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Founder of Group Awed by Growth of Her 'Squad'

Ever-growing network of friends.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON
THE CONNECTION

When Arlington resident Jessica Lehman first moved to the D.C.-metropolitan area from New Orleans last fall, she never expected that making friends would be a challenge. Having spent nearly 10 years in the perhaps friendlier state of Louisiana, Lehman said she never had trouble finding female peers to bond with. Where college, law school and even rigorous law firm life didn't pose challenges to amassing friends, her move last year to Arlington surprisingly did.

After what she said was close to three months of spending her time outside of the office with either her two dogs or her boyfriend, Lehman had enough. In early February of this year, Lehman took matters into her own hands and formed her own group, "Your New Girl Squad," through the online business Meetup, which allows for the online creation and coordination of networking and other social groups.

Where Lehman hoped to identify at least a handful of other young women in her situation, the group's membership has grown



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Membership of "Your New Girl Squad" has grown to about 275 women since February.

to about 275 women in their 20s and 30s.

"Three months was a long time to go without making friends," said Lehman, who currently works for a government contractor and either works from home or at the Pentagon. "Working with a bunch of older male service members, who are amazing to have as coworkers, just wasn't conducive to a girl squad. I went on Meetup at first looking for other groups to join, but I had ideas for certain events I wanted to plan. I went ahead and started my own. That's how 'Your New Girl Squad,' came about, whose name is an homage to Taylor Swift, by the way."

She made the group requirements broad, allowing all women between the ages of 22 and 35 eligible. Beyond that, membership is open and free for any young female looking for new people to meet and open to different activities with local female counterparts.

"We have single women, married ones and moms," Lehman said. "While most of the group is transplants, there are also locals too. I made this very inclusive. The goal for me when I started this group was to find meaningful friendships with other girls."

The first meeting of Lehman's group was Feb. 11 at Arlington's Sehkraft Brewing, where the founder arrived 15 minutes early

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Along the Corridor

New retail and commercial spaces fill Rosslyn and Ballston.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Indoor-outdoor dining is the new trend, according to Rosslyn BID President Mary-Claire Burick.

"The outdoor dining and mixed use is very popular," said Burick, noting Kona Grill's indoor-outdoor bar and Bistro 360, two restaurants that moved into the Rosslyn area in 2014 and set the trend.

At 1600 Wilson, Barley Mac is set to open soon. A year after the Italian American restaurant from the owners of A-Town Bar in Ballston and Don Tito in Clarendon was announced, Burick said the new upscale restaurant is expected to open shortly, though the exact date was indefinite. Like Kona Grill and Bistro 360, Barley Mac will feature an 80-100 indoor-outdoor dining space.

In mid-May, the Pancho Villa regional Mexican restaurant chain is expected to move into 1850 N. Fort Meyer Drive.

Additions to Rosslyn's restaurant retail within the last year include Rolls By U, a sushi restaurant at 1713 Wilson Blvd that specializes in burrito-sized sushi rolls, a Potbelly Sandwich Shop at 1735 N. Lynn Street and the adjacent Wiseguy NY Pizza also at 1735 N. Lynn Street.

The big restaurant addition in 2015 was District Taco, a brick and mortar homecoming story for the chain that started in Rosslyn



The Green Turtle in Ballston, soon to become an Applebee's.

as a food truck in 2009. In 2015, both District Taco and Target moved into the 1500 Wilson Blvd block. Since its opening, Burick said that Target came into Rosslyn with one demographic in mind but found that their main clientele was an entirely different one.

"We're starting to see a residential increase in Rosslyn, and that's having an impact on the retail in the neighborhood," said Burick. "What we're hearing from Target is that residents use it between 6 and 8 p.m., making it their most busy time. Their

thought was it would be used most during the day with the employee population, but their busiest time is in the evening when the residents show up. The interesting thing about the Target concept is

being more flexible in products based on what is selling, and they're finding that family products, like baby items, are doing quite well. When you start to see that transformation happens with bringing more resi-

dents in, it helps the retail. It's circular."

BALLSTON

Cheesetique, the Northern Virginia wine and cheese chain, is opening its third location at 800 N. Glebe Road in Ballston within the next few months. Within the same building, a new Total Wine is also preparing to open around the same time, the first in Arlington.

9Round, a kickboxing gym, opened in November 2015 at 927 N. Quincy St, between the Ballston and Virginia Square metro stations. The national gym chain focuses around 30-minute high-intensity programs.

New development in the region is starting to slowly push out the sports bar nightlife. The Green Turtle at 900 N Glebe Road is now closed, with plans to be replaced by an Applebee's by the start of summer. The regional sports bar chain struggled to fill its oversized venue, now leaving five

remaining Green Turtles across D.C. and Northern Virginia. Ballston BID CEO Tina Leone said she recognized concerns about the generic national chain replacing the regional restaurant, but said it was a natural and expected piece of Ballston's transformation.

"We heard a lot of people say it doesn't fit in, but we also have a lot of families around us," said Leone. "It's quickly turning into a place for single family homes, and [Applebee's] is really going to serve a greater portion of our demographics. National retailers and markets want to be here, and you can't fault a landlord to say 'I'm going to fill this space with a retailer I know is going to be successful.' There's a push and pull. As these places evolve, you're going to have more national retailers that want to move in."

Carpool, a nearby iconic local bar built out of an old garage at 4000 Fairfax Drive, is being pushed out of its current location to be replaced with a 22-story apartment building. Leone said



Carpool, a Ballston sports bar soon to be redeveloped.

the owners are still looking for other places to move to, but that closure of the current location could take place within the next few months.

However, Leone emphasized that Ballston will continue to have opportunities for smaller, independent businesses as the BID redevelops the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor, an "urban village" redesign of the developments adjacent to the Metro stations currently in the planning stages.

County Board Passes Budget Mostly as Proposed

Affordable Housing Investment Fund gets boost from 2016 leftovers.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Between the County Manager Mark Schwartz's budget proposal in February and the final adoption on April 19, little had changed. Surprisingly little, according to Budget Director Richard Stephenson. The tax rate is still being reduced half a penny, but Arlington homeowners will still see an average 2.8 percent increase in their residential real estate assessments. On average, the tax and fee burden will increase from \$7,640 to \$7,829, an average increase of \$16 per month or \$189 for the year.

The main topic of contention at the April 19 County Board meeting was mild disagreement over a statement in the budget that implied the school budget was being

fully funded. For the schools, the County Board approved the \$464.5 million in ongoing funding with an additional \$2.5 million in one-time funding, roughly \$2 million increase from the County Manager's proposed budget.

"For them to read that we gave them more money than they asked for will not be interpreted well," said County Board Member Jay Fisette, and the offending line was removed.

But the biggest changes to the budget were \$1.5 million in funding for economic development and \$1.2 million in funding for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. Stephenson said the funding for the budget additions came from mid-year estimates on revenues and expenses that occurred after the County Manager's budget proposal, bringing in additional monies carries over from the 2016 budget.



Staff and the Arlington County Board met on Feb. 18 to receive FY 2017 budget proposal.

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"The assessment numbers come back in January and show growth, but other tax sources are adjusted up in aggregate," said Stephenson. "Mid-year and third quarter

analysis is a pretty routine process."

The final step in the fiscal year 2017 budget process will be the School Board's budget approval on May 5.

Responding to Teen Sex Trafficking

Comprehensive approach seeks to educate teens.

This story is part of a series that is focusing on child sex trafficking in Northern Virginia.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

In 2012 Fairfax County Detective William Woolf discovered a 16-year-old girl being prostituted by the MS-13 gang. At the time there was little recognition that the problem existed locally. The girl was recovered and since then Woolf has interviewed 300 recovered victims, some as young as 12-years old. After the initial shock, Northern Virginia businesses, faith communities and educational groups sought to understand the extent of the problem.

While Woolf says there is evidence of teen sex trafficking in every high school in Fairfax County, Arlington County Police detective Danny Ohr says that in his 11 years with Arlington County he has never seen a case of teen sex trafficking. Senior Public Safety Information Officer Crystal Nosal of the Alexandria Police Department reports only three cases of teen sex trafficking in the last three years.

The solutions to teen sex trafficking involve education, prevention, law enforcement and rehabilitation. "I believe education is the key," Woolf said. "We want to stress prevention so it doesn't get to the law enforcement stage." To further this goal, Woolf, in his previous role as the only human trafficking detective in Northern Virginia, trained law enforcement officers to recognize the signs of human trafficking, serves as chairman of Just Ask, an organization established to educate and prevent teen trafficking and has worked with the school system to incorporate lessons on human trafficking into the middle and high school curricula in Fairfax County.

Elizabeth Payne, coordinator for Health, Family Life Education and Physical Educa-

tion for Fairfax County said, "The human trafficking court cases started breaking in 2012 and involved so many of our students. The court cases just kept coming. We had to act. We had to ask what did we have in place. As a result, a new curriculum was designed for grades 6-12 grades that incorporated human trafficking into the regular lessons. It involved getting school counselors and resource officers up to speed. We had to train school psychologists. All of this snowballed." In addition, "we had to get over the shock and the myth that it doesn't happen here."

In the summer of 2013, a video was produced to examine the issues and detail the trafficking recruitment process. In March 2014, the new lessons were completed. Payne said all schools were required to have a preview night for parents where the new program was introduced. "Sex trafficking is embedded in the lessons about abuse and community safety," she said. Some parents, mostly of sixth graders, she said, reacted with "My child is too young for this, it isn't happening here, or my child doesn't need to know this." When staff explained the time between 6th-7th grade is when the students gain more independence and may be left at the mall for an hour or two, the message seemed to reach the parents.

The process involves a letter sent home about what the child learned that day with a link for parents. Payne said parents can opt their child out of a particular session or all of it. Last year, out of 13,600 children only 5.5 percent of sixth grade parents opted out, with 1.4 percent of seventh grade parents and .7 percent of 8th grade parents.

Payne said the system is starting to yield results. She said she spoke recently to five middle school girls who had run away and were at high risk. "They said no, no, no problems to me but as soon as I left it was reported to me they started talking about their concern about friends. There is a lot of shame associated with this and the trafficker may have threatened them. But we are finding sometimes they will go to a trusted adult at school," she said.

Arlington Public Schools updated its curriculum last year according to Deborah DeFranco, supervisor of Arlington County Public Schools Health, Physical and Driver Education & Athletics. "Arlington Public Schools has specific health units on human trafficking in grades 7-10. Since it is part of the PE curriculum instead of Family Life, we didn't go through the same procedure as Fairfax County of parental notification — the opt out option and community input. We know sex trafficking is out there and we wanted to get out ahead of the problem. There are so many myths out there; we wanted to give the students facts," she said.

In addition, DeFranco is participating in the Northern Virginia Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. The result of the group's work will be updated and incorporated into these units of study. "It is close by," she said. "We know it is happening locally in south Arlington."



PHOTOS BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

Elizabeth Payne, coordinator for Health, Family Life Education and Physical Education for Fairfax County Public Schools reviews online the new curriculum designed for grades 6-12 grades that incorporates human trafficking into the regular lessons. "The teen sex trafficking court cases just kept coming; we knew we had to act," she said.

She said they had members of the Arlington police gang task force talk to the teachers last spring about known incidents, arrest and inquiries in Arlington. DeFranco added, "We are working on sexual violence prevention. When a child comes to report, they can experience double victimization and we need to be aware of that to avoid it happening. I feel that Arlington Public Schools is ahead of the curve trying to bring awareness, education and prevention skills to keep kids safe from this dangerous trend in the secondary health curriculum."

Education can take place in many different ways.

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, who was involved in the enactment of legislation increasing penalties for trafficking while serving in the Virginia state legislature, said, "I try to inject this information wherever I am. You realize it is going on in your community so if you drive up to a hotel and see some creepy dude with three girls, start talking to them. What's your team or some conversation. You get vibes."

Chris Davies, supervisor of Counseling Services for Fairfax County remembers a story of someone who saw an older man drop a pick-up line on two young girls in a mall. After the man left, the person went over and told the girls what he had heard. He gave them the Just Ask website and the

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) human trafficking hotline (1-800-THE-LOST) in case they thought they might have been approached for sex trafficking.

"The community needs to know what to look for as part of the solution," Davies said. "And the community also needs to change their own biases about who we might see as a prostitute."

Beth Saunders approaches it from the business community. Saunders is president of Just Ask, a non-profit that was created specifically to work in Northern Virginia on education and prevention of teen sex trafficking. Saunders says the organization is broken up into sectors managed by volunteers and she is in charge of the business sector. "This is important because many of these kids' parents work in businesses. They can update their employees on the facts about trafficking."

Just Ask also has board members responsible for outreach to schools, churches and law enforcement. "When I was growing up the boogey man was tangible, something I could see. But now it is intangible with teenagers trusting what they share on the internet with no idea there are bad motives," Saunders said.

She emphasized, "The thing that matters for an organization like ours is hard core data like we got from Detective Woolf in law enforcement. People don't care what we think; actions have to be based on facts, statistics."

Woolf says churches also play a role in education because "it is also a morality issue and we're not educating kids on what sex is."

Deepa Patel, director of Trauma and Hope in Springfield, says sexual normalization is a huge problem: "It's OK for girls to wear skimpy outfits and they slap each other on the butt which is perfectly acceptable for them. Rappers talk about money, sex and power as the three things you need and pimps on TV are glamorized."

Michelle Knight, Social Justice and Outreach Minister for Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Arlington, says the church had a program Feb. 12 focusing on sex trafficking because churches have a responsibility. "We want to raise awareness, and it is a much bigger problem around here than most people think. I don't know if we are doing enough but we should be letting our youth know so that they can ask each other what's going on." She said that churches teach respect and dignity — that each person is special and loved by God and it gives less of a need to respond to the traffickers.

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— Beth Saunders, President, Just Ask



Chris Davies, supervisor of Counseling Services for the County of Fairfax, says there is a long way to go with this issue but he sees much more coordination than several years ago: "It is important to know where we have found success."

News



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Potomac Watershed Cleanup

Justin Hynicka wades through the slippery rocks in the Potomac River on April 23 to pick up refuse as part of Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment participation in the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Unless the rain gets heavier, his group will spend a couple of hours on the Potomac Heritage Trail that begins at Chain Bridge.



From left: Janah Putnam, Krissy Hopkins and Justin Hynicka head out on the Potomac Heritage Trail Saturday morning during a light rain with large yellow bags that they fill with a can, plastic bags, a remote control, netting and cable "and whatever else they find along the way." Joslin Gallatin, program coordinator at Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment, says sometimes they find grocery carts or computers. This is the 30th year for the Potomac Watershed cleanup that will involve 500 volunteers during the month of April.

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OPINION

More Voters Might Not Mean Much More Voting

Last week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D) restored the voting and civil rights of more than 200,000 Virginians who were convicted of felonies, served their time and completed any supervised release, parole or probation requirements.

This moves Virginia into the mainstream; only 10 states have more restrictive policies about voting for people who have been convicted of felonies. Previously, Virginia had been one of the most restrictive states in terms of restoring voting rights. Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

While some claim partisan motivation, with most of those affected presumed to be Democrats, getting these men and women registered to vote and to the polls is unlikely to result in 100,000 new voters in November. Studies show that people who were previously convicted of felonies who are eligible to vote register and vote at lower levels than the general population, according to the New York Times <http://nyti.ms/26kNrS2>, with a registration rate of around 30 percent and about 20 percent actually voting, although some suggest voting rates of between 10-15 percent. If, as the studies suggest, 55 percent of those would vote Demo-

cratic, then likely new Democratic voters would be around 22,000.

While that's a lot less than 200,000, it's also more than the margin of victory in quite a few statewide races. Consider that Attorney General Mark Herring (D) won his race by about 900 votes out of more than 2 million cast. These new voters could have an impact on statewide races.

Districts for members of Virginia's General Assembly are so gerrymandered, it's hard to imagine that the impact of these new voters will be huge in terms of local representation.

In a Democracy, it's better when more people vote.

McAuliffe said: "If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance. We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Again, this action brings Virginia into line with 39 other states, with more than 20 states having less restrictive policies. For example, on Feb. 9, 2016, the Maryland General Assembly overrode the Governor's veto and restored the vote to all convicted felons immediately upon their release from prison. Previ-

Governor's action brings Virginia in line with 39 other states.

ously, people convicted felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote. In Virginia, such individuals have to complete their term of incarceration and their term of probation or parole before voting rights are restored.

— MARY KIMM

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Veto Session Keeps Virginia in Mainstream

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

Every April, the General Assembly returns to Richmond for a one-day "veto session." This is when we vote on Governor McAuliffe's amendments to bills — and his vetoes of bills — that passed during our regular winter session. We accept or reject the amendments, and sustain or override the vetoes; then, as citizen legislators, we return to our communities. For the rest of the year, much of our work happens not in Richmond, but closer to home.

This year, with Republican majorities in both the House and Senate, many bad bills reached the Governor's desk. As a result, we had 24 vetoes to consider. One measure sought to deny Planned Parenthood critical funding that is used for cancer exams, STD screenings and birth control services; others would have delayed our efforts to address climate change. A particularly harmful piece of legislation would have revoked localities' ability to mandate fair wages in public contracts. Alexandria has required decent pay in contracts for 15 years, and the city has prospered. This measure would have lowered wages and made our hardworking friends and neighbors less secure — to no apparent purpose. New Sen. Jeremy McPike (D – Prince William) noted that Virginia is focused on attracting new high-paying jobs, yet this bill would have forced lower pay for many maintenance and janitorial staff.

I would prefer that these bills had never been introduced — but under the circumstances, I'm proud to say that I and my colleagues upheld every one of Gov. McAuliffe's vetoes. I'm especially pleased about two bills, in particular.

Sen. Tom Garrett's (R – Louisa) SB270 would have barred local law enforcement from releasing anyone who is subject to a federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer, "provided that no alien may be held in custody in excess of the date that he would otherwise be released."

This bill would have sent a deeply unwelcoming message to immigrants who are already an important part of our communities. Worse, it could have caused the kind of fearful silence — the kind of mistrust between citizens and law enforcement — that makes everyone less safe.

Sen. Bill Carrico's (R – Grayson) SB41 was also deeply troubling: it would have allowed

religiously-affiliated businesses to discriminate against LGBT couples based on a "sincerely held religious belief" that marriage equality is wrong. Like SB270, this measure would have done terrible harm to our communities, giving some Virginians license to discriminate against others under the false guise of religious freedom.

I spoke against both bills on the floor, and was glad to see them both fail. I'm hopeful that next year their patrons will take heed and focus on better ideas that will move Virginia forward and stimulate economic growth.

Please share your thoughts on legislation and other state-related matters with me by emailing district30@senate.virginia.gov. You can also follow me on Twitter (@AdamEbbin) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign).

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PEOPLE

'Your New Girl Squad' Membership Grows Rapidly

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and spent each moment wondering if anyone would actually arrive for the meet up.

"It turned out that 10 to 11 people showed up," she said. "I would say of those first core members, we have only lost touch with one or two. As pioneers, we still regularly keep in touch with each other. We got along so well we made plans that very night for Valentine's Day."

The momentum has continued, with the help of Lehman's co-organizer and fellow Arlington resident, Marla Marcelo. Marcelo was the first one to show up at the first meeting and has since taken on the role of co-organizer.

Every week since Feb. 11 has involved multiple meet ups. Depending on the activity, attendance is limited and wait lists are a must. Dinners, for example, just get overwhelming and complicated if

more than eight to 10 people are sitting at the table. There is no preference or priority when it comes to attendees, either. It's all about who signs up first, so cliques just don't happen.

"We like to keep each event relatively

small for logistical reasons and so everyone can enjoy quality time too," Lehman said.

The strategy seems to have worked. Since its initial meeting, Your New Girl Squad's calendar hasn't had an off week.

"We've had 32 meet ups since Feb. 11, so that averages to twice a week or more," Marcelo said. "We have a lot of events coming up — barre classes, baseball games and hikes. One of the bigger events we have coming up is a potluck, the first event we have opened to guests, significant others and even dogs."

Unlike Lehman, Marcelo had tried different groups on Meetup before Your New Girl Squad, but she said that there is just some-

thing special about this one.

"This group has been different," she said. "I like the smaller group settings because they are more interesting,

intimate. The other groups I've seen on Meet Up might not meet as much or are perhaps more happy hour focused. We love a good happy hour, but we are just more varied."

Lehman said that finding a balance has been important as the group has grown,

adding that "we try to have as many physical activities as we do food activities."

To keep the multiplying membership organized, Lehman has to run the group somewhat like a business, assigning different responsibilities and certain event coordination duties to applicable members.

"We appoint event organizers and give them the reins on what they know most and are passionate about," Lehman said. "We have about eight organizers that head up the events within their category. Overall, though, there's no overarching theme to the group. If we feel like making an event, we just do."

All the organization is done online through the official Meet Up website. Lehman encourages young women in the D.C.-area to look at the group online, join it and sign up for an event. Membership is free so the only costs are for the activity or the meal.

"Ours is definitely one of the most active groups in the area," Lehman, who covers all the administrative costs of being part of Meetup, said. "Almost all our members are active, and we have such frequent events, which the organizers keep control of. Because there are attendance limits on some of the gatherings, we always try to have a lot of events going on. Even I can't be at all of them."

Details

To learn more about and sign up for Your New Girl Squad, go online to www.meetup.com/Your-New-Girl-Squad or visit www.facebook.com/YourNewGirlSquadDC.

Fresh off a mountain weekend in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., Marcelo also promised there will be plenty of outdoor activities with the warm weather — including a beach trip.

Lehman said she still can't believe how big Your New Girl Squad has become in less than three months. "I'm shocked by how much the group has grown," she said. "I still remember having no members for four days because of the time it takes Meetup to conduct its approval process. Now, I want membership to keep growing so that I can seek business sponsorships. That would allow us to have more members at events, and could lead to group discounts at certain restaurants or workout studios."

Lehman added that another goal for Your New Girl Squad is to offer more free activities. "I know that dinners and such can be expensive, so I want to find more thrifty ways for us to spend time together," she said. "Of all the cities, it will definitely be possible to do this more regularly here in D.C."

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ONGOING

Sci-Fi Book Club. Third Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at Java Shack, 2507 N. Franklin Road. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us.

Spark Fitness. Fridays in April, 6:30 p.m. at 2121 Crystal Drive. The 5K Fridays race route is flat and fast traveling through the heart of Crystal City along Crystal Drive and up past Long Bridge Park, the County's newest regional park. Runners will pass the Boeing Company's regional headquarters, this year's event sponsor. After the race, runners can stick around for a collection of area bar and restaurant specials exclusively for runners. Registration is \$20 per race, \$75 for the entire series. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Accepting Talent Applications. Through April 28. Arlington's Got Talent is a showcase (taking place on June 28) featuring local singers, dancers, comedians, and more. Visit www.leadercenter.com/arlingtonsgot-talent to apply.

Films on Israel/Palestine. Sundays through May 1, 2:30-4 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. A film series exploring the complex and emotional issues preventing peace in Israel/Palestine will be presented. Free. Call 703-524-7630 for more.

The Mystery of Love and Sex. Through May 8, various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Playwright Bathsbea Doran returns to Signature with a play exploring intimacy and identity. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Exhibit: "Singing in the Rain." Through May 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Fiber art inspired by songs from movies. Whether for self or gifts, jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Zumba. Wednesdays through May 25, 6-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Sessions will be led by a professional instructor with a studio in Arlington. The registration fee is \$20 for all five classes. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

Spring SOLOS 2016. Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center announces its Spring SOLOS 2016 artists. Following a call in early 2015, jurors Melissa Ho, Assistant Curator at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C., and Chicago-based artist, Jefferson Pinder, recommended 14 artists for inclusion in center's 2015-16 cohort of SOLOS artists. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

Exhibit: "As You Spread, I am Erased." Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Hedieh Javanshir Ilchi explores the notion of "duality," to comprehend her cultural identity as an Iranian-American immigrant and the complexities that emanate from such cultural experiences. Her paintings reflect an interest in the fusion of Western abstraction and Persian Art, with an emphasis on the ornamentations of "Tazhib," or the art of illumination. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

more.
Exhibit: "Emerging Artists of Vacation Lane." Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. This exhibition features works by a group of six high school seniors: Agnes Cheng, Nathan Dobbins, Nana Gongadze, Salome Gongadze, Marie Johnson and Evan McLean, students in the AP art class at H-B Woodlawn Secondary Program. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

Exhibit: "Jeweled Traditions." Through June 12, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Paper-cut scenes depict rituals of local families as remembered and enacted by Melanie Kehoss' summer campers at Arlington Arts Center during the summer of 2015. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

Call for Entry: The Athenaeum Invitational 2016. Through Aug. 28. The theme asks artists to reflect on a moment of pure joy. It is inspired by the Lewis and Clark's expedition across the uncharted North American continent to reach the Pacific Ocean. After a two-year trek, William Lewis crested a hill, saw the vast body of water and cried, "The Ocean in view. Oh! The joy!" The entry fee is \$35. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Ball Sellers House. Saturdays, April-Oct., 1-4 p.m. at Ball Sellers House, 5620 3rd St., S. The Ball-Sellers House, the oldest building in Arlington County is open to the public for tours. The house was built around 1742 by John Ball and named the Ball-Sellers House to honor both the builder and the donor. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 27

Lawn Chair Talk. 6-8 p.m. at the Tiffany Gallery at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Pairing one artist and one entrepreneur to discuss their personal journey and best practices, each will speak for a half hour followed by a Q&A with both speakers. Free, but registration required. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

THURSDAY/APRIL 28

Portfolio in Motion Premier Night. 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Bente Lee Center – Marymount University, 2807 N. Glebe Road. Marymount University's annual student fashion show. This year's show is themed "Checked In," a nod toward the glamour of a classic hotel. With mother/daughter dressing, evening wear, men's wear and highlighting the work of graduating seniors, who focus on signature sportswear, daytime and cocktail dresses. Tickets are \$50. Visit www.marymount.edu/PIM for more.

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. The store welcomes two award-nominated Pittsburgh-based mystery authors: Joyce Tremel (Brewing Trouble series) and Annette Dashofy (Zoe Chambers series). Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 28-30

Washington Lee High: "Dark of the Moon." 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday at Washington-Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. Washington-Lee High School theater department performs a revival of the drama "Dark of the Moon." "Dark of the Moon" centers on the character of John, a witch boy who seeks to become human after falling in love



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'Mystery of Love & Sex' Runs at Signature Until May 8

The D.C. premiere of "The Mystery of Love & Sex" written by Bathsbea Doran (of Showtime's "Masters of Sex") and directed by Stella Powell-Jones will complete its run at Signature Theatre on May 8. Performances run Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at \$40. Call 703-820-9771 or visit www.sigtheatre.org.

with a human girl, Barbara Allen. Tickets are \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit wltheater.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=5180.

APRIL 28-MAY 1

George Mason Used Book Sale. 3-9 p.m. Thursday. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Mason District Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Find books and videogames for sale. Free to attend. Visit www.georgemasonfriends.blogspot.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 29

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. New York Botanical Gardens instructor and author Marta McDowell shares from "All the Presidents' Gardens: Madison's Cabbages to Kennedy's Roses, How the White House Grounds Have Grown with America." Free. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for more.

Concert: "Joys of Spring." 8-10 p.m. at Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra will present "Joys of Spring", a night of Spring-influenced compositions by popular composers, under the direction of Christopher Johnston. Tickets are \$15. Email reunionmusicsociety@gmail.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/APRIL 29-30

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wear, men's wear and highlighting the work of graduating seniors, who focus on signature sportswear, daytime and cocktail dresses. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Visit www.marymount.edu/PIM for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 30

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Clarendon United Methodist Church, 606 N. Irving St. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Kiwanis ELIMINATE Project (in partnership with UNICEF), working worldwide to protect the lives of more than 100 million mothers and their future babies by providing tetanus immunization. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children (5-10 years), and free for children under 5 with paying adult. Visit www.arlingtonvakiwanis.com.

Boundary Stone Bike Tour. 9:15 a.m. at entrance to East Falls Church Metro Station. Bike for 35 Miles Visiting Boundary Stones and Parks. See 12 historic D.C. boundary stones in Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax County. Free for Center Hiking Club members, \$2 for non-members. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more.

Naturalist Guided Trail Sniff. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 N. Marcey Road. Explore the trails with your dog at Potomac Overlook Regional Park with a naturalist for a fun hike. Learn about wildlife a dog might encounter in the park, and many of the scents that attract and interest canines. Adults only. Free. Use code #632946-B at park.arlingtonva.us to register.

Native Plant = Garden Success. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center,

625 S. Carlin Springs Road. See native plants accustomed to local climate and wildlife (including deer). Free. Call 703-228-6535 for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 1

Glencarlyn Library Community Garden Plant Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 300 S. Kensington St. Native plants, tropicals, trees, herbs, ferns, perennials, shrubs and annuals propagated from the garden and from Country Gardens Nursery. VCE Master Gardeners, who maintain the community garden as a demonstration garden, will be on hand to help with plant selection and answer garden-related questions. Free to attend. Visit mgmv.org for more.

Yoga Session. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Verizon Plaza, 1320 N. Courthouse Road. Celebrate National Sculpture with Yoga instructor/artist Lisa Marie Thalhammer. Focused on "Untitled" by artist Kendall Buster. Buster describes her sculptures as "drawings in space," referring to the open armature design that permits people to see through the structures. Free. Visit www.arlingtonva.us for more.

Organic Vegetable Demonstration Garden Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Regional Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Master Gardeners will be in the garden to answer questions, discuss growing vegetables in the Northern Virginia area, and chat about such things as composting and protecting the garden against insects and animals. There will be information and demonstrations about all aspects of vegetable gardening, such as getting started, gardening in raised beds, soil testing, soil preparation, and planting times. Free. Visit mgmv.org for more.

Sniffing and Listening. 2-3 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608

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Military Road. (Dogs sense the world differently than we do. Acute hearing and sensitive noses give canines access to stimuli that we cannot sense. Bring your dog along on this naturalist-led hike and see the world through a wild canine's senses. Adults only. Free. Call 703-228-3403.

Arlington Academy of Hope Thank You Picnic. 4:30-8 p.m. at Lyon Park Community Center, 414 N. Fillmore St. Find BBQ, beer, margaritas, music, and more. Free, drinks not included. RSVP before April 29 to jvswillis@comcast.net or joyce.wanda@gmail.com.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church, 4444 Arlington Blvd. National touring singer-songwriter and master guitarist Jack Williams is playing a show in Arlington as part of the Stone Room Concert Series. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.stonerroomconcerts.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 3

Appreciation for Our Ladies Luncheon.

11:45 a.m. at Washington Golf and Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. At the second annual luncheon hosted by the Arlington Host Lions Club find Mary Kay Cosmetics, Premier Jewelry and Pampered Chef will have items for sale with a portion of proceeds going to Doorways for Women and Families. Grazia Zalfa, world renowned jewelry designer, has donated a one-of-a-kind necklace for auction. Tickets are \$30. Call 703-598-8266 to make a reservation by April 22.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 4

Film Screening: "Healing Voices."

7 p.m. at First Christian Church of Falls Church 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Screening of a new documentary, "Healing Voices" that explores real-life stories of individuals working to overcome the extreme effects of their illness and integrate their experiences into their lives in meaningful ways. Free. Call 703-324-7006.

WEDNESDAYS/MAY 4-AUG. 3

Twilight Tattoo. 7 p.m. at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall-Summerall Field, Sheridan Ave., Fort Myer. Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long, live-action military performance that blends the precision and discipline of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) with the orchestral sounds and pop music from The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Free. Visit www.twilight.mdw.army.mil.

THURSDAY/MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo Beer Garden. 4-8 p.m. at Plaza on 19th. Seasonal brews and wine will be available for purchase at the Mobile Event Bar (cash, credit and debit cards). The El Chilango food truck will be serving tacos. Free to attend. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

Arlington Reads: Julie Otsuka. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. As part of Arlington Reads 2016, author Julie Otsuka will speak on the human displacement of World War II. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 6

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall at the Alexandria Campus, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Alexandria Campus and President Scott Ralls will also recognize the Fab 50 – some of the campus' most influential leaders including former Provost Don Bisdorf and former head of the Early

Spring Festivals

FRIDAY/APRIL 29

REEP Community Celebration. 6-9 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Attend this event in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of REEP, which provides adult English classes. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children. Visit www.aspva.us/reep for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 30

Family Fitness Day in the Park. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Alcova Heights Park, 901 S. George Mason Drive. Find an obstacle course, yoga, and an inflatable rock wall among other family friendly activities. Free. Call 703-228-6525.

Mid-Atlantic Spring Beer Festival. 12-7 p.m. at The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave. The springtime beer-tasting event will include a line-up of 35 regional breweries. Tickets are \$30 for beer-drinkers, free for non-drinkers. Visit www.capcitybrew.com for more.

Move Me Festival. 1-5 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Move Me is a celebration of arts and culture, promoting healthy lifestyles through movement and the arts and featuring performances and interactive activities provided by over 20 arts partners from the D.C. Metro area. Free. Visit www.bmdc.org for more.

Go Gaga For Green. 5-8 p.m. at George Mason University Founders Hall, Arlington Campus, 3351 Fairfax Drive. Two signature features of the event are Operation Rain Barrel, a program that engages Arlington public school students in creating artistic rain barrels while they learn about sustainability and The Arlington Green Patriot Awards which honors individuals and organizations that exemplify their commitment to environmental sustainability. Tickets are free for Arlington Public School family, staff, and student, \$10 for community members, \$100 for patrons. Contact Toni Andrews at 703-993-9817 or tandrew7@gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/MAY 1

D.C. Tails and Ales. 1-4 p.m. at Sehkraft Brewing, 925 N. Garfield St. D.C. Tails and Ales will host an afternoon on beer and wine in support of the Lucky Dog Animal Rescue. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/dc-tails-ales-tickets-24335206257.

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Rockland's 8th Annual Pig & Oyster Roast. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Rocklands Barbeque & Grilling Company, 3471 Washington Blvd. Find barbequed pork, grilled oysters, sides, beer and a raffle benefitting Doorways for Women & Families. Tickets are \$25, raffle tickets are \$5, \$20 for 6. Visit www.doorwaysva.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 6

Arts Open House. 5-8 p.m. in downtown Crystal City. Colorful new artwork is blooming around Crystal City this spring – both inside and out. The region's largest collaborative mural, Mural23, joined the Art Walls collection, Exposed DC has an exhibit in the 1200-foot FotoWalk, and Gallery Underground is hosting a nationally juried show, "Road Trip." To celebrate, the Crystal City Business Improvement District is hosting an Arts Open House complete with meet the artist gatherings, exhibition openings, music, and a return of the massive outdoor painting party at the Crystal Wynwood Mural with ArtJamz. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Old Dominion Neighborhood Day & Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 2425 N. Glebe Road. This event will include a garage sale and market, music and cultural entertainment, a BBQ, kids activities (face painting and more), a visit from the Arlington County Sheriff's Department with a children's fingerprinting booth and a K-9 demonstration. Free to attend. Visit www.olddominionca.org for more.

Festival Argentino. 4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Find bilingual programs of tango, dances, folklore, and more. Also food and exhibitors will be on site. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door. Visit www.festivalargentino.org for more.

Columbia Pike Art Studios Spring Party. 6-9 p.m. at 932 S. Walter Reed Drive, The 20 artists of the Columbia Pike Artist Studios invite you to their open house party and studio tour. This Studio Crawl will introduce you to artists working in oils, pastels, acrylics, collage, encaustic, watercolor, printmaking, photography and sculpture. Free. Call 571-205-7718 for more.


Childhood Education Program Eula Miller. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu for more.

MAY 6-29


Play: "Collected Stories." 8-10 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. This comedy/ drama explores the complex relationship between a writing professor and her protege. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and students. Visit www.petersalley.com for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 7

AWLA's Walk for the Animals. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Bluemont Park, 601 N. Manchester St. Dr. Katy Nelson, Associate Veterinarian for Belle Haven Animal Hospital and host/executive producer for 'The pet Show with Dr. Katy' will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the event, which aims to raise awareness and funds for the hundreds of adoptable animals and community programs supported by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Pre-register now



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Public Information Meetings

Monday, May 9, 2016

Washington-Lee High School Cafeteria
1301 N. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22201

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School Cafeteria
7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

Meeting Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Presentation: 7 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will host public information meetings for the proposed eastbound widening as part of the Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Project. On February 10, 2016, Governor Terry McAuliffe and members from both parties and chambers of the Virginia General Assembly announced a bipartisan agreement to move forward on a plan to reduce congestion on I-66 inside the Beltway by widening a four-mile stretch from the Dulles Connector Road to Ballston. This proposal is intended to address an east-bound chokepoint where traffic merges onto I-66 from the Dulles Connector Road. The meetings will provide information about the Environmental Assessment (EA) that VDOT is preparing for the widening to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). To inform the EA, VDOT is conducting environmental analyses and coordinating with regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project.

Stop by to learn more about the project, discuss your questions with VDOT staff, and attend the formal presentation.

Review project information and project schedule at www.Transform66.org and at the public information meetings.

Give your written or oral comments at the meetings or submit them to Amanda Baxter, Project Manager, at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. You may also e-mail comments at any time to Transform66@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference “Transform 66 Inside the Beltway” in the subject line.

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Mid-Atlantic Spring Beer Festival

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for \$30 or register on-site at the event for \$40. Visit www.awla.org for more.

Groovy Nate. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Groovy Nate is a musician, puppeteer, and comedian. Free. Call 703-527-5929 for more.

Trailblazer Award and Scholarship Gala. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. at Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 S. Potomac Ave. The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority host a fundraising gala. Sandra Fortune-Green, artistic director of the renowned Jones-Haywood Dance School, Inc. will receive the “Trailblazer in the Arts” Award. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.nvdecs.org or email tickets@dstnovac.org for more.

Mother’s Day: “All About Dvorak.” 7:30 p.m. at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St. National Chamber Ensemble presents its final performance of the 2015-16 season, a Mother’s Day Concert: All About Dvorak. Alexandria’s Mayor Allison Silberberg joins NCE as guest host. Tickets are \$33, \$17 for student. Visit www.nationalchamberensemble.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 8

Arlington Philharmonic Concert. 3 p.m. at Washington Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. “Inspired by...” will be presented by the Arlington Philharmonic, Arlington’s professional symphony orchestra. Maestro Scott Wood explains that the repertoire for the May concert takes its cue from the way composers learn and grow by absorbing ideas from their predecessors. \$20 suggested donations. Visit www.arlingtonphilharmonic.org for more.

MONDAY/MAY 9

Yoga Session. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 4005 Wilson Blvd. Celebrate National Sculpture with Yoga instructor/artist Lisa Marie Thalhammer. Focused on Transparent “Tapestry” by artist Tim Tate. Sixteen vertical bands of multi-colored glass are installed between the rungs of this 40 foot long fence which separates the public plaza from the private, residential courtyard. The glass panels were kiln-cast, a process by which one-time-use plaster molds are placed inside of 1550 degrees Fahrenheit kilns. Free. Visit www.arlingtonva.us for more.

MAY 11-JUNE 19

“The Man in the Iron Mask.” 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday at Syntetic Theater, 1800 S. Bell St. In

this follow-up to “The Three Musketeers,” hero D’Artagnan finds himself alone in the service of King Louis XIV after his comrades have retired. Tickets start at \$35, \$15 for students, \$5 discount for seniors and military. Visit www.syntetictheater.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

Runway Moms for a Cause. 7-11 p.m. at The Westin-Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway. “Runway Moms for a Cause” (RMFC) is a fashion fundraising event. Labeled a visual fashion statement for Global Goodwill, RMFC is a runway show for philanthropists to take a stance on an often overlooked issue, and lend a helping hand towards a solution. RMFC fundraiser celebration was created by L~Shandi designer Lara Akinsanya. Tickets are \$75, \$100 for VIP tickets. Visit www.runwaymoms.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Tuckahoe Home & Garden Show. 12-5 p.m. at Tuckahoe Elementary School, 6550 26th St. Take a tour of recently renovated homes and gardens in Arlington. This annual fundraiser supports the award-winning Discovery Schoolyard program at Tuckahoe Elementary School. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Visit www.tuckahoetour.org for more.

Arlington Community Foundation Anniversary Gala. 6-10:30 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton Pentagon City, 1250 S. Hayes St. This event will feature tastings by local celebrity chefs. Tickets are \$300. Visit www.arlcf.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 15

Ice Cream Social. 2-4 p.m. at Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie St. U.S. Rep. Don Beyer hosts his second annual Ice Cream Social. Free, \$25 suggested donation for individuals, \$50 for families, \$250 for sponsors, and \$1,000 for underwriters. Visit secure.actblue.com/page/beyericecream2016.

TUESDAY/MAY 17

VCE Master Gardener Volunteer Training. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Residents of Arlington County and the City of Alexandria who are interested in becoming Master Gardeners are invited to attend one of these sessions to learn about the volunteer training program and the kinds of projects local Master Gardeners are engaged in. Volunteer training is open to all Virginia

residents over the age of 18 who want to deliver volunteer horticulture education back to the community. The 2016 training program will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and continue through Nov. 15. To register for one of the orientation sessions and find out more about the training program, go to <http://bit.ly/VCEMasterGardener>.

THURSDAY/MAY 19

Arlington Reads: Richard Reeves. 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. As part of Arlington Reads 2016, author Richard Reeves will speak on the human displacement of World War II. Free. Visit www.library.arlingtonva.us for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 20-22

BalletNova’s Kingdom of the Shades and Other Works. 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road. Artistic Director Laveen Naidu is staging the “Kingdom of the Shades” after original choreographer Marius Petipa, and Associate Artistic Director Constance Walsh and local choreographer Shu-Chen Cuff present new works. Tickets are \$8-26 in advance, an additional \$3 at the door. Visit www.BalletNova.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 21

Book Signing: “The Great Rebus Escape.” 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Ray Lum will be at Kinder Haus Toys for an author appearance and signing for his book “The Great Rebus Escape.” A mischievous 10-year-old boy is taken hostage by two gun-toting robbers. The boy’s twin brother and his resourceful uncle come to the rescue, using rebuses – both drawn and verbal. Free. Call 703-627-5929.

SUNDAY/MAY 22

Sunday in the Organic Vegetable Garden. 1-4 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain the Organic Vegetable Demonstration Garden will be in the garden to answer questions about organic gardening, including controlling pests and diseases without the use of chemicals. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralex@gmail.com.

Concert: “Drops of Spring.” 4-6 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. The Metropolitan Chorus of Arlington will perform a variety of music in honor of Spring. Free. Visit www.metchorus.org for more.

News



Book and Garden Sale

Lucy Cunningham checks out a customer with six four-packs of safari tangerine marigolds at the Walker Chapel Methodist Church book and garden sale on April 23. This event includes a book sale, lunch-time band and with breakfast and coffee to chase away the raindrops. It has been going on for more than 20 years.



Denise Thomas, coordinator of this year's Walker Chapel book sale, estimates they have 6,000 books for sale. There are mystery, foreign language, children's "and a whole bunch of science fiction books. Someone donated 5-6 boxes." Thomas said she had to have someone help her sort through whether it was a science fiction or fantasy book "since I don't read those and I didn't know." Thomas said that dealers and other book enthusiasts had filled the parking lot by 9 a.m. when the sale opened.

HOME SALES

In March 2016, 219 Arlington homes sold between \$2,005,000-\$133,650. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,005,000-\$965,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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GW Parkway Classic: 'Moving' Experience

Runners came from near and far to support causes and each other.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

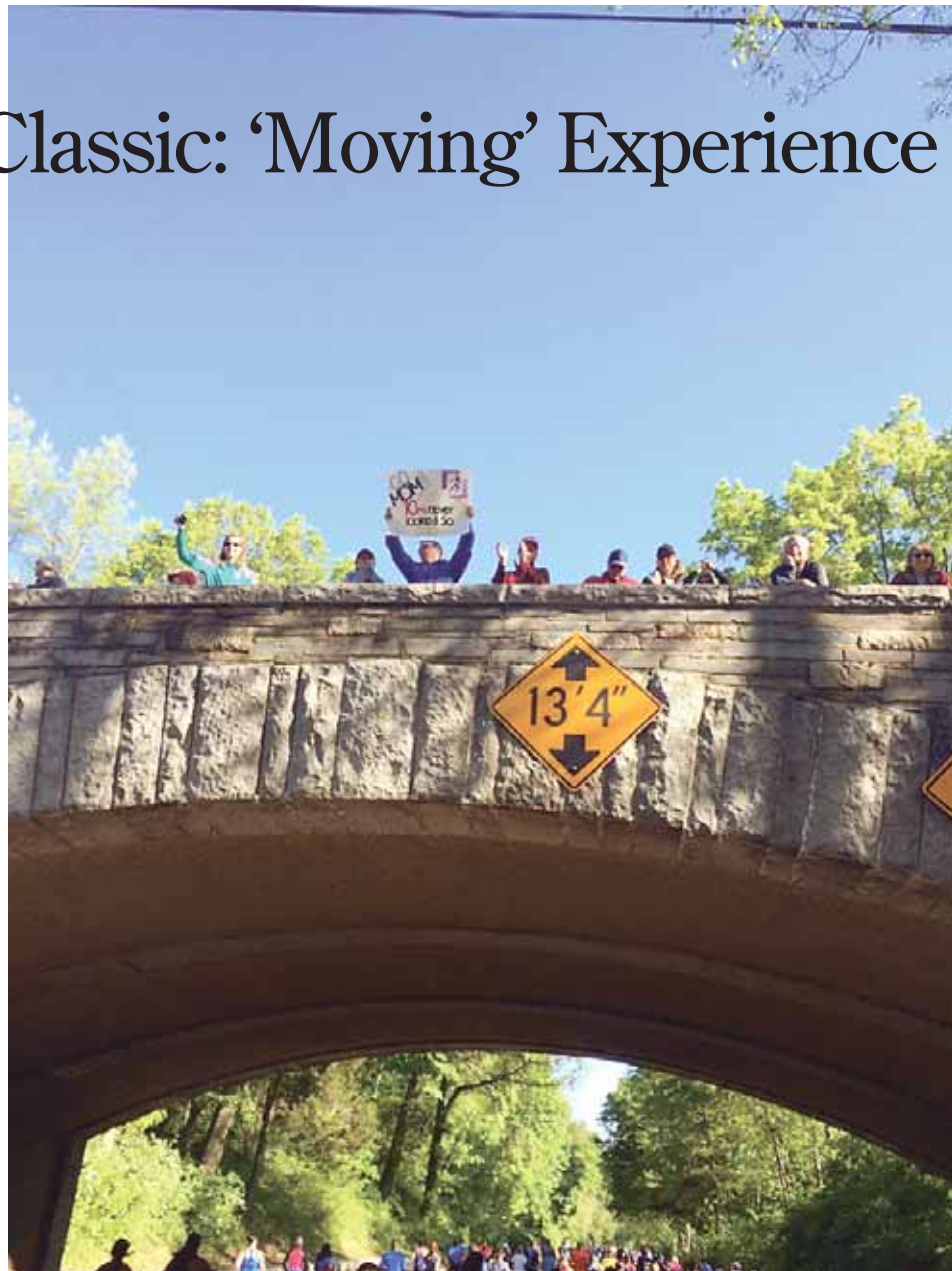
They came from as far away as Cali, Colombia and Bristol, England. They were from Arlington, Burke, Alexandria, Lorton, Reston, Falls Church, and from Colorado and Canada. They were old — 88 — and they were young — 12 year olds and babies in strollers. One woman from Silver Spring was running at 7 months pregnant. One runner was blind.

The Star Spangled Banner resonated across a crowd of 5,330 runners in the sunlight near George Washington's home; American flags snapped in the breeze. People had goosebumps, and not just from the cold air at 7 a.m. because the most moving thing about the George Washington Parkway Classic, now in its 32nd year, was the number of runners who came out to support veterans, the poor, the sick, and the homeless.

The race was supported by an army of volunteers, some of whom have been coming for 20 years. They handed out water and gatorade. The moving company "Two Men and a Truck" took runners' belongings and transported them. Starbucks served coffee. And all along the track, residents came out to cheer on moms and dad, grandmothers and grandfathers, neighbors, and team members.

Sometimes called the "Prettiest run this side of the Potomac," the annual George Washington Parkway Classic 10-Mile and 5K races are for serious runners, new runners, and runners with a cause.

The 10-mile race starts in Mount Vernon,



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"Go Mom!" A sign by supporters along the roadway.

and passes through Riverside Park, Fort Hunt Park, Collingwood Park, the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, on past Windmill Hill Park and Founders Park before coming along the finish line at Oronoco Bay Park in Old Town, Alexandria.

And that's when the party began. The runners drank water and ate snacks handed out at the finish line. They took pictures with their teams, and listened to the live

band, The Joe Chiocca Band, which did some great "rootsy rock" numbers, and were given a free brew by the Port City Brewing Company. And they met up with other runners, comparing times and causes.

One local Alexandria resident was just glad to finish: Donald Trilling, 88, who has been running the race since 1987, and who was honored with running bib number 1— didn't come in last.



Terrell Ashley from Arlington at the start line on Sunday morning. Ashley has been working with Team RWB for 3 and a half years. Team RWB (Red, White, and Blue) is an organization whose stated goal is to "enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity." See www.TeamRWB.org.



Mary Palmer and Rodan Hollins run the 10-miler holding an elastic band which lets Hollins know where he is as he runs.. Hollins and Palmer of Washington D.C. are running buddies who belong to the organization "Back on My Feet." See www.backonmyfeet.org

Resolve to Run Raises \$11,500 for Emergency Needs



Melanie Preisser of Arlington running the 10 miler for Thrive.

George Washington Parkway Classic effort proves successful.

Arlington Thrive was one of the many local safety net groups represented at the George Washington Parkway Classic race on Sunday April 24. The "Resolve to Run" group, who had trained together since February, looked like they had experienced the "runner's high" after they met for a group photo near the finish line. They were equally proud of the money they've raised so far: \$11,500 of their \$16,000 goal. The

deadline for those who want to contribute to the fundraising effort of the runners but have not done so yet is May 15. Checks made out to Arlington Thrive with the runner's name or Team Judie noted in the memo line will also help push a runner to their goal and beyond. Checks can be mailed to Arlington Thrive, Inc., P.O. Box 7429, Arlington, VA 22207.

— EDEN BROWN



Resolve to Run runners hold banner.

Panel Discusses Reinstatement of Virginia Parole

U.S. tops world incarceration rates.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Al Schuman says “three strikes and you’re out,” instituted in 1995, was one of the biggest mistakes of the country. Twenty years ago, the Commonwealth adopted legislation to abolish discretionary parole and adopted the Truth-in-Sentencing (TIS), which required offenders to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Schuman, speaking to a Panel on Probation held April 20 at Rock Spring UCC in Arlington, said it is important to distinguish between parole and probation. In probation a person is found guilty and sentenced to stay in the community while in parole the person goes to prison and it is his or her way out.

Schuman was warden of the Lorton Youth Center back when “we thought rehabilitation make a lot of sense, not like today.” He was president of the American Probation and Parole Association at the time when parole was abolished in Virginia. His association opposed the abolishment of parole.

According to Faye Taxman, “We incarcerate more people than any other country in the world and they are incarcerated 3-5 times longer; it’s something about our culture. We love punishment as a vehicle.” Taxman is a professor in the Criminology, Law and Society Department and director of the Center for Advancing Correctional



PHOTO BY SHIRLEY RUHE/THE CONNECTION

Panelists discuss Virginia parole policy at a Panel on Probation held April 20 at Rock Spring UCC. From left are Gail Arnall, Bill Richardson, Faye Taxman and Al Schuman.

Excellence at George Mason University. Taxman served on the Governor’s Commission on Parole Review established in June 2015 “to review the 1995 decision to abolish parole and develop recommendations to enhance public safety, and improve outcomes for the offenders, their families and the Commonwealth.” “Due to lack of time and some things I won’t get into, the question the commission never got to answer was should parole be reinstated,” she said. But “what we did get to was very important. Our criminal justice system has grown out of proportion to its relevance.” Taxman said that 20 percent of the population now has a criminal record.

Another panel member, Bill Richardson, said that there are 3,000 prisoners who are

still subject to the parole system and 33,000 after 1994 that have no prospect of parole. He says the commission made recommendations to figure out how long it is effective to incarcerate people. He added that the Pope said, “No one can be incarcerated forever because that isn’t the logic of the Gospel.” Richardson did point out there is a geriatric release for prisoners 60 or older but since 2009 there has been an average of one release a year under this provision. Although it would take legislative action to reinstate parole, “it’s not a good career move for legislators to address this issue.” Richardson is a lawyer in private practice who works for the Federal Communications Commission.

Gail Arnall, who served for 10 years as

executive director of Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) serving Arlington County and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church, recommended expansion of dollars for evidence-based practices that OAR and others have instituted because it is an effective way to get situated back home. Arnall explained these programs start working with prisoners while they are in prison and continue the transition when they are released. In addition, Arnall said it is important to add dollars for mental health, drop-in centers. She said there are good facilities in this area but in most rural areas in Virginia that’s not the case. “And I’m passionate about the situation that under today’s law, prisoners come home with heavy court costs that they can’t pay. The court costs were assessed every time they had to go to court and there was no way to pay them when they were in prison.” OAR is a community-based restorative organization dedicated to strengthening community through second chances.

The panel pointed out that states like Georgia “and Texas of all things” have been leaders in parole reform. This is primarily because even though they have conservative legislatures, they recognized the fiscal advantage to their states with fewer prisoners and secondarily that it was a better way to think about welfare of prisoners and rehabilitation into society. A number of states which have parole have put the savings from prison reform back into education, mental health and other services. Taxman said that in Virginia it costs the state \$1,500 for a parolee and \$30,000 for a prisoner each year.

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WEDNESDAYS/APRIL 27-MAY 18

Why Bathrooms Matter. 7-8:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. This

four-week series will explore gender identity, bathroom politics, and how to become a Trans ally. Open to all walking the path to understanding trans* issues with respectful, open hearts and minds. Come at 6 p.m. for dinner and worship, four sessions, \$40 (covers cost of meal). Contact LeeAnn Williams at lwilliams@uucava.org or 703-892-2565 or visit www.uucava.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 28

Multicultural Business

Conference. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park, 3111

Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. The non-profit organization Business Development Assistance Group (BDAG) will host a multicultural business conference, “Access to Capital,” to connect small business owners with a vast array of financial resources under one roof. Visit www.atc2016.com to register.

An Algerian Evening, 5-9 p.m., La Côte d’Or Café, 6876 Lee Highway, Arlington. New owner-chef Jacques Imperato will offer a menu of Algerian salads and couscous. \$38.95 per person for the three-course meal. Call 703-538-3033 or contact

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FRIDAY/APRIL 29

Application Deadline. 5 p.m.

Leadership Arlington and Leadership Center for Excellence are seeking applicants for the Leadership Arlington Signature Program Class of 2016. Visit leadercenter.org/programs/signature-program.

Traffic Alert: Friday Night Races.

6:15-8:15 p.m. Crystal Run 5K Friday races will take place each Friday evening in April. Visit www.runpacers.com/race/crystal-city-5k-fridays/ for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 30

Dishin’ on Nutrition. 10 a.m.-noon at Westover Public Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road. Learn how nutrition aid is one of the most cost-effective ways to fight global poverty and advocate for change by writing to Congress on the importance of increasing nutrition aid. Free. Email morganhmoan@gmail.com or 571-263-6195 or visit act.one.org/event/generalevent_attend/11576 for more.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

"MRI looked good. CT stable. Smiley face." Words and personality from my oncologist with which I can most definitely live. And arriving via e-mail, six days prior no less, to my next regularly scheduled, post-scan appointment – when typically such results are discussed, in person, per the doctor's preference. But I can take good news electronically, especially before the weekend, when further communication is not likely. So the sound you may have heard at six pm-ish last Friday was me exhaling, and the follow-up thud was the weight of the world falling off my shoulders and hitting the floor. Not shattering, unfortunately, only repositioning until a few months hence when once again it will return to its figurative perch as I await the results of my next quarterly scan.

Such is life, and I'm happy to live it. Moreover, given my original prognosis from February, 2009: "13 months to two years," there's very little that I deem complaint-worthy SEVEN YEARS LATER. Nevertheless, there are realities that cancer patients and/or other patients similarly characterized as "terminal," as I was, must endure. And given my projected life expectancy then, I am "pleased as punch" now – to invoke a long-ago Vice President/Democratic nominee for President, Hubert H. Humphrey – to be enduring anything.

And "endure" isn't really the right word, but it's most assuredly in the running. Still, if I don't find a way to lighten the emotional load (other than receiving amazingly good scan results and equally positive e-mails from my oncologist, all of which is not exactly in my control), I will likely crack under the weight of it. I'm not exactly Atlas condemned to hold up "The Heavens," but I am holding something; maybe just my sanity. And just as "Hawkeye" Pierce joked about war in a M*A*S*H episode back in the day: "If truth is the first casualty of war, I guess sobriety is second," a cancer patient might joke (if he or she had a sense of humor): "If one's hopes and dreams are the first loss from cancer, your sanity is second." As Mark Twain "self-effaced" later in his life: "Out of all the things I have lost, I miss my mind the most."

A "terminal" cancer patient loses lots of things. Control of one's emotions has to be the first to go. Certainly you still know right from wrong, but the figurative re-wiring of your brain – which begins immediately upon hearing your cancer diagnosis/prognosis, is difficult to stop. It's as if it has a mind of its own, and it sort of does: yours. It's not as if you can't maintain any self-control or not joke at inappropriate times, you can. After all, you're still human. You're just a bit more flawed than you were before. And who's to say, maybe the change will do you good? You don't always have to say what you mean unless you're the Dowager Countess from "Downton Abbey."

Nevertheless, you are forever changed by your cancer diagnosis, whether you like it or not. The trick is, actually there is no trick, it's a mindset; somehow, you must not take yourself or your circumstances too seriously. (I know, how do you not take cancer seriously?). Either you learn to laugh or there won't be anything funny about it. You know the expression: "Funny as a heart attack," well, you can add another: "Uplifting as a cancer diagnosis." As challenging as it is (and has been), you need to find a way to navigate the slings and arrows of the outrageous misfortune you have encountered. The pressure; conscious, subconscious or even unconscious (for all I know?) has to be released really, or in your imagination. There's no doubt a cancer diagnosis and life living with cancer is less than ideal, but since those are the cards you were dealt, you better learn to play the hand.

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a delegation of clergy leaders to Richmond April 18 to accept a 2016 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award to V.O.I.C.E. (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) for its work in training citizens to press for change on affordable housing, health care, immigration, and other critical issues for Northern Virginia's low- and moderate-income communities. The 2016 Governor's Awards, organized by the Office on Volunteerism and Community Services in partnership with the Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism and the Virginia Service Foundation, were presented at a ceremony held at the Virginia Executive Mansion. V.O.I.C.E. was recognized as "a truly unique non-partisan organization of nearly 50 faith congregations and institutions of higher education in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William." Above are, from left, Alisa Glassman, V.O.I.C.E. Lead Organizer; Rev. Dr. Keith Savage, First Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. Linda Olson Peebles, Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington; Gov. Terry McAuliffe; Rev. Clyde Ellis, Mount Olive Baptist Church; Nina Janopaul, APAH President/CEO; Kathy Panfil, APAH and V.O.I.C.E. leader; and Fr. Tuck Bowerfind, Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

County Honors Master Gardener

Judy Funderburk, a volunteer who has logged more than 6,000 hours of service to the community, much of it nurturing the Glencarlyn Library Community Garden, is Arlington County's 2015 Bill Thomas Outstanding Park Service Volunteer Award winner.

A certified member of the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia and Virginia Cooperative Extension, she is so passionate about Glencarlyn



Library Community Garden, in south Arlington, that she offers free tours — call 703-671-5310 to schedule one.

Funderburk has participated in other projects in the county. Along the W&OD Trail in Bon Air Park, she rounded up more than a dozen other Master Gardeners to remove invasive plants and plant more than 300 native perennials in their place as part of a meadow restoration effort.



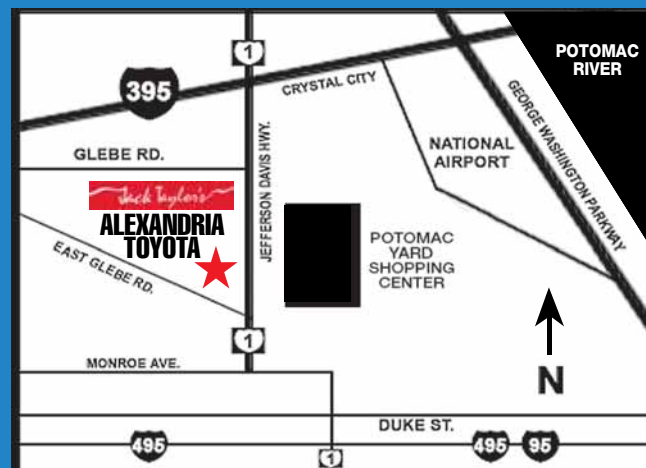
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Arlington County offers summer camp for kids

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Arlington County offers nine sessions of weekly summer camp beginning June 27 and running through the week of Aug. 29-Sept. 2. Times for the sessions vary. Some of the camp content is repeated at each location and different park locations so the camp brochure indicates campers should attend only one session.

Gulf Branch Nature Center features three different sessions, each two times during the summer, for campers of different ages. It features Invertebrate Investigations for ages 7-9 years for the first two sessions. Campers will search under rocks for crawfish, build dams in the stream, and search for red-back salamanders or the rare yellow-spotted salamander under the logs scattered throughout the park.

According to Jennifer Soles, a park employee, the kids invent creative games such as building a store to sell the rocks they find. Fifteen-twenty campers will sweep their nets to investigate the pond hoping to catch dragonfly larvae, wood frog tadpoles or discover other animals without backbones. The camp assures it will "bring out the bug-lover in every camper."

Younger children ages 6-7 can enroll for Wildlife Neighbors with the enticing description that "skunks and coyotes have moved to Arlington! What's next: Bears and Bobcats?" The children will walk along the trails in the Gulf Branch woods, wade in the stream flowing through the park and learn about the large and small animals that live around us in Arlington. The staff to participant ratio is 1:8.

A third session, Habitat Hikers, is offered for campers 10-12 years old. This hiking camp goes to five or six different parks in



A Gulf Branch Nature Center camper scoops her net in the stream hoping to find some invertebrates (amazing animals without backbones).

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the area, from mountains to the forest to a bay off the Potomac River. Sturdy shoes and clothes that can get muddy and wet are recommended for this camp.

Soles remembers the highlight of last year was a water snake being eaten by a great blue heron and the five leaf clover found by Amanda. This session is offered the weeks of July 11 and July 18. Among other sessions offered are VA Fishing Adventures Fish N'Fun at Gunston Community Center for ages 6-8, Fish and Explore

Young Anglers at Lubber Run Community Center for ages 7-10, and Nature Detectives at Long Branch Nature Center for ages 7-9.

Individuals with disabilities are welcome to register for any summer camp in the catalog. "Designated Sites" are for children who need lower ratios and more structure. For more information about Arlington County camps the Parent Handbook is available at www.arlingtonva.us/ Search Parent Handbook.



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Jennifer Perez and **McKenzie Nelson** were named to dean's list for the fall 2015 semester at Ithaca College (Ithaca, N.Y.).

Eugene Umlor, of Arlington, has been named to the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.) for the fall 2015 semester. Umlor studies computer science.

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