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Yorktown High School senior Sky Leyden works on his vase at the Lee Arts Center, where he is doing his Senior Experience internship.



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Soldiers raise their right hand in oath as Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Martin E. Dempsey performs the reenlistment ceremony at the Pentagon on June 14.



The Army Executive Dining Facility presents the 236<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army birthday cake.



Guests bow their heads in a moment of silence during an invocation by Chaplain (Brigadier General) Donald L. Rutherford.

# Eight Isn't Enough Bail bonds industry prepares for new regulations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

The name says it all — Eight Percent Bail Bonds. When the company launched in 2007, the industry standard in Northern Virginia was 10 percent. But Eight Percent would spring a loved one from jail at a cutthroat price — literally slicing into the books of his competitors. The idea was the brainchild of Kevin Coumes, who says his enemies have pulled a fast one. Starting next month, a new regulation will force him to charge 10 percent.

“It’s unconstitutional,” said Coumes, who has now changed the name of the business to Eight Bail Bonds. “They slipped it in under the rug without a lot of people know-

ing about it.”

They would be Eight Percent’s chief rival, Freedom Bail Bonds. As the industry leader in Northern Virginia, Freedom is a sprawling empire of agents from Arlington to Mount Vernon.

Created by Northern Virginia bailbondsman David Gambale 30 years ago, Freedom has become the regional leader and a force in Richmond. During the most recent session of the General Assembly, lawyers and lobbyists with Freedom worked to create a new law forcing bailbondsmen to charge 10 percent.

“When you start offering a lower price, word will get out quick,” said Gambale. “The problem is that then someone starts offering five percent, and then you find

yourself doing a bond for \$100.”

**CONSIDERING THE PRODUCT** bail bondsmen offer is freedom, stakes are high. Customers want to get their relatives and loved ones out of jail, and they are often willing to pay whatever they can afford. For advocates of the new regulatory structure, that was another reason to take action. Some bail bondsmen were offering loans to people who couldn’t afford the premium, then charging interest on the loan.

“People were getting ripped off,” said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). “We had to do

something.”

That’s why Herring introduced House Bill 2437, which went on to receive bipartisan support in the Gen-

**“It’s unconstitutional. They slipped it in under the rug without a lot of people knowing about it.”**

— Kevin Coumes, owner of Eight Bail Bonds

eral Assembly. In March, it was signed by Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell.

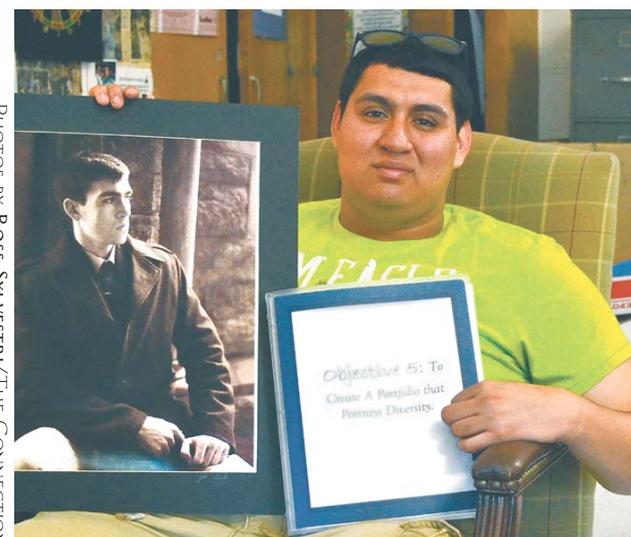
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**Yorktown High School senior Filigot Taye, left, with her mentor at the Ethiopian Community Development Council, Redda Mehari.**



**Wakefield High School senior Yordanos Assafe displays her Senior Project on the Coptic Orthodox Church.**



**Wakefield High School senior Jorge Acevedo shows off some of the pictures he took for his Senior Project.**

# Helping High School Seniors Explore Their Interests

## Senior Experience yields variety of internships, projects.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI  
THE CONNECTION

**Y**orktown High School senior Bito Martins says that he has “always had an interest in teaching.” He has also wanted to see how a teacher runs a classroom. So for the past couple of days, Martins has been helping out fifth grade Taylor Elementary School teacher Mary Rowland by making her copies, grading papers, and assisting students in her class. It’s all part of his internship for Yorktown’s Senior Experience program.

The Senior Experience program in Arlington allows high school seniors to be excused from their classes in the last few weeks of the school year to do an internship at a business or organization of their choosing. Some schools, instead of Senior Experience, have a Senior Project in which students pick a research topic. Others may have a combination of the two.

Yorktown High School senior Filigot Taye is interning at the Ethiopian Community Development Council, a non-profit organization in Arlington that helps immigrants and refugees settle in the U.S. The ECDC assists refugees and immigrants in finding employment and housing as well as temporarily giving them small amounts of money to buy necessities such as food and clothing. Taye’s duties at the ECDC mainly involve helping mentor’s with things such as paperwork. Taye, who is an immigrant from Ethiopia, wanted to help other immigrants navigate through the difficulties of settling in the U.S. Taye’s own experience and the experience of some her friends, who are also immigrants, led her to want to this internship. “Most of my friends are immigrants and they remember having people like this council helping them out through their transition into the U.S.” Some of her



**From left to right: Joe Roeben of the Lee Arts Center with Yorktown High School seniors Sky Leyden and Siddharth Thomas.**

fellow Yorktown students are interning at places such as McLean Bible Church, Amnesty International, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and BMW of Fairfax. Seniors at Yorktown High School, like Taye, who choose to do Senior Experience must do an unpaid internship under the supervision of a mentor at the place of business that they’re interning and work at least 30 hours a week for three weeks. At the end of the three weeks, they must give a presentation to other participants about their internship.

Washington-Lee High School senior Emilia Sens decided to do her Senior Experience volunteering at the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) since she enjoyed volunteering there before. “I think it’s a really great program and I like the idea of helping people that need basic food,” said Sens. At AFAC, she spends her time checking in people who need to be served, bagging food, and working at the administrative desk.

W-L Senior Experience Coordinator Sarah Congable, in email sent to the Arlington Connection, said that seniors who want to do Senior Experience have four types of placements to choose from: An internship (paid or unpaid), volunteering, such as

charities like AFAC, employment, or a special project. Some of the special projects includes completing a novel, designing a website, making a mural, and even composing, conducting, and recording a full-length album, to name a few. Regardless of what students at W-L choose to do for their Senior Experience, they all have to work a minimum of 100 hours over a four-week period and must write in a journal everyday describing their daily experiences.

At H-B Woodlawn Secondary School, seniors can either do an internship or research a topic of their choice for their Senior Project. H-B Woodlawn senior Antoine Davis decided to make a documentary about a joint frisbee team between H-B Woodlawn and Yorktown High School that he plays on. “Frisbee has changed my life and I wanted

to document why it’s so awesome,” said Davis. He says that he never felt that “doing this documentary was work. It was just something fun to do.” Other senior projects include a calculus textbook for eighth graders written by Calvin McPhail-Synder, and a totem pole carved by Isaac MacDonald that he plans to put somewhere near the H-B Woodlawn school building. All Senior Project participants at H-B Woodlawn have to work on their project for at least 75 hours over a three-week period and must give a presentation to the entire H-B Woodlawn senior class at the end of the three weeks.

At Wakefield High School, however, all seniors are required to complete a Senior Project by the end of the

school year in order to graduate. Jorge Acevedo, who likes photography, decided to take pictures of his friends and create a photo album. However, he wanted to also have his friends demonstrate different emotions and make people look at them closely. “I didn’t want it to be a slap in the face, ‘Oh Hey! I’m happy. I’m sad. I’m upset,’ I just wanted for people to see my pictures and to process them and see what kind of emotions they can see are being portrayed.”

Katherine Rios needed to submit an architecture portfolio for architecture schools at colleges she applied to. With the help of a local architect, she created a portfolio that included freehand drawings as well as technical drawings using programs such as CAD (Computer-Aided Design).

Yordanos Assafe, who is a member of the



**A totem pole created by H-B Woodlawn Secondary School senior Isaac MacDonald.**

# Students Explore Their Interests

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Coptic Orthodox Church, decided to focus on her own religion as the topic for her project. That involved studying and analyzing hymns and researching the church's sacraments, fasts, and liturgies as well as participating in youth group activities at her church. Assafe says that the best part of her project was being able

to teach other people about the Coptic Church. She says that her faith is "a big part of my life and so it's kind of me opening [up] and she felt that this project was a way to show that. Lisa Labella, the Senior Project coordinator at Wakefield, says students have done a variety of projects ranging from planning and holding a recital, learning how to horseback

ride, learning a new language, volunteering at hospitals, and repairing engines in cars.

According to Labella, seniors must spend between 100 and 150 hours working on their projects outside of class with the exception of one period during the day. The students research a topic of interest and set-up five objectives that they want to accomplish. They



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**H-B Woodlawn Secondary School senior Antoine Davis works on the documentary he's doing for his Senior Project.**

must have a project consultant who will give them advice and expertise on the topic they are researching. Throughout the project, students write in a journal to document their progress, write a six-to-eight-page essay describing

their experience, and, finally, give a presentation at the end of the year about their project to a panel of four people. The panel is made up of their project consultant, teacher advisor (TA), one student from the senior class, and one randomly picked student.

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**State Adjusts Bail Bonds Industry**

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go into effect. Although bail bondsmen will still be able to loan people money to meet their bail, they will no longer be able to charge insurance. And all bondmen will be required to charge at least 10 percent, a requirement that some are challenging as an affront to the free-market system.

"This isn't the free market system," said Del. David Albo (R-42). "We're not talking about hamburgers here. These are criminals, and it's important for judges to have some kind of expectation about what the real cost of the bond is going to be."

**WHEN THE BILL** was under consideration in Richmond, judges supported the measure as a way to have some kind of expectation for what people are charged.

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**SECOND SUNDAY**

**PFLAG of Arlington.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. PFLAG promotes the equality and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families. Meets on the second Sunday of each month, at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Arlington, at

If bailbondsmen kept undercutting each other, judges could no longer have a way of knowing what people would have to pay to stay out of jail. Supporters of the bill say that created a Wild West atmosphere, where dangerous criminals could have been set free without the necessary security.

"Things got out of hand with everybody trying to offer a lower rate," said Gambale, a retired Marine. "I was doing it. Everybody was doing it."

Opponents say the legislation goes too far, preventing legitimate businessmen from using the free market to get ahead of their competitors. Coumes said he plans on trying to undue the changes in a future session of the General Assembly.

"I was supposedly taking food off their table by undercutting their business," he said. "But what I was doing was completely legal."

George Mason Drive and Route 50.  
 Contact: [aly.pflagdc@gmail.com](mailto:aly.pflagdc@gmail.com).

**SUNDAY/JUNE 26**

**ACCA Open House 2011.** 2 to 5 p.m. Visitors will learn about the curriculum used, have the opportunity for tours, and get to know the teachers and staff. There will also be staff on hand to enroll prospective students on the waiting list. At the ACCA Child Development Center, 7200 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

**JULY 29**

**"Aging Eye Issues."** 11 a.m. to noon. Maintaining good vision takes awareness and care. Learn about

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**AUG. 19**

**"Local County Services in Northern Virginia."** 11 a.m. to noon. Do you know your county's resources that are available to you? Join this presentation from local county representatives about the programs and assistance that is currently provided in your jurisdiction. At 601 S. Carlin Springs Road, Arlington. Call 703-558-6859 to RSVP.

# CRIME

The following incidents, from June 8-14, were reported by the Arlington Police Department.

**ABDUCTION.** June 9. 1800 block of S. George Mason Drive. On June 9 at 6 a.m., a man brandished a knife and forced his ex-girlfriend to drive him to work. He also assaulted her. The suspect is known.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING-ARREST.** June 11. 1900 block of S. Randolph Street. On June 11 at midnight, two women fought each other with a knife and beer bottles. They were both arrested. Two Arlington women, ages 32 and 25, were both charged with malicious wounding. They were held without bond.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING.** June 13. 4100 block of Columbia Pike. On June 13 at 12:30 a.m., a man was assaulted by a number of male suspects in the parking lot outside a restaurant.

**MALICIOUS WOUNDING.** June 13. 400 block of N. Glebe Road. On June 13 at 7 a.m., a man was assaulted and bitten by one of his roommates.

**ROBBERY.** June 10. 900 block of S. George Mason Drive. On June 10 at 9:45 a.m., a woman claimed that two unknown subject stole a bank deposit from her hand. The suspects are described as African American males in their 20's. One suspect was thin and wore dark clothing. The second suspect was heavyset and wore a black shirt and khaki pants.

**SEXUAL BATTERY.** June 7. 2600 block of John Marshall Drive. On June 7 at 2:30 p.m., a 14-year-old female was walking home from school. An unknown male walking in front of her abruptly turned around and touched her chest. The suspect is described as a white male

in his late 20's, 5'7" and of an average build. He had dark hair and was wearing a white T-shirt, gray mesh shorts, a white baseball cap and black sneakers.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY-ARREST.** June 10. 3000 block of Columbia Pike. On June 10 at 3:50 p.m., a man assaulted an off-duty Arlington Sheriff's Deputy and three rocks at the victim's vehicle. A 32-year-old man of no fixed address, was charged with assault and battery and missile into an occupied vehicle.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY-ARREST.** June 11. 5000 block of Columbia Pike. On June 11 at 9:40 a.m., a disorderly passenger spit on a Metro bus driver. A 44-year-old Arlington man was charged with assault and battery. He was held without bond.

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY-ARREST.** June 14. 2800 block of Potomac Avenue. On June 13 at 10 p.m., an intoxicated and disorderly female assaulted a hotel employee. A 62-year-old Lakeside, Calif., woman was charged with assault and battery. She will be held until sober.

**EXPOSURE.** June 13. 3800 block of Wilson Boulevard. On June 13 at 9 p.m., a 16-year-old female was walking home from work when an unknown man exposed himself in front of her. A taxi driver heard her yell and ran to assist. The suspect fled and the cab driver drove the girl to the police department. The suspect is described as a Middle Eastern or Indian male in his late 20's, 5'8" and 180 lbs. He was wearing a light colored shirt, khaki pants, and "Crocs".

**BURGLARY.** June 9. 2800 block of



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N. Harrison Street. Between 7:30 p.m. on June 8, and 7:30 p.m. on June 9, an unknown subject entered a house under construction and damaged property. There is no suspect description.

**BURGLARY.** June 9. 3500 block of S. 17th Street. On June 8 between 1:45 p.m. and 9 p.m., someone entered the victim's residence and stole tax return checks. There were no signs of forced entry.

**BURGLARY.** June 10. 1700 block of N. Quinn Street. On June 10, between 6 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., an unknown person entered an apartment and stole electronics. There are no known suspects.

**BURGLARY.** June 13. 1600 block of N. Quinn Street. On June 10, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., an unknown person entered an apartment and stole various items. There are no known suspects.

**STOLEN VEHICLES**  
June 6. VA JGJ2718, 2003 Lexus GX 470, silver, block of N. Glebe Road.

June 7. VA JTE-1747, 1991 Blk/Grey Dodge Caravan, block of S. 25th Street.

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# OPINION

## Fathers Are Family — in Shelters Too

BY CAROLINE JONES  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
DOORWAYS FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES

In the spirit of Father's Day, I have been reflecting on how important fathers are in our families. They are important not just to play ball with their sons or teach their daughters how to whistle but to keep the family whole. This is especially important for families experiencing homelessness. Our stock image of homelessness is often the lone man begging for dollars. While the chronic homelessness of individuals is a serious issue, we need to understand that family homelessness is just as serious of an issue — impacting many mothers, children and yes, fathers every day.

According to the latest HUD Annual Homeless Assessment, family homelessness rose by 1.2 percent from 2009 to 2010. Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. It is imperative that we recognize that each member of the family has a role and treat them accordingly. Our work to aid those experiencing family homelessness needs to be individually tailored yet family-centered. They become homeless as a family and should work towards permanent housing as a family.

While a father's role in the family is important, fatherhood does not look the same way to everyone experiencing homelessness. I am reminded of one of our "Doorways Dads" who came to the Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home, which houses 21 homeless adults and children, with his wife and two children looking for stability and help to get back on their feet. Before arriving at Doorways, the stress of an eviction and living with multiple family and friends (sleeping on floors, couches, wherever they could) had taken a toll on Jim's physical and emotional health.

Living in constant pain and with limited mobility, Jim had difficulty interacting with his children. He was at a loss for how to connect with his daughters.

Jim knew he was not the only one impacted by the family's struggle. His girls often missed school as they searched for a new place to stay and the stress of a daily focus on survival showed in them as well. Jim was determined



Caroline Jones

to be a loving, supportive father. But, if he couldn't secure a safe home for them, how could he be a good parent? Working with Doorways, Jim was able to learn how to express his love for his children in new ways. He joined them in family counseling and programs to help the family get the help they needed to become stable once again. With their basic needs met, Jim learned to help his girls with their homework, to talk to them about their fears and hopes, and to laugh. The entire family began to thrive.

After making great strides forward, Jim was also able to share in the joy of so many fathers before him; he was able to turn the key and open the door to their new apartment. Working with Doorways staff, Jim learned to love his children in all the ways that he could and give them the greatest gift: living together in a home all of their own.

Fathers need to be given space to grow as parents and members of a family. That is what worked for Jim.

When he entered our shelter, Jim assumed that he couldn't love his children the way a father is supposed to. Once Jim developed his own way to communicate love, the family began to meld together. And, as a family, they worked their way out of homelessness.

Even in this metro region, some shelters separate families even as the family struggles to remain intact. At Doorways for Women and Families, our Freddie Mac Foundation Family Home accepts intact families; yes, even the fathers. While we serve single woman and single mothers, I cannot underscore enough the necessity of healing as a family, whatever the composition.

With Father's Day just behind us, please, consider your family and how important you all are to each other. And remember those families that tonight, with no shortage of love for each other, are experiencing homelessness in our community. As a community, we can ensure that all families, like Jim's, can stay and thrive together.



### Aiding Alzheimer's Research

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees, NARFE Chapter 7, Arlington, raised \$208 for NARFE Alzheimer's Research at the Community Yard Sale, held at the Walter Reed Community Center on June 21. Pictured are Bonnie Franklin, Chapter 7 Alzheimer's chair, and member Emily Samaha who assisted.

### VIEWPOINTS

## Recalling Dad's Advice

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**Shikole Struber:** "The best advice my father ever gave me was to always stick up for myself. Nothing is more important than self respect."



**Ayesha Gross:** "Say 'No' to drugs!"



**Jake Parker:** "Respect your mother."



**Nadine Kapijimpanga:** "My dad always taught me to be frugal with my money and save for a rainy day."



**Sean Lattany:** "My father taught me to take care of myself, 'because no one else will.'"

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# 'A Night to Remember'

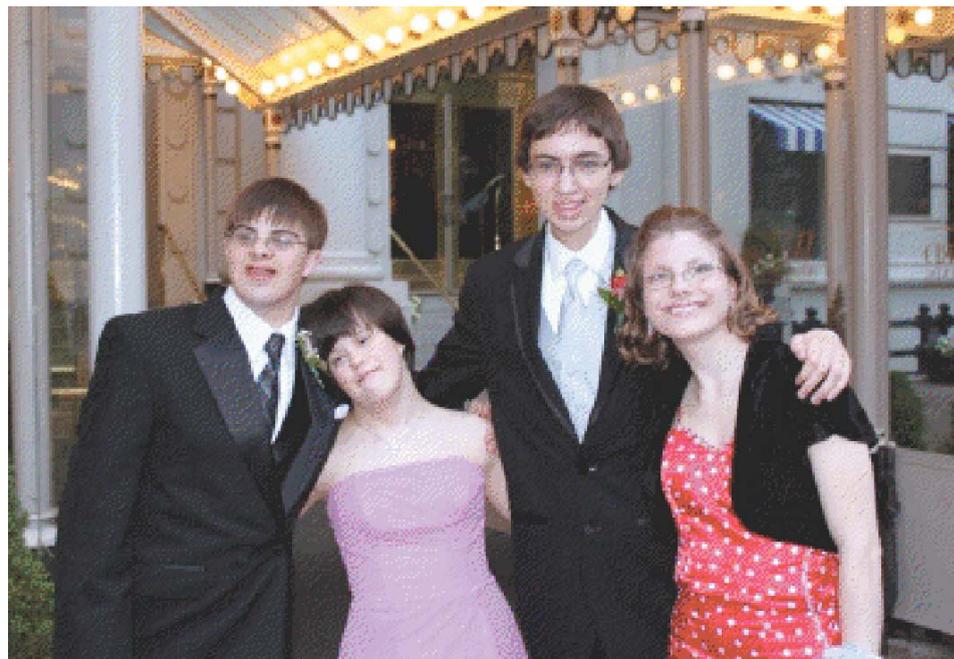
By SARAH PLOMBON  
JUNIOR AT PAUL VI  
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

As the final weeks of school approached, there was increasing anticipation of one of the most unforgettable nights in high school: prom. It was an especially unforgettable night for seniors Evan Patchett and Tasha Adkins-Blanch, an Arlington resident, who were the first Options students ever to be named Prom King and Queen.

Sara Adkins-Blanch, mother of Tasha, said, "This was an honor and a privilege for her and for any past or future Options students. It speaks a lot to the student population at PVI that they were so open and welcoming to the idea of having a student with disabilities receive such an honor."

The senior class had been quietly planning this for the week or two up to prom, and it became a reality on May 14. Evan and Tasha won by an overwhelming major-

ity of votes. The week leading up to prom, Evan kept telling his mom that he really wanted to win Prom King. His mom, Donna Patchett, kept telling him not to get his hopes up, and that he will have a great time at prom no matter what happens. On the night of prom, all the Options parents went out to dinner. At dinner, Patchett received a text from Evan saying, "I won Prom King!" All the parents were extremely excited, and even more so when Tasha walked out of the Willard wearing her crown too. Patchett said, "I honestly don't believe it could have meant more to anyone else than it did to him." PVI gives the Options students a unique opportunity to excel in a family environment and loving community. Patchett said, "He has had the same social opportunities as all of his non-disabled peers, and has been welcome at every turn. He could not have had this experience — not just Prom King, but his entire high school experience — at a public high school." Adkins-Blanch added, "Tasha has been treated like



Seniors Sean Cross, Tasha Adkins-Blanch, Evan Patchett and Rachel Hope (PVI Alum '09).

any another student at PVI. And PVI has been a blessing for Tasha and for us as well — it is a wonderful family that we can lean

on and turn to whenever there is a need. As Tasha would say, "The class of 2011 rocks!"

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Grant Skidmore**, a resident of Arlington, was among the students from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne who were named to the dean's list for the fall semester, which ended in December. Skidmore is an aerospace engineering major.

**Samantha Hightower**, a business major from Arlington, was among 21 students to graduate from Peace College in December.

**Katherine A. Hawald** of Arlington was named to the Fall 2010 Honors List

at Mary Baldwin College.

**Jennifer R. Goodrich**, daughter of Charles and Marilyn Goodrich of Arlington, has been named an Alden Scholar for the 2009-10 academic year at Allegheny College. A graduate of

Concord-Carlisle Regional High School, Goodrich is a sophomore at Allegheny.

**Edward Ryan** of Arlington was one of 303 undergraduates named to Denison University's fall 2010 semester dean's list by Provost Bradley Bateman.

**Lori Green** of Arlington was among the more than 1,325 students recognized for academic excellence by being named to the Dean's List at The University of Scranton for the fall 2010 semester. Green is a Freshman English major at Scranton.

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**Girls Lacrosse Camp**  
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August 8-12; Mon-Fri: 9 am - 4 pm; Ages: 5-15

**Girls Soccer Camp**  
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July 11-15; Mon-Fri: 9 am - 4 pm; Ages: 6-15

**Girls Volleyball Camp**  
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August 1; 9-21 Fri: 6-9 pm; Sat: 10-3 pm; Sun: 10 am-1 pm; Grades: 4-8

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# Del Ray Music Festival Is June 25

**C**elebrate the rich diversity and talent of the community at the Fifth Annual Del Ray Music Festival on Saturday, June 25. Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue, the Del Ray Music Festival will include music, food, games, and a chance to ring in the summer with friends and neighbors, no admission fee required.

Chaired by Kate Moran, longtime Del Ray resident and lead singer in her own band, the festival is organized with the support of an all-star group of Del Ray citizens. The festival will feature a variety of music including jazz, blues, folk, country, Celtic, Reggae and rock. The majority of the musicians who will take the stage are residents of the neighborhood as well — something that makes this an extra special show for the performers and gives everyone a chance to hear some wonderful local talent. This year's festival, headlined by Emmet Swimming, also features local favorites like the Justin Trawick Group, Johnny

Grave and the Tombstones and the Walkaways!

"When you look out into the crowd and see friends and neighbors, it reminds me that, even though we live just outside of a big city, the small town vibe is still alive and well here in Del Ray," said Dave Dodd, front man for the local band Elroy Jenkins.

The festival will be continuing its collaboration with the National Capital Area Affiliate of Guitars Not Guns, which will be raffling off a signed guitar, and will have the Harley String Band, performing on its behalf.

Two additional activities will be occurring in conjunction with the festival this year. The first is Del Ray Music Week, taking place from June 20-24, which will host local musicians as they perform along "The Avenue" at local Del Ray businesses. The second is a Thumb Wrestling Tournament, to occur at the festival, and will be a fundraising activity to raise money for purchase of a mobile stage to be used at Del Ray activities held throughout the year.

In addition to the music, the day



**The Del Ray Music Festival is this Saturday, June 25 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue in Alexandria.**

will feature games for the kids and food from neighborhood favorites Evening Star, Pizzeria Del Ray, Taqueria Poblano, and Pork Barrel

BBQ.

This festival is made possible by the support of its sponsors, most notably Jennifer Walker and Bobi

Bomar, both Alexandria Realtors. E-mail [info@delraymusicfestival.com](mailto:info@delraymusicfestival.com). Visit the Web site at [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

## Summer Art Camp Starts June 27

The Arlington Arts Center offers a summer program unique in its flexibility: Throughout the eight weeks of the program, children can take as few as one class a day for one week or up to three classes a day for all eight weeks. It's a mix-and-match, come any week program for children and teens ages 4 through 18, from June 27 to Aug. 19, Monday through Friday.

At AAC children can take one, two, or three classes a day for just one week, or you can sign them up for as many as three classes a day for all eight weeks.

The maximum size of the classes is 15 students, so there is a lot of attention available for each budding artist with an instructor and assistant per class. AAC teachers have loads of experience, and their fun projects encourage creativity and self-expression while exposing children to a wealth of art materials and fundamentals. Here are some examples:

**Creepy Crawlers** for ages 4 - 6: Kids create critters using oil pastels, watercolors, clay, acrylic paint, Chinese brushes, and found objects.

**Week 1:** June 27 - July 1 from 3 to 4:30 pm

**Jungle Journeys** for ages 4 - 6: Students explore the world of color with paint, clay and patterns in the most colorful places on the planet: jungles!

**Week 2:** July 5 - 8 from 3 - 4:30 pm

**Things That Bite** for ages 4 - 6: Kids will draw, paint and make amazing mixed-media animal that BITE!

**Week 3:** July 11 - 15 from 12:30 - 2 pm

**Art Trekkers** for ages 7 - 10: Inspired by artists like Calder, Cassatt, and LeWitt, students will create sculptures, paintings and prints.

**Week 4:** July 18 - 22 from 3 - 4:30 pm

For ages 4 - 6, and 7 - 10 each week-long one and a half hour course is only \$85, except for courses during the week of July 5 - 8: those are \$68 (no class on Monday, July 4). Classes and activities run Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with class sessions at 10 - 11:30 a.m., 12:30 - 2 p.m., and 3 - 4:30 p.m.

Many more classes are available, and it's easy to register online at: [www.arlingtonartscenter.org/summer-course-guide](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org/summer-course-guide)

## Rosslyn Outdoor Film Fest

The Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival returns to Gateway Park in Rosslyn. This year's theme showcases films featuring the actors of "Saturday Night Live." Movies screen just before sundown, but the pre-show games and entertainment kick off at 8 p.m.

❖ June 24 — "Happy Gilmore" (PG-13) with Adam Sandler

❖ July 1 — "Caddyshack" (R) with Chevy Chase & Bill Murray

❖ July 8 — "The Blues Brothers" (R) with John Belushi and Dan Akroyd

❖ July 15 — "Space Balls" (PG) with John Candy

❖ July 22 — "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (PG-13) with Mike Myers

❖ July 29 — "Animal House" (R) with John Belushi

❖ Aug. 5 — "Hot Rod" (PG-13) with Andy Samberg, Bill Hader and Will Arnett

❖ Aug. 12 — "Mean Girls" (PG-13) with Tina Fey, Ana Gasteyer, Tim Meadows and Amy Poehler

❖ Aug. 19 — "Night at the Roxbury" (PG-13) With Will Ferrell & Chris Kattan

❖ Aug. 26 — "Shrek" (PG) with Mike Myers & Eddie Murphy

The movies will be shown rain or shine. In case of severe weather, including heavy rains and strong winds, movies will be cancelled.

The festival returns to Gateway Park at Lee Highway near Key Bridge with an even larger screen every Friday night at dusk now through Aug. 26. People are encouraged to bring blankets and low chairs to picnic in the park before the show. Show up early for the pre-show games and prizes.

The event is free and open to the public. The screening is just two blocks from the Rosslyn Metro and parking is available across the street from Gateway Park at the Atlantic Parking Garage for \$3 at 1901 and 1911 N. Ft. Myer Drive after 6 p.m. Enter the garage on N. Moore Street.

## Crystal Screen: By The Numbers Outdoor Film Fest

For the straight fifth season, the Crystal City Business Improvement District will transform the courtyard diagonal to the Crystal City Metro into an outdoor movie theater with free movies every Monday. This year's theme is "Crystal Screen: By The Numbers" — all the movies have a number in their title. At 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington (near Crystal City Metro).

- ❖ June 27 — "District 9"
- ❖ July 4 — HOLIDAY (NO MOVIE)
- ❖ July 11 — "10 Things I Hate About You"
- ❖ July 18 — "Oceans 11"
- ❖ July 25 — "Apollo 13"
- ❖ Aug. 1 — "16 Candles"
- ❖ Aug. 8 — "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"
- ❖ Aug. 15 — "50 First Dates"
- ❖ Aug. 22 — "(500) Days of Summer"
- ❖ Aug. 29 — "2001: A Space Odyssey"



# ENTERTAINMENT

## FRIDAY MORNINGS.

**Line Dancing Class.** 10 to 11 a.m. Line dancing with Barbara Allen. Covers the basic steps, then combines them to music for a gentle, social, aerobic workout. More experienced line dancers are welcome as they can assist the newer dancers. At Aurora Hills Senior Center. Call 703-228-5722.

## JUNE 2 TO JULY 3

**"Don Quixote."** Tickets are \$40-\$50. Directed by Paata Tsikurishvili, written by Roland Reed and choreographed by Irina Tsikurishvili. Regular Run: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. At Synetic Theater in Crystal City, 1800 South Bell Street, Arlington. Call 800-494-8497 or [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org)

## JUNE 24, 25, 26

**NVTA One-Act Play Festival.** June 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m.; June 26 at 6 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. awards. Tickets are \$14/general admission (two or three plays), \$35 festival pass, includes reception/awards. At the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Call 703-615-6626 or [www.nvtaweb.org](http://www.nvtaweb.org)

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

**Vintage: The Winemaker's Year** - Screening and Wine Tasting. 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit <http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com>

## THURSDAY/JUNE 23

**"Dude Fest"** — The Big Lebowski Movie and Music Night. \$12 admission. 7 p.m. doors open; 7:30 p.m. themed music; 8:40 p.m. trivia, bowling and best costume awards; 9 p.m. feature presentation: "The Big Lebowski." At the Arlington Cinema N Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, in Arlington. Visit <http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com>.

## JUNE 23 AND 24

**Eileen Jewel.** 8:50 p.m. Will perform from her new album, "Queen of the Minor Key." At the IOTA Club and Café in Arlington.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 24

**Summer Concert.** 8 p.m. U.S. Air Force Band — Singing Sergeants. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil)

## JUNE 24 AND 25

**Can't Stop the Serenity Charity Screening.** Friday, June 24 at 9:50 p.m.; or Saturday, June 25 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8. A fundraiser for Equality Now. Local fans of Joss Whedon, creator of the science fiction shows "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Firefly," and writer/director of the movie "Serenity," are holding the sixth annual Can't Stop the Serenity (CSTS) charity screening. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

## JUNE 25-26

**Open Garden Sessions.** 9 to 11 a.m. On June 25, Learn what's happening in the early summer garden, how to attract birds and butterflies and how to maintain your garden during the hot days of summer. Sponsored by the Arlington Office of Virginia Cooperative Extension and the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. On June 26, learn about summer color and texture for shady places, attractive ground covers for replacing invasive English ivy, and planting for pollinators. At the Sunny and Shade Demonstration Gardens at Bon Air Park, corner of Wilson Blvd. and N. Lexington St., Arlington.

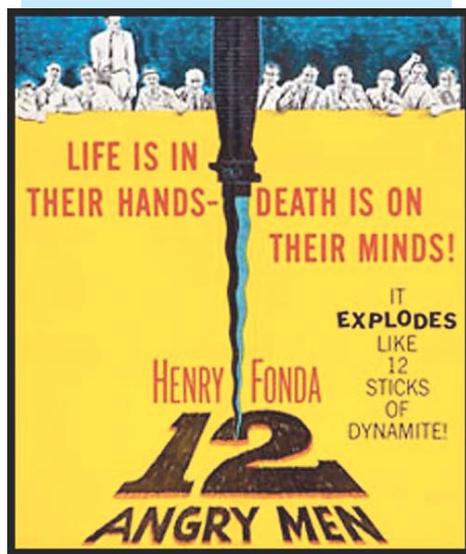
**"Every Night I Die. (PG-13).** 6:30 p.m. Preview benefits at La Rumba, 945 N. Jackson St., Arlington. Original drama about a Filipino family in the 1930s. Visit [www.everynightdie.com](http://www.everynightdie.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 25

**Kids Open Gym and Board Game.** 3 to 5 p.m. A fun afternoon of organized Gym and Board Games for any child in the community school-age and in Grades 1-8. The afternoon of fun will take place at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School, 825 S. Taylor Street, Arlington, near the intersection of Columbia Pike and George Mason Drive. Call the church office at 703-892-4846 or check the web site at [www.osva.org](http://www.osva.org).

## SUNDAY/JUNE 26

**Single Seniors Champagne Brunch.** Noon. Open to all. At Ft. Myer Officers' Club, Entertainment by the Cardinal Cloggers. A photo ID must be presented at the Wright Gate, N. Meade Street and Marshall Drive, near the Iwo



## WEDNESDAY/JULY 6

**"12 Angry Men."** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Part of the Sidney Lumet Retrospective. At the Dome Theater at Artisphere.

Jima Memorial, or the Hatfield Gate, Washington Blvd. Free parking adjacent to Club. Cost \$25 including, brunch, champagne, orange juice, coffee, deserts, entertainment. Reservations, Seena King, 301-530-4884.

**Women in Jazz Scholarship Concert.** 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15/\$10/\$7. Featuring: "Shannon Gunn and the Bullettes Jazz Orchestra" and Lena Seikaly, vocals. At NOVA's Annandale campus.

## JUNE 26 TO JULY 24

**"Unbridled."** The Arlington Artists Alliance presents a juried show "Unbridled" at Cassatt's Café and Gallery, 4536 North Lee Highway, Arlington. A reception will be held on Sunday, July 10 from 5-6:30 p.m. Edward Reed, an award winning artist and instructor at the Art League in Alexandria, juried the show.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 28

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Swingin' Lincolns. At the Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

## JUNE 28

**Rotary Club of Rosslyn — Fort Myer.** Noon. Speaker is Sharon Higgins will discuss how Germany is honoring those who died in the death camps. Lunch meeting at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn. The club meets Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the Vantage Point Restaurant in the Rosslyn Holiday Inn, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Arlington.

## FRIDAY/JULY 1

**Summer Concert Series.** 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band — The Airmen of Note. At the U.S. Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive, Arlington. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## SATURDAY/JULY 2

**Raspberry Brothers Present "The Terminator."** 9:55 p.m. Admission is \$15. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Visit <http://ArlingtonDrafthouse.com>.

## SUNDAY/JULY 3

**TV Party: "Arrested Development, Best of Season 2."** 9:55 p.m. Admission is \$15. At the Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike, Arlington.

## TUESDAY/JULY 5

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Jeff Carmella Band. At Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd., Arlington.

## THURSDAY/JULY 7

**Summer Concert.** 7:30 p.m. The U.S. Army band presents Downrange: Dance to the Music. At Washington-Lee High School, Arlington.

## SATURDAY, JULY 9

**"50 Years of Cherrydale Library."** A celebration with cake from Heidelberg Pastry Shoppe, speeches, vintage photos, music from 1961, face painting, balloons, a children's art exhibit. 11 a.m., Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road, Arlington. Free. Call 703-228-6330.

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**THURSDAY/JUNE 23**

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## Ballston Farmers Market

The Ballston Farmers Market returns to Welburn Square on Thursday, May 26, then every Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. until October. Returning market favorites are Great Harvest Bread Company, Two Belle's Southern Pound Cakes and Gonzales Produce. Newcomers are Pleasant Pops and Milk Crate Bakery. Featuring live music every Thursday.

**FRIDAY/JULY 8**

Chick-fil-A at Ballston Common Mall will celebrate the restaurant chain's seventh annual Cow Appreciation Day event by offering a free Meal to any customer who visits the local restaurant fully dressed as a cow. Customers dressed "head to hoof" in cow attire will be rewarded with a free Chick-fil-A meal (breakfast, lunch or dinner). For those "too chicken" to wear full cow costumes, the restaurant will award a complimentary entree to customers dressed in partial cow attire: such as a cow-spotted scarf, purse, hat or other accessory.

**WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS**

**Lunchtime Concert Series.** 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. The Thursday Lunchtime Concerts Series, which will be held from May 12 to Oct. 20 at Wilson Boulevard and N. Oak Street, will entertain Rosslyn Farmers Market visitors as they shop. The Wednesday Lunchtime Concert series will run from June 1 to Aug. 31 at the CentralSpace to CentralPlace plaza located at Wilson Boulevard and N. Moore Street. Local performers will provide music from a variety of genres including jazz, blues, funk, pop, folk and more.

**SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 11:01**

**11:01 Saturday Nights.** Starts at 11:01 p.m. Late-night dance party. Tickets are \$15/\$12 students. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

**DANCE WEDNESDAYS**

**Dance Wednesdays.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance classes; 8:30 to 11 p.m. dancing. Tickets are \$15/\$12 at door. On Wednesdays, dance the night away at Artisphere, to zydeco, cajun, rock, R&B and swing. The new center features a 3,000 square foot dance floor, one of the best in the area. At the Ballroom at Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Call 703-228-1850.

**SALSA TUESDAYS**

**Salsa Tuesdays.** 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. dancing. At the Ballroom @ Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington. Call 703-228-1850. The following events are \$15/\$12 students, all tickets at the door only.

**JUNE 1 TO 30**

**"Art Every Day."** Artist Linda Hesh presents an interactive public art project. Free public opening reception is Friday, June 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Artisphere. At the both Artisphere and at the Fashion Centre at Pentagon City Mall. Visit [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com).

**NOW THROUGH JULY 1**

**"Silent Among Us."** By Dana Levy. Free. Filmed in a Natural History Museum in northern Israel, 100 white doves fly amongst cabinets of stuffed birds and other animals. Part of New Media at the Bijou Theatre at Artisphere.

**NOW THROUGH JULY 3**

**"Night and Day,"** By Tom Stoppard. Tickets are \$35, \$30 and \$25. Performed by the Washington Shakespeare Company. At Artisphere in Arlington.

**NOW THROUGH AUG. 31**

**Sketch3D.** Free. Create 3D Drawings Using a Giant "Etch-a-Sketch." Sketch3D is an interactive, integrated software/hardware system that enables users to create their own anaglyphic 3D drawing using a giant "Etch-a-Sketch". At the Upper Town Hall at Artisphere.

**NOW THROUGH JULY 3**

**"Tennessee Continuum."** Tickets are \$35, \$30 and \$25. Performed by the Washington Shakespeare Company. "Portrait of a Madonna" is an early, poignant and beautiful sketch of the character who would become Blanche du Bois, while "The Gnädiges Fräulein" is considered one of the most successful of his mid-career experiments in style, a



## "Crimes and Misdemeanors."

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29**

**"Crimes and Misdemeanors."** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. An ophthalmologist's mistress threatens to reveal an affair, while a married documentary filmmaker is infatuated by another woman. Stars Woody Allen and Martin Landau. At the Dome Theater at Artisphere.



**FRIDAY/JUNE 24**

**Matuto** — Brazilian Percussion and American Bluegrass. 8 p.m. Cost is \$15/\$12. At the Dome Theater at Artisphere.

heartbreaking ode to the indomitability of the human spirit and what many believe to be a thinly disguised allegory of his own creative life. At Artisphere in Arlington.

**NOW THROUGH JULY 17**

**Contain, Maintain, Sustain.** The exhibition was conceived to explore sustainability as it relates to contemporary sculpture and installation practices. It features works by 23 international and locally-based artists and art collectives. At the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com).

❖ Saturday/July 9 to 31. Free.

❖ S.O.S. Guilds: Art as a Tool for Social Change on Sustainability and Ecology. At the Works in Progress Gallery.

❖ Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10 — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Free. Art Making Drop-In. Make DIY piggy banks and create a forest of trees, flora and fauna from real bank notes.

❖ Saturday, July 9. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sun Tag. Family Drop-In with Greg Braun. Manipulate sunlight and hit targets with hand-held mirrors. At the Outdoor Terrace.

❖ Wednesday/July 6 at 6 p.m. — Hands-on Sketch Up. Bring your laptop. Also on Sunday, July 10 at 2 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22**

**Steve Wolf and Swing Speak.** 7:30 p.m. Swing and standards of the 1930's and 1940's plus a hearty dose of Latin and rhythm & blues. Tickets are \$15/\$12. Dance class at 7:30 p.m.; dancing and live music at 8:30 p.m. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22**

**"Manhattan" by Woody Allen.** 8 p.m. A divorced New Yorker currently dating a high-schooler brings himself to look for love in the mistress of his best friend instead. Stars Woody Allen, Diane Keaton and Muriel Hemingway. Tickets are \$6. At the Dome Theatre at Artisphere.

**SATURDAY/JUNE 25**

**Tribal Affairs.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$17. Features the work of 17 student artists in a visual arts exhibition, fashion show, culinary arts tasting and a late-night DJ dance party. At Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd., in Arlington. Visit [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com).

**WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29**

**King Teddy.** 7:30 p.m. Part of Swing with Dance Wednesdays. 7:30 p.m. dance class; 8:30 p.m. live music and dance. Admission is \$15/\$12. At the Ballroom at Artisphere.

**WEDNESDAY/JULY 6**

**"12 Angry Men."** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Part of the Sidney Lumet Retrospective. At the Dome Theater at Artisphere.

**SATURDAY/JULY 9**

**Audie and the Wolf + Broken Springs.** 8 p.m. Part of the Spooky Movie Film Festival Summer Series. Tickets are \$10/\$8. At the Dome Theater at Artisphere.

# KateNation: Get Help, Give Help

BY SVETLANA AVELLAN  
THE CONNECTION

tion, founded in the fall of 2011, comes from the word “caterpillar,” which means the act of bringing people together. Kate Schweigart, of Arlington, launched the organization to help people find information, organizations to prepare for and recover from disasters. With more than 100 volunteers in emergency preparedness, she has also contributed her expertise to help the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

## How did you get started?

My career has been in public safety and the resilience of a community after a disaster. My career has provided me with tremendous opportunities; I have the privilege to assist people with natural disasters, fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, and terrorist attacks on 9/11. Following these disasters, I realize there is no singular information source working to recover from a disaster. At KateNation, I am working to help to simplify the disaster recovery process. The spark that started the organization came while I was covering the Oil Spill spread; I felt powerless in Arlington, Va. I

thought about how I could help from a distance and I decided to launch a website that served two functions: Get Help and Give Help.

## Which disasters have you worked on?

Earlier this year we had subsites — or “KateNation Stations” — dedicated to the Japan disaster and tornado recovery in several counties.

## How can people volunteer?

We are looking for as many volunteers as we can get. People can volunteer by visiting the website or email me directly. We are a young organization and currently run entirely by volunteers. KateNation volunteer opportunities are unique as individuals can perform the majority of volunteer tasks at home. Currently, our biggest need is researchers — we’re looking for people to support Stations by researching local resources following a disaster. We’re a disaster information hub, so finding out who to call to restore power, where to find the nearest shelter, or how to donate to a particular disaster are the types of information volunteers can help us track down. Additionally, we’re looking for volunteers who are IT savvy and can assist with our website design and application development.

## Do you help overseas?

We launched the KateNation web page



From left: Board members Justin Solobay, Kate Schweigart, Janice Cori and Tim Werner at KateNation’s kickoff event.

the same week the Japan earthquake and tsunami occurred. Although the KateNation focus is domestic disasters, the devastation was so massive and compelling that I couldn’t ignore it. For two months our website included a Japan Tab; the tab listed organizations that were working in Japan and links to donate to their efforts. Moving forward, the core of KateNation will remain

domestic disasters. That said, when appropriate, KateNation will track ways to Give Help during large-scale international events. While anyone in the U.S. can volunteer for KateNation, to sign up or learn more information visit the website [www.katenation.org](http://www.katenation.org). Kate Schweigart may be reached at [kate@katenation.org](mailto:kate@katenation.org) or 703-309-5337.



Back row, from left: Aubrey Bouchoux, Tim Kent, Ben McCracken and John Aldinger. Front row: Austin Russell and Richard Tran all pose with the Senba-Zuru from Japan.

## Tuckahoe Supports Japan Relief

Tuckahoe Elementary School in Arlington hosted a school-wide event to raise money for relief efforts in Japan. The activities were centered around a “movie night,” on June 3. The event was primarily organized by “graduate” students and parents. A fellow “graduate,” Keishu Watanabe — had been at Tuckahoe for the past four-and-a-half years just returned with his family to Arlington weeks before the disasters. Keishu’s connection to Saho was a second-grader at Tuckahoe in connection to Japan was a major

part of the motivation to help with relief efforts across the Pacific.

The students at Saho’s and Keishu’s new school in Tokyo (Nezu Elementary) have been excited and moved by these activities and have recently sent a Senba-Zuru (a large hanging of 1,000 hand-made paper cranes, which has become a symbol of peace and friendship) and boxes of hand-made origami creations as thanks to the students at Tuckahoe.

The event raised over \$1,100, which will be donated on behalf of the Tuckahoe PTA to the American Red Cross fund for Japanese relief.



## Innovative

Arlington County Manager Barbara Donnellan, left, and Arlington Public Library Director Diane Kresh with a 2011 Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award from the Alliance for Innovation. The library’s Arlington Reads 2010 program was chosen from more than 40 applications received from across the United States and Canada. Arlington Reads 2010 examined the issues of food and sustainability. The featured author was Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry, who made a public appearance at Central Library. The library also hosted urban farmer and author Novella Carpenter. Arlington Reads 2010 inspired the Central Library’s community vegetable garden.

# Yorktown Duo Wins Tennis Regionals

**T**he Yorktown girls tennis duo of Emily Flickinger and Esu Erdenebat fell short in an attempt to repeat as state champions, but the Patriots captured other hardware in an otherwise successful 2011 season.

Flickinger, a senior, and Erdenebat, a junior, combined to finish AAA state runner up in doubles competition and each fell short in the state semifinals in singles play. Flickinger, who will play at Auburn University next season, and Erdenebat teamed up to win the 2010 state doubles title and Flickinger captured the state singles crown.

Flickinger "had a great high school career, frankly," Yorktown head coach Natalie Roy said. "It's always tough to come back" after winning a state title.

While the Flickinger and Erdenebat didn't repeat as state champs, the duo captured the National District and Northern Region doubles championships, and each advanced to the district and region singles finals, with Flickinger defeating Erdenebat in each. Both players were named first-team all-region for doubles and singles.

Flickinger won the district title each of her four seasons at Yorktown and Erdenebat has finished runner up in each of her three seasons.

Roy said Flickinger and Erdenebat have elevated the level of play at Yorktown by playing for the Patriots rather than focusing on tournaments.

Flickinger "is an elite athlete — so is Esu," Roy said. "They are elite tennis players. What's unique about both of them — and Emily specifically when she came in [as a freshman] — is she raised the bar ... by her playing high school."

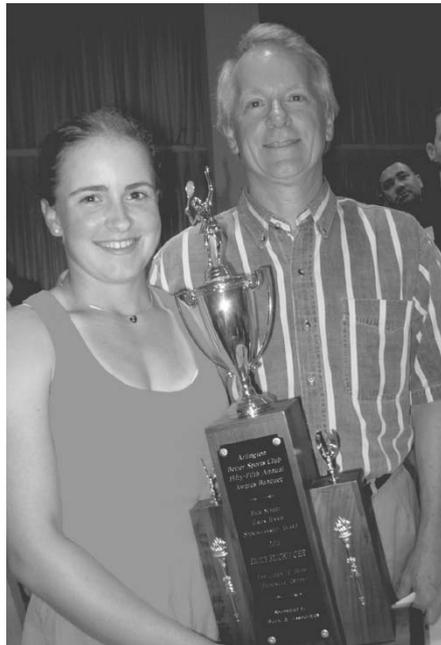
Roy remembers when Flickinger came to Yorktown as an unknown freshman and quickly impressed during tryouts, setting in motion a decorated high school career.

"[I] didn't know anything about her. ... It was almost like she fell out of the sky," Roy said. "... We loved having her and we'll miss her."

Erdenebat will likely be Yorktown's No. 1 in 2012.

"I think Esu should look forward to it," Roy said. "She can be a leader on the team, she can fall into the No. 1 spot. ... I think it will be good for Esu. She's been great."

Flickinger was a two-time first-team all-



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**Emily Flickinger finished her tennis career at Yorktown with four district singles titles, and a state championship in singles and doubles.**

met selection (2010, 2011) by The Washington Post and Roy was named all-met coach of the year in 2011. Roy said Erdenebat played well enough to deserve the honor this spring and she should have a good chance to make the first team as a senior.

"I thought this year Esu really deserved to be all-met," Roy said, "... and I'm hoping next year ... that's definitely something that Esu would be able to get."

Yorktown finished 14-0 in district competition for the third consecutive season and has won the district championship five of the last six seasons.

## NVSL Competition To Begin June 25

The Northern Virginia Swimming League will begin competition June 25. In Division I, Overlee will travel to McLean at 9 a.m.

## Register Open For Senior Olympics

Registration is open for the 2011 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, which will take place Sept. 17-28. More than 25 indoor and outdoor events from track and



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**The Yorktown girls tennis team went 14-0 in National District play for the third consecutive season.**

field to scrabble and chess are offered. Senior adults 50 years of age and older, who live in a sponsoring jurisdiction, are eligible to participate. Registration information is available at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Details and registration forms are also available online at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). Deadline to register is Sept. 1. The fee is \$10 plus \$1 per event. There are additional charges for golf, miniature golf, bowling and fencing.

Seniors may compete in more than one event. Each event is divided into age categories and some by gender. Winners will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals after each event. The events will take place at various locations throughout Northern Virginia.

New events in 2011 are badminton, volleyball, cycling and a 1,600-meter run in track events. Events are track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, 10-pin bowling, Wii bowling, pickleball, racquetball, scrabble, bocce, cribbage, fencing, chess, duplicate bridge, backgammon, bunco, horseshoes, men's 3-on-3 basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, team line dancing, yo-yo tricks, eight-ball pool, Frisbee throw and softball hit and throw.

## Play Soccer in Italy This June

AC Cugini, an Italian-style soccer school in Reston, is accepting girls and boys ages 10-15 for a five-day training camp in Italy and friendly matches against Italian teams. Cugini's 11th Annual Play Soccer in Italy program, June 22-July 4, includes nine days at the Italian Adriatic beach in Central Italy plus three days in Rome. Chaperones available, entire families and friends welcome. Talent scouts from professional Italian clubs observe players during training and friendly matches. For every 13 people registered, 14th is free. For further information, contact Lisa Cherubini: 703-477-6590; [executivedirector@cuginisoccer.com](mailto:executivedirector@cuginisoccer.com); details: [www.cuginisoccer.com](http://www.cuginisoccer.com).

## Sports Updates On Twitter

Follow sports editor Jon Roetman on Twitter at @jonroetman for sports updates around Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, Md.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Open registration** began June 7 for Northern Virginia Community College's fall semester. Students may enroll online at [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu), by telephone at 703-323-3770, or in person at NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. The 16-week fall semester begins Aug. 22. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions starting Aug. 22 and Oct. 19. Call

703-323-3000 or visit the College's website, [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu).

**Andrew J. Goodman**, son of Jack Goodman and Laurie Effron of Arlington and a 2009 graduate of Washington-Lee High School, was named to the Provost's Honor Roll for the Spring semester at the University of Miami.

**Matthew Stotler**, son of Brian and Cheryl Stotler of Arlington, and a 2007 graduate of

Yorktown High School, graduated from Columbia University with a degree in History. He was also named to the dean's list. As a football player at Columbia, Matt earned a place in the National Football Foundation's 2011 Hampshire Honor Society. The NFF Hampshire Honor Society is comprised of college football players from all divisions of play who each maintained a 3.2 GPA or better. Matt has accepted a job with a company in Stamford, Conn., which provides Equity investment management services for institutions.

**The National Merit Scholarship Corporation** announced that three Arlington seniors have earned \$2,500 scholarships through the National Merit program. These students join 2,500 other students from around the country who are receiving similar recognition. The National Merit scholars are:

- ❖ Washington-Lee — **Samuel Passaglia**;
- ❖ Yorktown — **Thomas M. O'Duden**;
- ❖ Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology — **Peter Hansen**.

# HOME SALES

In May 2011, 221 Arlington homes sold between \$1,675,000-\$126,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,675,000-\$1,025,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
3446 EDISON ST	5	5	0	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,675,000	Detached	0.23		WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE
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1630 ADAMS ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,500,000	Detached	0.14		AURORA HEIGHTS
5102 38TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,495,000	Detached	0.25		WILLIAMSBURG VILLAGE
5833 25TH RD N	6	5	0	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,427,000	Detached	0.20		BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
2147 TROY ST N	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,399,000	Detached	0.53		DAWSON TERRACE
1146 IVANHOE ST N	5	5	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,385,000	Detached	0.15		LACEY FOREST
2616 12TH ST N	4	3	2	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,349,600	Detached	0.15		CLARENDON
4120 34TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,300,000	Detached	0.23		BROYHILL HILLS
6206 30TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,278,000	Detached	0.16		BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
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4647 24TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.17		COUNTRY CLUB
6401 28TH ST N	5	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,165,000	Detached	0.16		BERKSHIRE OAKWOOD
4101 LORCOM LN	6	4	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,160,000	Detached	0.38		LEE HEIGHTS
2756 RANDOLPH ST N	5	4	0	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.47		DOVER BALMORAL RIVERWOOD
3015 POLLARD ST	3	2	2	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,069,000	Detached	0.19		BELLEVEU FOREST
2303 NOTTINGHAM ST	4	3	1	ARLINGTON	..	\$1,025,000	Detached	0.23		PARKHURST

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## BUSINESS NOTES

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**The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH)** purchased the 134-unit Marbella Apartments, preserving an affordable rental housing community in a close-in, transit-rich location. With the purchase of Marbella, APAH now provides housing to 995 Arlington households at 12 properties.

Built in 1947, the 134-unit garden apartment complex was purchased and moderately renovated in 1998 by former owner, Mark Silverwood. The property includes 12 three-story, brick buildings on three and a half acres. The original financing provided a number of very affordable units to Arlington residents. With this purchase, APAH will be extending the affordability commitment through 2071.

The newest **USAA Financial Center** located at Pentagon Row Shopping complex, 1301 South Joyce Street, Arlington, had a grand opening celebration for local members on April 2. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays. Members can get financial planning advice, along with an opportunity to schedule appointments with USAA Wealth Management advisors located in the centers.

**Freedom Information Systems Inc.** has opened its new executive office in the Crystal Plaza One Building in Crystal City, Arlington.

**Bean, Kinney & Korman attorney Alain Lapter** has been selected to participate in a special project for the Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market's Cooperation Fund that will focus on e-Learning. OHIM is an agency of the European Union that registers trademark and design applications covering all 27 EU members and is aligned with the International Trademark Association.

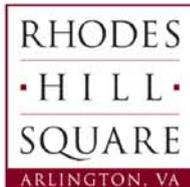
**Engineering Services Network Inc.** of Arlington announced that Major Gen. James P. Hunt, (USAF, Retired) has been named vice president, director of Air Force Operations at ESN based in Arlington. Gen. Hunt retired from the U.S. Air Force after nearly four decades of service, most recently as Deputy Commanding General, I Corps, U.S. Forces-Iraq, Baghdad, Iraq.



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### Law & Order: Ocala, the Day Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I thought it odd that I couldn't access my bank account online, though I had done so successfully many times before, despite this operator's likely error in doing so. But after receiving the same "Invalid Password" message multiple times, even though I carefully re-typed it, I grew a bit more curious, perhaps even a bit anxious. I then went to plan "B" online, which is "Forget Your Password" in an attempt to circumvent/reset my password by answering personal questions to re-authorize my access. Again I was met with a computer denial. Now I was beyond curious/anxious and on to scared/potentially victimized so I called my bank's customer service number to speak with a "live person" about these repeated denials.

After confirming to this customer-server who I was and why I was calling, I learned that my bank account information – e-mail address, user name and password, had all been changed – without my knowledge or authorization. Moreover, after accessing my account information through their system, it indicated that \$3,500 of my hard-earned and cancer-related claim dollars had been withdrawn from a branch in OCALA, FL. the day before. Given that my wife and I both live in Maryland and work locally and exclusively – in No. Va., and hadn't traveled to Florida on this particular Monday (the day of the withdrawal) – or at all, it became fraudulently clear that someone else had changed our online access codes as a way of preventing me from noticing this illegal transaction. (Ironically, it was that inability to access to my account that alerted me to the activity.)

Immediately we closed the account. Then I was transferred to the Fraud Division where I provided additional information to further safeguard the account. I was then advised to go to my local branch to complete the necessary paperwork to file a claim and sign an affidavit affirming our non-complicity in this withdrawal – and to set up a new account as well with new e-mail address, user name and password, which I did. There I was assured that if the bank's investigation confirmed our story – and innocence, the money would be replaced within a few days with very few additional questions asked and our exposure would thus be limited to time and inconvenience. In addition, any fees, bounced check charges, etc., resulting from insufficient funds caused by the fraudulent transaction, directly or indirectly, would also be waived/reimbursed; and moving forward, the Fraud Division would be monitoring my account to prevent further unauthorized activity. As a result, I left the bank with changes to make – to protect our assets, privacy and security, but confident in their handling of the whole situation. However, what remained unspoken – and unknown at that point, was whether this illegal activity was in fact the beginning of an Identity Theft nightmare, the likes of which would not soon be forgotten and often one that is life-changing, maybe even life-ruining.

After I returned home and reviewed the financial procedures which had, and had not occurred, I began to wonder why the bank hadn't simply called me – the account holder, in the first place when an online attempt was being made to change my user codes. If that call was made – to confirm that I was indeed responsible for the changing of the codes, I obviously would have said, "No!" And my saying so possibly, presumably, would have prevented this fraudulent withdrawal by "red-flagging" the account. But that wasn't done. And though my bank – and my local branch have been exceeding helpful and understanding during this entire process, there is a part of me which remains unconvinced that any of it really matters – to them.

Next week: "Law & Order: Ocala, the Day After," what matters to me.

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



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Clarendon United Methodist Church hosted its 8th Annual Mother Daughter Banquet on May 13 with more than 100 women in attendance. The three-course meal was prepared and served by the Murky Men, the men's group at CUMC. Cecil Corry greets the women before the banquet: Allison MacTavish, Winnie MacFarlan and Dee Culver. Clarendon UMC is located at 606 N. Irving St. and can be found on the web at [morefaith.org](http://morefaith.org).



**Alison and Anne Marie Padget, mother and daughter, enjoying the evening.**

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