# HomeLifeStyle

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# Crossroads for Lee Highway

#### Lee Highway charrette brings local community, county staff, and consultants together.

By Vernon Miles THE CONNECTION

rees and bike lanes. That's what the Lee Highway community wants. Arlington County has been accused of not engaging with its citizens during the planning process. During the recent County Board election, the Democratic, Republican, and independent candidates all cited it as one of the major problems in the county. If true, the Lee Highway Visioning Charrette in the Langston Brown Community Center was a step in the right direction. The four-day event saw citizens, county staff, and hired consultants all sit and work together to craft an idea of what the Lee Highway of the future should look like.

On Friday, Nov. 6, the charrette began with an introduction from the two community leaders who had been pushing to make this possible: Ginger Brown and Sandra Chesrown.

"A small group of us started working on this three years ago,"

said Chesrown. "It grew from three to 15 civic associations. We've had over 30 forums and walking tours, and the community has kept showing up to them."

The larger words indicate words more citizens used in reference to Lee Highway, Brown said the efforts were, in large part, inspired by the Columbia Pike Presidents Breakfasts, which helped motivate the community to see a change in their neighborhoods. Brown said that, while many

the faces at the charrette were new, a lot of

"Ugly" representing the

present and "Walkable"

future.



Saturday morning's hand's on design session.

them were local citizens who have been active and engaged in the process from the

> start. In a poll taken that night, roughly 65 percent of the citizens in attendance lived in the area, don't regularly walk or ride bicycles around the area, are over 55 years old and have lived in the area for over 20 years.

> > Chesrown explained that a charrette is an event that brings together all of the stakeholders in a project to reach a unified vision. On Saturday morning, attendees were divided roughly into groups of six or seven at a table, each table focusing on a different area of the corridor, with some

representing hopes for the overlap to show different approaches to the same area. Around the room, each of the tables tackled different problems, but there were several recurring

problems.

Mark Bildner's group, Table 7, was looking at the areas near where Lee Highway crosses with I-66. Dennis O'Connor called it "the intersection of death." For many at that table, the main issue is that the four roads create a major split between the communities in the area. One person at the table said that the highway divides the community psychologically. Thinking big, O'Connor said his ideal solution would be to demolish the intersection altogether, but was willing to look at smaller solutions in the meantime. One of those solutions proposed was more extensive bike lanes along the nearby roads. There is a bicycle trail that runs along I-66, the Curtis Trail, but the parts crossing the major roads are poorly defined, leading to many cyclists breaking from the trail and travelling along the sidewalks to find safe places to cross.

Nearby, at Table 13, Kris Krider said that many of the communities in Arlington rely on driving to reach one another, and it makes it difficult to form a larger sense of identity.

A few hours into the process, some of the tables began presenting their visions for Lee Highway. Nora Palmatier from Table 3 spoke first. Palmatier noted that around George Mason Boulevard and Glebe Road, there's nothing between the sidewalks and the street, which feels very unsafe for pedestrians. Palmatier's group recommended installing trees, not only for their aesthetic benefit to the area, but also to give bicyclists and pedestrians a sense of protection from the road. Recognizing the cost, Palmatier said her group was willing to compromise to make that happen.

"We didn't care too much about the density here," said Palmatier, "as long as there's no commercial encroachment on the residential areas."

Jessice Lurz at Table 4 addressed the idea of "community hubs." The idea of central meeting places with open space and compact retail was another one of the key ideas to emerge from the charrette. Like SEE BRINGING, PAGE 16



Rick Hall, president of Hall Planning, displaying options for lane recongifuration.



Hernan Guerrero leads the Table 16 discussion.



Joseph Kohl (left), Mark Bildner (center) and Dennis O'Connor discussing problems with the Curtis Trail.

# Neighborhood Health Offers Healthcare Safety Net

Community health center provides comprehensive primary care, dental care, and behavioral health services.

> By Eden Brown THE CONNECTION

r. Basim Khan walks toward the door of the Casey Clinic of Neighborhood Health in Alexandria's West End, stopping to greet two of his patients by name: "Hey, how is your foot?" he addresses, in Spanish, one man on crutches. His patient smiles. "Better, Doctor, Gracias." He tells both patients to get on his schedule that week. Khan wears three hats at Neighborhood Health: Executive director, medical director, and doctor. Khan knows everyone who works in the nine offices of Neighborhood Health (NH), and all his patients, by first name.

And therein lies the story of the organization: it's not just for poor, underserved or uninsured residents of the area. There are middle class patients who depend on Neighborhood Health for their family care because it's a neighborhood health clinic, where doctors follow families for 20 years, give them more than five minutes a visit, and know their names, their children's names, and their situations.

Many people see Neighborhood Health as a clinic just for patients who are unable to pay or for urgent care needs such as a fever or cough. This is not the case with Neighborhood Health, which sees 15,000 patients annually — all of whom are registered, long-term patients with electronic files and records. It is not the clinic of last resort, but for many young families, the first place



Karina Herrera at work at the newly renovated offices at 2 East Glebe Road. Herrera is a pharm tech who has been with Neighborhood Health for about 15 years. She works in the Medication Assistance Pro-

they want to take their young child, because they know he will be looked after for the next 10 years by the same office.

Neighborhood Health is not a walk-in clinic. Patients need to register and come in regularly. Neighborhood Health does have a clientele which is sometimes undocumented (no questions asked), most are 200 percent below the poverty level, and more than half are uninsured. There is a sliding fee scale which determines how much each patient will have to pay. Often that amount is \$10, for equivalent treatment that might cost hundreds elsewhere.

The community health center concept was an idea started by Lyndon B. Johnson during the "War on Poverty" campaign. In 1965, there were two centers serving a handful of Americans who could not afford health care. There are now 25 million Americans served by health centers.

Neighborhood Health, which in 2004 became the area's first Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), has grown to nine separate buildings from a one-bedroom clinic in public housing on Executive Avenue in Arlandria. Its doctors do more than serve the poor of Alexandria and surround-



Basim Khan, executive director, medical director, and doctor.

ing areas: they catch people falling ill before their illness defines their lives. "Our goal," said Khan, "is to find the person with chronic illness, like diabetes, which affects 20 percent of the adult patients at Neighborhood Health, before the patient needs dialysis or amputation."

Without Neighborhood Health, many of these patients go undetected and by the time they get health care, it's too late. Accessibility is a major part of the community health center concept, said Khan. That means having multilingual staff, and, if needed, finding that Bangla or Amharic speaker to translate: having locations patients can reach by foot or bus; and getting appointments within one week, or less. Another major benefit of Khan's organization is the computerization of every medical record, so that an individual who doesn't track his own health has his medication and medical history on file.

Dr. Martha Welman joined Neighborhood Health in 2000 as its first pediatrician, and has led its pediatric expansion program at Casey. To her, it's all about the relationships she has with her patients. What makes her long days at the center worth doing? "It's the fact that you are really appreciated," she said. "I have patients I have cared for since they were born, and they are now going to college."

At the same time, working at the center is a commitment. "You don't work in neighborhood clinics without that commitment to long days and spending the extra minutes with patients," said Khan. "There is a burn out rate. We do a lot with very few doctors. The need is well beyond the supply, and we are having trouble adding a doctor to the center because of the lack of monev".

Mental health and dental care are part of Neighborhood Health's effort: these two aspects of health are often overlooked or overpriced. The psychologist at the East Glebe Road Health Center said she spends a lot of time managing mental health issues like past trauma and family reunification. Most of the people she treats, many of them immigrants, have been through some very rough times before reaching the U.S. and have never spoken about it. Since men-

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1200 North Howard Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 Services:

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720 North Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 Primary Care for Adults at the Alexandria Commu-

nity Services Board Medication Assistance & Lab Services Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance Hours of Operations:

Tuesday and Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

4480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302 Services:

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Monday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

tal and behavioral health issues often cause chronic homelessness and substance abuse, it makes sense to catch these issues early.

Khan says among the biggest health threats to low-income residents of Alexandria are chronic diseases like diabetes or hypertension, but he is equally perturbed by the failure of many uninsured residents to get specialized care. Neighborhood Health can take care of a variety of sick people, but for serious cases involving neurology, oncology, or major surgery, it is hard to find places to send the poor. Jennifer Sims, a nurse practitioner who has been at East Glebe Road for four years, said many of her female patients have chronic bleeding. For years, they've been shunted off to the Emergency Room, where the bleeding

SEE NEIGHBORHOOD, PAGE 16

#### Basim Khan

Dr. Basim Khan spent much of his childhood abroad, moving often and acclimating to each new international city. It still sometimes surprises him that he chose to focus on improving health care in this area instead of returning overseas to work in global health. Khan drives an older Acura sedan littered with the signs of a man who is always on the move, a cup of coffee in one hand, a smartphone in the other, and his mind on his to-do list.

He has known he wanted to be a community health doctor ever since he went to medical school. His goal is to improve access to basic health care in Northern Virginia, but his dream is that health care can be more affordable and more personal for many more Americans, of all income levels.

Khan has a longstanding interest in global health and HIV/AIDS; he has volunteered abroad in developing countries. He speaks Spanish, Urdu, and Pashto. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians.

Khan joined Neighborhood Health in 2011 as an internal medicine physician. He became medical director in 2013 and executive director in 2015. He received his medical degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and residency training from the University of California, San Francisco, in an urban underserved primary care program based at San Francisco General Hospital. He also has a Master's degree in public administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, where he was a Center for Public Leadership Zuckerman Fellow

He has served on the board of directors of multiple organizations, including the National Physicians Alliance, a group that advocates for improving access to healthcare. He has appeared in multiple media outlets including the Los Angeles Times, PBS News, and NBC News. Despite this schedule. Khan continues to see patients, using part of his day to "keep his hand in" and because good doctors are still in great demand at the Neighborhood Health centers. Those interactions with patients give Khan perspective and keep him aware of issues, as well as acting as the daily reminder of why he does this: the reward is the healthy person, often uninsured, smiling back at him at the end of a



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#### Bringing Opera into Public Schools

Virginia Opera has launched an initiative to provide free in-school opera performances for elementary school students. In Northern Virginia, 17 elementary schools in Arlington and eight elementary schools in Alexandria will benefit over the next two years through the support by the Niles Trust. This Education Coalition Initiative, known as Adopt-A-School, was launched through a grassroots effort to sponsor in-school performances. Many of these productions are original world premiere works created by Virginia Opera's Community Outreach Musical Director, Dr. Glenn Winters. World premiere works by Winters featured in this season's tour include "A Trickster Trilogy," a comic romp through three classic fables, and, in honor of Black History month, "Deep River," the story of the African American contralto Marian Anderson. These 40-minute operas include singers, costumes and sets, and adhere to the Commonwealth of Virginia's Standards of Learning.

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# A Business-as-Usual Election

"It is important that

every vote counts."

#### Lack of competitors for offices changes nothing.

By Michael McMorrow The Connection

urprising" is the way Betty Adelman described the absence of representatives from other than the Democratic Party. Signs bracketing the driveway entrance into Arlington's Nottingham Elementary School last week urged attention only for Dorsey and Cristol, both seeking a seat on the County Board. John Becker, Adelman's Democrat partner-greeter, saw a partial explanation in the fact that 2015 is "an off-year election."

A glance at the ballot explained more. All five candidates for re-election to the Constitutional offices - Clerk of Court Ferguson, Commissioner of Revenue Morroy, Sheriff Arthur, Commonwealth's Attorney Stamos and Treasurer de la Pava — were unop-

posed, and all were Democrats. The only contested office in this precinct with candidates identified by party was state delegate, where Democrat Patrick Hope facing Independent Janet Murphy.

Those standing for vacancies to the County Board and the School Board appeared out" percentage of eligible voters. The percentage of with no party designation, although "endorsements" by both major parties are common knowledge. ure almost exactly at 29 percent.

Dorsey and Cristol alone made the effort at the Ohio

"It is important that every vote counts," said Megan Hill, chief of Precinct #37, with a dozen or so years under her belt as an election official. Those words were her way of explaining why she remains involved with county elections. After the morning rush of voters on their ways to work, Hill was confident that the usual level of participation, 60 percent of registered voters in the precinct, would be achieved once more, off-year or no. This neighborhood takes voting "very seriously," she added.

"It is important to 'do your thing' for the right person running for office, not just voting for him or her." Thus, Bob Dunphy explained away his reason for standing outside the polling place since 7 a.m. Karen Menichelli, who arrived an hour earlier than that, stated the effort is important for every election, and more so when a low turn-out is expected.

With unofficial results tallied, Democrats scored a clean sweep. Each unopposed Constitutional officer drew over 97 percent of votes cast. Both the del-

egate candidate and School Board-endorsee registered 78 percent of the votes. As for the County Board seats, Dorsey and Cristol garnered 70 percent of — Megan Hill the total cast votes.

That leaves only the "turn-Nottingham neighbors matched the county-wide fig-

#### **Arlington Election Results**

Unofficial results as of Wednesday morning, Nov. 4, 2015. indicates incumbent

| Candidate                                       | Votes  | Percentage |
|---|--------|------------|
| <b>Arlington Clerk of the Court</b> — Unopposed |        |            |
| Paul F. Ferguson (D)*                           | 30,151 | 97.79%     |
|   |        |            |

**Arlington Commissioner of Revenue** — Unopposed Ingrid H. Morroy (D)\* 29,801

Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney — Unopposed Theo K. Stamos (D)\* 97.72% 32,037

Arlington Sheriff — Unopposed Elizabeth F. "Beth" Arthur (D)\* 30,436 97.69%

Arlington Treasurer — Unopposed Carla F. de la Pava (D)\* 29,714 97.57%

Arlington County Board, two seats Christian E. Dorsey (D) 23,987 35.71% Kate A. "Katie" Cristol (D) 23,116 34.41% 19.03% Michael T. McMenamin (I) 12,785 10.08% Audrey R. Clement (I)

**Arlington County School Board General** Reid S. Goldstein 78.41% 24,741 B. A. "Brooklyn" Kinlay 6,158 19.52%

**House of Delgates** District 45 — Unopposed Mark H. Levine (D) 15,987 95.08%

District 47 Patrick A. Hope (D)\* 11,648 77.43% Janet H. Murphy (I) 3,277 21.78% District 48 — Unopposed R. C. "Rip" Sullivan Jr. (D)\* 13,125 95.36%

District 49 — Unopposed Alfonso H. Lopez (D)\* 7,895 95.60%

Virginia Senate District 30 Adam P. Ebbin (D)\* 27,207 76.72% J. Ron Fisher (I) 7,420 20.92%

District 31 Barbara A. Favola (D)\* 26,298 62.21% George V. Forakis (R) 15,887 37.58% District 32 — Unopposed

Janet D. Howell (D)\*

**Election official Casey Peltier looks over** ballots at the Reed-Westover Building.

#### Low Turnout

t was a beautiful, sunny day in Arlington for Election Day, but election officials are expecting low-voter turn out. Arlington County "didn't expect turnout to be high the year before the presidential election," said Mike Warner, the chief election official at the Woodlawn precinct.

Todd Parker, the election chief for the Overlee Knolls precinct, said the county was predicting a voter turnout rate of 35 percent. Parker laughed when he said that Overlee Knolls has 32,000 voters in his precinct but only 1,000 ballots on hand.

Yet, there were still many dedicated voters who came out to cast their vote. Katy Irene St. Marie said that her main concerns were "roads, infrastructure, and affordable housing." She would like to see a "limited tax" be put in place for roads instead of using tolls.

— Ross Sylvestri



31,138

94.10%

Woodlawn precinct voters at Glebe Elementary School fill out their ballots.

**VOICE** volunteers take their voter turnout campaign to the streets.



# **Effort Boosts** Voter Turnout

Clergy and lay leaders celebrated the success of a three-day non-partisan, interfaith voter turnout drive that generated an increase in turnout in two particularly low-voting precincts here, as well as more than 1,300 individual conversations with voters about the power of civic engagement.

The turnout drive by VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), a multi-faith citizens power organization, cited a 24 percent increase in voter turnout in Precinct 30 (Nauck neighborhood) from the November 2011 election — the last off-year election with a comparable ballot.

It also led to a 12 percent increase in turnout in Precinct 43 (Arlington Mill neighborhood), VOICE leaders said, noting reports indicating that turnout countywide was at most 1 percentage point higher from 2011.

The voter turnout campaign targeted primarily infrequent voters, enlisting more than 100 volunteers to knock on doors, talk to voters at bus stops, and call voters Nov. 1-3. The aim was to raise turnout by at least 5 percent from November 2011 in these two precincts.

Noting that VOICE exceeded its goal almost five-fold in Precinct 30 and more than doubled it in Precinct 43, the Rev. Dr. James E. Victor, Jr., of Mount Olive Baptist Church said, "We learned that, when you make the effort to truly engage people around their hopes and dreams, Arlington's residents will respond and vote."

In Precinct 30, turnout this year was 619, according to unofficial returns, compared with 498 in 2011, and in Precinct 43, it was 433 versus 386 in 2011.

**VOICE** leaders selected Precincts 30 and 43 to test voter turnout strategies this year because both have among the lowest voter turnout in off-year elections such as this, and both are areas where VOICE already has a presence and would like to deepen its connections with residents.

The Rev. Linda Olson Peebles of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington said the lessons from this voter turnout campaign will serve VOICE well in future elections: "Our faith traditions teach us the transformative power of coming together in community, and our community organizing teaches us the influence that citizens who engage can have on elected officials' decisions. We look forward to continuing with organized voter participation campaigns to ensure that everyone's voice AND vote can count."

See www.voice-iaf.org.

#### News Brief

#### From Arlington to the White House

A march for immigrant families and an end to deportations will leave from 2100 Clarendon Blvd. on Friday, Nov. 20 at 8:30 a.m. to arrive at the White House by 11:30 a.m.

Paricipants include The Virginia Coalition of Latino Organizations, Mason DREAMers, DREAMers of Virginia, DREAMers of Martinsville, National Korean American Service & Education Consortium, DREAMers Mothers in Action, Legal Aid Justice Center's Immigrant Advocacy Program, Just Neighbors, and Virginia Latina Advocacy Network.

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#### PEOPLE

# Artist To Exhibit 'Birth of the Mother'

#### Local painter Sue Grace presents 20 years of paintings.

By Eden Brown The Connection

long a quiet, tree-lined street in the Ashton Heights neighborhood, the house is already a reflection of the painter inside. The front porch has been antique-washed color: sea greens, pale oranges, blue.

Inside, Sue Grace's canvases from a recent show are on the wall, their warm, rounded mountains resting, like sleeping bears, on the wall. The kitchen is warm and full of light. tutti frutti Mondrian-ish mosaic backsplash over the kitchen sink reflects the creativity that takes place in the kitchen and the love of color and shape that takes place in the studio below it. The pantry is full of Indian. Italian, Asian, and whole foods cookbooks. The painter offers breakfast of steel cut

oatmeal, nuts, and tea. She's fed many people at this kitchen island, two of them children who have gone off to college and a first apartment.

Grace is preparing for a show of paintings she did over the past 20 years, reflecting the profound joy, perplexed exhaustion, and perpetual wonderment she experienced since first finding herself pregnant and giving birth. Although she had read "What to Expect When You're Expecting" and picked out her layette, preparing for an event she suspected would change her life, nothing ... absolutely nothing ... could have prepared her for birth itself, and particularly, the artist's perception of it. The guides for new mothers expounded on newborn clothes, the colors and soft fabrics, softer detergents: all of which Grace, as a new mother-to-be studied earnestly. "In retrospect", she laughed, "I realized that what was really called for in this amazing journey towards stewardship of another human being was to go into the desert and fast for 40 days and 40

"I loved being pregnant; all of my senses were extremely heightened. But beyond that, it was a profoundly spiritual experience. I wanted to create imagery that would share some measure of this — the certitude that was a guiding force — with people for whom there would never be a chance to experience it. I particularly was thinking of men when I made many of these pictures."

Her series of paintings — almost 30 in total



Sue Grace's wall in her studio.



Sue Grace in her kitchen



Sue Grace at work in her studio, with one of her paintings for upcoming exhibition.

— are an effort to express, on canvas, that joy, whoosh, pain, ecstasy, oneness and apartness, that exit from one's body of another human

Grace is being talked about — in a good way. Her mix of styles has been written about recently in the Washington Post and her recent series of shows promise this artist is piquing interest among collectors. Her work explores the bridge between abstract and figurative expression. She is interested in this polarity: rendering the third dimension without sacrificing the immediacy of the two-dimensional, abstract aspects of painting. These paintings convey the mystery of giving birth; specifically the experience of the birth of the mother, being pulled towards a presence larger than her own experience.

Coming on the heels of a one-woman show at the Hillyer Gallery in DuPont Circle, she will open "Birth of a Mother" on Nov. 14 at the Lorton Workhouse, the former center of detention for suffragettes who were arrested

#### Art Exhibit Reception

"Birth of the Mother"

Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-10 Gallery 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia, 22079. Free Reception: Saturday, Nov. 14, 6 - 9 p.m. Exhibition Dates: Nov. 14 – Dec. 6 Gallery Hours: Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 12-5 p.m.

while demonstrating for equal rights. Like them, Grace wanted it all.

She grew up in the Chicago area, and started painting in the summer of 8th grade. She majored in English, because her art teacher told her to get a practical degree, and soon after getting her B.A. at the University of Chicago, she told her boyfriend she wanted to be a painter, live in New York, not tie herself down; he cleverly said he wanted to move to New York as well, and they married. She went to art school in New York City, studying with Robert Beauchamp at the Art Students League. Through Beauchamp, Grace studied the Push-Pull technique, overlapping warm and cool colors to create depth and movement to the two-dimensional canvas surface. The technique helps give paintings a life of their own.

Grace has shown her art since 1982, including a stint at the Florence Trust Exhibition in London and at the Torpedo Factory, and she has been professionally recognized by the Director's Collection, Workhouse Art Center Winter/Spring 2015, and in 2014 she was juried into the Artist Residency at the Workhouse Art Center.

Besides living in Arlington with husband Bruce since the mid-1980s, and having children here, Grace has been an involved member of the community, as a volunteer assisting a diabetes educator, and working with the Arlington Arts Center. See www.facebook.com for details or visit www.workhousearts.org.

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#### LETTER

#### Criminal Justice Process at Work

To the Editor:

The Arlington community is obviously relieved to learn that an arrest has been made in the case of Bonnie Black — the victim who was murdered in her home. The alleged killer is her husband, David Black, who has been charged with the crime. In the aftermath of his arrest, critics in the community contend that it took the police too long to make an arrest.

It is immediately obvious that these individuals know not what they speak of.

Apparently they have been watching too many crime shows on television and don't understand the facts of what comprises a criminal investigation in the real world and what is needed for probable cause to make an arrest.

The Arlington County Police have worked unrelentingly for countless hours and engaged a lot of manpower in working this case. The professionalism, commitment and dedication that was involved in searching for and sifting through potential evidence was steadfast, time-consuming and done with resolve.

For those who want justice in this case, they need to thank the Arlington County Police for the work they have done thus far. Hopefully, Commonwealth's Attorney, Theo Stamos, an outstanding and highly skilled prosecutor, will personally prosecute this case.

Everyone wants justice for the victim. Therefore, the criminal justice process must be allowed to work as it is supposed to. Bonnie Black deserves nothing less

Karen L. Bune Arlington

The writer is an adjunct professsor in the Department of Forensic Psychology at Marymount University.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

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Marymount University professor **Dr. Usha Rajdev** taught, observed faculty and helped 85 students sign up for an International Association of STEM Leaders chapter at Stranmillis University College in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

**Lucas DeGraw**, a graduate of Yorktown High School and the son of Christopher DeGraw and Terry Muilenburg, and **Emily Renkey**, a graduate of Bullis School and the daughter of Albert and Mary Renkey, have enrolled at Colby College (Waterville, Maine).

Assistant Superintendent for Information Services of Arlington Public Schools Raj Adusumilli was one of 27 district leaders from across the country named as a finalist for the second cohort of the Lexington Education Leadership Award. The Lexington Institute is a nonprofit, nonpartisan public policy think head-quartered in Arlington. The LELA fellowship is a six-month program designed to expose district leaders to personalized learning and facilitate the first steps to implementation. The final-

ists participated in a specialized track and special networking opportunities at the iNACOL symposium in Orlando.

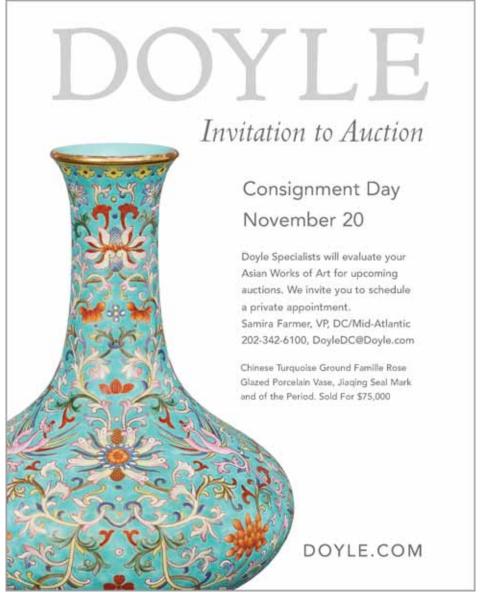
Robert G. Steinhoff of Arlington, Engineer Fellow with Honeywell Federal Manufacturing & Technologies, has been inducted into the Missouri S&T Academy of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineers. The academy recognizes alumni of Missouri University of Science and Technology for their professional achievement and success, and provides organized assistance to the mechanical and aerospace engineering department at Missouri S&T.



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#### **ONGOING**

- "Girlstar." Through Nov. 15 at various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. "Girlstar" is a musical combining witchcraft with pop music to detail the journey of a young woman who believes she is destined for fame. Tickets start at \$25. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.
- "Hansel & Gretel." Through Nov. 15, various times at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Encore Stage & Studio presents the classic fairytale. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, students, military and seniors. Visit www.encorestage.org for more.

#### Artist Honors Niece in Exhibit.

Through Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Verizon Gallery in the Richard J. Ernst Cultural Community Center at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. In 2010, 19-year-old Vanessa Pham was stabbed to death in her Scion hatchback found in a ditch off Arlington Boulevard in the Falls Church area. After more than two years, police arrested a suspect who was eventually convicted of murder and sentenced to 49 years in prison in 2013. Michelle Pham, Vanessa's aunt, will pay tribute to her niece's life through her art in an upcoming exhibition. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

- "Cake Off." Through Nov. 22, various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Watch a satire dealing with stereotypical gender roles. Tickets start at \$72. Visit
- www.sigtheatre.org.

  "Living Diversity." Through Nov. 28, various times at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St.

#### "Ceramic Art by Joe Hicks."

Through Dec. 3 during gallery hours at The Barry Gallery in the Reinsch Library at Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. This exhibit featured the work of Marymount assistant professor Joe Hicks. Free. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

Fall SOLOS 2015. Through Dec. 20, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artists featured in the exhibit: Katie Duffy, Rachel Guardioloa, Dean Kessman, Sonya Lawyer, Nara Park, Austin Shull, and Benjamin Zellmer Bellas. Free. Visit

www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

- "Wired." Through Dec. 20, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artist Michele Colburn presents a solo exhibition exploring the impact of war and violence on culture. This is reflected in the use of gunpowder, trip wire, and military-themed fabric. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for prore.
- "Cause and Effect." Through Dec.
  20, gallery hours at Arlington Arts
  Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Artists
  Robert Allen, Kathleen Ramich, and
  Dave Seiler explore war and violence
  as a complement to Michele
  Colburn's "Wired." Free. Visit
  www.arlingtonartscenter.org for
- "The Civil War Grand Review."
  Through Feb. 1, Monday-Thursday



#### BalletNova Presents "The Nutcracker"

To usher in the holiday season, BalletNova will give six full-length performances Dec. 3-6 at The Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. In addition, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12, at BalletNova's Fredgren Studio Theatre, 3443 Carlin Springs Road, Falls Church, the company will offer presentations of the classic ballet suitable for a young audience—these performances are called "Nutcracker Petite." Further, patrons may attend a "Nutcracker Tea" on Sunday, Dec. 13 at Ritz-Carlton-Pentagon City, 1250 S Hayes St. There, guests may enjoy high tea, meet the dancers/characters, and watch a mini "Nutcracker" performance. Visit www.BalletNova.org for a full schedule and admission prices.



Sci-Fi Book Club. Third Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at Java Shack, 2507 N. Franklin Road. Nov. 18 title is "Doomsday Book" by Connie Willis. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us.

Arlington's Historical Museum to open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum, which until now was only open on weekends, will now be open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits chronicling Arlington County's history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

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. For 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. Age 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit www.RiRa.com/Arlington for more.

Food Truck Thursdays. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St., and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit www.dmvfta.org.

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. 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 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 S. 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

Ball-Sellers House Tours. Saturdays, April-Oct.,1-4 p.m. at The Ball-Sellers House, 5620 3rd St. S. 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 with arts, crafts, and handmade goods. Free to attend. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

Open Mic Night. Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Café, 2832

Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com/.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of each month. The Hyatt Regency Crystal City's "Art for Life" Partnership with National Kidney Foundation brings a new artist each month to The Hyatt for a reception. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

www.torpedofactory.org. **Brunch at Freddie's.** Third Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Freddie's Beach Bar, 555 23rd St. The Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance gathers for an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (\$9.99). All are welcome. No reservation is required. Visit www.facebook.com/events/700174390103305.

#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

#### Arlington National Cemetery

Veterans Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony begins with wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors by veterans' organizations and remarks from dignitaries. Free. Visit www.va.gov/opa/vetsday or www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for more.

#### Women In Military Service For America Memorial Veterans

Day. 3 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Gayle Tzemach Lemmon, a senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations and best-selling author of "Ashley's War: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Ops Battlefield," will give the keynote address for the 18th annual ceremony. Free. Visit www.womensmemorial.org for more.

www.womensmemorial.org for more Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Author Gregory Smithers discusses and signs "The Cherokee Diaspora: An Indigenous History of Migration, Resettlement, and Identity". Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Spirit of Community. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St. The Arlington Community Foundation presents the annual Spirit of Community Luncheon. This year Mary Ann Moran will receive the William T. Newman Jr. Award. Hon. Anne Holton, Secretary of Education, State of Virginia, will be the keynote speaker. Tickets are \$55. Visit www.arlcf.org for more.

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Sip & Shop. 7-9 p.m. at Company
Flowers & Gifts, 2107 N. Pollard St.
Company Flowers and Gifts is hosting
a Sip & Shop to benefit Postpartum
Support Virginia. Learn 20 ways to
wear a scarf, shop, and peruse
refreshments. Twenty-five percent of
the proceeds will benefit Postpartum
Support Virginia. Free. Visit
www.postpartumva.org for more.

Arlington Historical Society

**Program.** 7 p.m. at Marymount University Reinsch Library, 2807 N. Glebe Road. The Arlington Historica

Glebe Road. The Arlington Historical Society (AHS) will host Annette Benbow, who will present "Those Who Gave Their Lives: Arlington's Fallen Sons in World War I." Free. Call 703-942-9247 for more.

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Joe Ely Performance. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Joe Ely celebrates the launch of his most recent album "Panhandle Rambler." General admission tickets are \$20, \$30 for reserved seating in the first three rows. Visit www.stoneroomconcerts.com for

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Designing the Sustainable

Landscape. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. The program will cover the best management practices of sustainable landscapes—using native plants, making the most of available water, building soil health and reducing maintenance and answer questions about individual garden management challenges. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org or call 703-228-6414 or more.

Delta Sigma Theta 2015 Prayer Breakfast. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road. This fundraising event is open to the public and will

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include local gospel artists, a full course brunch, vendors and more. Tickets are \$65. Visit

www.nvdecs.org for more. **EcoPOP:** Art. 5-7 p.m. at 3400PIKE, 3400 Columbia Pike. Art exhibit and reception sponsored by Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and Yuck Old Paint featuring photographs of vintage chemicals from local residences and original artwork from waste paint. There is a suggested donation of \$10. Visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org.

Fitness Fun Night. 5:30-10:30 p.m. at TRUE Health and Wholeness Fitness Center, 1058 S. Walter Reed Drive. Fun for the children includes face painting, crafts and moon bounce. Adults can compete for prizes in friendly strength events like the plank off and flex arm hang. Free, Call 571-421-2774 or visit www.truehw.com for more.

Columbia Pike Artists Studios

Columbia Pike Artists Studios pARTy. 6-9 p.m. at 932 S. Walter Reed Drive. The diverse artists at the Columbia Pike Artists Studios showcase their work. Free. Call 571-338-9248 for more.

Capitals Casino Night. 6-10 p.m. at Sheraton Pentagon City Hotel, 900 S. Orme St. Monumental Sports & Entertainment Foundation will host the fifth Capitals Casino Night presented by Leonsis Foundation. Casino Night features the entire Capitals hockey team along with coaches, alumni and owners participating in casino games with fans. There also is a raffle and silent auction featuring game-used equipment and autographed memorabilia as well as a live auction featuring interactive experiences with Capitals players and coaches. Tickets are \$250. Visit www.washingtoncaps.com/

casinonight.

Arlington Community Chorus. 7
p.m. at Kenmore Middle School Black
Box Theater, 200 S. Carlin Springs
Road. The chorus will perform a
variety of songs from Gershwin to the
Beatles, directed by McKenna
Stenson and accompanied by Tatiana
Loisha. Free. Visit
www.apsva.us.adulted.

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 15

Artist Expo/Crafts Fair. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Congregation Etz Hayim, 2920 Arlington Blvd. Thirty artists will be selling their crafts. Also find a bake sale. Free. Visit

www.etzhayim.net/Artist\_Expo.html.

Columbia Pike Artists Studios

**pARTy.** 2-5 p.m. at 932 S. Walter Reed Drive. The diverse artists at the Columbia Pike Artists Studios showcase their work. Free. Call 571-338-9248 for more.

#### WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Arlington THRIVE Celebration and

Fundraiser. 6:30-9 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive. Arlington THRIVE celebrates 40 years with a celebration featuring food, drinks, and a performance by members of The Metropolitan Chorus. Tickets are \$60 for "Young Professionals" and \$100 for all else. Visit www.arlingtonthrive.org

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Book Talk. 7 p.m. at Arlington Central
Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Arlington
County Library and Arlington Friends
of Urban Agriculture collaborate with
One More Page Books to welcome
Forrest Pritchard and his book
"Growing Tomorrow: A Farm-ToTable Journey in Photos and Recipes:
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Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers

Who Are Changing the Way We Eat." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 19

**Sip 'N' Shop for SOME.** 6-8 p.m. at Company Flowers and Gifts, too! 2107 N. Pollard St. Twenty-five percent of all proceeds will be donated to So Others Might Eat's Trot for Hunger. Free. Call 540-353-6726.

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Political scientist Colleen Shogan shares from her debut novel, "Stabbing in the Senate." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 20-22

Artful Weekend. 6-8 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, 12-4 p.m. on Sunday at Fort C.F. Smith Park, 2411 24th St. N. Join Arlington Artists Alliance for the 13th annual "Artful Weekend." The weekend art show and sale features the work of 40 Arlington-based artists, and includes paintings of many genres, ceramics, sculpture, artists cards, unframed works and more. Free. Visit www.arlingtonsrtistsalliance.org.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 21

Memorial 5K and Family Fun Day.

8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Knights of Columbia, 5115 Little Falls Road. In partnership with Virginia Hospital Center Foundation, the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation is hosting the inaugural Jennifer Bush Lawson Foundation Memorial 5K and Family Fun Day to support healthcare for economically vulnerable mothers-to-be and their children at Virginia Hospital Center and Arlington Pediatric Center. The event features a 5K foot race followed by a kids fun run and family fun day including: music, food trucks, a beer garden, photo booth, ambulance and fire truck display, face painting, moon bounce, obstacle course and balloon animals. Registration is \$40 for adults and \$10 for the children's fun run. Visit www.JB-LF.org for more.

Book Signing Event. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Arlington Farmer's Market, 2611 Columbia Pike. Forrest Pritchard will sell and sign copies of his book, "Growing Tomorrow: A Farm-to-Table Journey in Photos and Recipes: Behind the Scenes with 18 Extraordinary Sustainable Farmers Who Are Changing the Way We Eat." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for

more.

Live Music. 8-9:30 p.m. at Unitarian
Universalist Church of Arlington,
4444 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church.
Attend a performance by Natalia
Zukerman and Caleb Hawley. Tickets
are \$20. Visit

www.stoneroomconcerts.com

#### SUNDAY/NOV. 22

Book Talk. 4 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Author Kathryn Aalto shares from "The Natural World of Winnie-the-Pooh: A Walk through the Forest that Inspired the Hundred Acre Wood," an exploration of Ashdown Forest, a wildlife haven that spans more than 6,000 acres in southeast England. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com. MONDAY/NOV. 23

"Meet the Speaker." 3-5 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 Quincy St. Jean S. Moore, a retired partner of Hogan Lovells law firm, will discuss King Edward, the First of England and attempt to answer the question of "Was King Edward one of the great medieval kings or a petty tyrant?" Free. Call 703-228-2144.

#### SATURDAY/NOV. 28

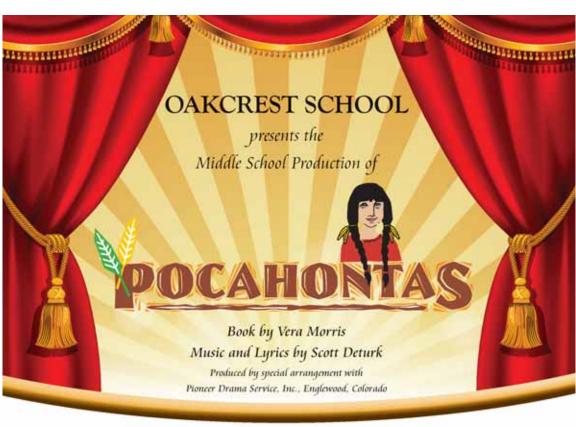
#### One More Page Books Celebrates

a.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Small Business Saturday and Arlington Small Business Day are designed to encourage shoppers to visit local retailers during the busiest shopping weekend of the year. One More Page Books will celebrate with snacks, a wine tasting, a book launch party, and more. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more

A Civil War Christmas. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Costumed Re-enactors welcome guests. Also find Victorian decorations, a Civil War-era Santa Claus, Christmas carols, and period music. Free. Call 703-248-5171 for more.

#### MONDAY/NOV. 30

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Coauthors Meagan Spooner and Amie Kaufman will celebrate the release of "Their Fractured Light," the first installment of the Starbound Trilogy. Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for



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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 N. 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.

#### **THROUGH NOV. 15**

#### **Arlington County Requests Input.**

Arlington residents are invited to provide input on what future mobile or online services they think would make it easier to communicate and do business with the County. Participants should visit www.insights.arlingtonva.us or send a text to 703-270-0070.

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Memory Screening. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 N. Culpeper St. Virginia Hospital Center and Care Options will be

sponsoring confidential memory screenings. Free. Call 703-237-9048 to schedule an appointment.

#### FRIDAY/NOV. 13

#### "Keeping Your Heart Healthy As

You Age." 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Carlin Springs Health Pavilion, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Dr. Jeremy Bock will explain how problems older people have with heart and blood vessels are really caused by disease, not by aging. Free. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

SUNDAY/NOV. 15 **Deadline for 2015 Notable Tree** 

Awards Nominations. Categories include: size and/or age, unusual species, historical significance, or significance to the neighborhood. Visit www.parks.arlingtonva.us and search "Notable Trees."

#### THURSDAY/NOV. 19

#### "Just the Facts: A Discussion

**About Climate Change.**" 7 at George Mason University-Founders Hall, 3351 Fairfax Drive. U.S. Rep. Don Beyer hosts "Just the Facts: A Discussion About Climate Change." Free. Call 703-658-5403.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2

#### **Goodwin House at Home**

Informational Seminar. 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. at Key Bridge Marriott, 1401 Lee Highway. Goodwin House at Home, a new program for individuals in Northern Virginia and D.C. who want to remain in their home as they age will be hosting information sessions. Free. Call 703-575-5202 for reservations.

#### FRIDAY/DEC. 4

#### Fall Prevention Workshop. 11 a.m.-

12 p.m. at Carlin Springs Health Pavilion, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. The Virginia Hospital Senior Health Department hosts a seminar on the leading cause of hospitalization for people aged 65 and older. Learn how to prevent falls of your own and/or of loved ones. Free. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

#### THURSDAY/DEC. 10

#### Virginia Commission for the Arts-

**Grant Application Assistance Workshop.** 1-3 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Virginia Commission for the Arts staff will provide an overview of grant programs, updates to the Guidelines for Funding, application and review procedures, as well as general tips on preparing competitive proposals in preparation for the March 1, 2016, and April 1, 2016, application deadlines. Free. Visit www.arts.virginia.gov for more.

#### **ONGOING**

**Arlington Rotary Club Lunches.** Thursdays, 12-1:30 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. Organization brings together political and business leaders for humanitarian services. Eat and listen to guest speakers. Admission is \$26 for non-members.

Visit www.arlingtonrotaryclub.org. **Job Seeking Help.** 5-9 p.m at Columbia Pike Branch Library, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Receive jobrelated help from the staff and volunteers with applications. Free, but requires registration. Visit www.arlingtonva.libcal.com/.

The Jewish Council for the Aging has launched a new initiative called Tech Tuesday. Windows 7, Windows 8, Excel, iPad and iPhone, Email, photos, and social media will be covered in these classes held at 1750 Crystal Drive Shops, Suite 1638B Crystal Square Arcade. Visit

www.accessica.org

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers "Meditations for a Meaningful Life" for the general public Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church, 915 N. Oakland St., Arlington. Gen Kelsang Varahi, an American Buddhist nun, leads teachings and guided meditations on life. \$10 (\$5 unemployed, fulltime students, 65 and older). Visit http:// meditation-dc.org/arlington/ for

**PFLAG of Arlington**. 7:30-9 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. PFLAG promotes the equality and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered persons and their families. Meets at the Unitarian Universalist Church at George Mason Drive and Route 50. Email aly.pflagdc@gmail.com for more.

Helmsmen Toastmasters meet

Thursdays, 7:30-8:45 a.m. at Pentagon Library and Conference Center. Toastmasters is an international organization that helps everyone speak, think, lead and listen better, Contact Carl Sabath carl.e.sabath.civ@mail.mil or 703-695-2804 or Elizabeth Femrite elizabeth.m.femrite.civ@mail.mil or 571-256-8674.

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"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Nov. 16-21

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

**Senior trips**: Monday, Nov. 16, tour Decatur House and Renwick Gallery, D.C., \$9; Tuesday, Nov. 17, Alexandria Ghost Tour, \$12; Wednesday, Nov. 18, Country Gospel Christmas at Pennsylvania Opry, \$57; Friday, Nov. 20, tour Clara Barton Missing Soldiers Museum, D.C., \$14. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration re-

quired.

Armchair tour of Swiss art collections, Monday, Nov. 16, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Cost \$6. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Ballroom dance lesson**, Monday, Nov. 16, 6:45 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Gentle Hatha Yoga classes**, begin week of Nov. 16 at senior centers. Call for info, 703-228-4771

**Pickleball games and instruction**, Mondays, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Ice skating**, Mondays, 8a.m. – 9:10 a.m., Kettler Capitals Iceplex, Ballston Mall, \$1. Register, 703-228-4745.

**Madison Chess Club**, Mondays, 9:30 a.m. Games and strategies. Free.

Details, 703-534-6232.

**Table tennis**, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Acoustic music**, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Rubber Stamp workshop**, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Cardio boxing class for beginners**, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m., Walter Reed. \$40/8 sessions. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Volleyball**, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300

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703-228-0555.

**Beginners full fitness exercise**, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Lee. \$60/15 sessions or \$4 per class. Details, 703-228-0555.

**Arlington Mill Trekkers**, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Table tennis**, Tuesdays, 10 a.m., -12 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Poker games**, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

**Cooking Fall vegetables demo**, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register 703-228-7369.

Ten warning signs of Alzheimer's, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register,

703-228-0955.

**LinkedIn tutorial**, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Boomer Boot Camp** begins Wednesday, Nov. 18, 9:15 a.m., Arlington Mill. Cost \$35/7 sessions. Register, 703-228-7360

**Car-Free Diet**, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Duplicate bridge**, ACBL sanctioned, Wednesdays, 10 a.m., Aurora Hills. \$5. Register,703-228-5722.

Effective ways to save on energy bills, Thursday, Nov. 19, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Free. Register, 703-228-0555.

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#### BULLETIN BOARD

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Donations Needed. Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 2700 South 19th St., is seeking to replenish its food pantry. Particularly needed are rice (large bags appreciated, the pantry will rebag), dry beans, canned vegetables, soup, small jars of peanut butter, small jars of jelly, pasta and pasta sauce. Donations are collected during Mass each Sunday. Visit www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org for more

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**Alzheimer's Association Support Group** has meetings on the third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at Carlin Springs Health Pavilion, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road and also the first and third Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane. They are open to people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members and friends. Free. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be found at www.alz.org/ nca.

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- How well are homes selling in your area? Is it a buyers or seller's market?
- What improvements will you need to do to sell your home and what will the costs associated with this be?
- Are the homes you would be interested in moving to within your price range? Is there ample inventory available?
- As a general rule, improving costs less than trading up. But it depends on what kind of improvements you're doing.
- Consider the resale value of your remodeling projects for when you do go to sell whether now or in the future. Of course, don't discount the enjoyment you will get from your remodel.
- Beyond financial considerations think about the neighborhood and where you want to be. Consider the school district, the amount of traffic on your street, the size and layout of your yard, your commute time, and access to businesses you frequent. All of these play a huge factor in your quality of life.

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# Home LifeStyle

# Getting Guest-Ready Local designers offer solutions for easy, pre-holiday updates.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

etting ready for the holidays means more than simply hanging decorations and ordering a turkey with trimmings. For many, the holidays usher in an abundance of house guests. While there might not be time to complete a remodeling project or build an addition, local designers offer suggestions for minor tweaks that can breathe new life into a living space so that it is guestready when the holidays arrive.

Starting with a home's exterior, outdoor lighting that highlights the walkway and facade of the house is a simple update, according to Kai Tong, director of architecture at Hopkins and Porter. "Low voltage lighting can also accentuate the steps leading to the front door, as well as [line voltage] lighting illuminating ... [plants] and trees.'

Tong also recommends upgrading a home's interior lighting fixtures, such as sconces and dining room chandeliers. In fact, he said dimmer switches create ambiance. "Low voltage lighting, including cablemounted lighting, can bring new brilliance to spaces.'

A coat of paint can also brighten a home in time for the holidays. "You don't need to paint the entire home at once to make a great impression for your guests," said Marty Cornish, CEO of EasyPaint. "Think about rooms you'll be using the most and then devise a plan."

Rooms where most of the holiday décor will be displayed as well as the dining room where meals will be served are good starting points, said Cornish.



A kitchen is often a hub of activity during the holidays. Small touches like new cabinet hardware can add polish to the space.

"Consider selecting a wall in perhaps a guest room and painting it an exquisite accent color," adds Tong. "The same goes with public spaces such as the kitchen."

Painting a home's main entry door or trim is another simple way to welcome guests in style. "The front door makes an immediate first impression," said Tracy Morris, color consultant and principal of Tracy Morris Design.

Morris suggests using Benjamin Moore's Soot for the front door. "The rich color is festive and fun and makes the perfect backdrop for holiday décor, as well as provides a lasting first impression."

Replacing the front door or updating the hardware on an existing door, updating

lighting fixtures at the door or on a porch enhances a home's curb appeal, says Ken Hurdle, Hopkins and Porter project coordi-

The kitchen, powder room and guest bathroom are usually hubs of hospitality during the holidays, and a polished appearance can be accomplished with a few mi-

In a guest bathroom, simple fixes include new vanity or sink hardware, new medicine cabinets and vanity lighting. "Check and see if accessories such as towel bars [and] paper holders could also use an easy recharge," said Tong.

Kohler's Moxi shower head holds a wireless speaker, "so you can enjoy your music while showering," said Nancy Knickerbocker, designer, Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths in Springfield.

In the kitchen, minor touches can yield a major impact. "Kitchen 'lite' projects are a great way to spruce up your space if you're redesigning on a small budget and have great existing cabinets in your kitchen," said Stephanie Brick, designer at Nicely.

This can include new hardware on kitchen cabinets and new faucets, according Hurdle.

These projects include upgrading counter tops with quartz granite and adding a coordinating tile back splash or other kitchen accents like crown molding to the ceiling or chair rail molding. "These seemingly small details, when put together in a design package," said Brick, "can have a great impact on the overall look of your kitchen."

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# Preparing a Home for the Holidays

Suggestions for getting the house guest-ready.

> BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE CONNECTION

ith only two weeks until Thanksgiving and the start of the holiday season, it might be time to take stock of your home's guest-readiness. Local designers explain how to reduce stress and make guests feel at home this holiday

"Walk into your home as if you are a guest in your own home," said Dana Kaminsky with Glickman Design Build in Potomac. "Look at the entryway. Your front door should have a festive feel."

A new doormat and large urns filled with evergreen foliage that will last until the end of winter are two accessories that Kaminsky suggests to help ring in the season.

Reorganizing and decluttering a home's interior can decrease stress during holiday hosting and entertaining. The first place to start, suggests Kaminsky is a foyer closet. "This is a great time to donate any winter clothing that your family doesn't use anymore," she said. "This will make way for guests' coats so you don't have to throw them over furniture and take up valuable seating real estate.'

This is also the time to declutter one of the most often-used rooms during the holidays: the kitchen. "Go through your pantry so you can have an accurate inventory when getting ready to prepare holiday meals," she said. "Also get rid of any unnecessary products that are not useful anymore."

This process, says Kaminsky, makes room for needed storage and eliminates the unnecessary use of counter space.

Simple and low-cost ways to brighten a kitchen include purchasing new hand tow-



Clean, crisp sheets and soft, plush towels make guests feel special, advises Kelley Pr Interior Design.

els and fragrant, sink-side, hand soaps and lotions in elegant dispensers. "William Sonoma has a clean line of fragrances, as well as cleaning supplies and candles that will for sure make you and your guests

#### Must-Haves for an **Inviting Guest Room**

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., offers tips:

Save sample creams and lotions and display them in an attractive container for guests to try.

Make Internet passwords available and visible so guests have easy access while visiting.

Consider placing a sound machine in the guest room, particularly if you have an active household, so guests may choose the background noise

Provide magazines that may interest your

\* Make sure there are enough hangers, preferably "pretty hangers," in the closet for your guests. \* Be sure to place a water carafe (or bottled

water) and a glass in the guest room. Clean, crisp sheets and soft, plush towels make guests feel special.

happy," said Kaminsky. "Pink grapefruit is always a perfect year-round standby."

When it comes to a guest bedroom, Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda believes that stocking a room with books and magazines makes overnight visitors feel at home. She also makes sure the room has a tray of bottled water and cups.

"Guests welcome the chance to catch up on reading," she said.

#### Business

# Retail Trends Keep Shifting

"Big Box" chains, restaurants and online shopping re-shape streetscapes.

> By Mike Salmon THE CONNECTION

ollectible Treasures and Wits End were long-time residents of Old Keene Mill Center in Springfield until about 10 years ago when these local mom and pop gift shops closed, and were replaced by a chain bike shop and a Thai restaurant. Their closing is a sign of the times for mom and pop shops in the area, as big box stores, chain restaurants and online shopping are taking over the retail

"I like mom and pop shops, but it's tough," said Springfield resident Kelly Withington, who shopped at Collectible Treasures years ago. Her shopping trips included Springfield Mall as well. "I think there's a death of the mall in general," she said. "People go to a shopping center with a destination in mind."

At Old Keene Mill Center there are 20 stores, and eight of them are eateries of one sort or another but not much retail. At nearby Springfield Town Centre, there are

**Ballston** Common Mall will soon transform into the **Ballston** Center.



19 eateries with two more coming soon. According to numbers released by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics and George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis, there were 1,429 food service/drinking places in Fairfax County in 2001 and that number grew to 1,943 in 2013.

In Arlington along Wilson Boulevard and Fairfax Street where window shopping was once popular, the influx of restaurants caters to the apartments, condominiums and offices in that urban corridor, said Kevin Shooshan, president of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. "There is so much demand," he said.

Nearby in Arlington, the Ballston Common Mall is going in the "urban mixed-use," direction, similar to the remake of Springfield Mall into Springfield Town Center a few years ago. According to information released by Forest City Washington, the Mid-Atlantic hub of the Cleveland-based developer, the finished product will be "a transit-oriented, urban mixed-use center featuring an enhanced blend of restaurants, entertainment and other contemporary upscale retail operations."

In a set of artist renderings released by Forest City, Ballston Common will include a 393-unit residential tower, a second-floor

dining terrace, outdoor pedestrian walkways and lots of glass. The foot traffic that once perused inside the mall is now looking for an environment with natural light, said Shooshan. "It's more of an inside-out approach, opening up an area to the sky,"

Springfield Town Center also has a grand entrance, wide open spaces and natural lighting. At one time, Springfield Mall had an outdoor plan as well, and the drawings of the outdoor area was posted on the wall on the second level, but the new town center is indoors for now. Residential and office space are still part of the plans at the Springfield Town Center.

Internet shopping and big box stores such as Walmart play a role in the retail picture as well. In a November 2005 study "The Effects of Wal-Mart on Local Labor Markets," by David Neumark, Junfu Zhang, and Stephen Ciccarella, Walmart, the epitome of a big box retail giant, impacts not only the competitive local retail scene, but also the employment that goes with local businesses. According to the study, "the employment results indicate that a Wal-Mart store opening reduces county-level retail employment by about 150 workers, implying that each Wal-Mart worker replaces approximately 1.4 retail workers."

The accessibilty of computers and popularity of sites such as Amazon for shopping impacts mom and pop shops too, said Shooshan. "So much can be done from home," he said.

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# Bringing Community, County, Consultants Together

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Palmatier, Lurz said her group was wary of higher density creeping into residential zones, but said the group had no problem with higher density in the more industrial and commercial areas of Arlington.

Where Lee Highway meets N. Harrison Street was identified as another site that could take more dense development. Chris Slatt, chair of Arlington's Transportation Commission and speaking for Table 13, said the ideal style of growth in this area would be higher buildings near the intersections, sloping down in size and building back up again at the next intersection, to give the area a more unique look. Like the other groups, Slatt said the table agreed that there needed to be a more dynamic and extensive bike network along and across Lee Highway.

Brown said the main messages to come out of the Saturday community engagement event was the idea that Lee Highway community wants open space and retail-oriented urban villages.

"It is playing out that we want these urban villages," said Brown, "and there are tradeoffs.

The big ideas are compact commercial centers that serve the neighborhoods. There's a lot of conversation that needs to happen on working to improve bicycling as well, all while still keeping people moving along the highway into D.C."

Brown said that, over the last three years, one of her biggest objectives was educating the public about the economics of the vision. For Brown, that tradeoff for Arlington achieving its goals is allowing more mixed use and taking a hard look at the parking ratio requirements.

On Sunday, the community was invited to watch the developers put together rough plans based on the community's vision. According to Amy Groves, principal and senior project director for Dover, Kohl & Partners, said that the biggest takeaway from

Saturday's meeting was the universal demand for better bike transit options as well as more trees along the sides of the streets and in the city's open spaces, while offering greater density around the Glebe Road and Lee Highway intersection as the trade-

Rick Hall, president of Hall Planning, said that the new vision for the streets was entirely achievable. Most four lane roads along the Lee Highway Corridor are 70 feet wide. 80 feet if there's a turn lane.

Hall said there are ways to make better use of that space, like removing the median and undergrounding the streetside utilities, leaving room for trees and bike or bus lanes.

But this is a costly process. While undergrounding utilities can vary in price depending on the section of road, County Board member Jay Fisette was on hand with an estimate of \$4,000 per linear foot.

The other complication with the road expansion is that Dominion Power typically requires its underground utilities to be at least five feet away from any trees. Hall suggested the use of silva cells, a more expensive trench of trees that allows for increased growth, heightened water retention, and even a degree of flood mitigation. The silva cells are also an exception to the five-foot requirement for utilities.

"For everything we do from here on out, we have to kill two or three birds with one stone," said Hall.

The community was largely supportive of the results at the charrette's conclusion on Monday night, though questions remain on how to implement what was envisioned.

"According to the Affordable Housing Master Plan, 11 percent of the affordable housing in 2040 would be a long Lee Highway," said Nina Janopaul, president of the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing. "That's 2,500 affordable units in the future. We have 200 here today, so we're basically starting with a blank slate."



Stickers indicate what types of development local residents prefer.

it's going to take Arlington County pressing for compensation from developers. Janopaul pointed to three pink highlighted areas where new apartment complexes could be built.

"That's \$150 million in value for developers," said Janopaul, "How much of that should be given back to Arlington? Back to the community?"

Janopaul said she was happy to see a wide array of creative voices engaged in this pro-

"I'm glad to see it's more than just protectionism," said Janopaul. "We need to be thinking ahead, going from ugly and congested to pedestrian-oriented uses."

Caroline Haynes serves on the Parks and Recreation Commission and said she did feel that the plans needed a greater emphasis on open space.

"There's a lot of good commitments to parking and bicycling," said Haynes. "Arlington is hailed for its transportation, but it's time we look at the needs for open space, or at least pay some attention to it."

Haynes and Janopaul both applauded the Janopaul said the goal is achievable, but work of the civic activists who kept push-

ing for more community involvement.

"Arlington County was supportive from the beginning," said Chesrown. "They provided staffing and support for the walking tours and helped us with the meetings, but now this needs to transition into a staff-led process next year."

Arlington County Planning Director Robert Duffy emphasized that this is the beginning of a long process.

"This is the start of our longer community engagement, more is going to be coming out in the next few months on our website," said Duffy. "It's far from a plan. It's not a set of preliminary or final recommendations.

This is just looking at what the community says are the local needs."

For other communities in Arlington who may hope to take a more active role, Brown said it's all about building relationships.

"You have to build your relationships with civic associations, with businesses, with landowners, commissioners, anyone who's involved in this," said Brown. "If you want to make things better, you have to start at the ground level with relationships."

# Neighborhood Health Offers Safety Net

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may be stopped, but it's not a solution to the underlying problem. Sims says many of these women need a hysterectomy, but affording one is almost impossible. They have to go to Charlottesville to the UVA Medical Center to get treated, and many find it hard to get there.

Khan would like more of his patients to be covered by health insurance, because the paying patients help make it possible to take care of those who cannot pay. In 2014, 68 percent of Neighborhood Health's patients had incomes below poverty levels. Sixtythree percent of their patients were uninsured. Given the ratio at Neighborhood Health of uninsured to insured patients, Khan cannot afford to hire the extra doctor he needs. That is one of the reasons he continues to spend as much as 20 percent of his time as a working physician in the clinics: not only does it energize him to keep giving his best when he meets with patients,

but it's also part of the balance of running a busy health center which is understaffed: double duty is a given.

For those who do not understand why supporting Neighborhood Health is important to them and their community, Khan points out his clinics served more than 15,000 patients in 2014 — 4,111 children and 10,981 adults - and provided 46,647 health care visits. That is up from 10,000 patients five years ago. This is care that would have overburdened the hospitals, or gone undone, putting at jeopardy a swathe of Alexandria's population that works for a living but does not make enough money to pay for insurance. Taxpayers benefit from organizations like Neighborhood Health, they just don't see the benefits as clearly as when potholes get filled in, or schools get refurbished. All residents pay the financial price when the uninsured and underserved use the emergency room as their primary source of care because this drives up the costs of all healthcare services.

Khan is hoping to see more community support of Neighborhood Health. He says in any given week he gets far more requests for health care than he can accommodate. As a member of the Mayor's Special Advisory Panel on the Health Care Needs of the Uninsured, he appreciates the plan to hold a health fair on Nov. 14, and hopes it will assist those who might otherwise go undiagnosed; he also views the problem as a much larger one which is outpacing the growth of his own organization. Neighborhood Health welcomes AmeriCorps volunteers and has opportunities for other volunteers. A primary need, however, is financial support. The larger, more permanent facility in the new Richmond Highway building is a comprehensive facility, owned versus rented, that will allow Neighborhood Health to serve more people, with the addition of 15 medical exam rooms, eight dental chairs and five counseling areas. To pay

#### Neighborhood Health's Track Record

Neighborhood health's childhood immunization rate is 96 percent compared to 43 percent at all Federally Qualified Health Centers nationally. In November 2014, it was designated as a National Quality Leader, an award given to only 57 out of 1,200 (top 5 percent) health centers for exceeding national benchmarks for chronic disease management and preventative care.

\* Access to care barriers and poverty is ever present within this region. There are more than 170,000 uninsured individuals in Northern Virginia. In south Fairfax County, almost half of the residents are considered "the working poor" — for a family of four that means an income of \$47,700 or less.

for that facility, Neighborhood Health needs community support. For more information, to become a patient, or to donate, see www.neighborhoodhealthva.org and campaigndirector@neighborhood healthva.org.

#### **SPORTS**

# Wakefield Hosts Potomac Falls in 5A North Playoffs

#### Warriors win first conference championship in program history.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Wakefield football program's list of recent accomplishments continues to grow.

Wakefield won the first regular-season conference championship in program history this season, securing the Conference 13 title with Friday's 50-18 victory over Lee at Wakefield High School.

The Warriors also improved their record to 8-2 and extended their win streak to eight games. The eight regular-season victories are the most for Wakefield since 1964, and the Warriors posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1982-1983, according to Wakefield historian Frank Had-

The Warriors produced nine first-team allconference selections, including Offensive Player of the Year Leon Young, the team's standout senior running back.

While the team and individual accomplishments pile up for Wakefield, head coach Wayne Hogwood is all about getting the Warriors to focus on the task at hand.

Wakefield earned the No. 8 seed in the 5A North region via tiebreaker and will host No. 9 Potomac Falls (7-3) in the opening round of the playoffs at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13. The two teams met in the first round of last season's 5A North playoffs, with the Warriors winning 25-18 in Arlington. It was the first home playoff game and first playoff victory in Wakefield football history.

"We came in, I announced which guys received all-conference votes," Hogwood



Sophomore quarterback Colton Poythress and the Wakefield football team will host Potomac Falls at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 in the 5A North region playoffs.

back and then we forgot about it."

While Wakefield is familiar with Potomac Falls, the fact the Warriors beat the Panthers last season can work against Wakefield, Hogwood said.

"The [advantage] goes to the team that lost because they have a chip on their shoulder," Hogwood said. "We've stressed the last two days that this is not last year. ... [We can't just] show up and beat them because we did it in the past."

WAKEFIELD AND POTOMAC FALLS

said, "we clapped, gave them a pat on the each lost to Broad Run this season, and both teams defeated Falls Church, Marshall, Stuart and Edison.

> While running back Young is the leader of the Wakefield offense, the performance of sophomore quarterback Colton Poythress will likely have a significant impact on whether the Warriors experience postseason

> "[Poythress' performance is] going to be huge because at this point in the year, there are no secrets," Hogwood said. "Everyone knows we have Leon Young and we're decent up front. Teams take away [oppo

nents'] 'A' game. That's what we do. ... [Poythress is] going to have to play a huge part as far as not turning the ball over ... keeping the team under control and completing some passes and getting some big first down when we need it."

Poythress completed 5 of 7 passes for 138 yards and four touchdowns against Lee. Young carried 18 times for 277 yards and two touchdowns.

Wakefield's first-team all-conference selections include: Young, center Miles Kerby, guard Ryan Jones, tackle Julius Johnson, defensive linemen Anthony Tham, Maurice Gaskins and George Brooks, and linebackers Kevin Greenwell and Chris Robertson.

The winner of Wakefield/Potomac Falls will face the winner of No. 1 Massaponax and No. 16 Halifax County.

#### Washington-Lee To Face Westfield In Playoffs

The Washington-Lee football team closed the regular season on a positive note by winning four of its final five games, including a 27-7 road victory over rival Yorktown on Nov. 6.

Now, the Generals face the tough task of traveling to Westfield for a playoff game.

Washington-Lee (5-5) is the No. 14 seed entering the 6A North region playoffs and will travel to face No. 3 Westfield (9-1) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13. The two teams met on Sept. 3, with the Bulldogs beating the Generals 30-10.

The winner of the game will face the winner of No. 7 Battlefield and No. 10 Hayfield in the quarterfinals.

PEOPLE

# 20 Students Participate in Young Entrepreneurs Program

he Arlington Chamber of Commerce kicked off the 2015-2016 academic year of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) on Wednesday, Oct. 28 with a parent and student orientation.

Twenty middle and high school students with entrepreneurial spirit will be participating the program. These students range in age from 11-18 years old and represent schools from across the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. A competitive application process required students to complete an essay, write responses to short answer questions, submit their school transcripts and a reference, and participate in an in-person interview prior to acceptance into the program."We look forward to seeing what these students will accomplish this year with the help of our dedicated membership," said Kate Roche, president and CEO of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. "YEA! offers numerous opportunities for business leaders to share their experience and talents with these budding entrepreneurs, providing the students with high level professional mentoring while building their entrepreneurial spirit."

Classes will be held at Marymount University and instructed by Charlie Sibbald, Adjunct Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship at Marymount University. Throughout the year students will work with local business leaders, community leaders and educators who use their personal experiences to demonstrate how to develop business ideas and objectives, write a business plan, pitch to investors, obtain funding, register with government agencies, establish e-commerce and a web presence, and more. By the end of the 28-week class, students own and businesses.



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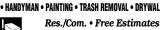
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Instory, philosophy, physics, and biographies, John could expound on nearly any subject, be it Aristotle's "Poetics," black holes, or why your car's making that weird noise. He loved pushing not only his mind, but also his body and took up running and biking. He ran several marathons, including the Marine Corps Marathon, finished triathlons, and jogged religiously with his best friends Jay and Neil every weekend for over 20 years by Fletcher's boathouse. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening (caring for plants over 40

years old), collecting Native American pottery, and passion ately cheering on his favorite team, the Ohio State Buckeyes John loved animals and always had one or two canine com panions by his side at home or at the office. A loyal and devoted father, he treasured above all else his relation

ship with his two daughters, Honora and Eliza. John is sur vived by his daughters Eliza Talbott and Honora Talbott; his sister Patricia and husband James; niece Jennifer and husband Kevin; nephew James and wife Echo, and four grandnieces. A memorial service will be announced at a later date next spring. For now, in remembrance of John and his love of animals, we invite people to donate to the Washing on Animal Rescue League or any animal rescue of

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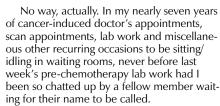


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#### Small Talk in a Big Way

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



The circumstances were not particularly unique; it's not as if there was a two-forone/half-price special that day. It was just another day - not in paradise, at the lab, of which I've had my share. It was crowded this day and because of seat non-availability, I was forced to sit up close and personal between two other patients. We weren't exactly touching one another, but there was some proximity that had the room been less occupied, there likely would have been fewer eyes making contact.

Before I had even completed my halfturn, "bassackwards" descent into my single chair, the self-described grandmother and church-goer to my standing right/sitting left said to me - quite unsolicited I might add, with zero provocation from yours truly: "Look outside!" After landing in my chair, I craned my neck back around to "look," anticipating an incident/accident of some kind. Instead, I saw blue skies and a bright shiny sun, and said as much to my new temporary neighbor and then asked if I was missing something. She said "No." And then elaborated on how it was a beautiful day and how such days make her so happy and yada, yada, yada, yada, yada. (It didn't stop there, if you catch my prose.)

Apparently noticing my rather cool (not hip) demeanor in not responding to her observation/opinion, she started on the man immediately sitting to her left. He was from Ethiopia. Oh. The pastor at her church was from Ethiopia and the congregation used to be old but now thanks to him ..., and on and on and on; fortunately not directed at me, but obviously within earshot. Soon however, his name was called and his seat remained unoccupied long enough for grandma to return her conversation back to me and begin to recount the information about the man with whom she had just been conversing: Ethiopian, a pastor, his young wife, their young children, the congregation; and on and on and on. Again, my lack of enthusiasm was likely evident in my barely audible responses to her comments and before too long, the vacated seat to her left was taken by a mother and her nine-month-old baby girl. Sure enough, the conversation soon left me and went over to the mother and her "beautiful baby." Within a few short minutes (in time), my neighbor's name was called (mercifully) and off she went into the lab. As she pulled open the door, she turned back to me, waived and smiled. I smiled back and said: "Break a leg." To which she responded something like: "Oh. You never want to...," but I had lost my focus and she was practically through the door into the lab and no more was there time and place to listen. Thankfully, the exchange, such as it was, was over (and she had just started asking about my job, too; what next? What was I in for?) I don't want to sound like Humphrey Bogart from Casablanca here, but: Of all the hospital waiting areas, of all the HMO waiting rooms, of all the labs, of all the clinics, she had to walk into mine. Don't let this play out again, Sam; it was an intrusion of sorts. Wellintended, I presume, and perhaps a little nervous energy at play; but as Kenny Rogers would say/sing: "You got to know when to fold 'em, know when to hold 'em."

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

# Supporting Those in Need

UnitedHealthcare representatives attending the 2015 National Association of Medicaid Directors Conference in Arlington on Tuesday, Nov. 3, assembled and donated 1,000 backpack care kits to D.C.-area organizations helping the homeless and those in need, including Goodwill of Greater Washington, Volunteers of America Chesapeake and Unity Health Care. Each kit includes items to help individuals stay healthy through the winter, including socks, hygiene kits, bandages, antibiotic ointment, granola bars and more.

The backpack kit donation is a part of UnitedHealthcare's ongoing effort to fight food insecurity and support those in need in the D.C.-area and across the state.



Sue Schick, chief growth officer, **UnitedHealthcare Community &** State and Catherine Anderson, vice president State Programs, **UnitedHealthcare Community &** State help assemble 1,000 backpack care packages.



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