willing to give up. He took a position on the Planning Commission and began setting the stage for another campaign. That opportunity came three years later, in 1996, when County Board member Mary Margaret Whipple was elected to the Virginia state Senate. Since that time, Zimmerman has become a leading advocate for mass transit and smart growth. During his speech announcing his resignation, Zimmerman said he hopes to share lessons from Arlington's economic development with other communities.

"Today I feel great satisfaction for what we have achieved," he said. "Arlington is looked upon with admiration in our region and beyond."

ONE OF ZIMMERMAN'S chief accomplishments may be at risk, though, by his decision to step down. If this special election follows the contours of the last special election, most candidates in the race will oppose the project or be skeptical of it. That means that the chief advocate of streetcars could be replaced by a skeptic, adding a second critical voice that would join Garvey in asking questions about the costs of the proposal compared to bus-rapid transit. Perhaps even more signifi-

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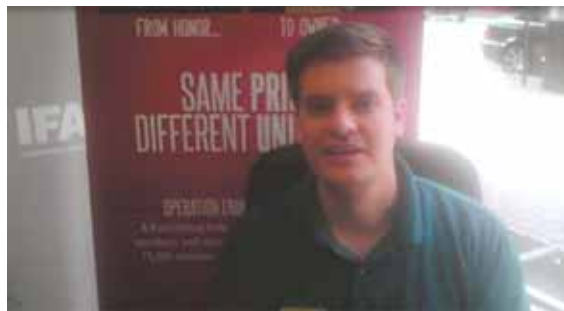
A Reward for Serving

Operation Enduring Opportunity benefits veterans.

BY PHILLIP JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

On a chilly Tuesday morning, Nov. 5, U.S. Navy veteran Wade Franklin opened up the doors of his new small business at 3033 Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. He and his staff usually greet the incoming customers of the veteran-owned and operated UPS store with a smile and courteous customer service, but today was different. Instead representatives from various agencies were there to mark the anniversary of the launch of Operation Enduring Opportunity.

Like most veterans coming out of the Armed Forces, Franklin was faced with a transition from military to civilian. In these difficult economic times, with the exception of Starbucks, UPS and a few others, employment in the private sector that provides both competitive pay and benefits is a precious commodity. For many, the military is one of the few good options; one gets a traditional pension after a 20-year career, and there are several options for those serving as few as six years. The economic downturn has placed these benefits on the chopping block as well. Some programs, which benefit veterans like Wade Franklin, may not even exist in a few



U.S. Navy Veteran Wade Franklin owns and operates a UPS store in Clarendon thanks to the program VET-FRAN.

years time.

"It's an excellent opportunity for those transitioning, it's a resource to educate," Franklin said, referring to the variety of programs offered for veterans.

Franklin doesn't receive a pension from his military service. There are benefits, other than a pension, that provide the support needed for veterans to stay afloat and move forward, including the new G.I. Bill, the program that provides

veterans and their families with a paid pathway to higher education and certifications, and VET-FRAN to name two.

"I learned about this program called VET-FRAN, and it was an opportunity to work for yourself, it educates you on what franchising is and the programs

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— Wade Franklin, a Navy veteran

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offer incentives as well," Franklin said. "The incentive I have is that my franchise fee was waived and that expense, which was \$30,000 at the time. ... Not having to pay that really made a difference."

Transitioning to civilian life can be tricky. After years of service in the Armed Forces, many find it difficult maintaining their career momentum

"Organizations like the IFA, Operation Enduring Opportunity and those initiatives really provide the information you need to succeed at something you want to get into, which for me, I was interested in working for myself so it worked for me," he said.

VET-FRAN, an initiative of the International Franchise Association (IFA), has been in effect since 1991. In unison with Operation Enduring Opportunity, launched in 2011, the IFA helps veterans to obtain self-employment and become small business owners.

The leaders of IFA, Alexandria-based Military Officers Association of America and the Small Business Association, among others, were gathered at Franklin's UPS store just ahead of Veteran's Day to recognize the anniversary of the launch of Operation Enduring Opportunity on Veteran's Day in 2011 and to announce a new partnership between the organizations to work towards fueling the economy and supporting veterans' transition.

Jeanne Hult, acting administrator of the Small Business Administration, and Steve Caldeira, IFA president & CEO of the International Franchise Association, posed for pictures and signed an agreement signifying a newfound commitment of their organizations to veterans. According to representatives in the MOAA, SBA and the IFA, it doesn't matter what Congress or the Department of Defense are doing with retiree benefits, its important that those in the private sector pick up the slack and show their appreciation for veterans and their role in rejuvenating the economy.

Part of the goal of these programs is bridging the gap between those who have dreams and those who have access to capital.

After WWII, veterans became the driving force behind an emerging U.S. economy. They continue to this day, as of 2013, veterans own and operate 2.5 million small businesses in the U.S. and have created 6 million jobs, according to figures released by the Small Business Association on Tuesday.

"Exactly. This problem doesn't

really tend to affect those receiving a retirement or pension as seriously because most higher ranking officers and enlisted these days tend to have a bachelor's degree and many by the time they pass 20 years have a master's," said retired U.S. Army Col. Bob Norton, deputy director for government relations at the Military Officers Association of America, referring to the difficult transition to civilian life that many service members face. "Its really the guys who served tours in Afghanistan and are coming back, those who served say 6 or 7 years — and women are at risk as well, being that many military personnel are single parents — or those in the age bracket 18-24, they are the ones most at risk."

The unemployment rates for those between the ages of 18-24 are high. According to the 2010 Census, the unemployment rates for those 16 to 19 and 20 to 24 were 25.9 and 15.5 percent. It's an employer's market, or a labor surplus, so times are especially hard for those trying to start out in any career.

"They aren't asking for a hand-out, just an opportunity to show their skills," Norton said. "They may be a world class expert and might have no idea how needed they are in a given industry. These programs provide them with the ability to get those civilian certifications that make all the difference in success. Some veterans come out and don't know what's out there, so we are here to make sure that there are those there to be mentors to the young men and women."

Federal programs, which are vital to the success of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, are in danger of being limited or even eliminated all together. "In particular on the G.I. Bill, I am a supporter of the idea that it's a bad idea to have two G.I. Bills," Norton said, referring to the Montgomery G.I. Bill, applied to those retiring in the last decade, and the new Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. "I think the new one is miles and miles ahead of the old one and definitely does more to support our veterans. But, it is more expensive."

Organizations like MOAA are focused on fighting to preserve the rights of veterans, and what is one of the few hopes for job security and secure retirement that remains in the U.S. economy.

"This is when we are really at our best," Norton said. "There's nothing we can do better than to acknowledge the service of veterans."



From left: Aslan (James Hackes), Lucy Pevensie (Isabel Tate), Peter Pevensie (Richard Bew) and Susan Pevensie (Lauren Monsivaiz).



The White Witch is played by Sophia Kingsley.

'Lion, Witch & Wardrobe' Onstage

Encore Stage & Studio's production of C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" continues through Sunday, Nov. 17.

When four children stumble upon an old wardrobe, they enter the magical world of Narnia, full of mystical creatures, talking animals and great escapes. The children help Aslan, the great lion and ruler of

Narnia, battle the White Witch who wishes to put an end to Aslan's reign.

The play is recommended for ages 4 and up.

Showtimes are: Friday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington.

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BY JENNIFER BENITZ
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It was just after 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3, and West City Fellowship's third official service was about to begin at Wakefield High School. Two attendees stood at the entrance of the high school's parking lot greeting the new, the curious and the returning alike as signs pointed the direction to service. Meanwhile, standing at the front of a classroom inside, Pastor Scott Maurer delivered his opening remarks to about 20 people scattered throughout a few rows of fold-up chairs.

Started through Fair Oaks Church in Fairfax, West City Fellowship is a new, non-denominational Christian church with an evangelical mission to reach out to those searching for or curious to know more about Jesus Christ. Still in its beginning stage, the church is part of a plan of planted churches, termed as "decavision" by Fair Oak's Senior Pastor David R. Stokes, who was the source of inspiration for the ongoing project.

"What I'd like to see us do is plant 10 churches in 10 metropolitan areas in 10 years," said Stokes, who has been with Fair Oaks for 15 years. "I shared [this] vision four years ago. Whether we will meet that timeline is

questionable, but, you know, you have to have goals."

Wanting to create something where people can rise up and feel God has called them to it, he envisioned congregations where people could spend the rest of their lives. "The specific vision of where [the planted churches will be] is left up to those who step up and say, 'I'd like to be a part of this,'" said Stokes.

The pastor of 35 years said the mission is to reach out to "unchurched" populations of metropolitan areas. "It's rooted in our mandate as Christians and particularly as local-church Christians to spread the Gospel and not just in an informational way," he said. "It's a very paleo-Christian thing to do."

With two other churches already planted in Florida and Canada, and now a third in Arlington, Stoke's vision is well under way. To make sure he sees the mission through in northern Virginia is Stoke's long-time colleague and friend, Pastor Scott Maurer.

Stokes met Maurer when Maurer decided to join the ministry at Fair Oaks Church 10 years ago. Unlike many in the ministry, however, Maurer came with a different background of experiences in his spiritual journey. Having grown up in a Jewish household, Maurer says he did not find Christ until he was approximately 27, and even then, did not make the leap into ministry for another 10 years.

Consequently, the T.C. Williams graduate approaches evangelism with a different perspective, background and sense of understanding than many of his colleagues.

As the pastor for the newly planted church, Maurer shares a love of faith, community and evangelism with many of the local residents in attendance. Un-



Pastor Scott Maurer stands outside of Wakefield High School in Arlington after West City Fellowship's service on Sunday, Nov. 3.

like many pastors, he never thought he'd even call himself a Christian, much less a man of ministry — a perspective that allows him to have particular sympathy and compassion for those seeking answers in their own spiritual quests.

"He grew up not knowing the Lord," said Heidi O'Leska, a long-time Fair Oaks Church attendee and now-regular at West City Fellowship, of Maurer. "He can relate to anyone coming through that door. He's got a heart. He's a passionate pastor."

Now going into its second month as a planted church, Maurer is working to get West City Fellowship standing on its own. With planning for a youth group in the works, other discussion groups, including one called Exploring Christianity, have already started. Exploring Christianity takes place every Monday evening as a dinner and open discussion, hosted by Maurer and his wife at their home, for anyone who wants to learn more about Christianity. Other groups include a women's healing group and a men's group — both of which take place on Tuesday nights.

"We want to be a place where broken people can be restored in faith and experience God's love and have a genuine relationship with [Him], so we want to be able to teach one another how to be spiritual leaders, people who can help each other heal and help each other grow in Christ," said Maurer of West City Fellowship. "We hope that's an open invitation to anybody, whether they consider themselves a definite follower of Jesus or they're just not sure and they want to figure it out."

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Special Election Planned for April

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cantly, the voters would be sending a signal about their concerns over the proposal in advance of the next election, when Walter Tejada and Mary Hynes would be on the ballot.

"There is a growing unrest about the streetcar, and the County Board is not listening," said Charles Hokanson, chairman of the Arlington County Republican Committee. "So I think the streetcar is likely to be the central focus of the special election."

Ever since the federal government rejected to kick in \$60 million for the streetcar system as part of the Small Starts program earlier this year, opponents have renewed their calls for a cost-benefit analysis. But like many aspects of the debate about the street-

cars, various sides are in disagreement about whether or not a cost-benefit analysis has even been conducted. Supporters say all the necessary studies have been conducted and that calls for a cost-benefit analysis are just a veiled effort to delay and obstruct. Opponents say the studies have never included a serious investigation into bus-rapid transit. That means many of the lingering questions about the streetcar are likely to take a center stage in the campaign.

"Any candidate who runs for the County Board is likely to be asked about this issue," said Mike Lieberman, chairman of the Arlington Democratic Committee.

"It's an issue that's certainly capturing a lot of attention right now."

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"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington's Office of Senior Adult Programs for Nov. 25-30.

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OPINION

Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including close races.

Tuesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152

write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57

votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

— MARY KIMM,

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CLOTHING DRIVE

The Rosslyn BID's annual **winter clothing drive** to benefit clients of A-SPAN (Arlington Street People's Assistance Network) has started. Look for a gift-wrapped donation box in the lobby of your building. Donate new or gently used winter coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, socks and jeans. Or bring donations to the BID offices, 1911 N. Fort Myer Drive.

TUESDAY/NOV. 14

Conversation. 7-8:30 p.m. at Wakefield High School. Arlington's READY Coalition presents "Courageous Conversations," a Town Hall event to address the dangers and misconceptions of underage drinking and drug use among Arlington teens. Register at www.eventbrite.com/event/9070250363. Spanish translation will be provided.

Memory Screening. 9 a.m.-noon at Langston Brown Senior Center. Take a free, noninvasive screening to help detect memory problems. To schedule an appointment, call 703-237-9048.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Basic Literacy Tutor Training Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. \$50/books and materials. Must also be able to attend the second training session on Saturday, Nov. 23. Register at volunteers@lcnv.org or 703-237-0866 ext. 111.

Gardening Program. 9 a.m.-noon at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. VCE Master Gardeners present "Winterizing Your Garden." Topics include leaf composting, cleaning up planting bed, and which plants/shrubs to cut back for winter. Free, but registration requested. E-mail mgarlalex@gmail.com or 703-22-6414. Visit mgnv.org for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Film Screening and Panel Discussion. 3-4:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. "Latino Americans" is the topic. Free. For more information call Encore Learning at 703-228-2144.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Talk. 7-9 p.m. at Langston Community Center, 2121

N. Culpepper St. Bob Morgan will speak about climate change. Free. Contact Sara Anderson at 703-532-3830.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Presentation and Discussion. 7-8 p.m. in the Gerard Lobb at Marymount's main campus, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Dr. Amy Van Arsdale will discuss suicide awareness and prevention. Free. There will be a question and answer session after the presentation. Email Amy.VanArsdale@marymount.edu.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Meeting. 12:15 p.m. at La Cote d'Or, 6876 Lee Highway. The Arlington Rotary Club foundation talk. Visit www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org.

Holiday Floral Design Event. 7-9 p.m. at NRECA, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Features Urban Petal's Sarah von Pollaro, who will show how to create simple, elegant holiday designs. \$25. There will also be refreshments, raffle and door prizes. Proceeds benefit Rock Spring Garden Club's outreach programs. Must RSVP by Nov. 11. E-mail Renee Bayes at rsbayes@aol.com or 703-241-2651.

Speaker Series. 8-9:30 a.m. at WETA, 2775 S. Quincy St. Leadership Arlington will discuss the Rosslyn Sector Plan. Register at www.leadershiparlington.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

Healthy Aging Lecture. 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. "Understanding Your Medical Bills" presented by Sam Crosby, from VHC. Free, but RSVP to 703-558-6859.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Interactive Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ballston Mall - LaunchPad, 4238 Wilson Blvd., suite 1132. Young adult women can learn how to build a better relationship with a boss. \$25 includes brunch. Visit <http://livingvicky.org/index.php/events> to register and information.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Hosted by Laughing Yoga. All abilities welcome. E-mail arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 30

Small Business Day. The goal of the program is to increase the level of awareness, and to promote the diverse offering of locally owned small businesses and service providers in the Arlington community, and to encourage residents to shop local between Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Participating businesses are encouraged to offer special discounts, services, contests, giveaways, and in-store events to promote ASBD. A special event is also planned to showcase local home-based and online businesses. Contact Shana Lawlor at shanalawlor@yahoo.com.



Snapshot

If Arlington County ever contemplates a change in its official seal

— MICHAEL MCMORROW/THE CONNECTION

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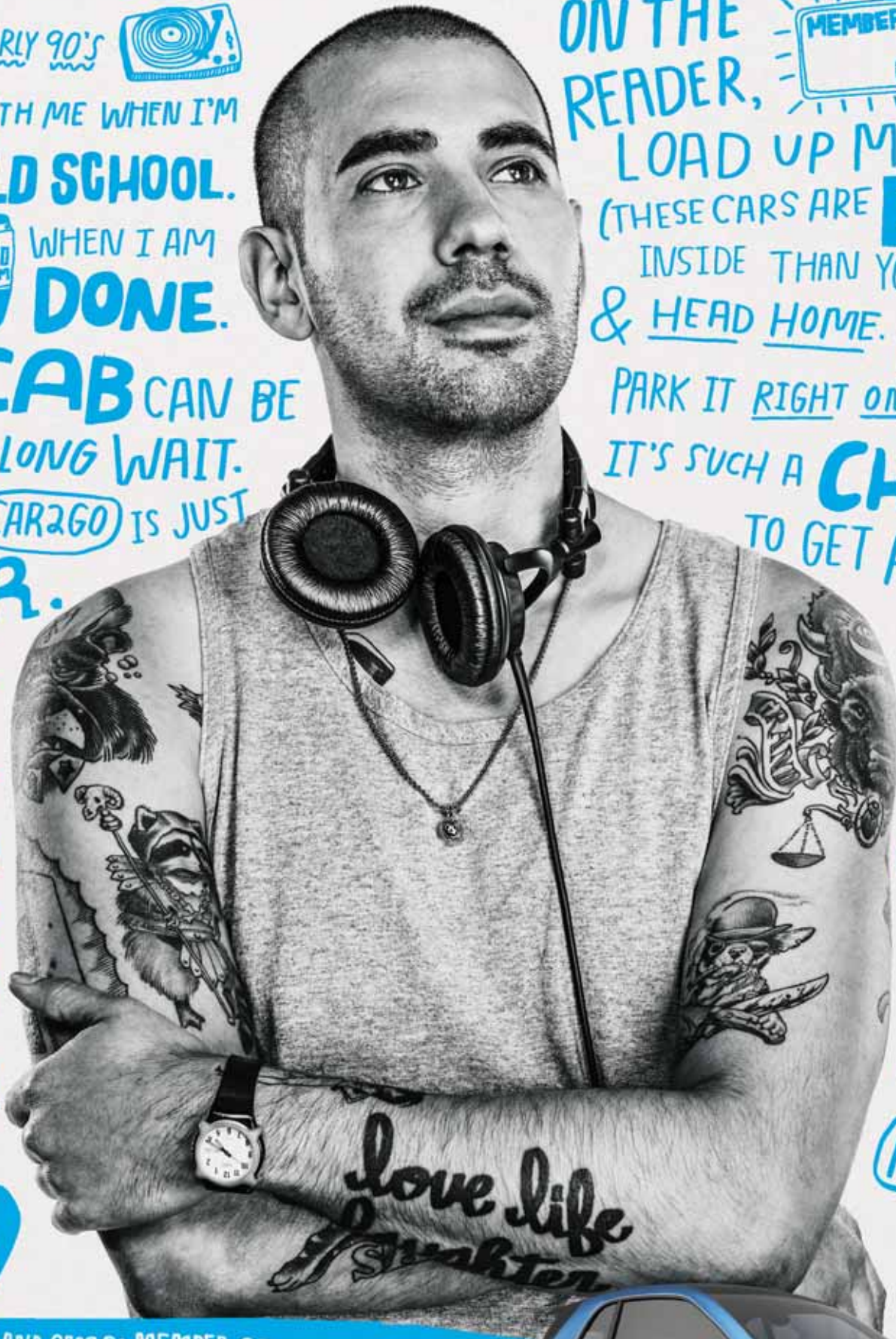
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Meeting on New School

Arlington Public Schools is hosting two meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 13, and Thursday, Nov. 14, for families of students who will attend the new elementary school to be built at Williamsburg. Both meetings will be held in the cafeteria at Yorktown High School, 5200 Yorktown Blvd.

The meetings will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. and the agenda will be the same for both evenings. Families will be able to speak with Superintendent Dr. Pat Murphy and members of the APS leadership team about the preliminary planning steps underway and in the coming months to prepare for the school's opening in September 2015.

Both evenings will provide updates on the construction project, school focus, communication plans, the school naming process, and the principal selection process and timeline.

Aquatics to Host Forum

The Arlington Public Schools Aquatics Committee will host its annual forum on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Education Center School Board Meeting Room, 1426 N. Quincy St.

The presentation will provide updates on the aquatics program and operations. In addition, APS will share the results of a national cost recovery survey developed by APS aquatics staff and distributed through the Association of Aquatics Professionals.

Following the presentation, the Aquatics Committee will provide an opportunity for community members to speak about aquatic issues and discuss possible cost recovery targets for the community swim program and associated fees.

The forum is sponsored by the Aquatics Committee whose members are appointed by both the School Board and County Board.

Ashlawn Building Meeting Set

The Ashlawn Elementary School community is invited to a Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) meeting for project updates on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the Ashlawn media center.

Construction of the Ashlawn Elementary School addition/renovation project started in late September. The meeting will update community members about the scope and schedule of the project, contractor parking and delivery procedures.

Meeting Set on Substance Abuse

The READY Coalition is hosting a Town Hall for parents of Arlington middle and high school students to address the dangers and misconceptions of underage drinking and drug use on Thursday, Nov. 14 at Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie St. The meeting runs from 7-8:30 p.m.

This will be a opportunity for parents to learn about the dangers and misconceptions of underage drinking, especially during transition times (middle to high school or high school to college). Arlington County Police Lt. Ron Files and substance abuse counselor Siobhan Bowler will provide insight into the daily lives of Arlington teens and share some of their experiences. Register at www.eventbrite.com/event/9070250363

Emergency Winter Shelter Opens

Arlington's Emergency Winter Shelter opened for the 2013-2014 season on Friday, Nov. 1 and will remain open through March 31, 2014. This is the final winter season that the county plans to operate this shelter before replacing it with a Homeless Services Center, scheduled to open in the fall of 2014.

The Emergency Winter Shelter offers Arlington men and women who are living on the streets a safe place to sleep through the cold winter months. It provides food, shower and laundry facilities, and access to a range of services through A-SPAN, the Department of Human Services and other community partners. Arlington provides other shelter options for homeless families.

Daily hours of operation will be from 4 p.m. - 9 a.m. Hours may be extended on especially cold days. The facility, located in a county-owned building at 2049 15th Street North, accommodates up to 74 persons. If aware of someone being homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, call the Department of Human Services Community Assistance Bureau's Clinical Coordination Unit, at 703-228-01300, for help.

NEWS

One Nation Under God

U.S. Marine Peter Max-Jones, son of Pastor Raymond Max-Jones, presents the American flag at the Arlington United Methodist Church during the procession of the flag on Nov. 10.



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A row of American flags line the outside of the Arlington United Methodist Church on Nov. 10.

Kathie Wood places her hand over her heart during the Pledge of Allegiance during the One Nation Under God ceremony.



CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

ABDUCTION/STRANGULATION, 4400 block of S. 31st Street. At approximately 8:28 p.m. on Oct. 31, the victim said she was strangled and assaulted by her live-in boyfriend while she held their small child. Police said the boyfriend then attempted to hold the victim in the apartment at knifepoint when she tried to leave.

Arrested was a 29-year-old Arlington man. He was charged with domestic assault and battery, strangulation, and abduction. He was held without bond.

ROBBERY BY FORCE, 3200 block of Columbia Pike. At approximately 2:14 a.m. on Nov. 2, two victims were assaulted by three suspects in front of a restaurant. During the assault, one victim had his wallet taken. The three suspects fled in a vehicle, which was later stopped by Fairfax County Police after a lookout was given. The suspects were taken to the police station and interviewed by detectives. The investigation is ongoing.

RAPE, 300 block of S. Pershing Drive. On Nov. 2 at 1:25 p.m., a victim reported that she had been sexually assaulted by a known subject following a party. The investigation is ongoing.

SEXUAL BATTERY, 900 block of S. Dinwiddie Street. At approximately 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 4, the victim was walking home when an unknown suspect approached her from behind, put his arm around the victim's shoulders, and put his hand up the victim's skirt. The victim pulled away and screamed, and the suspect fled the scene on foot.

The suspect was described as a black male in his mid 30s, 5'9" and 160 lbs. He had black hair, brown eyes, and a black beard. He was wearing a dark colored beanie, a black jacket, a bright blue shirt underneath the jacket, blue jeans, and black gym shoes at the time of the incident.

BURGLARY, 2700 block of S. Troy Street. Between 9 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Nov. 5, an unknown subject forced a rear door open and stole cash and electronics.

LARCENY FROM AUTO (Series), 2000 block of S. Pollard Street. During the overnight hours, multiple vehicles were entered and items taken, including a handgun. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY, 1200 block of S. Eads Street. Between 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 6 and 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 7, two victims had two laptops and two Nooks stolen from their residence while at work. No suspect(s) have been identified at this time.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 900 block of N. Pollard Street. Between 1:35 a.m. and 1:38 a.m. on Nov. 7, a female victim reported a male subject exposing himself for the second time in a week. The suspect is described as a light skin black male with "bulging" eyes, and in his late 20s to early 30s. He was wearing a black winter coat at the time of the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY, unit block of N. Glebe Road. Between 9 p.m. on Oct. 22 and 6:15 a.m. on Oct. 23, an unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle service sta-

tion through a window and stole various items to include cash, iPhones and cigarettes. There is no suspect(s) description.

VANDALISM, 1000 block of S. Cleveland Street. Between 12:40 p.m. on Oct. 24 to 1 p.m. Oct. 24, a police cruiser's windshield was shattered with a piece of concrete while parked on S. Cleveland Street. The investigation is ongoing.

ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER, 3100 block of N. Wilson Boulevard. At 1:45 a.m. on Oct. 26, an intoxicated male suspect became angry that he could not enter the bar and hit the glass door with his hand. As the security staff from the bar confronted the subject, he became aggressive and was taken to the ground. An officer intervened and attempted to move the crowd back, when an intoxicated female assaulted the officer by pushing him back. A 23-year-old woman from Greenbelt, Md., was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer and drunk in public. She was held on no bond.

FRAUD, 4200 block of N. Wilson Blvd. On Oct. 26 at 8:30 a.m., nine victims approached an officer claiming they had been falsely promised work by a subject.

The subject had the victims pay him \$55 and a \$12 transfer fee in addition to providing him with their IDs and social security numbers. The subject asked the victims to meet him at the Ballston Mall for work orientation, but never showed.

The subject is described as a Hispanic male, 5'0"-5'2" tall, 140-160 pounds, and bald with a thin mustache.

Creating a Feast for the Eye

Local designers share ideas for a striking Thanksgiving table.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

While a menu of turkey and gravy will satisfy the belly this Thanksgiving, a well-designed centerpiece that reflects the warm hues of fall will be a feast for the eyes.

From vivid floral arrangements that spring from gourds to tables piled with seasonal produce, local floral designers say that when it comes to creating Thanksgiving table décor as tantalizing as the meal itself, the options are vast.

Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers in Old Town Alexandria, and his team of designers often create colorful combinations of flowers and fruit in rich hues. "As far as fall arrangements, we're [using] fruit like apples and pears, we're seeing mini pumpkins in arrangements," he said.

In fact, Gang suggests creating arrangements using full-sized pumpkins as vases. "We're doing a lot of rustic hydrangeas, a lot of roses in deep orange and germini in a variety of colors like orange and violets," he said.

Floral designer Laurie Diver of Conklyn's Florist in Alexandria and Arlington, often uses glass cubes and bubble vases as a receptacle for her arrangements.

"Flowers in orange, gold and maroon are great for fall," she said. "I also like to use hydrangeas that are green tipped with burgundy edges and lilies in rust, yellow and orange."

David Hicks, owner of Conklyn's, doesn't shy away from unconventional flowers. "We have a wholesale shop that is open to the public," he said. "Two or three times per week, we import flowers from South America like kangaroo paws [a tubular flower] that come in bronze and rust and cottage yarrow that come in bronze and yellow."

Another surprise for fall, says Diver, are tulips. "We usually don't see them again until spring, but now we have an assortment of parrot tulips in orange, yellow or a combination of both with tattered edges that look very artsy."

Great Falls-based designer Alison de Wit of Distinctive Floral Designs, who isn't afraid to add a harbinger of spring to her autumn arrangements either, said, "A lot of spring flowers are available from Dutch markets."

She also combines traditional flowers with modern varieties.

"You can combine a traditional hydrangea with a chartreuse spider chrysanthemum for a bright and unusual floral combination."

Floral designer Rachael Rinaldi, of Reston Floral Design in Reston, combines dried oak leaves with chrysanthemums in orange, burgundy, yellow or magenta. "Every fall, mums in rich colors are popular."

Hicks has seen a recent spike in the number of consumers who want to create budget centerpieces at home.

"You can take eight to 12 blooms of cymbidium orchids in green and orange and put the elongated stems in a glass cylinder with some curly wil-

low to give it contrast," he said.

Hicks also suggests that those who want simple elegance "gather four hydrangeas and put them in a square glass container with rocks at the bottom and you have a simple and elegant centerpiece."



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Floral designer Laurie Diver of Conklyn's Florist, in Alexandria and Arlington, often creates arrangements with orange, yellow and gold flowers nestled in glass cubes.

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Choosing Art Local designers offer tips on how to banish blank walls.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even



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Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors in Chantilly suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said.

considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing

this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it

comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what to like," said Sharon Kleinman, of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with two opposing styles such as antique and modern. The key, she says, is in details such as framing. "If you have a traditional interior with antique furniture," she said, "I would have no problem taking a Picasso and putting it in a very ornate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complimentary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention.

"If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said.

"For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle sconces or whatever is special to you."

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It Wasn't Fun While It Lasted



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But it was only a week, and I was able to leave under my own power, assisted by a wheelchair, which is of course standard procedure when leaving a hospital after an admission, so it wasn't a total loss. It was three months ago today, Friday, August 2nd that I was "ambulanced" to Holy Cross Hospital where I spent the beginning of my seven, first-ever nights in a hospital; pretty fortunate track record for someone my age. Now, however, with a terminal cancer diagnosis, the tables may have slightly turned (you think?) and hospital admissions may not be so few and far between. Hopefully not, but appointments with oncologists in chemotherapy infusion centers while being I.V.-injected with cancer-fighting drugs have a way of cutting all other extraneous interruptions to the quick. When that needle goes in, the light definitely goes on: pay attention, your life is officially at stake.

Oddly though, this three-month anniversary seemed to grab my attention/focus more than my usual 27th-of-the-month anniversary - of my original diagnosis, always does. The 27th is the anniversary (some anniversary) of when I first met my oncologist and received confirmation that I had a malignant growth in my lungs that had metastasized and when I was given my 13-month to two-year prognosis. That was four years and eight months ago, I'm proud to say. And as such, I note it every month. Not exactly another "notch on my lipstick case" but an acknowledgment nonetheless of how well I've done and how lucky I am. With the help of friends, family and health care professionals, I have survived, mostly even thrived, under these most unfortunate of circumstances. But I digress.

The point of this column was/is that this most recent hospital anniversary completely overshadowed/took mental precedence over my still-being-alive-nearly-five-years-later anniversary on the 27th, which rarely happens. In fact, I completely forgot about it; didn't even note it on the calendar or mention it to my wife, Dina or my brother, Richard - which I always do. It wasn't until a few days later that I realized I had not made my usual reinforcing mention of my status still being quo. Unusual, in that a terminal diagnosis tends to stick with you and occupy lots of mental space, so forgetting about the circumstances that are likely shortening your presumptive, normal life expectancy is perplexing. These circumstances would seem to be a front and center, dominant part of your day that you NEVER forget.

But I did. And I don't know if that's healthy, a sense of accomplishment, a sense of enlightenment, naiveté, delusions of a grander future, mental gymnastics, compartmentalization at work or just plain forgetfulness; as in, even for a cancer patients: life can still be normal. Or maybe, after four and a half years, this whole cancer thing has become sort of ho-hum. Not exactly passé, but certainly familiar and part of my daily routine. But a hospital stay, that was different, that was traumatic, that was scary. The cancer used to be scary. But I've been there and have done that for a while now. I had not been previously hospitalized, however. That may have been when my circumstances again reared their ugly, realistic head. Just another reminder that I didn't really need.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Kay W. Duda, 73 of Ocean passed away Thursday November 7 at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune with her family by her side. She was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Arlington, VA. Kay and her husband of 52 years, Peter "Eddie" raised a beautiful family in Virginia before moving to New Jersey in 2005 to be near their daughters. Kay was very active in the school system, her church and community. She worked for American Home Funding, Annandale, VA and then for Alliance Business Center in Washington, D.C. Kay was a vibrant and caring person. She would visit and care for the sick in her community and worked at the food bank. In keeping with Kay's caring spirit it was her decision to donate her eyes to the Sharing Network so others may have a better quality of life. Kay thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a wonderful woman who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Kay is survived by her husband Peter "Eddie" Duda of Ocean; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Aleece and Ernie Marino of Wall, Melanie Jablonski of Wall and Nicol and John Sheehan of Brick; six grandchildren, Andrew and Katie Jo Marino, Gavin and Jillian Jablonski and Declan and Vivian Sheehan. She is also survived by her sister and brother-in-law Patsy and Paul Fair of Eatontown; many nieces and nephews in New Jersey. Kay was predeceased by her parents Mary and Don Womack.

Arrangements were entrusted to Orender Family Home for Funerals, Manassquan. Services were private. Memorial donations may be made to the Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean 3300 State Hwy 66 Neptune, NJ 07753. To send condolences to the family please visit www.orenderfamilyhome.com

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At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2013, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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At Goblin Gallop 5K
Arlington's Josh Doan won the Goblin Gallop 5K, Sunday, Oct. 27, in 18:31. Held in Fairfax, the race benefits the John Quadrino Foundation for Children with Cancer. Doan, an attorney, runs 30 miles a week and was victorious in his first time ever participating in this event. Said Doan: "I wasn't expecting it, but I'll take it."

SCHOOL NOTES
Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

The Northern Virginia Knights of the Round Table presented their 2013 Excalibur Therapy Scholarship Award of \$1,500 to **Kareema Smith**. Smith is a junior at George Mason University majoring in psychology. Her career goal is to seek an advanced degree in psychology and practice as a therapist with abused children and their parents. Kareema has an outstanding academic record at GMU and is active in volunteer and extracurricular service activities. In 2011 she was accepted in the GMU Student Transition Empowerment Program (STEP) which enhances the recruitment, engagement and retention of first generation college students. As a STEP participant she wrote a research paper on incorporating language diversity in the classroom in order to create an inclusive learning environment.



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Halloween Bar Crawl
Participants wear their wackiest costumes as they stroll down Clarendon Boulevard during the Clarendon Halloween Bar Crawl on Nov. 2.

ENTERTAINMENT



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This art quilt, made by artisan women in Haiti, depicts doves soaring over a marketplace.

Stitched Together in Hope

Haitian PeaceQuilts to be showcased at Trade Roots in Arlington Nov. 24.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Some quilts tell the story of a family's history. Others are purely a work of art, displaying tiny intricate stitching which took ages to complete.

And then there are the Haitian PeaceQuilts, part art, part practical, all in support of more than 100 women who are using their sewing skills to help rebuild their lives and their homes.

The organization, based in Edgartown, Mass., was born out of executive director and founder Jeanne Staples trip to Haiti in 2006, looking for a way to help women use their skills to support themselves. Now, there are six different cooperatives totaling 100 women who work in artisan guilds, training others on how to sew and craft the brilliantly colored quilts.

"The women use treadle sewing machines to piece the quilts, allowing them to create without being dependent on electricity for their livelihood, and all of the embroidery, appliqué, quilting and finishing work are done by hand," said Carolyn Stoeber, the U.S. program coordinator.

The women make art quilts, which come with sleeves on the back suitable for hanging on walls, in addition to throw quilts that are more like patchwork quilts many people make for their families, Stoeber said. They also make jewelry like fabric-bead bracelets, purses, kitchen potholders and other goods.

She'll be bringing a wide variety of products to introduce Arlington to Haitian PeaceQuilts on Sunday, Nov. 24 from 4-6 p.m. at Trade Roots, 5852 Washington



This throw quilt was made by an apprentice in the Haiti PeaceQuilts program.

Boulevard. Stoeber said she found the store, which sells fair trade goods from around the world, when visiting her sister, who recently moved to Arlington. "My niece and nephew go to McKinley Elementary School, so I have seen the store on our way to the park and about town when I have been to visit," she said. "On a few occasions, I wandered in to check it out" and struck up a friendship with owner Lisa Ostroff, who agreed to host the show.

The art quilts tell a story though a scene, from farmers taking their goods to a market, a "tree of life" motif or the letters of the alphabet. Some of the throw quilts, as Stoeber calls them, incorporate stamps made from Haitian metal workers, and those designs further help to support other artisans in the country, which is still rebuilding after the devastating earthquake in early 2010.

Women who were in a quilting cooperative guild at the time of the earthquake were in better standing to help their villages rebuild, Stoeber said. In time, the women are looking to become self-sufficient, training others to create the quilts and eventually establishing ways to sell their products in other countries.

Visit www.haitipeacequilts.org.



This pillow features a print made from a metal stamp fashioned from a Haitian metal worker, a cross-medium collaboration for artists brought together by Haiti PeaceQuilts.

Email announcements to arlington@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is noon Thursday. Photos are welcome.

ONGOING

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Event. Oct. 16 through Nov. 24 at Gunston Arts Center Theatre 2, 2700 S. Lang St. Enjoy performances that highlight Hispanic theater. Something for all ages. Showtimes are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Visit www.teatrodelaluna.org for tickets and information.

Art Exhibit. See a gallery members' show from Nov. 1-24 at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Features an array of media, including watercolor, oil, sculpture and more. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or 571-483-0652.

Art Exhibit. See "U.S. 17: Traveling the Scenic Highway" from Nov. 1-24 at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. See photos by Catherine Powers. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or 571-483-0652.

Theater Performance. See "King John" at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Performances begin Sunday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Nov. 24. Visit <http://wscavantbard.org/> for tickets.

Theater. See "Crossing" through Nov. 24 in the Max Theatre at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave.

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Theater Performance. Through Sunday, Dec. 8, see Christine Lahti in "Pride in the Falls of Autrey Mill" in the ARK Theatre at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Tickets on sale. Visit www.signature-theatre.org for times and tickets.

Art Exhibit. See "Spirit Sojourn" paintings and mixed media by Chris Tucker Haggerty at Marymount's Barry Gallery, 2807 N. Glebe Road from Oct. 25 through Dec. 9. Free. Hours are Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit marymount.edu/barrygallery for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Yes, It's Colored Pencil" from Dec. 2-28 at Gallery Underground, in the Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. Free. Features works by members of the

Colored Pencil Society of America. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

Art Exhibit. See "Small Works of Great Importance" from Dec. 2-28 at Gallery Underground, in the Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. Free. Features a variety of media by gallery members. Hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit www.galleryunderground.org or call 571-483-0652.

Art Exhibit. See "Faces of Afghanistan: Images by Arlington Photographer Kenneth Chadwick" at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. On display through Jan. 6. Hours are Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday from 1-9 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Theatre Classes. Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit www.encorestageva.org for a list of classes.

Registration. Jane Franklin Dance presents "Forty+," a workshop series for dancers past the age of 40. Runs Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5-Jan. 14. Register at www.janefranklin.com/adult-dance-education/forty-plus or 703-933-1111.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-17

"The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe." When four children stumble upon an old wardrobe, little did they know they would enter the magical world of Narnia. This Encore Stage & Studio production runs Nov. 8-17 at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Friday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 9, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 17, 3 p.m. \$10-\$12. Tickets may be purchased at www.encorestage.org or by calling 703-548-1154.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Nanny Club. 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5710.

Drop-In Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 25 months-5 years. Free. 703-228-5260.

Stop in for Stories. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5946.

ASL Club for Children. 4 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children in grades K-5 can learn American Sign Language through activities, songs and rhymes. Free. 703-228-5710.

Kids Club. 4 p.m. at Aurora Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy activities and more. Free 703-228-5715.

Kids Club. 4 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy activities and more. Free 703-228-5710.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a

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slot by calling 703-228-6545.

Family Story Time. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. For all ages. Free. 703-228-6548.

Our Favorite Things Book Panel. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Staff will share their personal favorite titles published in 2013. Author Bethanne Patrick will share her favorites as well. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. For children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-6545.

Drop-in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-6330.

Drop-in Storytime: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5715.

Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 11:15 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children age 2-5. Free. 703-228-5715.

Film. 3-6 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Watch "Quartet" (2012). Free. 703-228-5710.

Bilingual Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy stories, songs and crafts in English and Spanish. Free. 703-228-5990.

Knitting Group. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. Drop-in for knitting support and instruction. Free. 703-228-6548.

Talk. 7 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Historical Society will host historian Ron Beavers, who will talk about the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, which once ran through Arlington County. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org or 703-228-5990.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. "Washington Post" reporter Dave Sheinin will discuss his biography on Robert Griffin III, "RG3: The Promise." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Comedy Performance. Nick Swardson will perform at 10 p.m. at the Arlington Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. \$38. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com for tickets.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/NOV. 14-15

"The Jungle Book." 7 p.m. Educational Theatre Company presents an original musical created by and starring the students of McKinley Elementary School. This all-new stage adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's classic stories marks Educational Theatre Company's 20th Main Stage Theatre Residency at McKinley. Students work with professional teaching artists to develop the script, compose song lyrics, learn choreography, and design costumes, props and other scenic elements. McKinley Elementary School, 1030 McKinley Road. No charge for admission. Donations welcome.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to 1 year old can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5260.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Wobbly Walkers. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 13-24 months. Free. 703-228-5260.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Nathan Leslie will promote his first novel "Tall Tale of Tommy Twice" and Jen Michalski will discuss her new release "From Here." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Comedy Performance. Nick Swardson will perform at 7:30 p.m. or 10 p.m. at the Arlington Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. \$38. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com for tickets.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Drop in Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia

Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-228-5710.

Kids Club. 11 a.m.-noon at Aurora Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy demonstrations and hands-on activities with clay. Free 703-228-5715.

Family Film. 3-4:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "A Bug's Life." Free. 703-228-6545.

Paws to Read. 3-4 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-6330.

1k Wine/Beer Walk. 1-7 p.m. starting at The Landing in the Crystal City Shops, 1750 Crystal Drive. Buy a tasting card and sample dozens of wine or beer varieties while walking an indoor course. \$40 and includes 22 different tastes. Buy tickets at washingtonwineacademy.org or 703-412-9430.

Studio Crawl. 6-9 p.m. The 27 artists of the Columbia Pike Artist Studios host an open house party and studio tour. Columbia Pike Artist Studios, at 932 S. Walter Reed Drive., is a cooperative providing working studio space to artists in various media. All events are free and open to the public. Parking is available on the street and at the Arlington Career Center at 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Contact Jay Young Gerard, 571-338-9248 or jayyounggerard@gmail.com.

Comedy Performance. Nick Swardson will perform at 7:30 p.m. or 10 p.m. at the Arlington Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. \$38. Visit www.arlingtondrafthouse.com for tickets.

Football Game. Noon at Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road. The Wounded Warrior Amputee Football team will play flag football against Redskin and other NFL alumni. They will also re-enact a play from Super Bowl VII. \$20/adult; \$10/student; children are free. Proceeds will benefit Wounded Warrior Amputees. Visit woundedwarrioramputeefootballteam.org for more.

Animal Feeding 101: Snakes. 1 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Help staff gather insects, worms and other critters, then learn how to take care of and feed the snakes. Appropriate for all ages. \$5/person. RSVP to 703-528-5406.

Full Moon Hike & Campfire. 6 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Enjoy the nighttime sounds and sights of the park. Adults and children ages 6 and up. 703-528-5406 to RSVP.

Fall Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lee Arts Center, 5722 Lee Highway. Browse handmade items from studio artists. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/lee-arts-center.aspx for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

1k Wine/Beer Walk. 1-7 p.m. starting at The Landing in the Crystal City Shops, 1750 Crystal Drive. Buy a tasting card and sample dozens of wine or beer varieties while walking an indoor course. \$40 and includes 22 different tastes. Buy tickets at washingtonwineacademy.org or 703-412-9430.

Artist Expo and Bake Sale. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd. Over 30 local artists will showcase their works. Bring checkbook or cash, not all artists accept credit cards.

Studio Crawl. 2-5 p.m. The 27 artists of the Columbia Pike Artist Studios host an open house party and studio tour. Columbia Pike Artist Studios, at 932 S. Walter Reed Drive., is a cooperative providing working studio space to artists in various media. All events are free and open to the public. Parking is available on the street and at the Arlington Career Center at 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Contact Jay Young Gerard, 571-338-9248 or jayyounggerard@gmail.com.

Civil War Lecture. 6 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington County Committee on the Sesquicentennial of the Civil War is sponsoring a lecture by Michael Shaffner on "Managing the Civil War." This covers the whole question of military administration and bureaucracy at the time — i.e., how do you pay, feed, and move an army of a million men with nothing more than dip pens and letter press copiers. Free.

Book Dating for Singles. 6 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Adults in their 40s and older can bring a couple of books to share — favorites, disappointments or ones to be read. Free. RSVP to 703-228-6545.

Fall Sale. Noon-4 p.m. at Lee Arts Center, 5722

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Lee Highway. Browse handmade items from studio artists. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org/venues/lee-arts-center.aspx for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-6548.

Drop-in Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-6545.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5946.

Teen Writers Cafe. 4:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Teens can bring a pencil, computer or notebook and write a story. Free. 703-228-5946.

Drop in Family Storytime. 6:45 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. For all ages. Free. 703-228-6330.

Book Club. 7-8:30 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Bring your favorite Stephanie Plum novel by Janet Evanovich and share what you liked about it. Also talk about what to expect from "Takedown Twenty." Free. 703-228-5260.

Poetry Workshop. 7 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Members write and read original poetry and exchange constructive criticism. Free. 703-228-6545.

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Tom Hoe will discuss "The Battle of Midway: The Naval Institute Guide to the U.S. Navy's Greatest Victory." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com or 703-300-9746.

Concert. 7 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Sandy Bainum will celebrate the launch of her new CD "Simply" with a special one-night-only concert and signing event. Suggested donation of \$30 will benefit Only Make Believe. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Paws to Read. 3-4 p.m. at Columbia Pike

Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs for 15 minutes. Each dog is part of PAL. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5710.

Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5260.

Drop-in Story Time: Over 2s. 4:30-5:15 p.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. For children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-6330.

Family Story Time. 6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For all ages. Free. 703-228-5946.

Film. 6:30-8:45 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch "Skyfall." Free. 703-228-6545.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Nanny Club. 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 25 months- 5 years. Free. 703-228-5260.

Stop in for Stories. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For children up to age 5. Free. 703-228-5946.

Prose Out Loud. 11 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Celebrate Thanksgiving with stories by Virginia Willa Cather read by library staff. Free. 703-228-6545.

ASL Club for Kids. 4 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy activities, songs and more exploring American Sign Language. Free. 703-228-5710.

Kids Club. 4 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children in grades K-5 can enjoy activities and more. Free 703-228-5710.

Family Story Time. 6:30 p.m. at Glencarlyn Library, 300 S. Kensington St. For all ages. Free. 703-228-6548.

Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Discuss "Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One

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Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians will perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for 1st place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Theater Performance. See "She, After" through Nov. 17 at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Presented by UrbanArias. Visit www.artisphere.com for tickets.

Theater Performance. See "Shakespeare's King John" from Oct. 27-Nov. 24 at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit www.wscavantbard.org for tickets and schedule.

Dia De Los Muertos Exhibit. Features works by Gloria Valdes Tarasca, Dana Ellyn, David Amoroso and more at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Exhibit runs through Nov. 24. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or 703-248-6800.

Art Exhibit. See works by Kristina Bilonick, Amy Chan, Matthew Fishel and others at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Exhibit runs through Dec. 22. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or 703-248-6800.

Solo Exhibit. See works by Katie Lynch Thibault at the Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Exhibit runs through Dec. 22. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org

center.org or 703-248-6800.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Music Performance. Deleted Scenes will perform with Grounders at 8 p.m. at IOTA, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Screening. 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:15 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Children ages 5-12 and their families can watch "Magic Tree House Space Mission." \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

Screening. 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m. at Arlington Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Children ages 8 and up and their families can watch "Ladies Comet," about the first brother and sister astronomers. \$3/child up to age 12; \$5/Friends members and seniors; \$7/teens and adults. Visit <http://friendsoftheplanetarium.org/> or 703-228-6070.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Music Performance. Basia Bulat will perform at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Arlington's Got Talent Event. Social at 6:30 p.m., talent show starts at 7:30 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. Presented by Leadership Arlington, with proceeds benefiting the Leadership Arlington Young Professionals Program scholarship fund. \$30/advance; \$40/door. Visit www.leadershiparlington.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 22-24

Artful Weekend. Features art show and art sale with over 30 Arlington-based artists.

At Iota on Black Friday

The Dawn Drapes, Money Cannot Be Eaten and The Post perform on Black Friday at Iota. Friday, Nov. 29 at 9 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe is located at 2832 Wilson Blvd. \$10. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340. Find the bands at www.facebook.com/thedawndrapes, www.facebook.com/thepostdc and www.facebook.com/moneycannotbeaten.



Kate Jarosik and Chelsea Bryan of The Post.

There will be a reception Friday from 6-8 p.m., hours on Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. Takes place at Hendry House at Fort C.F. Smith, 2411 N. 24th St. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

One-Man Show. 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. David Crabb presents "Bad Kid," an examination of what it means to grow up different and alone. \$18. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100 for tickets.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

One-Man Show. 8 p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. David Crabb presents "Bad Kid," an examination of what it means to grow up different and alone. \$18. There will be a master class with David Crabb at 1 p.m. at Artisphere. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100 for tickets.

Music Performance. Tom McBride will perform at 9 p.m. at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

SUNDAY/DEC. 1

Music Showcase. 7:30-11:30 p.m. at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Alchemical Records presents Emmett Williams, Spencer Joyce, reggae/rock band Higher Education, End of Silence and Charles the Hammer will perform. Visit www.alchemicalrecords.com or www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more.

THURSDAY/DEC. 5

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m. Alicia Eggert will talk about her exhibit "Everything You are Looking For" in the Terrace Gallery at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. The exhibit draws on her background in sculpture, design and dimensional studies. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com or call 703-875-1100 for tickets.

CALENDAR

Step at a Time" by Mark Adams. Free. 703-228-5710.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Book Club. 10:30 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Discuss "Running in the Family" by Michael Ondaatje. Free. 703-228-5946.

Drop-in Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30-11 a.m. or 11:15-11:45 a.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. For children age 25 months-5 years. Free. 703-228-6545.

Drop in Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Cherrydale Library, 2190 N. Military Road. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-6330.

Drop-in Storytime: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5715.

Drop-in Storytime: Over 2s. 11:15 a.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. For children age 2-5. Free. 703-228-5715.

Bilingual Story Time. 4:15 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy stories, songs and crafts in English and Spanish. Free. 703-228-5990.

Film. 3-4:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Watch "Robot & Frank" (2012). Free. 703-228-5710.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 S. 18th St. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5715.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Children up to 1 year old can enjoy stories. Free. 703-228-5710.

Story Time: Baby Steps. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5260.

Story Time: Over 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children age 25 months to 5 years. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Under 2s. 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children up to age 2. Free. 703-228-5946.

Story Time: Wobbly Walkers. 10:30 a.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. For children age 13-24 months. Free. 703-228-5260.

Study Adventure. 4-5:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Create a journal filled with drawings from outdoor adventures. Appropriate for children ages 8-12. \$7/child. 703-528-5406 to RSVP.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 22-24

Artful Weekend. Arlington Artists Alliance present the annual "Artful Weekend" at the Hendry House, Ft. CF Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. The show and sale features the works of over 30 Arlington-based artists and

includes paintings, ceramics, sculptures and more. Hours are Friday from 6-8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from noon-4 p.m. Free. The Stardust Dance Band will play Sunday from 1-3 p.m. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Bilingual Concert. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children can enjoy an interactive musical experience with recording artist Jose-Luis Orozco. Free. 703-228-5946.

Holiday Performance. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. See the Metropolitan School of the Arts' performance of "The Nutcracker." \$18-\$27. Buy tickets at www.metropolitanarts.org.

Dance Ensemble Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Gunston Arts Center Theater One, 2700 S. Lang St. Watch Los Quetzales perform traditional dances of Mexico. \$12/advance; \$15/door. Visit www.quetzales.org or 703-638-0585 for tickets.

SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Holiday Performance. Noon and 5 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. See the Metropolitan School of the Arts' performance of "The Nutcracker."

\$18-\$27, tickets at www.metropolitanarts.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 25

Story Time: Baby Steps. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. For children up to age 1. Free. 703-228-5946.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Children in grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs for 15 minutes. Each dog is part of PAL. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5946.

Book Club. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. "Lost in Shangri-La" by Mitchell Zuckoff. Free. 703-228-5946.

TUESDAY/NOV. 26

Book Club. 2 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Discuss "Rin Tin Tin" by Susan Orlean. Free. 703-228-5260.

Paws to Read. 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road, suite 3. Children grades K-5 can read to therapy dogs. Free. Register for a slot by calling 703-228-5260.

Crafting for Adults. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Adults can decorate cupcakes. Free. 703-228-6545.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 27

Nanny Club. 10 a.m.-noon at Columbia Pike Library, 816 S. Walter

Washington-Lee defensive lineman Peter Griffin (54) made plays throughout the Generals' 10-0 win over Yorktown on Nov. 8 at Greenbrier Stadium.



Washington-Lee quarterback Sam Appel, left, scored the game's lone touchdown and running back Daquay Harris rushed for more than 200 yards during the Generals' 10-0 victory over Yorktown on Nov. 8 at Greenbrier Stadium.



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W-L Football Wins First District Title Since 1975

Generals shut out Yorktown at Greenbrier Stadium.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

For the second time in four seasons, the Washington-Lee football program turned the home field of its Arlington rival into a site of historical achievement.

W-L earned its first district championship since 1975 with a 10-0 victory against Yorktown on Friday night at Greenbrier Stadium. A 20-yard field goal by Henry Casey in the third quarter put the Generals ahead to stay, and senior quarterback Sam Appel added a 1-yard insurance touchdown early in the fourth.

W-L finished the regular season with an 8-2 record and went undefeated against district foes. Yorktown also went 8-2, with its only district loss coming against W-L.

"It's a community win," W-L head coach Josh Shapiro said. "The community that we work in and love and embrace is successful, but when you carry something like this on your shoulders for 30 years, it weighs on them. I think it's leveling the playing field, saying hey, we can compete with the best. I think it's a huge uplift for the school and the Washington-Lee community."

Football will continue to recognize district champions through the 2014 season despite the VHSEs move to a six-class system, which replaced districts with re-aligned conferences. Washington-Lee, Yorktown and Hayfield transitioned from the National District to Conference 6 in the 6A North region, which includes five teams from the former Liberty District.

On this night, however, the Generals celebrated as National District and Arlington County champions.

"I'm proud of all these seniors that came together and were able to do something special," Appel said.

This wasn't the first time W-L earned a historic victory at Greenbrier Stadium. In 2010, the Generals snapped a 28-year losing streak against Yorktown, beating the Patriots on their home field in the quarterfinal round of the regional playoffs. On that night, W-L running back Anthony Taylor was the best player on the field, carrying 42 times for 255 yards and four touchdowns en route to a 28-7 win.

On Friday, the best player on the field from a talent standpoint was Yorktown running back/defensive back MJ Stewart, who is committed to play for the University of North Carolina. Despite being hobbled by an ankle injury, Stewart made a big play early in the game, thwarting a W-L scoring opportunity with an interception at the goal line. But a team effort by the Generals was enough to overcome the Patriots' star ath-

lete, who was limited to 37 yards on 16 carries and three receptions for 38 yards.

The W-L defense handed Yorktown its first shutout loss since the Patriots were blanked by Centerville in 2010.

"You know you have to account for No. 6 (Stewart) and you do damage control around him," Shapiro said. "... What we said is, look, we have a locker room full of good, talented seniors that have inspired our juniors and sophomores to step up and show them the right way and we felt like we had a ... full team. We felt like this was something that was an advantage to us."

The leader of the W-L defense Friday night was senior lineman Peter Griffin. Listed at 6 feet 1 and 230 pounds, Griffin, who missed his entire junior season with a shoulder injury, wreaked havoc in the Patriots backfield, sacking quarterback Will Roebuck on multiple occasions.

"I know how important this is to him because he had to sit out the whole last year because of a shoulder injury and he just played out of his mind all night," Appel said. "He stepped up on the biggest stage possible and he just worked so hard. We were all saying, 'This is amazing. He looks like the best player on the field every single play.'"

The W-L offense moved the ball well for most of the night but failed to score during each of its first three trips inside the Yorktown 10-yard line. The Generals drove to the Yorktown 8-yard line in the first quar-

ter but Stewart intercepted Appel on third down. In the second quarter, W-L reached the Patriots' 6, but Casey missed a 23-yard field goal attempt.

During the opening possession of the second half, W-L drove inside the Yorktown 1-yard line, but the Patriots stuffed Appel's attempted sneak on fourth down.

W-L finally capitalized on its next opportunity, when Casey booted a 20-yard field goal with 3:30 left in the third.

Yorktown's ensuing possession ended when W-L defensive back Dwayne Williams intercepted Roebuck and returned it into the end zone. A W-L penalty during the return negated the touchdown, but the Generals started deep in Yorktown territory. After an 18-yard run by Daquay Harris took the ball down to the Patriots' 1-yard line, Appel pushed his way into the end zone for a touchdown and a 10-0 lead with 11:44 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Harris had a big night on the ground, carrying 32 times for 227 yards. Appel completed 8 of 16 passes for 102 yards and an interception. Trevor McManus had four receptions for 68 yards.

W-L and Yorktown each qualified for the 6A North region playoffs. W-L earned the No. 4 seed and will host Stonewall Jackson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday. Yorktown is the No. 7 seed and will host Fairfax.

"We haven't won the district since '75," Griffin said, "so for us to really put our name on it, it's like a dream come true."

W-L Girls' XC Team Earns First State Berth

BY ISABEL AMEND
THE CONNECTION

Seven Washington-Lee runners toed the starting line on a crisp autumn day at Burke Lake Park to run a 3-mile course laced with a few challenging hills and wooded trails.

They would make school history.

Washington-Lee women's cross country advanced to the state meet as a team for the first time by placing second at the 6A North region meet on Nov. 6. Sarah Angell led the pack with a new personal record of 17 minutes, 39 seconds to finish in sixth

place. Sarah Sears and Jordan Selby blazed in 14th and 18th, respectively, clocking 18:03 and 18:13. Donia Nichols, Kathryn Eng, Annika Macewen, and Jordan Grimaldi followed at 18:42, 18:50, 19:35, and 19:43.

W-L finished with a total of 92 to finish region runner-up. Oakton won the event with a score of 66. West Springfield finished third (113), followed by Lake Braddock (118), Robinson (148) and Battlefield (192). The top six teams in the region qualify for states.

Sarah Sears set a new personal record. "I was happy with today; we depend on each other and know how to be both friends and

competitors," she said.

Coach Matthew Przydzial said this squad is special due to the unusual amount of individual motivation each varsity athlete carries during practice and races. "I have never before seen all seven girls so excited to work this hard," Przydzial said. "Usually only a few girls, maybe two or three, carry this kind motivation." Przydzial is excited to see where the season will end.

The Washington-Lee harriers made a pact with their coach: if they advanced to states as a team, he had to cut his hair into a mohawk. Coach agreed, sporting a slick new haircut the next day.

SPORTS BRIEF

Wakefield Football Wraps up on a Win

Wakefield Football ended the 2013 season with a 27-19 victory over Mount Vernon on Nov. 8.

Wakefield's Kareem Hall carried 27 times for 132 yards and Leon Young carried 15 times for 102 yards. Riley Wilson completed 10 of 21 passes for 117 yards.

The Warriors ended the season with a 3-7 record under first-year head coach Wayne Hogwood. It was the first time since 1983 Wakefield won its first and last games of the season.

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