

Bishop O'Connell sophomore Patty Maye Ohanian was the winning pitcher against her former team, Lake Braddock, on April 25.

O'Connell Softball Scores 9 in 7th Inning

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2015 Contest Winners Announced

**“What can you do to improve
your local watershed?”**



George Washington Middle School
students won top honors for their project
which aims to raise awareness on the
harmful effects of microbead facial exfoliates.

Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year! Hundreds of area students in grades 6-8 competed to develop solutions to watershed issues. Classroom teams presented their proposals at the School Environmental Action Showcase on April 9 at George Mason University in Fairfax.

This program empowers students to imagine, develop and create solutions in their local watersheds, as they develop research, problem-solving, budgeting, community- involvement and presentation skills.

Nearly \$20,000 was awarded in cash prizes and school awards. Agrium is also providing \$10,000 to help implement student ideas.

Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.

Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 6-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Microbeadless	George Washington Middle School
2	\$900	Ban the Bottles!	Lanier Middle School
3	\$800	Helping Grasses to Form Masses	George Washington Middle School
4	\$700	Every Drip Counts	George Washington Middle School
5	\$600	Saving Four Mile Run from FCB	Kenmore Middle School
6	\$500	Screened Storm Drains Save Streams	Kenmore Middle School
7	\$450	Helping with Rain Barrels	George Washington Middle School
8	\$400	Acorus Americanus Away!	George Washington Middle School
9	\$350	Compost Bin for Dog Waster	Kenmore Middle School
10	\$300	Rain Barrel Proposal	Kenmore Middle School



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A Snapshot of Upcoming Arlington Developments

I-66

1 A new toll could be coming to the Arlington section of I-66. According to Renée Hamilton, deputy district administrator for the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) Northern Virginia District, VDOT is beginning planning for the 2017 implementation of a "multimodal package" that includes tolling vehicles with less than three riders during peak travel times. According to Hamilton, the tolls will have prices that adjust to meet demand for lane space in an effort to reduce traffic congestion.

"The goal is to move more people and enhance connectivity on I-66," said Hamilton. "We want to provide congestion relief and create a carpool culture."

Hamilton said that VDOT decided not to pursue road widening but did not eliminate the possibility for future development. According to VDOT, construction and implementation of tolling is expected to cost between \$30 and \$50 million.

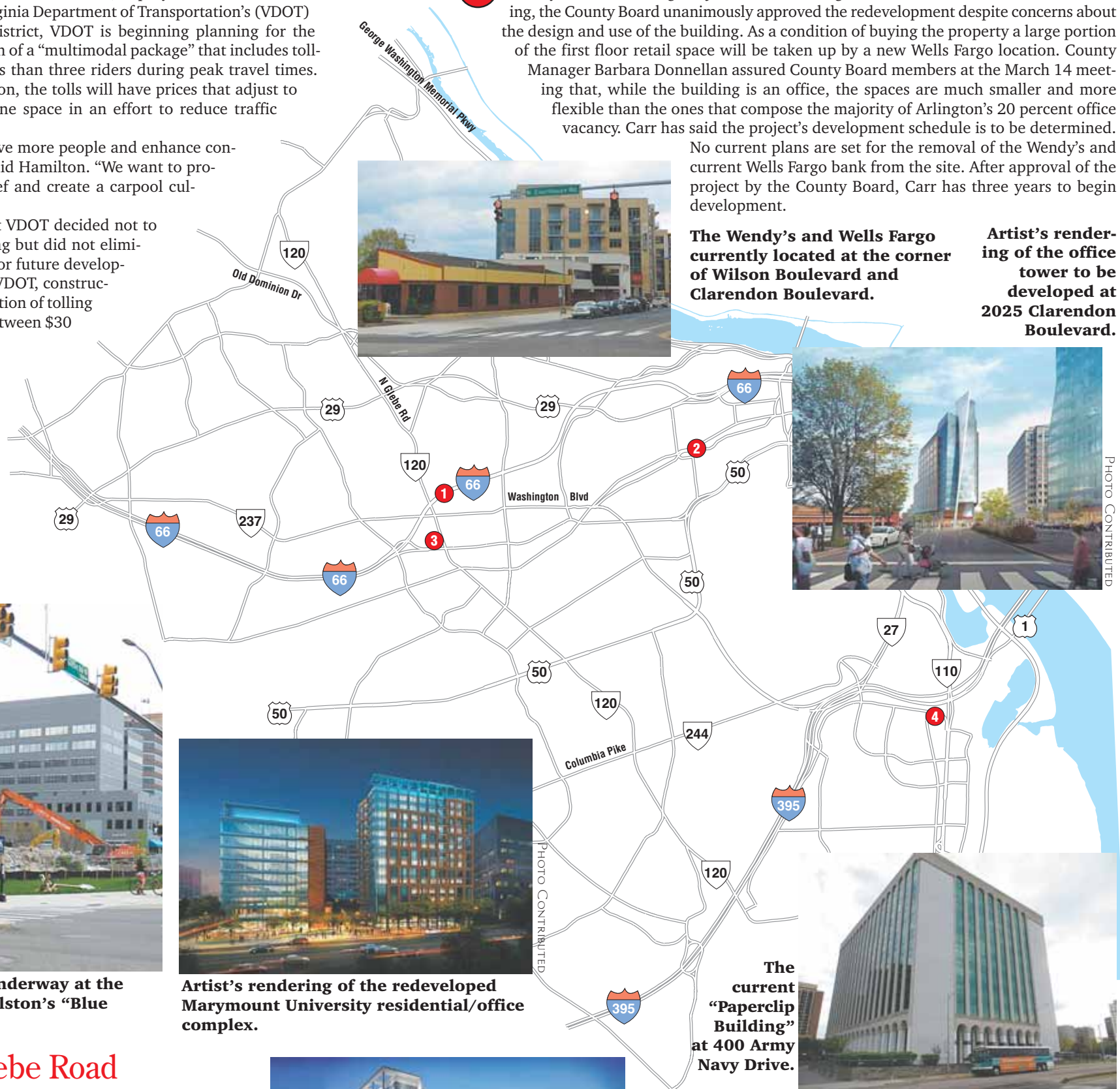
2025 Clarendon Boulevard

2 A new 12-story office building at 2025 Clarendon Boulevard will replace the existing Wendy's and Wells Fargo adjacent to the Arlington Courthouse. At its March 14 meeting, the County Board unanimously approved the redevelopment despite concerns about the design and use of the building. As a condition of buying the property a large portion of the first floor retail space will be taken up by a new Wells Fargo location. County Manager Barbara Donnellan assured County Board members at the March 14 meeting that, while the building is an office, the spaces are much smaller and more flexible than the ones that compose the majority of Arlington's 20 percent office vacancy. Carr has said the project's development schedule is to be determined.

No current plans are set for the removal of the Wendy's and current Wells Fargo bank from the site. After approval of the project by the County Board, Carr has three years to begin development.

The Wendy's and Wells Fargo currently located at the corner of Wilson Boulevard and Clarendon Boulevard.

Artist's rendering of the office tower to be developed at 2025 Clarendon Boulevard.



Debris removal underway at the former site of Ballston's "Blue Goose" building.



Artist's rendering of the redeveloped Marymount University residential/office complex.

1000 N. Glebe Road

3 The "Blue Goose" building completed demolition in January to make way for a new 9-story office/classroom building and residence at the Marymount University campus in Ballston. The building will contain 11 units of affordable housing in the 267-unit residential building. Marymount University purchased the property in the 1990s. Plans for the plaza outside the new complex include the addition of blue seating and blue lighting, a homage to the site's history. A new Ballston metro entrance is planned to run to the courtyard, with a cost of \$72 million.



Artist's rendering of the proposed Altaire residential complex.

400 Army Navy Drive

4 The "Paperclip Building" at 400 Army Navy Drive, one of the office spaces emptied in Base Realignment (BRAC), could be replaced with a residential structure. A site plan for the 20-story building containing 453 residential units was approved by the County Board on Jan. 24. The new building, named The Altaire, is a central "podium" and two adjoining towers. The applicant, Arlington Apartments L/Cal LLC, purchased the property in 2012 for \$39 million. Demolition on the Paperclip Building is expected to begin in June with construction beginning in September or October for a 2018 opening.



The current "Paperclip Building" at 400 Army Navy Drive.

PEOPLE

Tinker, Woodworker, Beekeeper, Santa ... in Arlington

How one senior in Arlington spends his “retirement.”

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

Paul Dietz wears a quilted vest over a well worn plaid flannel shirt. A badge about scouting is on his sleeve. His uniform of baseball cap, work shoes, and pockets full of tools is topped off by a full white beard and the twinkly eyes to go with it. Dietz is “retired” at 75, but not a lot of grass grows under his feet. He runs Diehl’s Honey Farm, located on a quiet street in North Arlington. He teaches. He haunts the local auctions for bargains. He helps out at church, and he adores old organs and organ music.

Dietz moved to Arlington from Michigan in 1967, working for the U.S. Navy at Patuxent River.

He bought his house in 1972 and raised his children here, and they raised their children here in turn. Retired from one of his latest roles, school bus driver, Dietz teaches woodworking at the Career Center through the Arlington County Adult Education system. He also teaches beekeeping there, and is often seen at county fairs and shows, reminding residents to protect bees and encouraging them to house them in wooden boxes in their yards.

Dietz drives through Arlington on his way to drop off a few packets of bees to one of his new proteges who lives off Pershing



Paul Dietz teaches woodworking to Carolyn Ryffel at the Career Center.

Avenue. He looks at Arlington County as a bee might: the cemetery along Route 50? Lots of flow-

ers. The silver maples just coming into bud? Delicious pollen for his newly arrived bees. Recently he drove 12 hours down to Georgia to pick up 30 packages of bees. He had gotten the call at 6 p.m. from the bee farm: the bees are ready.

With no time to waste, he and “another old timer” hopped in the

truck and drove down, getting there at 6:30 in the morning, loading the bees, catching a nap, and coming home. They had six hours of sleep in 48 hours.

Each package has 20,000 bees, the equivalent of three pounds, buzzing so loud it sounds like a fan on “high.” Paul delivers



What 20,000 bees look like when they come off the truck.



Paul Dietz carries packets of bees to a resident.

them to his clients, local residents who like having bees in their backyards because of the environmental impact and favorable pollination conditions for their gardens.

“You can tell the difference right away: the garden with bees nearby is lush and productive,” he said. One of his better known beekeepers is Arlington County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patrick Murphy. Murphy got interested in bees when Dietz was still a school bus driver. He learned about bees from Dietz, and got hooked. Dietz says Murphy is “Pat” when they are talking about bees, and “Dr. Murphy” when they aren’t. Dietz will deliver 10 packages of bees to Murphy from this trip to Georgia.

As he drives through North Arlington, he stops in to check on a hive he installed last year, walking to the backyard and greeting the owner. As they stand together admiring the bees returning to the hive, they talk about who has died, who moved, who stays

active in teaching, and who has bees now.

When he isn’t keeping bees, Dietz is a familiar figure in other parts of the county, checking building sites for wood that might end up in the trash. He was just offered the roof of a house being taken down on Military Road: he spoke lovingly of the load of lumber he would be able to take home, once he figured out how to get it hauled. Where others saw junk, he saw 2x4’s he could use in any of his many projects or to make new hives. He cruises the auctions and antique fairs outside the beltway. One week he found an old sewing machine and its stand, for about \$6. A bookcase for \$3. Behind every piece of used furniture, Dietz sees potential. In his woodworking class he helps local residents discover the beauty lurking behind an old paint-covered chair, or how to restore a scratched table.

Dietz also helps out at the Heidelberg Bakery, and every Christmas, he plays Santa at the bakery and at local parks with his white beard and grandfatherly smile. He also helps maintain the observation bee hive at Potomac Overlook Park. Dietz says they used to have a badge the Boy Scouts could do on bee keeping, but they got rid of all the agricultural badges. He sighed.

As he tumbles the 20,000 bees into a new hive for the owner, the bees tumble like worms out of a bucket, and then flying around his head and uncovered hands, Dietz chuckled as he told about his bees in downtown Washington. He had talked the pastor at his church, a flat roofed church at Fourth Street, Northwest, into keeping a hive on the roof. The pastor finished his sermon with some announcements: he told his parishioners with a big smile that they should give a warm welcome to the new members of the congregation — all 20,000 of them.

Four Yorktown Grads Work to Keep ‘Taste By Katie’ Alive

Young entrepreneur seeks help from community to fund new freezer.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

One of the most popular items at “Taste By Katie” is the homemade ice cream Katie Gilman makes once a week, with flavors based on customer requests. But unless she raises enough money for a new freezer this month, her ice cream is off the menu.

Gilman started her own business last year, focusing on something she saw as needed in the community: healthy home-cooked meals to go. She didn’t qualify for help from the Small Business Administration, so she took out loans based on her earnings from the Marriott Corporation, got the support of mom and dad, bought second-hand equipment, and set up in the Dominion Hills shopping plaza on Wilson Boulevard.

She was inspired to cook by her grandmother, who taught her how to bake the



Chef Katie Gilman

coffee cake on the brunch menu. Grandma’s Magic Cookie Bars are another favorite of children. Gilman was trained professionally at the Culinary Arts Institute in Washington, D.C. She went on to cook at the

Marriott. As a personal chef, her favorite part of the job was coming up with menus everyone would enjoy, from the 6 year old to the working mom. Cooking for busy parents drove her to start a business designed for helping make people’s lives easier.

Despite reaching capacity as a one-woman business, she is stuck. Her oven stopped working months ago, her other oven is quirky, her freezer died, her ability to grow is on hold, and her loans are maxed out. Her business, despite a good initial year, needs to expand to survive, and Gilman can’t make it grow on her own.

Encouraged by customers who donated funds, she, her brother Matt, and brother-and-sister filmmakers Richy and Sarah Leitner, are working together to create some small business buzz for Gilman’s crowdfunding campaign to grow the business.

The four, now in their 20’s, attended



Katie’s kickstarter chicken

Arlington’s Yorktown High School. Gilman turned to Matt, a writer-editor, to create the copy for her website. He enlisted Richy and Sarah Leitner and their team at The Rest of the Moose Media, who donated their skills, to create an introductory video for the website. It’s a film noir, Raymond Chandleresque, that paints a four minute panorama of Gilman, the charm of her restaurant, and her plight, in black and white. See www.indiegogo.com/projects/taste-by-katie.

County Board, School Board Meet Halfway

Schools adopt Tier One reductions.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

After months of negotiations, the Arlington County Board and School Board settled on a compromise that sees cuts to projects on both sides. On April 21, the County Board passed a \$1.16 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2016. Included in that budget is a \$6.2 million increase for the Arlington Public Schools (APS) over the county manager's original budget, bringing the total to \$451 million, raising the total percentage of the budget allocated to the schools from 45.9 percent to 46.5 percent. The approved funding transfer is a \$19.4 million increase over the FY 2015 funding. In a budget without a tax rate increase, the county was forced to work within the constraints of the county manager's proposed budget to close the \$6.2 million gap.

When the county manager proposed the FY 2016 budget in February, the school funding gap was \$13.6 million. The schools prepared a series of "tiered reductions" and will be forced to implement the first tier, which includes central office reductions.

School Board approved its \$555.9 million budget at its April 9 meeting, which included \$7.4 million in cuts from Superintendent Patrick Murphy's proposed budget.

APS currently conducts a two-day conference for 180 APS administrators with a keynote speaker, professional readings, and workshops with a total cost of \$30,000. The reduction would decrease expenditures for the speaker, diminish staff payment for services during the event, and eliminate professional reading materials.

Tier One reductions also includes an increased budgeted beginning balance, which means the schools will have to reduce spending in the final quarter of the 2014-2015 school year to have remaining funding to carry over.

The schools will also be forced to eliminate two library staff positions for \$24,880. APS will also lose four maintenance staff and \$18,789 in classroom supplies funding. Tier One reductions total to \$4.7 million.

The County Board's funding transfer to the schools came from a mixture of \$3.5 million in cuts from the county board and \$2.5 million from the Third Quarter Review.



Hynes



Tejada

The largest savings from the funding cuts were from the Artisphere closure, which saved the county \$450,000 from the ongoing costs. The Artisphere was one of the county manager's additional funding cuts built into the original proposed budget. The closure of

the Artisphere also means the loss of 11 full-time employees.

However, despite the long-term savings in over \$3.4 million in Artisphere operating costs, the cut does come with a substantial funding setback.

"Budget also does include \$1.3 million in one-time funds that address lease termination provisions," said County Board Chair Mary Hynes. "The board has asked the manager to investigate whether there are alternatives to just paying the money."

The county manager was given until June 30, when the current funding ends, to attempt to reach a settlement with Monday Properties. The county still has six years remaining on the Artisphere lease, leaving the county with a choice of subleasing the property or facing penalties for a six-year premature cancellation of the lease.

During the April 21 County Board bud-

get meeting, County Board member Walter Tejada expressed hopes that the county might find another use for the location.

"I thought about not voting supporting getting rid of [the Artisphere]," said Tejada. "A lot of folks in the tech world are interested in that, but we're yet to see anything specific though. There's still some opportunity ... on how we can leverage the Artisphere space."

However, the Artisphere site plan conditions stipulate that the property must be used for arts or cultural purposes, which would limit sub-leasing options at the location.

While the Artisphere generates \$1.2 million each year in revenue, according to Karen Vazquez, former director of Cultural Affairs, this barely covers the cost of opening the doors and turning on the lights. This leaves \$2.2 million in the Artisphere's budget to be financed directly through local tax support.

"We were given inflated information and we based a lot of decisions on that," said Tejada. "It didn't turn out to be like we wanted."

"I think it was responsible to close the Artisphere," said County Board member Libby Garvey. "That maybe wasn't the easiest thing, but it was the responsible thing

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OPINION

Bringing Champions Together

BY RICK JEFFREY

In my 20-plus years in Special Olympics I still, on occasion, make the same mistake. I miss the boat. I underestimate the abilities either cognitive or physical of our Special Olympics athletes; athletes with intellectual disabilities. But by continually making this mistake, I, in essence, pretty much make them like everyone else; just another person; available to be judged and limited by what we see or what we think we see. You see, the limitations that all of us place on each other determine how we perceive each other, treat each other, like each other, fear each other, raise each other up or marginalize each other.

Ask most coaches out there and they will tell you that the biggest limitations on any student athlete are the ones coaches place upon them, among which might be too slow, not big enough or not tough enough. It might not be much different in the classroom where teachers might see a student as too lazy, too distracted or not interested. And these are just student athletes in any sport, in any classroom, at any high school in Virginia.

Now compound that with Down syndrome, autism or an undiagnosed disability resulting in a student's inability to keep up with peers. In most cases, the limitations in a school environment, an environment that moves all too fast, are enormous. And even in schools with wonderful inclusive classroom environments, the opportunity to interact and really build friendships and relationships remains limited.

These students with intellectual disabilities are, in most cases, not receiving an opportunity to really participate in sports; an activity

that, at its heart, teaches teamwork, trust and communication; an activity that at its core promotes competency, credibility and caring; the building blocks of human relationships. Sports and sports teams are probably more conducive to building relationships and creating friendships than possibly any other school activity. Plus throw in the opportunity to "wear the colors" and represent your school and you create an emotional bond that may be the most inclusive opportunity for any student.

IMAGINE A PARTNERSHIP between Special Olympics and high schools throughout Virginia. Imagine the opportunity for a student with an intellectual (or any) disability to play alongside his or her peers without disabilities in a Unified Sports team environment; to rely on each other, to communicate with each other, to believe in each other, to become Champions Together.

Imagine no more because Champions Together is here. In fact, it's right here in Arlington at Yorktown and Washington-Lee high schools — and in 22 other high schools in Virginia.

This partnership with the Virginia High School League is aimed at bringing together youth with and without disabilities to build the first unified generation — a generation where youth will build upon the friendships and life lessons learned through sports and the Special Olympics movement so, later in life, they will not be afraid to live, work and thrive alongside their peers with different ability levels.

Champions Together high schools will form inclusive track and field teams this spring that will compete against other local high schools.

Other components of the program include an inclusive student-led leadership team that will organize an awareness event to promote respect and inclusion, and promote philanthropy to support the future of the program.

AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS, we dedicate ourselves each day to building communities more respectful in their conduct, more inclusive in their makeup, more unified in their fabric. And each day the Virginia High School League is promoting education, leadership, sportsmanship, character and citizenship for students by establishing and maintaining high standards for school activities and competitions.

A new, young, energetic base of athletes and volunteers — which could include the sons or daughters of many reading this op-ed piece — will eventually transition from the schools into our communities and help Special Olympics Virginia and the Virginia High School League continue to achieve our missions.

The Champions Together program is new, and as it develops, we will learn a lot about how to build it, refine it and make it the best that it can be for everyone. And do you know who we will learn this from? We will learn it from our young people with and without disabilities who, through their participation and their ownership of this inclusive program, will prove to us that they are the future.

Let's Play Unified!

Rick Jeffrey has been the president of Special Olympics Virginia since 2000. He has served on many national and international committees for Special Olympics, and is currently serving on the United States Leadership Council where he is chair of the Sports Committee. He also serves on the board of directors for the Fried Center for Achieving Potential in Crozet.

COMMENTARY

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Community Grieves for Homicide Victim

To the Editor:

Bonnie Black, 42, an Arlington County resident did not live far from me — only blocks away. She was the victim of an apparent homicide, and her body was discovered on April 17, 2015 in her home. Though I was not personally acquainted with her, I am affected by her death. She was known to be an educated woman who did contract work as a psychologist for the F.B.I.

Black was a mother of two young children — ages 3 and 5. She lived with her children in her South Arlington home.

The neighborhood and surrounding areas are reportedly on edge and concerned about who did this horrific act. Everyone is contemplating their safety and security.

Meanwhile, the Arlington County Police Department, a fine and highly professional law enforcement agency, is pulling out all stops and working around the clock to investigate, search for and

analyze any potential evidence. Detectives are following every possible lead to determine who committed this despicable crime.

The tragedy endures with the children who lost their mother at painfully young ages. They are too young to fully comprehend the essence of this crime. They intrinsically know that something is terribly

wrong, and they no longer have their mother. Despite their ages, they sense and experience both the loss and the impact of the trauma and of what they may have seen, heard or been exposed to.

My heart aches for the children and her family, and I grieve for their mother. None of them deserved to have her life snuffed out

and cause so much pain for so many people. It was a senseless, violent and cold-hearted crime. May she rest in peace.

Karen L. Bune
Arlington

The writer is a victim services consultant and a speaker on public safety and victim issues. She serves as an adjunct professor at Marymount University in Arlington and George Mason University in Fairfax where she teaches victimology.



Volunteer Arlington Day

More than 140 local volunteers from various Arlington Chamber of Commerce member businesses and organizations lent a helping hand to area nonprofits as part of the 16th Annual Volunteer Arlington Day on Tuesday, April 21. Sponsored by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, this annual tradition matches members of the business community with half-day service projects throughout the county. The participating nonprofits had a variety of tasks for volunteers. Some helped with restocking and sorting food drive donations at the Arlington Food Assistance Center, others organized books in the library for elementary students with AHC, Inc., while others helped with landscaping projects at various sites.

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County Board Approves \$1.16 Billion Budget

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to do.”

Other cuts included the elimination of the Kids in Action After School program for \$158,416. According to Hynes, the program is duplicated in other existing after-school programming sponsored by the schools.

“[This is] a duplicate of after-school programming in three locations, and in two it’s possible to work with extended day to blend the programs,” said Hynes. “We will be providing \$36,000 to support transition of this program to APS extended day programs.”

Also in the budget were \$2.5 million in funding from a transfer of the Housing Grants Program and PAYG (pay-as-you-go) from ongoing funding to the general one-time funding budget. Hynes said the transition was, in some ways, just moving the funding from one source to another. However, Hynes also noted that with these two items put on the one-time budget funding, their funding levels next year is not guaranteed.

“These projects were transferred from ongoing funding to one-time funding,” said Hynes. “Next year, the County Board will have to decide if there are enough funds to bring these back to ongoing funding.”

PAYG is a general capital projects fund which primarily finances maintenance projects, particularly replacement and renewal of existing infrastructure. PAYG funding was reduced to \$10 million in the 2016 budget from \$23 million in 2015 and \$37 million in 2014.

The Housing Grants Program provides rental assistance to low-income Arlington residents. The total funding to the Housing Grants Program is maintained at the proposed \$8.9 million, a \$1 million increase over FY 2015 funding. However, \$1.5 million of that funding is being transferred

from ongoing funding to one-time funding.

The \$2.5 million addition from the third quarter review comes from an overlap between the tax and budget cycles.

Among the additions to the budget from the County Board was \$80,000 to the Public Defender’s office, part of a two-year set of budget increases that will provide

a 15 percent salary supplement. County Board members said they were motivated by the testimony from members of the Public Defender’s office at the March 24 County Board public hearing.

“[These salaries] are not competitive in our region at all,” said Hynes. “They did come to talk to us because they were having a great deal of difficulty attracting

the caliber of people they need to work on these cases.”

“They wanted to be equal to the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office,” said Tejada. “That’s a very tall order, I’m not sure we’re going to get there, but this is a step in the right direction.”

The County Board is also adding five full time employees to the Arlington Sheriff’s Department,

increasing funding to mental health services in the detention center, and adding a nurse practitioner position to Arlington Drewry Center, a mental health and substance abuse treatment center.

The total Arlington County Budget for FY 2016 is \$1.16 billion, a 1.1 percent increase over the FY 2015 \$1.15 billion budget.

“FLOURISHING AFTER 55”

“Flourishing After 55” from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, for May 4-9.

Senior centers: Lee, 5722 Lee Hwy.; Langston-Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St.; Culpepper Garden, 4435 N. Pershing Dr.; Walter Reed, 2909 S. 16th St.; Arlington Mill, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.; Aurora Hills, 735 S. 18th St.

Senior trips: Monday, May 4, tour VMI and George Marshall Museum, Lexington, \$51; Wednesday, May 6, lunch at Carroll’s Creek Café, Annapolis, \$58; Thursday, May 7, National Gallery of Art, D.C., \$7. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

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Number of Homeless Declines in Arlington

Change in methodology has effect on number.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

The numbers from Arlington County's yearly Point in Time Count are once again showing the effort to reduce homelessness is getting results. The numbers indicate an 18 percent decrease in homeless people living on the street in Arlington, according to Tony Turnage, homeless services coordinator for Arlington County. Turnage and his homeless information management systems head, Ahmad Haj-Ali, said the number of homeless had gone down from 291 last year to 239 this year.

On the particular night of the count, performed by continuum of care organizations and volunteers from sunset on Jan. 28 to sunset on Jan. 29, only 39 people were found on the street: last year there were 51. Last year, there were 22 veterans in this count. This year, there were 19.

The count includes unsheltered individuals and families, as well as those in Arling-



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Volunteers getting ready to count the homeless.

ton shelters (A-SPAN Emergency Winter Shelter, Volunteers of America-Chesapeake Residential Program Center, New Hope Housing Safe Haven, Doorways for Women & Families Safe House and Family Home, Bridges to Independence Sullivan House Family Shelter, Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic Independence House, Borromeo Housing Transitional Housing Program). Turnage noted those who were in a shelter

and therefore technically homeless, but not on the street, made the total Point In Time Count 239.

According to Arlington County Homeless Services, family homelessness remains a significant issue in the community. A change in the counting methodology was mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as a result, 48 individuals in families who would have been

classified homeless in prior years were classified as housed for 2015.

Turnage said "rapid rehousing programs" allow organizations to move the homeless into temporary housing quickly, albeit temporarily. Another likely reason for the drop in numbers is the county's participation in the national effort to house the homeless: the goal last year was 100,000 nationwide, with 1,000 individuals housed in Virginia and of those, 100 to be housed in Arlington. Arlington County is currently participating in Zero 2015, the national campaign to house all homeless veterans by the end of 2015, and all chronically homeless people by 2016.

Turnage said the challenge remains daunting. When asked if Arlington would meet its "Zero Vets Homeless" goal by the end of the calendar year, he said it would. But Arlington has found veterans need a more permanent housing solution: rapid rehousing is too temporary to solve their housing problems long term. The biggest challenge facing Arlington is finding affordable housing on a long-term basis, Turnage said.

The new numbers indicate that what Arlington is doing is working, but funding is always the hurdle. He encouraged Arlingtonians to support local organizations serving the homeless.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THROUGH NOVEMBER

Borrow Gardening Tools.

Wednesdays: 5-7 p.m., Fridays: 3-5 p.m., Saturdays: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy St. "The Shed" at Arlington Central Library is open and lending gardening tools to Arlington residents and property owners. Free. See library.arlingtonva.us for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 30

Plant Propagation Program. 1-2:30 p.m. at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Arlington County Horticultural Extension Agent Kirsten Buhls, assisted by VCE Master Gardeners, will present a program on perennials and how to divide them to increase their number. Participants should bring containers. Free. Call 703-228-4403 to register.

Rally Against Rape. 7 p.m. at Gateway Park, Rosslyn. A resource fair will precede a program bringing awareness to rape and its victims. Visit www.rallyagainstrape.org.

Recycling Task Force Kick-Off Meeting. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, Room 103, 3308 S. Stafford St. Attend a meeting concerning details of a new recycling initiative in Arlington. Free. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com/e/ace-recycling-task-force-kickoff-meeting-tickets-16586457541.

Application Deadline. Leadership Arlington is seeking leaders with a

strong commitment to strengthening and building the community to apply online for the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2016. Applications are available online at www.leadershiparlington.org/programs/apply/signature-programapply.

Nomination Deadline. The Women of Vision awards presented to Arlington residents who demonstrate a strong commitment to women's issues and have, over time, developed and communicated their vision for women and engaged community members and other leaders in order to realize this vision. Nominations may be made here: <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/commission-status-women/csw-awards/>.

FRIDAY/MAY 1

Bulb Blitz. 9:30 a.m. at 2121 Crystal Drive, Sidewalk. Crystal City invites patrons to help remove tulip bulbs to make way for spring planting. Gardeners may take the bulbs home to plant them. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 1-2

Volunteers Needed. 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Friday and 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday at 2400 E Capitol St. SE. Arlington-based Rock Recovery needs volunteers to support their Color in Motion 5k. Visit www.rockrecoveryed.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 3

Glencarlyn Library Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Carlin Springs Road at S. 3rd St. and S. Kensington St. Sale will feature native plants, tropicals,

trees, herbs, ferns, perennials, shrubs, and annuals. Virginia Cooperative Extension representatives will answer questions. Free to attend. Contact Judy Funderburk at 703-671-5310.

Organic Vegetable Garden Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Learn to cultivate your own organic vegetables for Virginia Cooperative Extension experts. Free to attend. Call 703-228-6400.

MONDAY/MAY 4

Gardening with Native Plants. 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn the characteristics of native plants, their importance and how to plant them in home gardens. Free. Call 703-228-6414 for more.

"Burning Trees for Electricity." 7-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn how the EPA's Clean Power Plan may put forests at risk in Virginia. Free. Contact Susan Bonney at sbonney001@aol.com.

Personal Branding Strategy Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. at 3140 N. Washington Blvd., Suite 222. The Career Path Partners are hosting a four-part career development seminar dealing with career strategy. The second session will focus on LinkedIn profiles and personal brand development. Each session is \$20. Visit www.thecareerpathpartners.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo Soberride. 4 p.m.-4 a.m. During a 12-hour period residents may call 1-800-200-TAXI for a free ride home.



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Rediscovered

John Lyles, assisted by Dodolvo Sanchez, Arlington sewer maintenance, is cutting out a square around a "lost" manhole that had been buried by almost a foot of asphalt as the road got paved over time. It was recently discovered, and they got a work order to raise up the manhole, put on a cover and fill in around the area with more asphalt.

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ONGOING

“Creating Across the City.” Through June at Reagan National Airport, Three organizations; Critical Exposure, The National Building Museum and ARTLAB+ have teamed up for “Creating Across the City: A Teen Art Showcase,” which provides an outlet through art and design for creative local teens. Free.

“Current.” Through June 28, 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday; 12-5 p.m. on Sunday at Artisphere’s Artist in Residence Studio, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Sculptor and installation artist Brian Davis will have open studio hours. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

“Holoscenes/Quaternary Suite.” Through June 28, Gallery hours at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Media artists, design, director, write and artistic director of Early Morning Opera Lars Jan presents a performance, video, photographic and print comprised work. Free. Visit www.artisphere.com.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. IOTA Club & Cafe has designated every Tuesday LGBT & Straight Friends Social Night for those 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more information.

Open Mic Comedy. Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Invasive Plants Removal. Work parties are held every month to keep the parks free of destructive invasive plants. Teens, adults and families welcome. Every second Sunday of the month 2-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road; call 703-228-3403. Every third Sunday of the month 2-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road; call 703-228-6535 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us. Free, no registration required.

Poetry Series. 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

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 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 first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com or call 703-276-9693.

Storytime. Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

Family Nights. 7-9 p.m. on the first Friday of the month at Arlington Mill Community Center. E-mail DPR-YouthandFamily@arlingtonva.us. or call Emily Thrasher at 703-228-4773 for more.

Ball-Sellers House Tours. 1-4 p.m. at The Ball-Sellers House, 1015 N. Quincy St. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Arlington Historical Society receiving the house from Marian Sellers in 1975 for \$1. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

Crystal City Sparket. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Sparket — A Creative Market is an extension of DC’s Eastern Market complete with arts, crafts, and other handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

CAMPS, 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.

Synetic Theater. Synetic Studio, 2155 Crystal City Plaza Arcade T-19, Arlington. Synetic offers an introduction to physical theater, acting and dance that inspire students to creativity. Classes include programs for elementary, middle and high school students, as well as adults. Discounted packages and payment plans are available. Visit www.synetictheater.org/studio or call 703-824-8060.

Teen Camp Summer Intensive. June 22-July 1, 9 a.m., at the Synetic Studio. Eight days of actor training and new play development led by Synetic teaching artists and DC theatre professionals, culminating in the production of Star Force, a physical musical theatre parody of everyone’s favorite intergalactic space odyssey. Register at www.synetictheater.org.

Youth and Teen Winter Fitness Programs. Winter speed and explosion workshops at Swanson Middle School will focus on mental preparation, speed, explosion, agility, fitness and conditioning training. Teens ages 13-19 can take advantage of programs focused on baseball and softball. Ages 9-13 will enjoy a more generalized program. The key objective of workshops is to ensure that every athlete is challenged in an intense and fun atmosphere that will enable them to learn and maximize their performance and to achieve peak condition. For full time and session dates or to register visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us and use activity code 720515.

APRIL 18-JUNE 28

Spring SOLOs. 12-5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center hosts several solo exhibits each season. This spring, they welcome Bradley Chriss, Nichola Kinch, Kate kretz, A. Gray Lamb, Nate Larson, Dan Perkins, and Paul Shortt. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

THROUGH MAY 30

“RED.” 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal City Drive. Watercolor artist Frank Eber will jury a show centered around the color red. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.com.

May Members Show. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal City Drive. The Main Gallery at Gallery Underground will become home to an exhibit of members’ work including sculpture, glass, ceramics and more. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 29

Earth Day Planting Clinic. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Plaza, 19th & N Moore St. Celebrate earth day by potting your own plant, then taking it home. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 30

Grand Opening. 11 a.m. at Spinfire Pizza, 1501 Wilson Blvd. The owners of the brand new pizza restaurant, Fouad Qreitem and Redskins receiver Pierre Garcon will be on hand to celebrate the opening. Free to attend. Visit www.spinfirepizza.com.

Book Signing. 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St. Former U.S. Representatives Tom Davis and Martin Frost will discuss their new book, “A Partisan Divide: Congress in Crisis.” Free to attend. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Art Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Cove, 1735 Clarendon Blvd. Artist and activist Barbara Januszkiewicz will be available to interact with the public about the concept of her exhibit. Free to attend. Visit www.artseedc.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 1

Bulb Blitz. 9:30 a.m. at 2121 Crystal Drive, Sidewalk. Crystal City invites patrons to help



“La Escoba,” which translates to “The Broom,” is a comedy about the controversial paper founded in Ecuador in the 1950s.

Music, Magic, and More at ‘Ecuador Magico’

Teatro de la Luna, a spanish-language theater in D.C., will present “Ecuador Magico,” at Gunston Arts Center’s Theater Two, 2700 S Lang St in Arlington, May 1-23. Tickets start at \$10. All shows will be performed in Spanish with live English dubbing.

“Ecuador Magico” will begin with “La Escoba” at 8 p.m. on May 1 and May 2, and 3 p.m. on May 3.

“María Magdalena, la mujer borrada” will be performed at 8 p.m. on May 8 and May 9 and 3 p.m. on May 10.

Then, magician Juan Estrella will perform on May 15 and May 16 and 3 p.m., May 16-17. “Ecuador Magico” will conclude with “Boleros,” a tribute to musician Julio Jaramillo. Visit www.teatrodelaluna.org.



Juan Estrella is an Ecuadoran magician performing at “Ecuador Magico.”

remove tulip bulbs to make way for spring planting. Gardeners may take the bulbs home to plant them. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Trillium Trek. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lubber Run Center parking lot, 300 N Park Drive. Travel to Linden, Va. to visit a Great White Trillium display. Trip is \$35. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

Playing the Past. 4-5 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N Military Road. Junior girl scouts are invited to explore life in the 1800s. Attendees will earn the “Playing the Past” badge. There is a \$5 fee. www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

Gallery Underground Reception. 5-8 p.m. at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Gallery Underground will celebrate the launch of the “RED” exhibit and the May Members Show. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org.

Wine Tasting. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 1-3

“The Firebird and Other Works.” 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m., Sunday at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. BalletNova’s Artistic Director Nancie Woods reprises her popular staging of “The Firebird” based on the Russian fairy tale and the original Fokine choreography. Performances will also include Baseball Ballet, The Blue Sox, and GinDance Company. Tickets are \$8-23, \$3 more

at the door. Visit www.balletnova.org.

MAY 1-23

“Ecuador Magico.” Various times at Gunston Theatre Two, 2700 S. Lang St. Teatro de la Luna presents “La Escoba,” a comedy, “Mary Magdalene, the woman erased,” a drama, the Juan Estrella Magic Show, and “Boleros,” a tribute to musician Julio Jaramillo as part of their “Forever Theatre” season. Tickets start at \$15. Visit www.teatrodelalune.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 2

Independent Bookstore Day. All day at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. The store will celebrate with visiting authors, art, wine and food. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Mission Possible. 6:30-9 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 5533 N 16th St. Local band SoulFire will perform. Children may partake in an activity corner and face-painting. Free. Call 703-533-5600.

Floyd Mayweather Vs. Manny Pacquiao Screening. 10 p.m. at Mad Rose Tavern, 3100 Clarendon Blvd. Mad Rose Tavern will have a screening of the Floyd Mayweather vs. Manny Pacquiao boxing match on an HD projector. Admission for women is free, \$20 for men. Visit www.madrosesatavern.com.

Katelyn Detweiler, the author of “Immaculate.”



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Jane Franklin Dance presents 'Zip Through a Tight Space'

On May 20 at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria, the Arlington-based Jane Franklin Dance Company will present a program entitled, "Zip Through a Tight Space."

The program will feature choreography by Jane Franklin, the company's artistic director, who favors a marriage of artwork and movement. For example, "Nested" is inspired by Pam Roger's artwork. In another work, Franklin was inspired by a circular pattern in Joan Dreyer's "Calendar Series." Also find work inspired by Lewis Carroll's, "The Walrus and the Carpenter," performed by children partnered with adults. "Zip Through a Tight Space" will feature several other performances including projects by Forty+, the company's troupe of dancers over 40.

Art that inspired choreography will be on display in a pop-up exhibit. A reception will follow the performance with food catered by Rocklands Barbeque & Grilling. The event begins at 7 p.m. VIP tickets are \$100, \$80 at the door and \$60 before May 1. All proceeds will benefit the organization as it prepares for the Capital Fringe Festival. For more, visit www.janefranklin.com.

Bio-Blitz Survey. 1-3:30 p.m. Help search the park for amphibians and reptiles. The meeting place will be revealed upon registration. Free. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

Book Talk. 6:30 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Kate Abbott's novel "Running Through the Wormhole" is set in Fairfax and Smith Mountain Lake. She will be on hand to discuss. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

"The Measure of all Things" Screening. 7 and 9 p.m. at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Find two screenings of this film which documents the filmmaker's fascination with Guinness Book of Records record-holders. Director Sam Green will narrate the movie live. Tickets are \$18. Visit www.artisphere.com.

Musical Gems of Mexico. 7:30 p.m. Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre at Artisphere, 1611 North Kent Street, Arlington. Celebrate Mother's Day with the music of composer Eduardo Angulo. Purchase tickets at 888-841-2787 or visit www.nationalchamberensemble.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 10

Mother's Day Hike. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Celebrate Mother's Day with a 2.5 mile hike. Free. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

Notable Nature. 3-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S Carlin Springs Road. Make your own nature journal and then fill it during a series of hikes. Free. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

MONDAY/MAY 11

"Meet the Author." 3-4:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. Stephen Hess will present a program on "The Professor and the President: Daniel Patrick Moynihan in the Nixon White House." Free. Call 703-228-2144 for more.

TUESDAY/MAY 12

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Writer Erika Roebuck will discuss her book, "The House of Hawthorne." The book details the relationship between Nathaniel Hawthorne and Sophia Peabody. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

MAY 12-JUNE 28

"Cabaret." Various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. This musical is set in 1931 Berlin and revolves about a young cabaret perform and her love interest. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.signature-theatre.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. "The Mapmaker's Children" is about the daughter of an abolitionist who become a mapmaker for the Underground Railroad. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 14

Arlington Historical Society. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. "A History of the Arlington County Police Department." Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Kathryn O'Sullivan will read from her book, "Neighing with Fire." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

"Connected by Coffee" Screening.

7:30 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 5852 N Washington Blvd. Local gift store and coffee shop Trade Roots is hosting a screening of "Connected by Coffee," a documentary following North American coffee roasters on a trip through Central America to talk to coffee-growers. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.arlingtondrafhthouse.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

Book Talk. 2 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Daniel Boris will read from his children's book, "Dozi the Alligator Finds a Family." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Argentine Festival. 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road. This celebration of Argentinian culture will showcase music, dancing, food and more. Tickets for the festival are \$20. Tickets for the show at 5:50 p.m. are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. See www.festivalargentino.org.

Rated Art. 8-11 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Find art and games inspired by Arlington Arts artists, exhibitions and a performance art piece open to the public. General admission is \$125. VIP tickets are \$175. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 17

Taste of Arlington. 12-6 p.m. at Wilson Blvd. from N. Glebe Road to N. Quincy St. and from Wilson Blvd along N. Stuart St. Attend a food festival showcasing Arlington's food scene. Also find live music and entertainment. General admission is free. Visit www.ballstonbid.com/taste for more information.

Seashell Workshop: Tusk Shells. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Children 7-12 may learn more about the tusk shell, which is named for its shape and take one home. Admission is \$12. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

"Music of a Nation: The History of the Negro Spiritual." 4 p.m. at Arlington Presbyterian Church, 3507 Columbia Pike. Baritone Aaron Reeder and NoVA Lights Chorale will present a concert of lesser-known negro spirituals combined with a program about the the progress of spirituals from coded slave songs to influence in popular music. Free. Visit www.novalightschorale.jigsy.com.

MONDAY/MAY 18

Laughter Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Use breathing, clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. Free. Email arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com for more.

TUESDAY/MAY 19

Arlington Best Business Awards. 7:30 a.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 South Orme St. The Arlington Chamber of Commerce will recognize businesses with exceptional quality of service. Tickets are \$45 for Chamber of Commerce members and \$55 for nonmembers. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/ MAY 20

Shut Up and Write! 7 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St. One More Page Books will sponsor an installment of a young adult writers panel series featuring

SUNDAY/MAY 3

Bike Tour. 9:15 a.m. at East Falls Church Metro, 2001 N Sycamore St. Join the Center Hiking Club for a leisurely 35-mile bike-ride through historic sites, parks and boundary stones. Cost is \$2 for nonmembers. Visit www.centerkickingclub.org for more.

"How to be a Professional Amateur." 1-3 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Paul Shortt will lead workshops in which participants will learn how to go from being an amateur to a professional, regardless of career path. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org.

Walt Whitman Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. in D.C. at the intersection of 8th and F Street, NW. In honor of the release of Garrett Peck's new book, "Walt Whitman in Washington D.C." he and Arlington-based One More Page Books will host a walking tour of historic Walt Whitman sites in D.C. Tickets are \$40. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com to register.

Kentucky Derby Gala Celebration 5:30-10 p.m. at Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, 1250 S Hayes St. The Arlington Community Foundation's 14th Annual Spring Gala will feature hats, seersucker suits, fine bourbon, mint juleps, auction items, and much more. Entertainment by 'Round Midnight. Visit www.arlcf.org, call 703-243-4785 or email brenda@arlcf.org for tickets.

Trailblazer and Scholarship Awards. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. at Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 South Potomac Ave. The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Northern Virginia Delta Education and Community Service Foundation Celebrating Champions of Justice and Equality will host an evening of fundraising and entertainment. Pierre Thomas and Rev. Al Sharpton will be present. Tickets start at \$105. Visit www.nvdecs.org/gala/gala.htm.

"Children of Eden" Dinner

Theatre. 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. on Sunday at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. Have dinner and watch The St. Andrew's Players of Arlington present the musical by Stephen Schwartz exploring the relationship between children and parents. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 12 and under. Contact christine@christine-ensley.com for reservations.

MONDAY/MAY 4

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Authors Diane Vallere and Susan Boyer will discuss their new books. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 5

Wine Wanderings. 9 a.m. starting at Lubber Run Center, 300 N Park Drive. Take a hike at Sky Meadows State Park, then attend a wine tasting at Fox Meadows Winery. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.parks.arlingtonva.us.

WEDNESDAY/ MAY 6

Deschutes Brewery Launch Party. 7-10 p.m. at Fireworks Pizza, 2350 Clarendon Blvd. Oregon brewery

Deschutes will be celebrating their product with special food pairings and tastings. Free. Visit www.deschutesbrewery.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 7

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. "The Pornographer's Daughter" author Kristin Battista-Fraze will discuss her work. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Reptile Survey Training. 7-9 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S Carlin Springs Road. Learn to identify native snakes, lizards and turtles. Free. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

FRIDAY/MAY 8

Book Talk. 4:30 at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Author T.A. Barron will discuss and sign his books, "The Wisdom of Merlin," and "Atlantis in Peril." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Junior Girl Scouts Legacy: Flowers. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S Carlin Springs Road. Girl scouts are invited to learn about the inner workings of flowers. There is a \$5 fee. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us.

SATURDAY/MAY 9

Kenmore Spirit Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S Carlin Springs Road. Teachers use PTA funds to put on a family-friendly events with traditional carnival games. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.squareup.com/market/kenmore-middle-school-pta.

ENTERTAINMENT

Katelyn Detweiler, the author of "Immaculate." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

"Zip Through a Tight Space." 7 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. The Jane Franklin Dance Company, which is based in Arlington, presents "Zip Through a Tight Space." VIP tickets are \$100. General admission is \$40-80. See www.janefranklin.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 23

Gallery Talk. 1-4 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. "Spring SOLOs" artists will discuss their work. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St. Children's authors Tara Dairman ("Stars of Summer"), Rebecca Behrens ("When Audrey Met Alice"), and Jen Malone ("You're Invited"). Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

"What's this Water?" 10-11:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S Carlin Springs Road. Children 6-8 may learn the basics of water ecology, how to protect aquatic creatures, and do water quality tests. This program is free. Visit www.registration.arlingtonva.us for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 31

Israel Fest. 12-5 p.m. at Village at Shirlington, 4271 Campbell Ave. Find activities, food, entertainment, dancing, and a shuk (market). Admission is free. Visit www.jccnv.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

Greater Washington, DC Choral Excellence Awards. 6:30 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. The Choralis Foundation will sponsor an event honoring area choruses and chorus leaders. Tickets are \$105 before May 13, \$125 after. Visit www.chorals.org/events for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 5

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SATURDAY/JUNE 6

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Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

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O'Connell Softball Scores 9 in 7th to Beat Lake Braddock

Giaquinto hits 3-run homer, pitcher Ohanian beats former team.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Tommy Orndorff, in his 30th season coaching the Bishop O'Connell softball program, wasn't pleased with the Knights' performance in recent weeks.

After a stellar start to the 2015 campaign, O'Connell's victories started to lack the polish and convincing style with which the veteran coach preferred. On April 22, the Knights suffered their first loss of the season, a 2-1 defeat against Elizabeth Seton.

On Saturday, the stage was set for O'Connell to show what it was made of. The Knights traveled to Burke for a matchup with Lake Braddock — a private/public school showdown between two of the top three teams in the Washington Post's softball rankings (O'Connell was No. 2, Lake Braddock No. 3). Adding to the drama was O'Connell sophomore and University of Illinois commit Patty Maye Ohanian, who played for Lake Braddock as a freshman, getting the start in the pitcher's circle for the Knights.

For six innings, Lake Braddock pitcher Amanda Hendrix shut down the O'Connell lineup, limiting the Knights to three hits. The Bruin left-hander escaped unscathed from a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the fourth and was the latest contributing factor to the Knights' struggles.

Trailing 3-0 and down to its final three outs, O'Connell was on the verge of its second loss in four days. That's when the Knights responded with an offensive feat Orndorff would doubt he had seen in three decades with the program.

O'Connell erupted for nine runs on eight hits in the top of the seventh inning and pulled out a 9-3 win on April 25 at Lake



Members of the Bishop O'Connell softball team celebrate after Olivia Giaquinto hit a three-run home run in the seventh inning against Lake Braddock on Saturday. The Knights scored nine runs in the inning.

Braddock Secondary School.

The Knights sent 13 batters to the plate during the inning and all nine members of the O'Connell lineup either reached base at least once or drove in a run.

"Going into the top of the seventh," O'Connell first baseman Olivia Giaquinto said, "we kind of came together and we were like, 'We've got to do this now and we're going to do this.'"

Giaquinto led off the frame with a single and right fielder Kayla Turner followed with a single to bring the tying run to the plate. Two batters later, freshman designated player Kathryn Sandercock delivered a two-run double, cutting the deficit to 3-2.

After a single by freshman Elizabeth Hoeymans, catcher Jenna Spille drove in the tying run with a fielder's choice and senior shortstop Shannon Murphy drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly.

At that point, O'Connell led 4-3 with two outs.

The Knights weren't done.

Sophomore third baseman Leah Hammes smacked an RBI double and Ohanian drew a walk, setting the stage for a three-run homer by Giaquinto.

"I feel like I just got all of it," she said. "I was a little hesitant whether it would go over [the fence] or not, but as I was rounding third base I was tearing up a little bit because it was just so intense. I didn't really remember much when I was at the plate."

Turner singled for a second time in the inning before senior left fielder Erin Sweeney put the finishing touch on the nine-run frame with an RBI single.

Giaquinto finished 3-for-3 with a double, a home run and three RBIs. Hammes and Turner each had two hits.

"Top to bottom, we have as good a lineup as anybody in the area and I like to think that," Orndorff said. "The first 14 games we played great softball. Since then, we have



Saturday's victory over Lake Braddock was Tommy Orndorff's 695th win in 30 seasons as Bishop O'Connell head softball coach.

not. ... The last week, week-and-a-half we've kind of been in a slump and I think that seventh inning, suddenly we broke out of it. You don't know why those things happen, but it just happened."

What can the dramatic win do for O'Connell as the postseason approaches?

"I hope it gets us back to playing the softball we were beforehand," Orndorff said. "For the first 12, 14 games, we were playing great softball. I know we're still winning, but we haven't been impressive doing it. In the loss to Seton, it all showed up."

O'Connell's offensive outburst not only resulted in a dramatic victory, it kept pitcher Ohanian from losing to her former team.

The sophomore right-hander picked up the win, allowing three earned runs and nine hits in seven innings. She walked two and struck out three.

"Before the game in left field ... I said this game is more than just a win for me," Ohanian said. "I'm playing for kind of my name, kind of my respect. I want to walk out of here with my head held high. I knew that there was no one I'd rather do it with than all those [O'Connell] girls."

"I think they all had an understanding that this was a really important game for me and so did Coach Tommy, and that's why he let me pitch."

OVERSHADOWED by O'Connell's nine-run seventh inning was the performance of Lake Braddock catcher and Villanova commit Caroline Jones, who went 3-for-4 with a double, a home run and three RBIs.

Jones said she wanted to play well against her former Lake Braddock teammate.

"This was a game that I really wanted," Jones said. "I did really want to hit well. I used to play travel with [Ohanian], I played high school with her and I don't play anything with her anymore. ... I wanted to show her that we are a good team, we still can hit ..."

The Knights handed Lake Braddock its first loss of the season, dropping its record to 11-1. Bruins head coach George Rumore said Hendrix suffered a back injury during the game and the team's No. 2 pitcher was unavailable due to being on an orchestra trip.

"Amanda's back went," Rumore said. "She pulled her back around either the fourth or the fifth [inning]. ... She hung in there, but then come the seventh her back was bothering her. I know I'm making excuses, it's just a fact."

Two days later, the Knights lost to St. Mary's Ryken 7-6 in eight innings, dropping O'Connell's record to 17-2.

O'Connell faced Elizabeth Seton on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Knights will travel to face Oakton at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29.

"It was a character check and we passed," Orndorff said after the Lake Braddock win. "I don't know if I've ever had that: a nine-run seventh inning. I've done this a long time, but I haven't seen a nine run seventh inning."



Bishop O'Connell first baseman Olivia Giaquinto smacks a three-run homer during the seventh inning of Saturday's 9-3 win over Lake Braddock. Giaquinto finished 3-for-3, including a pair of hits in the Knights' nine-run seventh inning.



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The Tree Stewards graduating class.

Class of 2015: Tree Stewards

Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria graduated a class of 20 new Tree Stewards on April 14. Fourteen of the new stewards were Arlingtonians, and six were Alexandrians. There are currently 92 Tree Stewards for the area. The new graduates, who have been in class once a week since Feb. 3, learned the anatomy of trees, how to prune, how to plant, tree identification, and how to assess tree problems, among other sessions. Tree Stewards' mission is to enhance a sustainable urban forest through volunteer activities and public education programs.

Tree Stewards have been active in invasive plant removal in Arlington and Alexandria parks, pulling ivy off trees, helping homeowners select the right trees for their yards, and installing tree identification signs, along with a host of other volunteer activities.

One of the first lessons the new stewards read in their Tree Steward manual was the importance of trees: trees make homes for birds and other wildlife, they shade houses, reduce air conditioning needs by up to 30 percent and cool the air by 9-13 percent on a hot summer day. Trees can also absorb huge amounts of CO2 emissions. Trees can increase property values by up to 10 percent; they also absorb rain and filter runoff, improving water quality and saving taxpayers millions of dollars. And lastly, trees are diplomats: they act as sound barriers and screens, reducing noise levels, providing privacy and enhancing neighbor relations.

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Tree Steward graduate Carolyn Semedo-Strauss with her family, who came to watch her graduate (from left): Priya, Reed, Jolie, Carolyn and Lucian.



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MAY 7, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of a certain Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated May 5, 2008, and recorded May 5, 2008 in Deed Book 19918 at Page 1894, as amended by a certain Amendment to Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated October 14, 2009, and recorded October 15, 2009 in Deed Book 20741 at Page 0680, each among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (collectively the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL EAST, L.L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on May 7, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 1623 Crowell Road (Tax Identification Number: 0184-08-0003), 1627 Crowell Road (Tax Identification Number: 0184-08-0002), 1631 Crowell Road (Tax Identification Number: 0184-08-0001A), 1627 Hunter Mill Road (Tax Identification Number: 0184-01-0023), and an adjacent parcel lacking a street address (Tax Identification Number: 0184-01-0026B), all located in Vienna, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Real Property"). The Real Property will be sold together with the interest of the Noteholder, if any, in the following described personal property at the direction of the Noteholder as secured party thereof, as permitted by Section 8.9A of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended (the "Personal Property"): Improvements, Fixtures and Personality, and any and all other personal property and any proceeds thereof as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust (the "Personal Property"). The above described Real Property and Personal Property are collectively referred to as the "Property."

TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the property. Personal Property, if any, shall be conveyed without warranty by a Secured Party Bill of Sale.

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/s/ Henry F. Brandenstein, Jr., Substitute Trustee

/s/ Patrick W. Lincoln, Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SeaWatch Plantation Owners Association, Inc. v.
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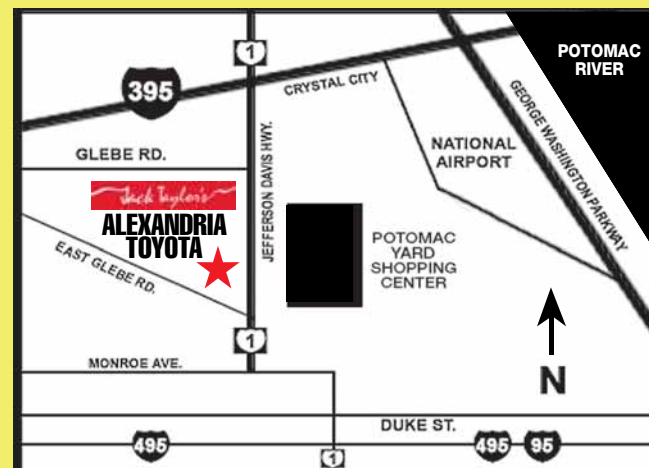
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The Congressional Schools of Virginia in Falls Church marked its 75th anniversary with a weekend-long celebration on April 24 and 25, with events attended by hundreds of students, staff, alumni and friends of the school.

The festivities began on Friday, April 24 with an on-campus celebration featuring a keynote address by Linda Ward Byrd, a Congressional alumna from the Class of 1968 who recounted her memories as a Congressional student, a school where she said "everyone knew my name."

The School's founding family was honored in a tribute by Tina Trapnell, a former member of the School's Board of Trustees, and former Mason District Supervisor who detailed the family's 75-year history, from the school's founding by Malcolm and Evelyn Devers in 1939 to today. The event also included student performances, the dedication of items selected by students for a time capsule, and a community photo on the front steps of the school.

The on-campus celebration was followed by a Golf Tournament at Reston National



Golf Course, and the celebrations culminated with a 75th Anniversary Gala on the evening of April 25, attended by more than 250 parents, faculty, alumni, sponsors and friends of the school.

"Our 75th Anniversary is a wonderful opportunity for the community to reflect upon our achievements as a school. From our modest beginnings in 1939 as a small preschool, to our current standing

as a leading independent early childhood, elementary and middle school in the D.C. area, we are proud to have touched the lives of so many children. We are a community shaped by a strong group of supporters, and look forward to continuing to provide excellence in education for generations to come," stated Janet Marsh, Congressional's Executive Director.

The Congressional Schools of Virginia is an independent school on Sleepy Hollow Road in Falls Church, offering a challenging and comprehensive educational program to students from Infant through 8th Grade. The family spirit that lives on the Congressional campus all year long is continued throughout the summer months in a 10-week summer camp program.

Marymount Technology Institutes for Ages 14-18

Marymount has summer programs for teens ages 14-18 who are interested in technology. Gain technology skills and hands-on experience; create a mobile app or take part in a cyber competition in health care; meet fellow students who share your excitement about technology; network with technology professionals about career possibilities.

Summer Technology Institutes' 2015 Programs:

GenCyber, July 5-17, 2015. This two-week residential program is designed for students ages 16-18, who will have hands-on experiences in cybersecurity with a focus on defending the nation's critical assets.

Making Mobile Apps, July 13-17, 2015. This week-long institute is for students in grades 8-12 who want to explore a possible career in the development of mobile applications, one of the most dynamic sectors in the booming technology field.

Cybersecurity in Healthcare, July 20-24, 2015. This week-long program is designed to provide technology-focused students in grades 9-12 with knowledge and hands-on experience in cybersecurity.

Participants in each institute will work closely with Marymount University faculty and students. They will also hear from guest speakers who are IT professionals.

The daily program will include classes taught by MU faculty and many hands-on activities to apply newly acquired knowl-

edge. Current MU students will mentor participants and discuss college majors, as well as technology career options.

Optional housing for high school students is available in residence halls on Main Campus, under close supervision of MU's residence life staff and students.

DC Institutes for H.S. Students

July 6-18, 2015; Students will arrive at Marymount on Sunday, July 5. Programs will begin on Monday, July 6 and run through Saturday, July 18.

CJ 209 - The Criminal Justice System: Gain real-life perspective on the exciting criminal justice field. Visit various museums, meet with an FBI field agent, and probe various aspects of the criminal justice system - from laws and enforcement to the courts and corrections.

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Space is limited and priority will be given to rising high school seniors.

Preparing for Summer Camp Away

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Many emotions arise when a child leaves for camp.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Julie Kaminski remembers the language from her desperate letters to her parents: “I love you. I want to come home now!” She recalls penning a dramatic plea to be rescued from residential summer camp more than 40 years ago. Today, Kaminski is preparing for her daughter’s first camp experience away from home this summer.

“Looking back, I can see how going away to camp helped me become more self-sufficient, self-confident, self-reliant and taught me how to get along with so many different kinds of people,” said Kaminski, a local mother of two children.

“Of course I didn’t think that at the time. I was extremely homesick even though it was my idea to go to sleep away camp in the first place.”

A child’s first residential summer camp experience can be fraught with emotions that run the gamut from excitement to terror. While glee at the thought of a summer filled with sports, swimming, crafts and new-found friendships can be the dominant feeling, the thought of an extended period of time away from home can cause sadness and anxiety for both parents and their children.

An American Camp Association study showed that 96 percent of children who attend sleep away camps experience homesickness at some point during their stay. While these emotions are normal, parents can help children tame the pre-camp jitters. The life-long lessons gained from such camps make it worth the effort.

“Becoming comfortable with your child being away at summer camp, perhaps the first extended separation you have had, is a matter of trust,” said David Kaplan, Ph.D. of the American Counseling Association in Alexandria, Va.



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Summer camp experiences can help children become self-confident and self-reliant.

“Trusting your child that they can handle themselves without your supervision. Trusting that they can handle relationships with other children. Trusting that they can get up in the morning, take a shower, wash their clothes, and change their sheets without your prodding.”

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT homesickness is normal and many campers experience it, can help children accept and cope with their emotions.

“Expecting to miss home and feel somewhat anxious helps children feel less surprised and overwhelmed when it occurs,” said Barbara Meehan, Ph.D. executive director, Counseling and Psychological Services, George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

A child’s apprehension can be eased when parents share their own camp experiences,

particularly positive memories.

“Don’t let your child get caught up in your own anxiety about leaving for camp,” said Linda McKenna Gulyn, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington, Va. “Kids sometimes worry about the parents they left behind. Be positive, but not sad that your child is leaving.”

Meehan says that developing a few self-soothing activities like playing outdoors or reading is one strategy for helping children deal with feelings of missing home. Identifying people with whom young campers can share their emotions is another means for dealing with homesickness.

“Talking to a camp counselor and even peers can help ease the difficult feelings and often they will learn they are not alone,” said Meehan.

Encouraging a child to make friends and become involved in camp activities will put

the focus on the positive aspects of camp. Packing letters and stamped envelopes and developing a plan for letter exchange can help a child feel connected to their families.

“Isolating and avoiding what feels hard can often worsen anxiety and homesickness,” said Meehan. “Remind your child they are stronger than they feel in the moment and that engaging in camp activities can be helpful.”

There are times however when a child might not be ready for residential camps. The American Camp Association reports that while most cases of homesickness subside, there are cases — if a child is not eating or sleeping, for example — when it could be time to seek help. “Consult with camp professionals about resources if your child’s anxiety worsens or persists,” said Meehan.

Camps&Schools●Notes

Paralympic Sports Team Seeking Players

The Fairfax Falcons Paralympic Sports team, a Fairfax County Neighborhood and Recreation Services Therapeutic Recreation program, is recruiting new players. The team provides a variety of sports experiences to athletes with physical disabilities impacting their lower extremities ages 4 1/2 to 18 (or high school graduation). Not all athletes use wheelchairs for everyday use. Some athletes are ambulatory and only use a wheelchair for sports. Their primary sport is wheelchair basketball, which runs late August through April. In the spring, they

offer a variety of sports including floor hockey, track, field, fishing, rugby, golf, and football. For more information, email fairfaxfalcons@gmail.com.

Summer at Massanutten

Each year, Massanutten Military Academy offers a five-week intensive summer school program, an opportunity for students to get ahead in their learning, make up for bad or failing grades, or increase their knowledge and participation in their JROTC leadership skills. Massanutten Military Academy offers the safety of a structured learning environment, as well as the fun of a summer camp through a combination of classroom time and weekend activities. The program is offered June 27-Aug. 1, 2015.

Credit for academic courses is transferable to the student’s current school. JROTC leadership credit equals one high school course credit.

STEM CAMP Massanutten offers STEM Summer Camp, two two-week camps running from June 29-July 10 and July 20-31, open to students grades 7-12. This summer camp offers students the chance to explore the many facets of STEM education including hands-on experiences. Upon completion of the STEM Summer Camp, students will receive a certification of completion. Massanutten Military Academy offers the safety of a structured learning environment, as well as the fun of a summer camp through a combination of classroom time and activities. Visit www.militaryschool.com/summer-school-2015.asp.

Diverse Camps Offer Summer Fun

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Scores of local camps in Northern Virginia that offer many opportunities for summer fun and learning. Here is a sampling of diverse camps that range from art to theater to field trips to swimming, tennis and music. There's even a camp for aspiring musicians who want to form a band.

ROAM Rock Camp

ROAM Rock Camp gives children the opportunity to build communication skills and confidence through the language of music. The camps are designed to focus on why each participant wants to be in a band, why they love music and what they want to get out of it. The goal is to create an environment or band that children will thrive in. They will hand select each member to create a group that best fits their age and experience. During the camp, groups will learn three to four of their favorite songs or even write songs if they wish. At the end of the week they will record the group and give them a CD to take home to show off their progress.

"The best thing about these camps is that we are able to show these young musicians from first-hand experience how to be players and performers. I wish I had something like this when I was growing up," said John Patrick, owner/director, who is the former co-founder of the national touring act Virginia Coalition.

Camps are offered from June 1 to Aug. 28. To register, contact ROAM to let them know every week your child would be available to do a camp. Deadline for registration is June 1.

Contact info: Rock of Ages Music, 114 E. Del Ray Ave., Alexandria VA 22301; call 703-838-2130. Email Roam.rockofagesmusic@gmail.com.

Burgundy Farm

Burgundy Farm offers two summer camps: a day camp at the 25-acre Alexandria campus in eight week-long sessions, and a sleep-away camp in three sessions at Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies in Capon Bridge, W.Va. Both camps are great options for children excited about learning in the outdoors with dedicated counselors. Day campers swim every day, and programs include sports, science and performing and visual arts. Sleep-away camp provides a mix of structure and freedom, fostering a respect to the natural world through greater knowledge of nature and self.

"At Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp, our campers enjoy all the benefits of a sleep-away camp with the convenience of a day camp, including swimming, animal encounters, nature exploration, forming strong bonds and friendships with other campers and counselors, and the opportunity to build self-esteem and confidence in a fun and



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Campers enjoy the rock climbing wall at Burke Racquet and Swim Club's Sports Camp.

friendly environment," said Hugh Squire, director of auxiliary services.

Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp is located on the Alexandria campus of Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Lower and upper divisions, grouped by age and interest, for children ages 3-years-8-months to 12 years old. Camp runs Monday, June 15-Friday, Aug. 7. Register at www.burgundyfarm.org/summer-programs. Contact Hugh Squire at hughs@burgundyfarm.org or 703-842-0480.

Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies Camp is located within 500 acres in a secluded valley near Capon Bridge, W.Va. Overnight junior session (age 8-10) for one week in August - currently waitlist only; senior sessions (11-15) for two weeks in June, July or August; adult weekend (21+) in July. Register at www.burgundycenter.org. Contact Michele McCabe at michelem@burgundyfarm.org or 703-842-0470.

Burke Racquet and Swim

Burke Racquet and Swim Sport Camp has been a hidden treasure in Burke for more than 27 years. Tucked behind the Kaiser Permanente Building in Burke, the indoor camp is the ideal setting for children who want to do a variety of sports. It offers swimming, tennis, and rock climbing daily. It also



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The Girls Junior Elite enjoy soccer camp at the Soccer Academy at E.C. Lawrence Park in Centreville and Patriot Park in Fairfax this summer.

offers Zumba, soccer and camp games. All of the Sports Camp staff has been background checked through Fairfax County; they are CPR/AED trained. The camp offers full day (\$280 per week) and half day mornings or afternoons (\$180 per week). There is before and after camp care for working parents. The first week of camp begins June 22 and goes through Aug. 28. Call Burke Racquet and Swim Club at 703-250-1299.

Soccer Academy Inc.

The Soccer Academy offers a wide range of innovative, state-of-the-art programs that meet the interests and playing abilities of all players and teams. It caters to individuals and teams of all ages. All residential camps include a goalkeeping camp. Day camps include E.C. Lawrence Park in Centreville and Patriot Park for ages 5-14. Residential Camps at University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg and Randolph Macon Academy, Front Royal, for ages 9-18. Visit www.soccer-academy.com for camp locations, costs, dates and times. Call 703-393-7961 or email soccer@soccer-academy.com.

Kenwood Summer Day Camp

Kenwood Summer Day Camp makes it their mission to provide campers with new experiences and lasting friendships each summer. "Whether it's watching a baseball game, riding a roller coaster, or seeing knights joust from the front row, we take pride in giving them these opportunities and watching them share it with their new friends," said Justin Elcano, camp director.

Kenwood Summer Day campers can go on daily field trips to exciting destinations including water parks, mini golf, roller skating, amusement parks and more. Campers also have a wide variety of activities to keep them entertained while they are on campus. There is a large wooded playground that is home to many kickball, capture the flag, and basketball games. They have five themed



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FCPA Camps and the Rec-PAC Program camps take place all over the county.

rooms that hold arts and crafts, video games, board games, ping pong, air hockey, and movies.

Kenwood summer day camp is open to children who have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. Camp starts June 15 and goes through Sept. 2. Visit the website to find a calendar with a schedule for each week at www.camp.kenwoodschool.com. Call 703-256-4711 or email camp@kenwoodschool.com.

Metropolitan School of the Arts

Metropolitan School of the Arts offer pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps. It also offers a wide variety of youth summer camps where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts, including mini camps for the youngest students, ages 3-5, youth camps for students in grades 1-6, and intensives for students age 8 and up. Private summer music lessons are also available for piano, voice, guitar, violin and drums.

"MSA summer camps are the perfect way to try something new and a great way to keep young bodies active and develop new friendships," said Melissa Dobbs, president of Metropolitan School of the Arts in Lorton and Alexandria. "Whether your child is passionate about the performing arts or just looking to have some fun, MSA camps offer creative programs for all skill levels."

The Lorton campus is at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, and the Alexandria Campus is at 5775 Barclay Road, Kingstowne, Va. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Langley School Summer Studio

The Langley School Summer Studio features more than 70 classes that allow for the personal, social, and intellectual growth of each camper in preschool to 8th grade. Innovative and engaging academic and STEM

programs stimulate with math adventures, robots, and Raspberry Pi. Exploration abounds as campers take exciting field trips to become field scientists who investigate the Chesapeake Bay, cyclists who traverse local mountain bike terrain, and magicians who create illusions. The spotlight also shines on experiences that get campers "in the studio" with a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer or the lead choreographer and dancer for MC Hammer.

"Each year, we look to add to our diverse roster of classes while growing the perennial favorites to ensure The Langley School Summer Studio offers the best possible experience for our campers," said Director of Auxiliary Programs Jennafer Curran. "Whether taking part in one of many field trips, exploring a new interest like soccer or dance, or refining math or reading skills, our campers develop academically, socially, and emotionally ... and have a great time in the process."

The Langley School Summer Studio will run in six weekly sessions from June 15 - July 31, for students in preschool to grade 8. Classes are held at The Langley School in McLean, and take advantage of the 9.2-acre campus, featuring a wooded nature area, state-of-the-art athletic center, artificial turf field, computer labs, and age-appropriate playgrounds. Visit www.langleyschool.org/summerstudio for details or to register online. Call 703-356-1920 or email summer@langleyschool.org.

Bishop Ireton Camp

Bishop Ireton High School offers campers the opportunity to participate in sports and/or theater while developing individual and group skills and fostering a love of the activity. It offers boys camps (baseball, basketball, lacrosse and football); girls camps (basketball, lacrosse and volleyball); and coed camps (soccer, theater). Age ranges for the camps are rising 1st graders to rising seniors depending on the camp. The 17 camp sessions are conducted by the school's coaches or teachers and assisted by student counselors. Lunch is provided for full day camps by the cafeteria at no extra cost.

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Diverse Camps Offer Summer Fun

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campers attend one of our sports or theater camps. The camps are a great way for youngsters to get to know us and for our coaches and theater teachers to get to know them,” said Peter Hamer, summer camp director.

The camp brochure and sign up form can be found under the athletics tab at www.bishopireton.org. Contact Peter Hamer at hamerp@bishopireton.org or 703-212-5190.

Park Authority and Rec-PAC

The Fairfax County Park Authority offers more than 1,400 summer day camp options at 100 locations plus the six-week theme-based summer Rec-PAC programs at nearly 50 elementary schools every summer.

Camps are held at RECenters, historic sites, lakefront parks and schools and offer a variety of camp titles. Both camps and Rec-PAC offer children a chance to have fun, build friendships and have a safe and rewarding summer experience. The Rec-PAC program runs June 29 through Aug. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily and is open to children in Fairfax County who are rising first graders through those who finished sixth grade.

Registration begins April 27 online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recpac. There is an \$8 discount per week for those who register before June 12. Partial scholarships are available for those who qualify through free and reduced lunch program. The large summer camp program begins early June with camps for preschoolers and later in June for school age campers.

From crafts and games to high-tech and high adventure, the Park Authority has something for everyone. Many camps offer swimming at RECenters each day as well as extended care for working parents. Sports enthusiasts can choose from an array of skill-development camps, including British soccer, basketball, football, baseball, cheerleading, archery, lacrosse or extreme sports programs. Enjoy the outdoors? Then check out the boating, fishing and biking camps. Specialty camps such as Young Chef's Cooking, Chess, Geocaching and Girls Leadership allow for exploring new interests or developing a new skill. There is also an array of STEM programs that stimulate cognitive development and enhance critical thinking. New camps are available in 2015 and include Ninja Stars, Longboarding Camp, Brazilian Soccer, Overnight Camps, Stand-Up Paddle Boarding, Kayak Fishing, fun new art camps, tons of new engineering camps and many more. The search and browse options on the website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/camps) make it easy to narrow choices by location, age of children, type of camp and week of



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Students enjoy summer camps at Metropolitan School of the Arts in Lorton and Alexandria; musical theatre camps are just one of the many camps offered.

summer or check out the 2015 Summer Camp Guide.

For more information about Rec-PAC or camps, call 703-222-4664 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Centreville Dance Academy

Summer Camp at Centreville Dance Academy is a great way for a child to experience dance in a fun and safe atmosphere. It offers a Princess Party Camp, Broadway Bound Camp, Glitz & Glam Camp, and Me & My Doll Camp. Dancers will enjoy pretending to be their favorite characters, dressing up, and creating fun crafts. On the final day of camp there will be an in-studio performance for family and friends.

“Summer camp is a great way to expose your child to all that dance has to offer. Dance camp is a wonderful place to build lasting memories and relationships with the CDA teachers and new friends. We love seeing the dancers grow each year,” said Kathy Taylor, owner/director.

Princess Party Camp offers The Little Mermaid from July 6-10; Frozen from July 27-31; Princess Ballerina from Aug. 3-7; and Frozen from Aug. 17-21.

Broadway Bound Camp is July 13-17. Glitz & Glam is July 20-24 and Aug. 10-14. Me and My Doll is June 29-July 13.

Register on the website through the Parent Portal. Centreville Dance Academy is located at 14215-G Centreville Square, Centreville. Visit www.centrevilledance.com, call 703-815-3125 or email office@centrevilledance.com.



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Children participate in Field Day at Kenwood Summer Day Camp in Annandale.

The Art League's Summer Art Camps

The Art League's Summer Art Camp provides children ages 5-15 a wonderful introduction to visual art. In the regular art camp, each day brings a new project that may include drawing, painting, printmaking, or sculpture. Projects vary from week to week, so campers can always come back for more. The specialty camps, like Drawing Camp or Painting Camp, focus on immersion in one particular medium.

“Inspiring young artists and helping them discover the joy of innovation is a big part of our mission. It's as rewarding for us to see what the campers create as it is for them,” said Executive Director Suzanne Bethel.

The Art League's Summer Art Camps are held weekly. Half-day and full-day camps include regular art camp, painting, photography, jewelry, ceramics, sculpture, fiber, drawing, cartoons, and more. Camps run weekly from June 22 through Aug. 21, 2015 at The Art League's Madison Annex, 305 Madison Street in Alexandria. Register and find details online at www.theartleague.org. Contact The Art League at school@theartleague.org or 703-683-2323.

SummerTimes

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes SummerTimes programs offers campers ages 3-18 an enjoyable and enriching experience with programs designed to stimulate curiosity and creativity, develop talents, and encourage exploration and personal growth. Most of the camp directors are SSSAS teachers and



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Bishop Ireton Cardinals summer camps in Alexandria are gearing up for their eighth year of sports and theater camps.

coaches, supported by alumni and students. Operating on three campuses with state-of-the-art facilities in the heart of Alexandria, the camp strives to inspire campers all summer long.

“At SummerTimes, your child will have the opportunity to see new sights in Washington, D.C., to expand artistic horizons in an art or filmmaking camp, learn about computer programming or jewelry making, challenge their abilities in one of our many sports camps, try their hand in TechPlay, or participate in a variety of fun activities in our traditional Day Camp. We pride ourselves on offering camps that will spark an interest in your camper, and will encourage them to create and try new things on their own in a safe and nurturing place,” said Jim Supple, Director of Summer Programs.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes summer programs run from June 15-Aug. 14, offering nine weeks with a variety of camps. With more than 145 different camp sessions to choose from, there is something for campers of every age. Visit www.summertime.org to view camp offerings, pricing, registration procedures and more. Email summerprograms@ssas.org or call 703-212-2777.

Baroody Camps

Baroody Camps offers a variety of summer enrichment camps in Northern Virginia, with everything from American Girl Doll Camp to Gymnastics to Super Heroes Theme Camp, and more. Locally owned and operated, Baroody Camps offer a wide variety of academic, athletic, creative, and adventure camps for children, Kindergarten through 8th grade. In addition to the more traditional camps (sports camps, art camps, outdoors camps, educational camps, leadership camps, and academic camps) a few specialties include the Themed Day Camp offerings for the younger campers with a variety of interests, and Traveling Camps for older children who want to explore the highlights of city by Metro, hit up all of the best amusement parks in the region, or spend a few nights traveling up and down the coast to visit iconic baseball stadiums. Visit www.baroodycamps.com

Summer Fun for Adults

The region offers a wide range of programs for adults.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Summer fun is no longer reserved for children. Whether one's interests lie in exploring nature and hiking in the woods or immersed in history, art and literature on a university campus, the region abounds with warm weather opportunities.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University offers its members a chance to satisfy their intellectual and cultural curiosities. Want to read and discuss the "Iliad" or play Symphony No. 5 on the piano? Classes in Homer's writings or classical music are available in Fairfax, Reston and Sterling, Va. \$375 gives members access to more than 400 trips, courses and clubs ranging from memoir writing to French cooking.

"This summer you can get outside with OLLI trips to the National Gallery of Art, the Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens,

and The Franciscan Monastery," said Jennifer Disano, OLLI executive director.

From oil painting to soap making, Arlington County is offering a diverse smatter of classes for adults. "We have a smorgasbord of programs and really cool classes where you can learn about nature or go on hikes," said Susan Kalish, a spokeswoman for the county.

Potomac residents who want to distinguish an amethyst from an iolite are in luck this summer. A gemology class is among the most popular adult classes at the Potomac Community Recreation Center.

"We've got a host of different programs from tai chi, yoga and karate," said Peter Selikowitz, the center's executive director. "There's even a laughter fitness class which is a fun way to reduce stress."

For those wanting to learn how to avoid internet scams, Marymount University has teamed up with City of Falls Church to present "Living Better with the Internet." The series of five classes is designed for seniors and will be held at the Falls Church Community Center this summer. "The best news of all is that the classes are free," said Odette Shults, a spokeswoman for the University.

Educators say that an uptick in interest among adults, particularly seniors, has led



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Summer camp experiences can help children become self-confident and self-reliant.

to a diverse offering of learning opportunities. "There is an absolute trend and evidence-based research is driving the trend," said Andrew Carle of George Mason University. "Adult activities are being reinvented. What used to be arts and crafts and

now their being called wellness and enrichment and address the physical, cognitive, social and spiritual needs of adults. We're seeing people being given more choices on how to improve their lives rather than just giving them activities."

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Beginning Sunfish classes sail from the dock on a summer morning to practice the day's maneuvers.



Sailors rig the Sunfish in preparation for beginning the day's lesson at Youth Sailing Camp at the Washington Sailing Marina.

Summer Sailing Camp: Outside, Hands-On, Empowering

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
GAZETTE PACKET

Amy Zang has just returned from a week sailing the British Virgin Isles with nine members of her extended family ranging from her 78-year-old, legally-blind father to her brother's 4- and 6-year old children.

"I was the captain of the 46-foot catamaran, but I had to get used to it. It is the biggest boat I have sailed. You use the same sailing skills but adapt the technique when the boat is this large."

Zang is the director and owner of the Youth Sailing Day Camp at the Washington Sailing Marina. The Washington Sailing Marina camp offers six different youth sailing classes in the summer with the Sunfish for beginners and the Flying Scot for intermediates. The advanced class uses a Hobie Cat. The racing class sails a Collegiate 420 that is a fast, maneuverable boat allowing campers the chance to work on boat balance and roll tacks.

Adventures on a Big Boat sails a Catalina 25. This group has a picnic lunch under anchor on Thursdays and they, along with the intermediate boats, sail to Old Town for

lunch on Fridays. Other groups get smoothies on Friday "so everyone gets a treat."

Sailing students must be certified before moving on to the next level. Some campers come for one week and others move up the skill level over successive weeks at camp. Windsurfing is also offered.

The camp opens June 1 and runs weekly through Aug. 22, and is already over 50 percent full. The classes run from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and are open to rising third graders-15 years of age. She thinks children choose sailing for summer because "it is different, it is outside, it is hands on and they get immediate gratification." They walk away with a life skill that they can carry into adulthood, she says.

Sailing class is empowering, Zang says. Children don't have much in their lives that they can be fully in charge of. "I give them trust, here is a boat, and you can learn to sail it and they give trust back. They learn responsibility and it is a huge confidence builder for both male and female students. Sailing isn't about strength." She adds, "When kids come they love it and keep returning year after year." She said word of mouth is powerful and she has had a number of children for many years.

Classes are systematic, beginning with a 10-minute "chalk talk" about what they will be doing that day. Then on to a drill such as a figure eight on the water followed by docking. The routine gets instilled with a game like "stick, stick, capsize." Sailing students practice docking, sailing to the dock where an instructor awaits them. If they do a perfect docking, they get a paint stick and they sail back to a buoy not too far off, switch positions (crew moves to skippers position) and sail to the dock again. If they do a good docking they get a second paint stick, and from there they sail out into the lagoon where a safety boat is stationed. They hand in their two paint sticks and get

to do a capsize, the reward for two good dockings.

She calls each day "controlled chaos" where she has to be mentally two steps ahead watching weather, keeping track of the boats at all times and supervising the instructors as well as tending to children who may need special attention. "Every single cog in the wheel has to work." Zang describes herself as a big communicator and sends group email updates to parents during the week. If there are specific things to pass along she emails the parents directly.

During the school year, Zang provides home-bound school instruction for students with illness or special needs that keep them from attending traditional school.

At this time of year, Zang is interviewing

staff, rescheduling returning staff, reviewing insurance policies and other business, organizing buses, getting boats ready for the season "putting a screwdriver to every screw, washing out boats and getting them in the water."

Zang offers bus service pickup from Bethesda. This year, a mom organized a group of 24 sailing campers from Chantilly so "I am sending a bus there to pick up the kids that week." Sailing students come from all over the metropolitan area and some are visiting relatives and attend sailing camp for a week or two. About half come with a friend although she tries to match everyone up with a buddy if they don't. "We have a lot of diplomat kids, too, a nice diverse population."

The staff includes more than 40 full-time summer counselors; many started in sailing camp themselves a number of years ago. "I have one counselor this year who started camp when he was 9." She has better than a 1-6 ratio of staff to campers.

"It's a good job for high school and college students, getting a tan, learning valuable skills and how to work with kids."

PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE GAZETTE



Amy Zang, Director and Owner of the Youth Sailing Day at the Washington Sailing Marina, starts checking the boats in April and "putting a screwdriver to every screw" before camp opens June 1.



Summer counselors at National Marina Sailing Camp give the sailors a safety lesson each day before heading for the Potomac.

