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News

One More Battle in War of the Dawn Redwood

Concerns over county's tree canopy.

BY SHIRLEY RUHE The Connection

he battle is heating up between Richmond Custom Homes who purchased a lot at 3260 N. Ohio Street and a group of conservationists attempting to preserve a 114-feet high dawn redwood tree located on the property. The County Board sits in the

A group of about 20 local residents, wearing green imprinted "Please Save Our Trees" T-shirts sat as a block of protestors at the County Board meeting on Saturday, July 14. Angela Dickey, spokesperson for preservation of the dawn redwood tree at the meeting, focused on the importance of the tree's location in a Resource Protection Area (RPA). An RPA includes streams, rivers and other water bodies and environmentally sensitive lands within 100 feet of these water resources. The updated Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area map approved by the County Board on July 15, 2017 places the dawn redwood in one of Arlington's RPAs.

Dickey was followed by speakers representing other Arlington neighborhoods with similar concerns including Upton Park, Lyon Village and Cherrydale. Mary Glass, who appeared on behalf of Donaldson Run, said, "There were really so many areas represented here that they have to take notice."

The owner-developer has indicated he plans to demolish the current home on N. Ohio Street, subdivide the lot and build two new six-bedroom homes. The plan involves cutting down the dawn redwood, the largest of its species in Virginia. The tree is designated as both an Arlington and a State

Arlington Tree Action Group (ATAG) in a June 25 press release declared, "This has the makings of a landmark case. A Champion Tree and the RPA in which it is located are at stake; the loss of either would call into question the enforcement of the Chesapeake Bay Protection Ordinance (CBPO), not to mention the county processes used to designate Champion Trees and RPAs."

AFTER THE PURCHASE of the property, a petition was initiated in early June by an Ohio Street neighbor and within a week it had over 800 signatures. By the time of the County Board meeting, the number of signatures on the petition had grown to 1,047. The petition argued that the nearly 40,000 square-foot lot could easily accommodate the tree and still build the new homes. Since then neighbors have been searching for solutions from buying the lot themselves to transferring the tree to someone else's property to voting out board members who don't support preservation of Arlington's trees.



Photo by Shirley Ruhe/The Connection

The Resource Protected Area (RPA) runs along the stream bordering the house on Ohio Street where the dawn redwood is located.

The president of the Williamsburg Civic Association sent a letter on behalf of its residents to the County Board on June 22 expressing "dismay and concerns regarding the proposed removal of a mature dawn redwood at 3260 N. Ohio." The letter points out the location of the dawn redwood in the RPA is protected by the "state and local law which generally prohibit the removal of trees in RPAs, to preserve precisely substantial environmental benefits"

THE COUNTY BOARD responded on July 11 that "the tree is a state-recognized 'champion.' However in terms of legal protection, this is an honorary recognition only. The tree is not protected under state law or county regulation." The response explained there while there is a procedure to give a tree legal protection as a Specimen or Heritage Tree under the county's Tree Preservation Ordinance, it requires consent of the property owner. The previous owners of the property did not apply for either designation.

The board response explains: "The owner has considerable development rights under State and local law." However it indicated the county is exploring options for preserving the tree including direct discussions with the owner-developer, Richmond Custom Homes, as well as exploration of the ordinances related to the RPA which balances private property rights with maintaining effective buffer zones for water quality. Katie Cristol, chair of the County Board, and John Vihstadt, the board's liaison to the Urban Forestry Commission, signed the let-

While designation of a Champion tree appears to afford no legal protection, according to the Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) the tree's location within the buffer zone of an RPA does give it protection. UFC weighed in with a letter to the County Board indicating the UFC meeting on June 28 considered the issue of the re-development of the property at 3260 N. Ohio Street. "This property is located within the Little Pimmit Run (of the RPA) and due to the small size of the surface stream is particularly sensitive to the effects of adjacent development."

The letter indicates two neighboring properties have recently adjusted their building designs to meet the RPA requirements. "According to (Section)61-17 of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance: 'The County Manager on behalf of the County Board may seek injunctive relief to enjoin a violation for a threatened violation of any provision of this chapter."

However, County Board Manager Mark Schwartz indicated at the board meeting on July 14 the county-managed RPA has a strong advisory role but not with legal pro-

Kit Norland, one of the core members of the ATAG, added, "The County Board said this morning we really care but if we can't do anything it's not really our fault."

Glass says, "That's not really true; there are a lot of things they can do if they choose to do them."

A BROCHURE ISSUED by the Arlington Department of Environmental Services in November 2012 states under activities requiring RPA approval that "creating a new structure generally will require an exception request. In all cases the county will review the proposed RPA activity to ensure that water quality is protected." It continues, "The removal of mature trees with a diameter of 3 inches or greater requires county review and approval."

Norland declares the county's response "could not be more limp. Pathetic. Disappointing ... not much said about preserving the Resource Protection Area that runs the length of the property if the RPA means nothing here; what kind of precedent is being set?'

A Council of Governments (COG) for the Chesapeake Bay meeting is scheduled for July 27.

Libby Garvey, chair of the group and a County Board member says the dawn redwood won't be on the agenda because regional cooperation rarely gets to that level of detail. "But what I hope will happen in that COG meeting is that we decide to work more closely to find solutions to the issues we all have of preserving existing trees in the watershed."

This battle to save the dawn redwood is part of a larger war in Arlington to save the tree canopy. The Williamsburg Civic Association in its 2017 Neighborhood Conservation Plan identified the loss of mature trees through development as one of the biggest concerns of residents.

The letter from the Williamsburg Civic Association points out that Arlington's most recent Tree Canopy Assessment, the WPA has experienced a slight decline in overall canopy in recent decades and "the specific site at issue here — the West branch of Little Pimmit Run has seen a decline of 5 percent in tree canopy in the last five years alone."

Board Approves Park Improvements

he County Board at its July 14 meeting approved the award of two contracts to make improvements to two county parks.

The board approved the award of a \$2 million contract to Bennett Group, Inc. to convert a grass diamond playing field at Gunston Park to the county's second synthetic turf diamond field. The Arlington Sports Foundation, an Arlington non-profit that raises funds for capital improvements to sports fields and facilities throughout the county, is helping fund the

Gunston Park Diamond Athletic Field #1 was approved for a capital maintenance project as part of the Fiscal Year 2016 Pay-As-You-Go budget. The plan at the time was to maintain the field as a grass field. The Arlington Sports Foundation then offered to help the county meet the costs of converting the field from natural grass to synthetic turf to allow for yearround play, adding nearly 880 possible playing hours to the field.



Current Gunston Park diamond field.

The foundation raised \$180,000 of the \$370,000 needed for the conversion, and the Arlington Sports Commission recommended allocating \$190,000 from the Arlington County Diamond Field Fund to complete the project.

The County Board also approved a \$684,000 contract to replace picnic shelter #2 in the 95plus-acre Glencarlyn Park, 301 S. Harrison Street, and renovate the adjacent parking lot. Crown Construction was awarded the contract



Rendering of planned Glencarlyn Park picnic shelter.

in a competitive bidding process.

The new shelter and adjacent parking lot is located within a Resources Protection Area and 100-year floodplain along Four Mile Run stream. To minimize disturbance of the natural area, staff designed the updated shelter to be placed on the same location as the former shelter. Stone and Douglas Fir will be used in building the new shelter, to complement the feel of the site.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Walk-Fit. Ongoing Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Fashion Center at Pentagon City, Arlington. Participants walk at their own pace in a safe and friendly environment. Group stretch and cool down led by Virginia Hospital Center staff at 9:15 a.m. Meet on the first level by Nordstrom. Call 703-558-6859.

Pet Food Bank. AWLA is establishing a Pet Food Bank to serve qualifying residents of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. In consideration of the effect financial obstacles have on a pet owner's ability to afford pet care, the AWLA Pet Food Bank program's goal is to keep family pets out of shelters. If you are an Arlington County or City of Falls Church resident and are in need of assistance in feeding your pet, follow this link and fill out a pre-registration form. Website: https://goo.gl/forms/ s2FuFdaYWdZm4tPw2

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

To the Editor:

Dementia Caregiver Support Springs Campus, of Virginia Hospital

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Center, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. No cost. Call 703-558-

South Outreach Team Meeting. 7

p.m. at Fairlington Community Center – 3308 S. Stafford St., Room 134. The Community Outreach Unit will begin hosting quarterly meetings, covering community issues, crime prevention tips and addressing resident concerns. Visit police.arlingtonva.us for more.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Healthy Aging Lecture Series. 11

a.m.-noon at Virginia Hospital Center, Carlin Springs Campus, 601 S. Carlin Springs Road; enter through Urgent Care Center, and take an immediate right into the Wellness Room. Pain Management: New Laws and Latest Research with Brianna Palowitch, PharmD, BCGP, Geriatric Pharmacist. Learn the latest research from the newly released 2018 Beers Criteria on medications and interactions that could happen as one ages. Discuss new laws and research regarding pain management and medical marijuana, Free, but RSVP to 703-558-6859

SUNDAY/JULY 29

should be providing.

Sweet Summer. 6-7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Kol Ami and Growing Jewish Families are sponsoring Sweet Summer, an event

meant to connect Jewish families with children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years. Ice cream and playtime on the playground and Rabbi Gilah Langner will be reading Jewish themed books to the children. RSVP at shalomdc.org. Visit KolAmiVirginia.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

Master Naturalist Application

Deadline. Tuesdays, Sept. 4-Dec. 18, 7-10 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. The Virginia Master Naturalist program trains volunteers to provide education, outreach, citizen science, and stewardship to help conserve and steward natural resources and public lands. Master Naturalist volunteers gain certification through stateapproved natural history courses Visit www.armn.org to apply.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 7-11

National Convention. At the

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FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 7-9

W-L Reunion Planning. Alumni from Washington-Lee High School Classes of 1957 and 1958 will be celebrating their 60th reunion on Sept. 7-9 at the Key Bridge Marriott. Highlights of the weekend include a Friday night social, picnic at the Potomac Boat Club Saturday afternoon, dinner, dialogue and dancing on Saturday evening, and a farewell breakfast Sunday morning. For further information, contact Al Richmond (Class of '57) or Kitty Sherwood Richmond (Class of '58) at 703-276-4699 or wlhs1857@yahoo.com or

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit: Border (Untitled).

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www.marymount.edu/barrygallery or www.marymount.edu/ballston-

center-gallery.

Art Exhibit: "Peregrination." Gallery hours at The Margaret W. and Joseph L Fisher Gallery on the second floor of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Center on the Alexandria campus of the Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive (off Beauregard Street), Alexandria. Arlington-based fine artist Bryan Jernigan's solo show –
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pah-events/. **Plant Clinic.** Wednesdays, through Oct. 24, 6:45-8:45 p.m. at The Arlington Central Library, east lobby, 1015 N. Quincy St. Visit mgnv.org.

Ball-Sellers House Open. Through Oct. 27, Saturdays 1-4 p.m. at Ball Sellers House, 5620 3rd St., South.



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1891 as the Hume School, named for Frank Hume who gave some of the

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Entertainment

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.

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

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

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

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

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 for more.

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

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

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

SUMMER CAMPS

Visual Arts Camps. Through Aug. 31 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Meets 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and/or 1:30-4 p.m. Mondays thru Fridays. Thematic and technique-focused camps return this summer for children and teens, ages 4-18. Campers explore the fundamentals of visual arts through creative projects in various two- and three-dimensional media. Line, color, shape, texture, space, and form will all be emphasized through creative projects based on campers' observations and imaginations. Visit arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

Library Garden Talks. 7-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Topic is Garden Therapy. A physical therapist teaches participants how the right moves can help avoid aching muscles and injury. Visit www.fairfaxgardening.org/

THURSDAY/JULY 19

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, 4121 Wilson Blvd., #100. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills - entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Guest Pourer is Sen. Tim Kaine. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 19-SATURDAY/AUG.4

Summer Nights Cabaret Series. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Signature Theatre kicks off its 2018/19 Season with the Sizzlin' Summer Nights Cabaret Series. Two and a half weeks of live music and performances by Signature favorites with a different performance every night. Signature favorites are featured throughout including cabarets by Nova Y. Payton (Signature's Jelly's Last Jam), Erin Driscoll (Signature's Titanic), Awa Sal Secka (Signature's Jesus Christ Superstar), Christopher Mueller (Signature's Titanic), Iyona Blake (Signature's Jelly's Last Jam), and Maria Rizzo (Signature's Crazy for You). \$35. Tickets can be purchased at www.sigtheatre.org, in person at the Box Office, or by calling 703-820-

FRIDAY-MONDAY/JULY 20-23

HSUS TAFA Conference. 5 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington. Join the Humane Society of the United States for

this year's Taking Action for Animals (TAFA) Conference, the leading national conference in the animal advocacy movement. Cost is \$120-\$140. Visit takingactionforanimals.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 21

The Lemonade Stand. 12-1:30 p.m. at Clarendon Market Commons, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches atrisk youth essential life skills entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org

Netherlands Carillon Concerts: Julia A. Littleton. 6-8 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II. Enjoy views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop. Bring a blanket or folding chairs. Sunshades and free-standing tents are allowed, but stakes are not. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/ planyourvisit/

netherlandscarillon.htm for more. Turtle Tales Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. The whole family is invited to meet at the Long Branch Amphitheater for lots of old-fashioned fun. This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities which may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and S'mores. Cost is \$5. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Call 703-228-6535.

Crystal City Twilighter 5K Race.

The Arlington County Police Department will close several roadways from approximately 6-11:15 p.m. to accommodate the event. Additionally, during this time there will be limited access to area parking garages within the road closures. The following lane closures will be effect between 6-11 p.m.: The entirety of Crystal Drive between

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SUNDAY/JULY 22

Jane Franklin Dance. 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, corner of N. 2nd and N. Columbus Street,

Arlington. With 40-plus communitybased performers who celebrate age as merely a number, with most being well past the age of 40. Free. Visit www.janefranklin.com or call 703-933-1111.

MONDAY/JULY 23

Film Screening. 3-4:30 p.m. at Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy Street, Arlington. Encore Learning presents "Hannah: Buddhism's Untold Journey." This documentary film tells the story of Hannah Nydahl and her effort to make Tibetan Buddhism available in the West. Call Encore Learning at 703-228-2144.



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TUESDAY/JULY 24

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at Freshfarm Market Crystal City, 1900 Crystal Drive. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at 5:30-7 p.m. at Clarendon Animal Care, 3000 10th St N. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

Book Talk. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 North Westmoreland St. Andrew Shaffer presents Hope Never Dies: An Obama/Biden Mystery. Visit www.onemorepagebooks.com for

Alexandria Pitch Celebration. 6:30 p.m. at the WeWork in Crystal City, 2221 South Clark St., 12th Floor, Arlington. Don't miss the final pitch of the season, when students from the Alexandria Grow My Business program will present their business pitches in a formal setting and receive feedback from a panel of expert judges. RSVP at www.eventbrite.com, search "Empowered Women."

Library Garden Talks. 7-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Topic is All about Honey Bees. Want to start a beehive or just understand how a beehive works? Learn from an expert beekeeper the basics of beekeeping. Visit www.fairfaxgardening.org/eventscalendar.

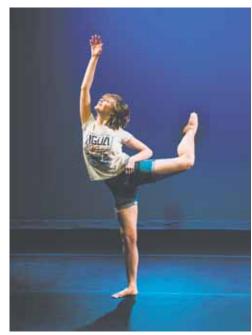
THURSDAY/JULY 26

The Lemonade Stand. 1-2:30 p.m. at Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, 5666 Columbia Pike, Falls Church. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Guest Pourer is Karen Rosales, CEO of ACFCU. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 27

Moths by Moonlight Campfire.

8:30-9:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road, Arlington. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Have fun at this later-than-usual campfire. Learn about moths before visiting a black light setup to see who's flying at night. Cost is \$5. Call 703-228-3403.



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With 40-plus community-based performers who celebrate age as merely a number, with most being well past the age of 40. Sunday, July 22, 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheatre, corner of N. 2nd and N. Columbus St., Arlington. Free. Visit www.janefranklin.com or call 703-933-1111.

SATURDAY/JULY 28

Publishing Panel Discussion. 2-4

p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Join authors and publishing professionals for a discussion about the ever-changing book industry. Learn about the latest trends in publishing and book marketing. Hear what agents, publishing houses, and readers are currently interested in. Bring questions and be prepared for an afternoon of book talk. Free. Visit mascotbooks.com.

Netherlands Carillon Concerts:

Edward M. Nassor. 6-8 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II. Enjoy views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop. Bring a blanket or folding chairs. Sunshades and free-standing tents are allowed, but stakes are not. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm.

SUNDAY/JULY 29

Going Native: Flora and Fauna. 9

a.m.-1 p.m. at Fairlington Farmer's Market, 3308 S. Stafford St. Going Native: Flora and Fauna of Arlington, created and illustrated by artist Kate Samworth, is a folding, pocket-sized manual of some of Arlington's native plant, mammal, and insect species of Arlington. Using her artwork as a reference, enjoy a quick hands-on art project examining and recreating the shapes and patterns found on selected species of plants, insects, and butterflies by using collage, watercolor and drawing. Visit www.fairlingtonfarmersmarket.org

Cristina Curp Book Signing. 1 p.m.

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Cristina Curp for a Keto talk and
book signing. She will be talking on
behalf of her new Cookbook – Made
Whole. Visit
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TUESDAY/JULY 31

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at 5:30-7 p.m. at 5:30-7 p.m. at Hair Cuttery, 2020 Wilson Blvd. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Going Native: Flora and

Fauna. 3-7 p.m. at Ballston Mega Market, Welburn Square, Ballston Metro, Arlington. Going Native: Flora and Fauna of Arlington, created and illustrated by artist Kate Samworth, is a folding, pocket-sized manual of some of Arlington's native plant, mammal, and insect species of Arlington. Using her artwork as a reference, enjoy a quick hands-on art project examining and recreating the shapes and patterns found on selected species of plants, insects, and butterflies by using collage, watercolor and drawing. Visit freshfarm.org/ballston.html for

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at FRESHFARM Ballston Market, 901 N. Taylor St. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 4

The Lemonade Stand. 5:30-7 p.m. at 12-1:30 p.m. at Clarendon Market Commons, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. The Lemonade Stand, hosted by children served by Bridges to Independence, teaches at-risk youth essential life skills – entrepreneurship, a strong work ethic, financial literacy and teamwork. Proceeds from this year's program will fund the start of a savings account for each youth participant and earn the young people a fun, summer field trip. Visit www.Bridges2.org.

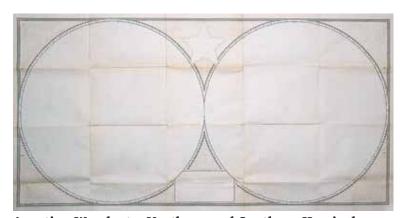
Netherlands Carillon Concerts:

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MONDAY-FRIDAY/AUG. 6-10

Fundamentals of Painting. At

Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Put color theory and blending techniques into practice in this essential course for beginning and experienced painters. Color, composition, space, and texture will be emphasized throughout this camp as projects move from representational to abstract. After learning the fundamentals of painting, campers will be encouraged



Agustina Woodgate, Northern and Southern Hemisphere, 2014, Sanded outdated world map, 22 x 41 inches.

Exhibit: Border (Untitled)

Marymount University will present Border (Untitled), an exhibition on the state of culture, art, and politics surrounding immigration and refugees. The dual exhibit runs on the state of culture, art, and politics surrounding immigration and refugees. through July 28. Visit www.love-withoutborders.org/, www.marymount.edu/barrygallery or www.marymount.edu/ballston-center-gallery.

to experiment as they develop their artistic voice. Visit arlingtonartscenter.org/education/ or call 703-248-6800.

Touch Rugby Camps. 9 a.m.-noon. Children ages 5-14. Learn touch rugby this summer from USA Rugby certified coaches. Details online through Great Falls Rugby Club and Falls Church Parks and Rec. Great Falls Camp runs June 25-29; Falls Church Camp runs Aug. 6-10. Cost is \$90-\$120 per week. Contact Ed Bracken at ed.bracken@apsva.us or call 703-585-3063. Visit www.greatfallsrugby.com and www.fallschurchva.gov/452/Recreation-Parks.

SATURDAY/AUG. 11

Netherlands Carillon Concerts: Kipp Cortez. 6-8 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a

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AUG. 15-16

Competitive Exhibit Entry

Deadline. Competitive Exhibits are an integral part of the Arlington County Fair. Members of the community enter their fine arts, honey bees wax, or prized orchids to be named winner in one of seven departments. Registration forms and entry tags are attached to the Competitive Exhibits Guide and can also be found online and should be turned in with exhibit. Registration will occur on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 4-8 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 16, 7:30-9:30 a.m. for perishable items for department I, II, VI, VII at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center. The award ceremony is Aug. 19, 2018 at 3 p.m. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us/ entertainment/exhibits/.

SATURDAY/AUG. 18 Netherlands Carillon Concerts:

Edward M. Nassor. 6-8 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 25

Netherlands Carillon Concerts:

Lynnli Wang. 6-8 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II. Enjoy views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop. Bring a blanket or folding chairs. Sunshades and free-standing tents are allowed, but stakes are not. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 3

Netherlands Carillon Concerts:

Edward M. Nassor. 2-4 p.m. at Netherlands Carillon, Arlington. The 50 bells of the Netherlands Carillon hang in an open steel tower, a symbol of Dutch regard for American aid during and after World War II. Enjoy views of Washington, D.C., while guest artists play patriotic music, jazz, and pop. Bring a blanket or folding chairs. Sunshades and free-standing tents are allowed, but stakes are not. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/netherlandscarillon.htm for more.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 27

Spirit of Community. 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel, 2800 S. Potomac Ave. The Arlington Community Foundation presents the Spirit of Community Award, established to recognize individuals and/or organizations who have demonstrated a tireless and unselfish commitment to improving the quality of life in Arlington. \$65. Visit www.arlcf.org or call 703-243-4785.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 29

Gallery Talk: "Open World" and "Within/Between." 1-3 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. A walking tour and discussion of Open World and Within/Between with the artists in the exhibitions. Visit arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

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"Audiobooks are great

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Best for Family Road Trips

Top audiobook picks for long drives with children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

ith summer comes roadtrips. In fact, a study by New York University's School of Professional studies showed that 63 percent of American families will take a vacation by car this summer. Long stretches of interstate and backseat time call for loading up on audio books before hitting the road.

"Audio books are great for long car rides and they're much better than video games," said Barbara Marshall, department chair for Education and Social Sciences at Montgomery College. "They don't take the place of actually reading a book, but there is a time and place for

without scenic views. She and others who are familiar with children's literature suggest some of the best books for family vacations by car.

"Ghost" by Jason Reynolds and narrated by Guy Lockard is a recommendation by Jennifer Rothschild, Youth Services Collection Development Librarian for

Arlington Public Libraries. This 3.5 hour audio books is about a gifted runner named Ghost who has a chance to run for a prestigious middle school track team, but is challenged to stay on track both literally and figuratively in order to reach his full potential.

Fantasy buffs might appreciate "Dealing with Dragons" by Patricia C. Wrede, while fans of dystopian novels might enjoy

"Leviathan," written by Scott Westerfeld and narrated by Alan Cumming, suggests Rothschild.

Set in an alternate version of WWI, Leviathan is the first in a trilogy. Primary characters include Prince Aleksander, the would-be heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and Deryn, a girl who disguises herself as a boy to serve in the British Air Service. The story takes off when the two cross paths.

History lovers might appreciate another Rothschild pick: "Notorious Benedict Arnold" which was written by Steve Sheinkin and narrated by Mark Bramhall. Running at 6.5 hours, this is a true story about an American war hero who loses his career and freedom for greater recognition.

Music lovers might enjoy "Solo" by Kwame Alexander, says Yunna Iqbal of Scrawl Books in Reston. The audio version of the New York Times best selling book by the same name, tells the tale of Blade, the son of a former rock star with a drug addiction. Intertwined with songs, the story follows Blade as he tries to escape his escape his family's fame and fortune.

"Each chapter has a specific song and story follows and that makes it good for both young kids and older kids," said Iqbal.

"Artemis Fowl" by Eoin Colfer, narrated by

Recommendations

For audio book reviews and suggestions: www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncr

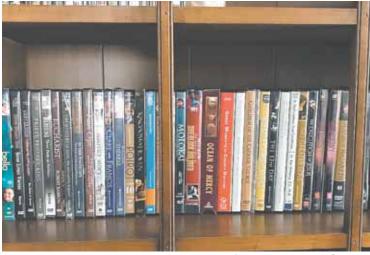


PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Audio books are helpful in passing time during a family vacation by car.

One of those times, says Marshall, is long drives Nathaniel Parker could appeal to thrill-seekers. The main character, a 12-year-old named Artemis Fowl is the heir to a crime family who appears to be unusually skilled at masterminding crimes until greed threatens to ruin his most his brilliant plan. This

Rothschild suggestion runs 6.5 hours. Timeless classics like "Charles and the Chocolate

Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach," both by Roald Dahl, are also fail-safe choices for family road trips, says Iqbal.

"Ghost Boys" by Jewell Parker Rhodes is a recommendation from Lelia Nebeker, Book Buyer at One More Page Books in Arlington. "It's a very short book, so if you're only driving for three hours, you can probably finish it," she said. "It's from the per-

spective of a seventh-grade black boy who is shot and killed by the police, and his ghost is telling the story of seeing the world after his death, where he meets the ghost of Emmett Till. It's a heartbreaking book, but beautifully written, well performed on the audiobook."

Despite the mature sounding premise, Nebeker says that it's intended for readers ages 9 and up.

"Avalon High by Meg Cabot' is a fun contemporary take on the King Arthur myth by the prolific Meg Cabot," advised Nebeker. "This one does take place in a high school setting, but it's appropriate for ages 10 and up for sure. So cute and funny."

"Two of my coworkers read 'Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble' by Anna Meriano ... and raved about it," said Nebeker.

"Amal Unbound' by Aisha Saeed is about a 14-yearold girl in Pakistan who becomes a servant to pay off her family's debts," said Nebeker. "[This is] another book for young readers that has some mature content, but is good for ages 10 and up and will start good discussion between parents and young readers."

"Howl's Moving Castle" by Diana Wynne Jones and "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle are two additional suggestions from Nebeker.

For a wider selection of choices, Marshall suggests the American Library Association's website which offers reviews of audio books: www.ala.org/alsc/ awardsgrants/notalists/ncr.



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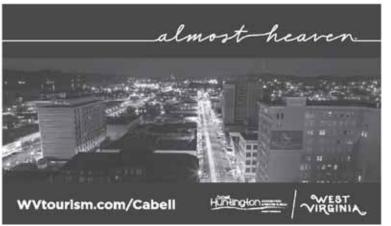
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Aging in Arlington Aging in Place reforms approved.

By Vernon Miles THE CONNECTION

rlington is getting more expensive to live in year after year. For many Arlingtonians the continually rising rents and property values are making it harder to stay in the county. During the tax relief study, one member of the working group was priced out of their home. Arlington County currently offers tax relief for elderly residents, but at its July 14 meeting, the County Board unanimously approved a series of changes that will alter the program to the better for some and more challenging to

"People want to age in place," said Laurie Young, chair of the Commission on Aging. "I'm grateful for tax relief for elders. You provide a way for folks to remain in their homes. Aging in place would be in jeopardy without that."

Two of the biggest changes to the program are an extension in the application deadline and increasing the program's exemption asset limit. The original deadline was Aug. 15, but the deadline was moved to Nov. 15 and the exception asset limit was increased from \$340,000 to \$400,000. Currently homeowners with assets greater than \$340,000 but less than tax trends and affordability at all ages."

\$540,000 may qualify for a deferral. Deferrals allow homeowners to postpone payment of some or all of the real estate taxes, to be paid without interest or penalties when the property changes ownership.

The changes will net Arlington \$153,898 of revenue that was previously not being collected.

However, some local residents say the new changes overestimate how far those numbers can go for elderly or disabled residents.

"I'm one of those people supposedly wealthy," said Gail Davis. "I am also disabled and almost 75 years old. The theory that I can take equity out of my house and pay your tax bill: I already have two mortgages on my house. I took out home equity line which just converted to full payment ... If I sold the house, I would have nothing left."

County Board member John Vihstadt said he recognized the concerns of citizens, but that the change was necessary to help cover costs elsewhere.

"Seniors real estate tax relief is a critical component of aging in community and aging in place," said Vihstadt. "Many do want to remain in their own home. They don't want other living arrangements which ultimately they may have to transition to. At the same time, we do need to be mindful of property

Site for Bus Parking Purchased

he County Board at its July 14 meeting unanimously approved the acquisition of three parcels of land along Shirlington Road that will be used as storage for the county's Arlington Rapid Transit bus fleet.

The \$23.86 million purchase was made with funding from state, regional, and dedicated local transportation sources.

The county already had been using the largest parcel of land, 2.52 acres at 2629 Shirlington Road, to store ART buses through a rental agreement. That property comes with a small piece of undeveloped land, used for stormwater drainage, and a .94-acre lot at 2633 Shirlington Road, most recently used by a towing operator.

The purchase – from joint owners NOBE I, LLC and SHCII, LLC – supports county planning detailed in the adopted FY 2017-2026 Capital Improvement Plan and the 10-year Transit Development Plan, adopted in 2016.



ART buses parked at Shirlington Road site.

The Shirlington Road properties would complement the ART light-maintenance facility on South Eads Street in Arlington, and the heavy maintenance facility site in Fairfax County that the county may acquire.

"Flourishing After 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for July

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

Senior trips: Tangier Island Cruise Monday, July 30, \$84; tour FedEx Field & Stadium, D.C., Tuesday, July 31, \$26; tour National Public Radio & Voice of America, D.C., Wednesday, Aug. 1, \$11; Wolf Trap, "Rigoletto," Friday, Aug. 3, \$70; The Kennedy Center, "The Color Purple," Saturday, Aug. 4, \$96. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-2284748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:

Trekker Tom Curtis to discuss the Appalachian Trail, Monday, July 30, 1 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

Walter Reed's Garden Group to meet horticulturist Kirsten Conrad and Master Gardeners, Monday, July 30, 1 p.m. Register, 703-228-0955.

Outdoor pickleball at Walter Reed. Call for days and times, 703-228-

Pickleball beginners, Mondays, 9 a.m., Arlington Mill; 9:45 a.m., Walter Reed. Details, 703-228-4771

Meet Michelle Leith, Virginia Attorney General's office to discuss frauds and scams, Tuesday, July 31, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Register early, 703-228-0555

Five sneaky causes of weight **gain**, Tuesday, July 31, 10 a.m., Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Dr. Michael O'Connor. director. Source Physical Therapy, to discuss best approach to exercise, Tuesday, July 31, 11 a.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703 228-7369.

Col. Scott Willey (USAF, Ret.) to discuss the Enola Gay, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-

Essentials of trusts in estate planning, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

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SPORTS



DR swimmer Ellie Wertzler broke the DR girls' 8 & under 25 free team record during the DR vs. **High Point meet on Saturday.**

High Point Outscores **Thunderbolts**

n its fourth meet of the NVSL Division III season, the Donaldson Run Thunderbolts fell on the road against Fall Church's High Point HiPPos on Saturday, July 14. The final score was 224-196.

DR swimmer Ellie Wertzler broke a DR team record that had been on the board since 2000 with a time of 16.50 in the girls' 8 & under 25 free.

Double individual race winners for Donaldson Run were: Ellie Wertzler (girls' 8 & under 25 free and 25 fly); Scarlett Bennett (girls' 9-10 50 free and 50 back); Emily Brooks (girls' 15-18 50 free and 50 back); Charlie Greenwood (boys' 11-12 50 back and 50 fly); Diya Redburn (girls' 50 breast and 50 fly); and Grace Jansen (girls' 13-14 50 breast and 50 fly).

The team's single winners were (in order of age and event): James Madden (boys' 8 & under 25 back); Sean Conley (boys' 15-18 50 back); Peter Madden (boys' 8 & under 25 breast); Phillip Brooke (boys' 11-12 50 breast); Drew Harker (boys' 13-14 50 breast); Jack Tsuchitani (boys' 13-14 50 fly); and Matt Vance (boys' 15-18 50 fly).

Donaldson Run swimmers finished first in 19 of the individual races and won four relavs.

Winning relay teams included: Scarlett Bennett, Evelyn Maloney, Ryan Clark, and Diya Redburn (girls' 9-10 100 medley relay); TJ Hutchison, Drew Harker, Jack Tsuchitani, and Braylon Meade (boys' 13-14 100 medley relay); Emily Brook, Anna Trainum, Emma Hutchison, and Sarah Conley (girls' 15-18 200 medley relay); and Rachel Conley, Diya Redburn, Grace Jansen, and Emily Brooks (girls' mixed age 200 free

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Comparatively **Speaking**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After writing such an emotional column last week ("A Relative Unknown"), I'm having a little trouble finding footing for my pen for this week's

It reminds me of thoughts I had about continuing to write my "Everything in general about nothing in particular"-themed columns - which I had published in The Connection from December 1997 through May 2009, after I received my terminal cancer diagnosis in late February, 2009. How could I continue to write such lightweight nonsense after being given a "13 month to twoyear" prognosis?

Not that my intention writing forward was ever to immerse you regular readers in self-indulgent Kenny at his self-important worst. Hardly. It was more that I had a need and apparently, an ability, to write about my cancer experiences with a similarly light touch as I had previously done so discussing everyday topics dating back 12 years or so.

Those columns, as you incredibly regular readers may recall, ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, including everything in between. However, they never mentioned politics, current events, personalities in the news or anything of substance, quite frankly.

To give you a few examples: "Armed and Dangerous," a column about drivers who drive with their left arms hanging out the driver's side window (one of my mother's favorites); "Sole Man," a column about seeing so many single shoes lying by the side of the road; "Registering a Complaint," a column about the new (at the time) self-checkout registers at supermarkets; and "Victim of 'Soycumstance,'" a column about why there are always so many packets of soy sauce in Chinese carry-out, and so many more, hundreds in fact, about "everything in general ...

For me, they were – and continue to be, an amusing diversion/avocation which enabled me to pursue my passion and dream about writing a syndicated climate from a warm climate, preferably one with an ocean view, while maintaining my day job. A day job which I still maintain. And though the challenge for maintaining both may be greater now than ever, us true believers in the newspaper business will continue to read and write as best we can, in print and online.

Now, throw in a cancer diagnosis, which at the outset was extremely discouraging, and you might wonder how any of this makes sense. Well, perhaps it didn't. But perhaps having tasks and responsibilities was exactly the kind of regularity that a cancer patient given a rather grim prognosis needed, consciously, and maybe more importantly, subconsciously.

Somewhere in my head (or wherever one's subconscious exists) going on about life as if nothing was particularly life threatening (heck, more like life ending, at age 54 and a half, no less) perhaps was the kind of antidote my body needed. Though told then - and now, that there's no cure for what ails me: non-small lung cancer, stage IV, nevertheless, I am still alive nine-plus years later, "advocating" and "vocating."

However, maintaining my status quo; reading, writing and "'rithmeticking" doesn't generally make me cry as writing last week's column did. And in living long enough to experience what I wrote about last week, I am always grateful to whomever/whatever power is responsible for yours truly being here, there and everywhere (also a reference to the name of the first song, by The Beatles, that Dina and I danced to as

Amazingly, life goes on, as does this column. But fortunately, for you irregular readers, not for much longer. written this far I think I've transitioned

now from an extremely emotional experience: meeting my cousin from Argentina to an unemotional/normal one: life in the mundane and boring Kenny lane. A lane I hope to continue to travel. At least I hope so, anyway.

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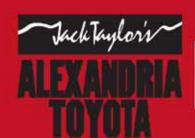
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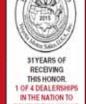
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