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Lily McIntire to right of ladder with crew members at the Diocese of Arlington's WorkCamp 2017.

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Redrawing School Lines

Middle and elementary schools to undergo redistricting in the fall.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Some school systems go years, even decades, between redistricting efforts. In Alexandria, the school boundaries had been in place for 17 years before redistricting in late 2016. In Arlington, it's been eight months. In December 2016, the School Board approved new redistricting boundaries for high schools in Arlington. Starting in the fall, Arlington Public Schools will begin another round of redistricting that looks at shifting the boundaries for elementary schools and middle schools.

According to School Board chair Barbara Kanninen, the redistricting plans are the results of new elementary and middle school openings scheduled for Fall 2019. A new 1,000 person middle school will be opening at the Stratford Building, currently H-B Woodlawn. A 725-person elementary school is scheduled to be built adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

"We have to [change] school boundaries to move kids in the right direction so the schools are under crowded," said Kanninen.

According to a 2017 projected capacity utilization, Arlington elementary schools have a current capacity of 13,170 seats but a current enrollment of 13,830. While no elementary schools have lower than 90 percent utilization, 14 of Arlington's 23 schools have over 100 percent utilization. The most overcrowded school is Patrick Henry Elementary School, with 615 students in a school with a capacity of 463. For Arlington middle schools, current capacity is 5,191 with an enrollment of 5,468.

Jefferson and Kenmore Middle Schools are the only middle schools in Arlington with less than 100 percent utilization. Swanson Middle School sits at 124 percent utilization, with 1,179 students in a school built for 948. By the 2019-2020 school year, the first year for the new middle school and elementary schools, Patrick Henry Elementary School is expected to exceed 157 percent capacity without redistricting.

"We're changing boundaries to make sure there's a balance of students," said Kanninen. "Yes, for a variety of reasons people don't like when they buy a house and the boundary moves. The goal is for this to be as positive and constructive as possible. It's easy for the community to get territorial. The goal is to make the entire school system strong."

While some redistrictings are limited to block by block changes between two or three schools, Kanninen said the fall redistricting will be systemwide.

The first stage of redistricting will deal with the middle schools. Kanninen said discussions about the redistricting process will begin after school starts with a decision to be made in December. Then in January, Kanninen says the School Board will begin to tackle the elementary school

SCHOOL	Relocatable Classrooms in 2016	SY2016-17			
		Capacity	Enrollment	Permanent Seats +/-	% Utilized
Abingdon	20	589	627	-38	106.5%
Arlington Science Focus	6	553	662	-109	119.7%
Arlington Traditional	3	465	534	-69	114.8%
Ashlawn	2	684	661	23	96.6%
Barcroft	10	460	452	8	98.3%
Barrett	4	576	545	31	94.6%
Campbell	2	436	430	6	98.6%
Carlin Springs	4	585	603	-18	103.1%
Claremont	6	599	762	-163	127.2%
Discovery	0	630	590	40	93.7%
Drew	0	674	679	-5	100.7%
Glebe	4	510	573	-63	112.4%
Henry	6	463	615	-152	132.8%
Hoffman-Boston	0	566	512	54	90.5%
Jamestown	0	597	581	16	97.3%
Key	4	653	704	-51	107.8%
Long Branch	2	533	555	-22	104.1%
McKinley	8	684	726	-42	106.1%
Nottingham	1	513	469	44	91.4%
Oakridge	6	674	804	-130	119.3%
Randolph	2	484	451	33	93.2%
Taylor	4	659	686	-27	104.1%
Tuckahoe	7	545	571	-26	104.8%
Integration Station	0	38	38	0	100.0%
Reed Expansion	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Elementary School @ Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Elementary Seats Location TBD (725)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	101	13,170	13,830	-660	105.0%
Gunston	2	932	949	-17	101.8%
Jefferson	1	1,086	959	127	88.3%
Kenmore	0	985	894	91	90.8%
Swanson	22	948	1,179	-231	124.4%
Williamsburg	24	997	1,215	-218	121.9%
H-B Woodlawn	0	221	246	-25	111.3%
Stratford Program	0	22	26	-4	118.2%
New MS @ Stratford	0	0	0	0	0.0%
New School @ Wilson (6-8)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
MIDDLE TOTAL	49	5,191	5,468	-277	105.3%

Current Arlington Elementary and Middle School capacities and enrollment figures.

boundaries to be finalized by the end of the school year.

Arlington's elementary school districts were changed in May 2013 and reassigned 900 students. The high school redistricting last fall reassigned 350 students, but faced criticism that the changes deepened the existing economic stratification within the school system by shifting greater numbers of students living in poverty to Wakefield High School and away from Yorktown High School.

This year, Kanninen said the School Board is working on an ambassador system where someone at each school will be a volunteer expert and school resource during the redistricting discussions. Kanninen said she hopes this new position will help with grassroots communication during the redistricting process. Arlington Public Schools Communications Coordinator Frank Bellavia said in an email that more information on the plans for redistricting will be available in mid-September after school starts again.

Arson Suspected in Columbia Pike Apartment Fire

A fire in an apartment building on Columbia Pike, initially reported as a potential kitchen fire, is now being investigated as felony arson. Among the other charges, Demetrius Antonio Taylor, 27, faces charges of felony child endangerment. According to a police report, Taylor allegedly had a verbal dispute with and physically assaulted a female victim. During the assault, the report says Taylor lit a carpeted floor mat on fire before pushing an infant in a stroller towards the flame. The suspect fled the scene and police say the victim was able to retrieve the child and exit the apartment before the flames spread.

The suspect was arrested at 4:30 p.m. later that day when police say he returned to the scene of the fire. The suspect was taken into custody, but the police report says he became combative during police interrogation, kicking at the walls, spitting at officers and making threats. In addition to felony arson and child endangerment charges, Taylor faces felony destruction of property, felony assault on law enforcement, and misdemeanor assault and battery charges.

— VERNON MILES



Arlington Fire Department combats Columbia Pike fire.



Fire on Columbia Pike.

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Teens Tackle Poverty Close To Home

Catholic Diocese of Arlington sends 820 teen volunteers.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

Rory Cameron from Arlington took off with a fleet of mini vans on June 24 where he was headed for a week of WorkCamp with the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Lily McIntire changed into her white shirt with the blue motto for this year “I Will Love” stamped on the back. She headed for the prayer circle before taking off on Sunday afternoon.

WorkCamp began 29 years ago with 18 teens in one parish. In 2017 there were 820 teens and another 400 adults working on 190 projects to make homes warmer, safer and drier for those in need. Kevin Bohli, director of the Diocese of Arlington’s Office of Youth Ministry, says the projects are always within the boundaries of the diocese, which includes 21 counties and seven cities in central and northern Virginia.

“We want our teens to understand you don’t have to travel a long distance to find poverty or to help those in need. Service begins right here at home,” Bohli said.

Cameron worked this year in a trailer park to build a new deck with a wheelchair ramp for an elderly woman who had trouble getting out. The first day they took out several big bushes and “our leader had us save all of the flowers and move them.” The next



Carolina Magro

day they started building the deck. “Measuring was critical in building the framing for the deck so when the ramp is connected it would fit right,” he said.

Cameron says the teenagers get tool training before they participate in WorkCamp. “Each parish has its own individual tool training. It is a basic course — hammer, drill, nails.” But he says his dad has had him do projects for years so he is pretty good at building. “But some kids don’t know anything.”

Carolina Magro, from Alexandria, says she also did tool training. I could use a hammer but I’m not comfortable with power tools.

“We had a contractor watching us to supervise our projects step by step.” Cameron said, “They were very big on safety — always wear safety glasses, gloves, drink excessive amounts of water.”

McIntire says the first step was always to walk around the work site to spot any potential hazards like power lines or unlevel grounds.

Magro, in her second year as a volunteer, says this year she had lots of small projects for a deaf couple including installation of new storm doors, refurbishing the garden, fixing the railing and the outdoor steps. Her project last year had been the floor for a playroom for mothers with young children. She says the women and children were living in a temporary situation because they were homeless or in a bad place. Magro says she had heard a lot about WorkCamp and her sister had done it. “It’s relational ministry and rewarding helping her and knowing her life changed.”

McIntire says this is her third year at WorkCamp. “The first year I didn’t know what I was doing but all the kids in the parish do WorkCamp.” She estimates they had 40-50 teenagers this year from her parish.



Emily Madden

“It is important to make lasting friendships, not just superficial. I got close with the crew. Every year I would go in with the mindset that it wouldn’t be as fun as the last year so you work harder, but I had an amazing experience.”

Cameron says it was a joke in his family that his mom was going to make him go the first year and then he could go back if he liked. This is his third year; all three years he has been assigned to decking projects. “I like construction. It’s very fun and I like helping people.” He says the residents would come out and talk to them about once a day. “She had limited mobility but she seemed very thrilled with us.”

McIntyre says that each day was pretty much routine starting with mass at 7 a.m. Emily Madden, a 4th year camper from Alexandria, said, “The bathroom lines are pretty long but that’s just a little sacrifice you do for the good feeling you have.” This is followed by breakfast. Cameron says they had breakfast each day with teenagers they knew but during the workday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. they were assigned to a group of teenagers from a different parish. “They like to have you get to know each other.”

On the way to the site each day there was a “devo,” a teen devotional leader who led the group in prayers during the car ride and lunch. Madden says they would have a discussion about what they were going to do that day, “tie in the Catholic aspect, make sure we were doing the work for the right reason.”

Teresa Nguyen says everyone in the crew had a role. Hers was to be the “dynamo” to

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Teenagers at WorkCamp 2017 through the Diocese of Arlington’s Office of Youth Ministry hydrate during a break on their project to make houses safer, drier and and warmer for those in need in the central and northern Virginia area.



Teresa Nguyen, left, with crew

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OPINION

An Open Letter to Readers and More

Buy an ad in our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

Last year, when I wrote an editorial similar to this one, there was some controversy about it inside the Connection. But many community organizations, civic organizations, businesses and elected officials responded positively, and it made a difference.

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We need help from readers with ideas for our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

We're hoping to share special places, activities, events, organizations and volunteer opportunities. What should someone new to your neighborhood know about? Events that should not be missed? Organizations that do a great job? Places to volunteer? A great place to see the sunset? We'd love to have your photos to go along with your suggestions.

We will publish a selection of local tips along with a plethora of information useful to newcomers and long-time residents alike, including our award-winning Guide to the Parks, information on how to vote and more.

See last year's community guides by going to www.connectionnewspapers.com/PDFs/ and scrolling down to Newcomers.

Email tips and photos to editors@connectionnewspapers.com or send as a letter to the editor via the website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter/ by Wednesday, Aug. 17.

— MARY KIMM

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BULLETIN BOARD

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

MONDAY/AUG. 14

Virginia's Energy Future. 6:30 p.m.

at Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge No. 2188, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS), a nonpartisan, interfaith organization in Northern Virginia that does not endorse candidates for political office, has invited both major candidates for Governor of

Virginia to engage in a dialogue on our state's energy future. The first dialogue will be with Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam. Due to limited seating, the faith community is asked to register in advance at faithforclimate.org/joinus/events.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 15

Application Deadline. The Energy Masters Training program, serving Arlington and Alexandria, is now accepting applications on a rolling basis for the positions of community adult and student apprentice. The program trains volunteers in energy efficiency, water conservation, and community education and outreach. To apply, student apprentices must be in college or high school and over 16 years old. Training will begin in late September. Visit www.ArlingtonEnvironment.org/energy.

GET MORE WITH SNAP

Arlington and Alexandria Farmers' Markets accept SNAP/ EBT (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cards for purchases. SNAP/EBT customers can purchase farm fresh produce at local area farmers' markets and get matching bonus tokens to add to their purchases. Virginia Cooperative will be on-site at several local farmers' markets of Alexandria and Arlington to provide more information on SNAP and offer food tastings, prizes and more at the Arlington Farmers' Market, N. 14th and Courthouse Rpad (second Saturday of the month) and Columbia Pike Farmers' Market, 2820 Columbia Pike (third Sunday of the month).

ONGOING

Aging Matters. 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays on WERA 96.7 LP FM on Arlington's community radio station. Each week host Cheryl Beversdorf interviews individuals with expertise about a broad array of aging related topics affecting the lives of older adults and their loved ones. Visit

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Community Foundation Scholarships

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has awarded scholarships to 89 students, totaling \$304,700, to support their continuing higher education beginning in the fall. The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia manages and administers the funds for 25 scholarships that support Northern Virginia students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Cameron and Virginia Dye Scholarship was awarded to Carter Forinash of Washington-Lee High School going to Duke University; Tyler LaPointe of Wakefield High School going to University of Virginia, and Geovanny Morales of Washington-Lee High School going to Dartmouth College. The Ashworth Grogan Scholarship / R.Koury was awarded to Brenda Quintanilla of Wakefield High School going to Virginia Commonwealth University.

NEWS



Ryerson Honored

James Ryerson was honored by the Board of Visitors for his 11 years as dean of Marymount University's School of Business Administration and his 35 years of service to Marymount University. From left are David Zwierski, David Seiders, Bill Walsh, Kim Clark Pakstys, Garrett O'Shea, Ed Zigo, Ryerson, Mike Kennedy, Yong Kim, Angela Diaz, Wayne Cyron, Mary Carson and Michael Ferraro.

SCHOOL NOTES

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

Marisa Peters, of Arlington, was named to the dean's list at Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.). Peters is a

member of the class of 2020, majoring in liberal arts.

John J. Ryan-Henry, of Arlington, received a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island (Kingston, R.I.).

Caroline Tucker, of Arlington, graduated from High Point University (High Point, N.C.).

Kristen Van Buren, of Arlington, graduated from High Point University (High Point, N.C.).

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August 23, 2017

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ENTERTAINMENT

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ONGOING

Master Naturalist Class. Through Aug. 15, applications are being accepted for volunteer training for the fall 2017 class of Arlington Regional Master Naturalists. Arlington Regional Master Naturalists will be holding evening and weekend training this fall, beginning Sept. 5 through Dec. 12, 2017 on Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center. Visit www.armn.org.

Rosslyn Cinema and Pub in the Park. Fridays through Aug. 25, 6 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. On Fridays, Rosslyn Cinema brings you games, drinks, dinner and free outdoor movies this summer. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Arlington Farmer's Market. Every Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon at the corner of N. 14th Street and N. Courthouse Road. A weekly celebration of local food including fresh produce, meats, dairy, cheese, baked goods, free range eggs, specialty items, cut flowers, plants and herbs. Email csingiser@cfwdc.org or call 917-733-6402.

FRESHFARM Market. 3-7 p.m. on Tuesdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Shop from local farmers and producers with seasonal fruits and vegetables, fresh-cut flowers, container plants and herbs, farm-raised eggs, all-natural meats, artisan baked goods, and specialty foods. Visit www.crystallcity.org.

Mobile Bike Repair. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Thursdays at 1900 Crystal Drive. Drop off your bike on Thursday morning and have it tuned up and ready to ride before heading home. Email DC@velofix.com, or phone 855-VELO-FIX.

Healthy Lifestyle Runs. Saturdays, 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island, George Washington Memorial Parkway. American Cancer Society partners with parkrun USA to promote fitness in the fight against cancer. Free. Visit www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/.

Friday Night Live. 8 p.m. Fridays at the Church at Clarendon, 1210 N. Highland St., Suite A. Local musicians perform. Free. Visit 1bc.org.

Arlington's Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum is 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.

Storytime. Wednesdays 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.

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.crystallcity.org.



Food Trucks

On Saturday, Aug. 12 it's the West Columbia Pike Food Truck Party, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Columbia Pike and Four Mile Run. The Columbia Forest Civic Association has curated the party, which will also feature live music by Scott Thorn Music, Dan Barry and Carpe Vitae. Visit www.columbiaforest.org for more.

REGISTER BY AUG. 10

Chorister Family Retreat. At St Mary's, 2609 North Glebe Road. Beach retreat, from Aug. 25-27 at Camp Arrowhead, Delaware. Call 703-527-6800 or e-mail Office@StMarysArlington.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 27

Submission Deadline.. At various library locations. Open to LEGO builders age 18 and under, as well as teams that include at least one member under 18. Exhibit runs throughout September. Visit <https://library.arlingtonva.us> or call 703-228-5990.

THROUGH AUG. 31

Animal Welfare Benefit. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at any Arlington Fire Station. Operation FirePaws, a pet supply drive benefiting the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Go to www.awla.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 10

Big Splash. 11 a.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. A celebration of Transurban's Big Splash Grant that funded summer camp programs in Arlington and Alexandria. Visit www.novaparks.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 11

Cricket Crawl Prep. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Learn what to do in the upcoming Cricket Crawl, a cricket and katydid monitoring event later in August. Call 703-228-3403.

Lego Batman. 6-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Part of the Rosslyn Cinema + Pub in the Park movie series, featuring a movie and food from one of the food trucks on site. Visit www.rosslynva.org/go/gateway-park.

Rico Amero Concert. 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. Call 703-228-4712.

SATURDAY/AUG. 12

St. Mary's Night at the Ballgame. 7:05 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 2609 N. Glebe Road. Amy Slater's son Austin is playing for the Giants. \$20. Visit stmarysarlington.org/ or call 703-527-6800.

Walking Tours of Rosslyn. 8-9:30 a.m. at the Central Place Plaza, 1800 N. Lynn St. With artist Graham Coreil-Allen. Visit www.rosslynva.org/.

Signature Theatre Cabaret. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. Signature Theatre performers in concert. Call 703-228-4712.

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Columbia Pike Movie Nights. 7 p.m. at at Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Movie is "The War of the Roses" (1989 – Rated R), sponsored by Mancini de Paris. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us.

SUNDAY/AUG. 13

Carmen at Syntetic. 7 p.m. at Syntetic Theater, 1800 S Bell St. Syntetic co-founder Irina Tsikurishvili reprises the title role. Ages 13+ Visit syntetictheater.org/.

Cool Creek Critters. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at at Donaldson Run Park. Meet at Alcova Heights park fire ring, 901 S. George Mason Drive. Dress to get wet to explore waterfalls, catch water striders, and take a closer look at some creek critters. Ages 5-9. Call 703-228-3403.

Opera NOVA Concert. 2 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor St. The concert will feature local singers Jose Sacin, Jocelyn Hunt, and Elise Jenkins as well as guest Biljano Soldo, a Serbian born singer from Newport News. Call 703-

892-4846 or visit www.osva.org/.

Self Defense Series. 3-5 p.m. at at Pentagon MMA, 1041 South Edgewood St. Learn self-defense techniques and strategies taken from martial arts, such as Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, and Filipino Martial Art. Register for all four sessions, or for individual sessions. Visit www.pentagonmma.com.

Lovejoy Blues Machine Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, the corner of corner Glebe Road, and N. 16th St. Food available for purchase from Fava Pot and Pacific Twist food trucks. 6-8 pm. Free. Call 703-927-5921 or visit www.mountolivetumc.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 15

Master Naturalist Training. 7-10 p.m. Tuesday evenings at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. The Virginia Master Naturalist program prepares volunteers to provide education, citizen science, and outreach to conserve and manage natural resources and public lands. Call 703-228-6535 or visit www.armn.org.

"A Little Night Music" Opens. 7 p.m. at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. By Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler, directed by Eric Schaeffer. Performances run through Oct. 8. Visit www.sigtheatre.org.

AUG. 15-OCT. 8

"A Little Night Music." Various times at the Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Visit www.sigtheatre.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 16

Ice Cream Party. 7-8 p.m. at the Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St. For middle and high school students. Call 703-228-5990.

AUGUST 16-20

Arlington County Fair. various times

at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. S. Competitive exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment, vendors, and racing piglets. Admission is free, and shuttle service is provided from locations throughout Arlington. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us/.

THURSDAY/AUG. 17

Sip, Nibble and Paint. 6:30 p.m. at Key Bridge Terrace, 1325 Wilson Blvd. Led by artist Stevie New at Hyatt Centric Arlington's Key Bridge Terrace. \$50 for art supplies and light snacks, draft beer and wine. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/.

FRIDAY/AUG. 18

The Avengers. 6-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Part of the Rosslyn Cinema + Pub in the Park movie series, featuring a movie and food from one of the food trucks on site. Visit www.rosslynva.org/go/gateway-park.

SUNDAY/AUG. 20

Self Defense Series. 3-5 p.m. at at Pentagon MMA, 1041 South Edgewood St. Learn self-defense techniques and strategies taken from martial arts, such as Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, and Filipino Martial Art. Register for all four sessions, or for individual sessions. Visit www.pentagonmma.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 21

Poetry Mixer. 7-8 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Informal group of local poetry writers write and read original poetry, and exchange constructive criticism. Meets every third Monday except holidays. Call 703-228-6545.

TUESDAY/AUG. 22

Travelers' Happy Hour. 6-9 p.m. at Bar Bao, 3100 Clarendon Blvd. Meet up with two of Boarding Area's bloggers – Le Chic Geek aka Jeanne, and Pizza in Motion aka Ed. Free. Email request-7bc4336@fhands.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 25

Mary Poppins. 6-11 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Part of the Rosslyn Cinema + Pub in the Park movie series, featuring a movie and food from one of the food trucks on site. Visit www.rosslynva.org/go/gateway-park.

SATURDAY/AUG. 26

Arlington Police Block Party. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. The event includes various family friendly activities such as the ACPD Kids Zone, K9 Demonstrations, food and beverages. Visit www.facebook.com/ArlingtonCountyPolice/.

SUNDAY/AUG. 27

Self Defense Series. 3-5 p.m. at at Pentagon MMA, 1041 South Edgewood St. Learn self-defense techniques and strategies taken from martial arts, such as Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, Jeet Kune Do, and Filipino Martial Art. Register for all four sessions, or for individual sessions. Visit www.pentagonmma.com.

Speed The Magician. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. A "High Energy Magician and Illusionist" known for his hyperactive, fast-paced, performance style. Call 703-228-

Opera in the Afternoon

Performance reaches out to seniors.

BY MIKE DOAN

Many seniors find a night of performances in Washington too expensive and the traffic and parking obstacles too difficult. For this underserved audience, an Arlington church and a local arts nonprofit are teaming up to provide them with afternoon concerts largely featuring opera music.

Their next effort will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, when Opera NOVA presents its August Opera Spectacular at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 South Taylor St.

"All people are valued and loved, and we want to make sure every generation and age group knows that, including our seniors," said the Rev. Wayne Fredericksen, pastor of the church. Adds Opera Nova president Miriam Miller, "Together we can reach an untapped and largely invisible audience of seniors — employed, retired, in assisted living, home alone, single or married — who wish to experience and enjoy the beauty of classical opera. We are unaware of any community that offers seniors personal enjoyment at a mature intellectual level which great music and opera provide."

This will be the fourth collaboration between the church and Opera NOVA, an Arlington-based



Jocelyn Hunt

nonprofit, which also provides abbreviated operas to school-children every spring. The church also serves seniors through its Prime Time program, and through concerts it has held, such as an organ recital and Armonia Nova, a medieval madrigal group. The seniors have enjoyed entertainment put on by children who attend Our Savior Lutheran School.

Featured Aug. 13 will be baritone Jose Sacin, soprano Biljana Soldo, soprano Jocelyn Hunt and mezzo-soprano Elise Jenkins. Also on the program are two student opera singers, mezzo-soprano Alex Thackray and soprano Azia Bennett. Broadway music will be mixed in with opera.

Says Opera NOVA fan Barbara Abbey, "People used to be afraid to go to opera. You had to put on high heels, it was uncomfortable, you didn't know the words. But this is so down to earth, you can chat with the people at intermission. They aren't Kennedy-Center types. It is reachable and affordable and fun. And look at the voices we have."

Tickets can be purchased at the church for \$5, \$7, \$10 "or pay what you will," said Miller. Reservations are encouraged at 703-536-7557 or mcdm1@verizon.net.

Besides seniors, a special invitation is extended to Girl Scout leaders and Girl Scouts to come in uniform (if possible) to hear the concert for free.

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Bat Fest. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. Leslie Sturges, director of the Save Lucy Campaign established to protect and conserve bats in this region. Ages 4 and up. Call 703-228-3403 or visit parks.arlingtonva.us/events/bat-fest-arlington/.

MONDAY/AUG. 28

Artists Benefit. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. at Signature Theatre, Shirlington Village, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. "Summer Hummer," a fundraiser for "Taking Care of Our Own," a program of theatre Washington that provides emergency assistance to Washington-area theatre professionals. Email gardinerj@sigtheatre.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 29

Fall Vegetable Gardening. 7-8:30

p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn inexpensive techniques to extend the harvest and even enjoy some of the crops in the dead of winter. Visit mgnv.org or call 703-228-6414.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

2017 Rosslyn Jazz Fest. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. A variety of jazz bands, presented by the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (BID) and Arlington Arts. Free. Visit rosslynva.org/jazzfest.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

BBQ, Boots and Bingo. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Columbus Club of Arlington, 5115 Little Falls Road. Food, entertainment, games, moon bounces, a fire truck, face painting and bingo. Call 703-558-0035.

MONDAY/SEPT. 18

Poetry Mixer. 7-8 p.m. at Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Informal group of local poetry writers write and read original poetry, and exchange constructive criticism. Call 703-228-6545.

MONDAY/OCT. 2

ARTrageous Silent Auction. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Visit arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 10

Meet the Author. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St., #101. NPR books commentator Nancy Pearl will discuss her debut novel "George & Lizze." Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com/.

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Students from Fairfax County’s Rachel Carson Middle School, the winning team in the Earth Force 2016-17 environment competition, hold the \$5,000 financial gift that the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation awarded to support Earth Force’s 2017-18 competition. Vince Meldrum (far left), president & CEO of Earth Force, poses with Hayley Snowden (second from left), a representative from Dominion Energy’s Media Relations team, and the students’ teacher (far right).

Dominion Awards Grant

Earth Force, a nonprofit located in the Clarendon, that challenges students to develop innovative solutions to environmental problems received a \$5,000 environmental stewardship grant from the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation. Funds will be allocated to support the “Caring for Our Watersheds” program and competition that will engage about 1,500 middle school students in Northern Virginia during the 2017-2018 academic year.

According to Vince Meldrum, president and CEO of Earth Force’s operation, the students work in teams to design and implement projects that will impact the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed region. “Rachel Carson Middle

School in Fairfax County, the winner for the 2016-2017 academic year, wanted to reduce food waste and litter that often end up in the area’s waterways,” he said. “They launched a partnership with a local residential shelter to pick up extra food from the school, resulting in a \$1,000 prize to the school for this creative program.” Other projects in the contest involved decreasing plastic bags and planting native grasses in wetlands.

See www.earthforce.org.

In April 2017, the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation awarded \$1.2 million through a competitive grant process to more than 100 schools, organizations and communities in 10 states served by Dominion Energy.



Renewal & Remembrance

Sunrise Landscape and Design, a member of the National Association of Landscape Professionals, participated in Renewal & Remembrance at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, July 17. This marks the 21st year that industry professionals have worked to help care for this national burial ground that serves as the final resting spot for more than 400,000 military service men and women and their spouses. Sunrise is located in Sterling but has work all throughout Northern Virginia.

Home Sales

In June 2017, 361 Arlington homes sold between \$2,375,000-\$6,500. This week’s list represents those homes sold in the \$2,375,000-\$825,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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3523 VALLEY ST	5	...	5	...	2	ARLINGTON\$2,325,000Detached0.42	22207	COUNTRY CLUB HILLS
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Setting a Summer Table

Warm weather design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

From a backyard barbeque to a simple brunch, there's still plenty of time to celebrate warm weather with table designs that embody summer's trends.

"We're still in summer and the weather is going to be warm for quite some time," said Amanda Mertins, president of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria. "An indoor or outdoor tablescape style depends on the occasion. Birthdays, holidays [and] retirements, all evoke a different feeling."

Start with fresh foliage inspired by the natural surroundings.

"Go out into your garden and use flowers [or] greens on your table," said Mertins. "Simple summer dinner party tables look great with lots of candles in votive holders, mason jars and glass lanterns. Remember to hang some of them in the trees for romance."

Incorporate a personal touch into each place setting, advises Hope Hassell, Case Design/Remodeling. "It will make each guest feel truly welcomed and you will look like the perfect hostess. It's as simple as printing off some photos from your phone or just adding place cards."

"Keep it casual by presenting family-style dishes down the center of the table," added



Sea-themed serveware in blue help create an elegant tone for summer entertaining.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MOLLY PRITCHARD

Kimberly Asner, designer at Country Casual Teak. "Mix in mood-setting candle lighting and colorful, fresh-cut flowers in multiples for the most impact ... keep arrangements below eye level for easy conversation."

For alfresco dining, practicality is key, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. Dinnerware needs to be both durable and aesthetically appealing. "Bamboo dishes ... are perfect for outdoor dining,"

she said. "They won't break if dropped and are a great alternative to melamine."

Summer offers an abundance of options for using color, says Hassell. "Not only do you have so many options of in-season flowers, but you also have the nature around you to provide the backdrop."

The color blue establishes the type of serene atmosphere that Molly Pritchard of Arlington-based interior design firm, Design

Lines likes to create at her summer parties. "Especially light blue because everything about it represents summer," said Pritchard. "It's cool and clean and neutral, especially when paired with white or cream. It creates a seaside feel which is very summery."

IN ADDITION TO COLOR, motifs can set the stage for summer dining. Designers at JT interiors in Potomac suggest using white dinnerware, emblazoned with a lemon, to turn an everyday meal into a summer soirée. The tableware can be accented with an array of accessories including platters, coasters, bowls and tea towels. "It creates a very summery look, and it's white and clean. Lemons and water are summery, like lemonade."

Summer table décor need not be expensive, says Hassell. "Simplicity can be stunning," she said. "The thoughtful placement of a sprig of rosemary can add just enough without having to go overboard."

Originality is a quality that Mertins encourages. "Think outside the box," she said. "Having a brunch? Use a vintage quilt as the tablecloth. Hosting a baby shower? Use silver rattles as decor and baby silver cups for the flowers. The effort you put into your party table will go a long way to the overall success of the party."



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NEWS



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More than 800 teens from the Diocese of Arlington spent time this summer fixing homes for needy families in the surrounding area. Pictured are Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, WorkCamp teen and adult volunteers with Kevin Curtis, after building him a new wheelchair ramp at his Stafford County home. Front row from left are Audrey Craig, 15; Claire Meere, 14; Curtis; Theresa Waggoner, 17; and Timothy Fleury, 17. Back row, from left are Michael Nicklas, 17; Marianne Estebal, 17; Mara Delmare, 15; Jack West, 17; Burbidge; Marylee Helbing, 16; Monica Castro,18; Benjamin Paczak, adult volunteer; Hannah Ziiai, 16; Peter Nickle, 16; Theresa Waggoner, 17; David Crego, 16; and John Williams, 15.

Teens Tackle Poverty

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keep up everyone's spirits.

After they arrived at Madden's site she says it was measuring space for the gutters and chop sawing the pieces until the lunch break — peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, snack and drink every day. Then back to work until 4 p.m. followed by a shower. Nguyen said, "They wouldn't let you into dinner unless you had a shower. I can understand. It got pretty hot." After dinner there was a program with a speaker or musical performance "and one night I remember we had ice cream," Nguyen added.

Madden said, "The program was one of my favorite things with lots of music. You got to be with your parish people and your new friends." Madden says this is her 4th year of WorkCamp where she helped build a wheelchair ramp. "It was somewhere close to King's Dominion. It was kind of funny, we passed King's Dominion every day going to the site and coming back." Next year Madden hopes to return to WorkCamp as part of the home base crew and when she is old enough as an adult leader.

Nguyen, also in her 4th year of WorkCamp, says last year she helped repair a wheelchair ramp "that had boards poking out and nails everywhere" so that the resident's grandson could safely get out of the house." On the last day the residents can come together with the crews and they pass around the microphone. "What really touched my heart was my



Rory Cameron, left, and crew member

resident came with her two grandchildren and said they were no longer trapped inside the four walls of their house and her little granddaughter could now play outside on the deck without her having to worry and her grandson could get his wheelchair outside." Nguyen added, "We think they are letting us come inside their house and helping them, but they are really helping me."

Bohli says he attended WorkCamp as a volunteer contractor in 1995. "The experience had such a strong impact on me that I left my position as a mechanical engineer for the government in 1997 and began to do youth ministry." In 2001 he took over the diocesan office of Youth Ministry "and began running the very camp that had such a strong impact on my life."

News

Operation FirePaws Supports AWLA

Help the Arlington County Fire Department help animals in need by participating in Operation FirePaws, a pet supply drive benefiting the AWLA. Firefighters are collecting non-perishable items from the AWLA's wish list at all fire stations during the month of August.

Canned food, collars, toys and even some office supplies are needed. The AWLA has requested no milk bones, boxed hard treats, or homemade treats.

Through Operation FirePaws last year, community members donated more than 600 pounds of pet supplies to the AWLA. The goal this year is to surpass that amount with 650 pounds.

Pet safety tips and profiles of adoptable pets at the AWLA will also be featured throughout the month on the fire department's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Drop off donations at any Arlington County fire station

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www.facebook.com/agingmatterswera to listen to programs.

Volunteer Bike Repair Night. First Tuesday of the month, 6-9 p.m. at Phoenix Bikes, Barcroft Park, 4200 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Volunteers gather to refurbish bikes, sort parts or help with essential tasks. No experience necessary.

Public Financial Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline. On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Arlington County launched a new public hotline that offers a confidential and secure way to report suspected incidents of financial fraud, waste and abuse. Anyone can submit a complaint to the hotline at 1-866-565-9206 or at arlingtonva.ethicaladvocate.com. The hotline website is available in English and Spanish. Phone calls can be taken in many languages.

The Arlington Food Assistance Center's Plot Against Hunger program is again seeking local vegetable gardeners and farmers willing to grow and donate fresh produce to the AFAC food pantry. AFAC can provide free vegetable seeds to those who pledge to donate produce from community or personal gardens. Seeds available now at AFAC, 2708 S. Nelson Street, during regular business hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit www.afac.org/ or contact Puwen at Puwen.Lee@afac.org or 703-845-8486.

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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.

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Coincidental Or Not



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

One of our older/oldest cats, Biscuit, born late September 2006 and his oldest human parent, yours truly, born late September 1954, are both having teeth issues. In fact, the exact same teeth issues: the 1st molar and the 2nd bicuspid in the "upper right quadrant" are causing us problems and have to be extracted.

Biscuit's teeth extraction will be done by our regular veterinarian. Mine will be done not by my regular dentist but by a specialist, an oral surgeon. Unfortunately, the two practices are not related so there's no chance of a "BOGO." Nor is there any chance that the two procedures will be about the same cost. My teeth extraction will be double at a minimum, perhaps even quadruple, if I'm lucky. (I made inquiries.) Accordingly, Biscuit's extraction will occur/has occurred first.

What's of interest to me is the coincidence that Biscuit and I need the same teeth extracted at the same time. Which when you consider that Biscuit and I are approximately the same age, is not really a surprise. It's really more of a fact of life/aging – for both of us. Perhaps there are other behaviors and/or physical/mental indicators in Biscuits day-to-day activities which might clue me in to my own aging process. After all, we are living similar lives.

So far, Biscuit's post-teeth-extraction recovery has been uneventful. He's been spry and energetic. He's been on the kitchen counter, various window sills, the dining room table, the ironing board and all the other furniture; he's knocked over the wicker trash basket in our bedroom three times and he's been eating like a dog. In short, he's "back baby."

He almost appears to be smiling – except when we attempt to give him his post-procedure pills. As per usual, during the day he's sleeping on the back of the couch and at night he's curled up in the laundry basket; and he's still the first cat – of five, an hour early, I might add, for breakfast and dinner, to place his order/meow his presence. He's as ready to eat as ever. He hasn't missed a beat or a step. If I had to summarize/characterize his actions now, I'd say he has a real joie de vivre, "an exuberant enjoyment of life." So what am I waiting for? Godot?

As for my procedure, I've been told it takes 30 minutes or so. Local anesthesia is used (unlike Biscuit who was totally sedated/anesthetized). Moreover, the post-surgical pain is not terrible and the chance of infection is minor. And though I'll have a space in my gums where my teeth used to be, no longer will I be anticipating the pain and discomfort that cracking or splitting either of these two teeth would cause. The only pain I'll likely have is the pain of payment. (See 7/26/17 column entitled "Taking Care of Business" for associated details.)

I guess my curiosity/concern is whether I trust anything I've observed from Biscuit's dental experience – considering we're the same age. Is what's good for the cat also good for the human – all things being equal, sort of? Is Biscuit's return to normalcy so quickly and so easily – and so vigorously, a lesson to be learned? If seeing is believing and I do see extremely well for someone nearing his 63rd birthday, then Biscuit's 'experience' and the comparison between his pre- and post-extraction behavior should be an inspiration to us all, especially those of us of similar age with one and the same, two actually, teeth which need to be extracted.

I mean, the procedure I've been putting off is not exactly brain surgery, it's oral surgery. I'm not admitted to a hospital. It's outpatient. I'm in and then out. Same day service, just like the restaurant where my wife, Dina works. I don't even need someone to drive me home (unlike Biscuit. I had to drive him home.) And now that Biscuit is home, safe and sound, I suppose it's time for me to buck up and schedule my appointment. After all, it has nothing to do with cancer and everything to do with quality of life. I'd say that's a win-win.

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