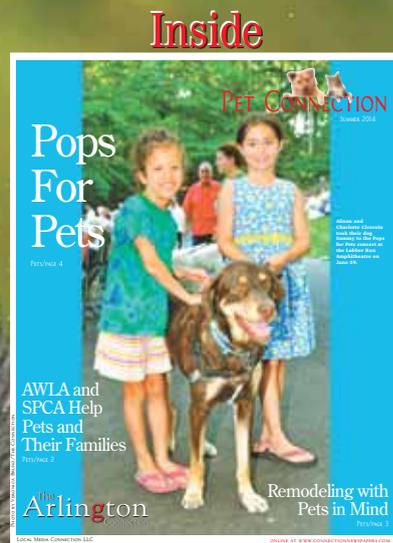


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**Jasper sprints down the creek bed to retrieve a pebble on Sunday afternoon, July 20 at the Shirlington Dog Park.**

# Mentor Program Expands into Arlington

## A Space of Her Own seeks volunteers.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A** Space of Her Own (SOHO), a mentoring program, is expanding this fall and recruiting adult female mentors for its new fifth-grade girls program in Arlington. A Space of Her Own originated in Alexandria and is now set to include 12 new students from Hoffman-Boston and Randolph Elementary schools.

"Our board feels passionately about reaching as many girls as possible," SOHO Board President Amy Creed said. "We are very excited to be expanding to Arlington."

SOHO is a locally born mentoring program that pairs adult mentors with fifth graders from lower income households who have a passion for art. Began in 2003 to serve Alexandria girls, the program expanded last year to include male students. The 2014-2015 school year will mark SOHO's first venture outside of Alexandria.

"This is a mentoring program that has been serving girls in need since 2003," Creed said. "We started off as a collaboration between two people in the Alexandria Court Service Unit and the Art League."

In 2010, we became an official non-profit. Our goal is to help as many girls in need through creative mentorship. We truly believe that through mentoring, we are able to provide social, emotional, creative and academic support. Visual arts and instruction is our avenue."

**EVERY THURSDAY** throughout the school year, the SOHO girls meet with their adult mentors over an art project and a meal. The projects facilitate confidence-building activities and conversation.

"Girls are matched to adult mentors," Creed said. "They share a meal and do an art project, whether it's wiring a lamp or making a mosaic mirror. They work on projects with their mentors and at the end of the program, which is the end of the school year, their bedrooms get renovated. All the projects that they work on go into their newly renovated bedroom."

The end of year room renovations are the mentors' swan songs that give meaning to the program's name.

"We believe that each girl needs a space of her own to empower her, and that's where the whole bedroom comes in, even if she shares that room with a sister, brother or parents," Creed said. "At the end of the program, she really will have her own space, even if it is just a corner. It is a personalized space of her own."

The girls leave the program with more than a beautifully decorated personal space. Once a girl becomes a mentee with A Space of Her Own, she becomes a part of a life-long family.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



The mentoring program A Space of Her Own is expanding into Arlington this fall.

"Once they graduate, they are a part of a SOHO sisterhood," Creed said. "Even though they have graduated, they still have a support system. Even if their mentor has moved away, they still have support."

Creed said the program has served girls of all ages, but the board has deemed fifth graders as ideal for the program.

"It is an ideal time, because it is the last time before they are making a major transition into middle school," Creed said. "We catch them right before and give them a skillset they need to be successful and positive."

The upcoming school year will see 50 girls through the program, including the 12 girls in Arlington. The girls are chosen with the input of teachers, guidance counselors, principals and social workers.

**CREED ENCOURAGES** any women interested in mentoring to come to the SOHO information sessions on July 24 and Aug. 14 at 5:30 p.m., at Hoffman Boston Elementary School. She said working with the youth in this program is a life-altering experience, both for the girls and for the mentors.

"No art experience is required," Creed said. "We ask that women are passionate and committed to working with youth. We have mentors from all different walks of life who have made tremendous impact on our girls. We feel these girls have tremendous potential and have been in situations where they have been let down by adults. We feel they deserve the best mentors possible."

Creed, who was herself a mentor during the 2004-2005 school year, said she sees children's and their mentors' lives change every year.

"I feel very passionate about this non-profit," she said. "We have the most unique mentoring program in this area. It is great to see girls come alive through art. Once these art projects start, you just see the girl and her mentor connect while creating this beautiful piece of art. Every year I go through the program, I am amazed to see the transformation these girls make."

She said watching the girls' reactions to their new bedrooms at the end of the year is particularly priceless. The mentors receive a small budget to make the new bedrooms sparkle for the girls, who themselves participate in community service projects during the school year as a part of the SOHO program.

"Throughout the school year, the girls also do community service projects," Creed said. "They are giving back throughout the school year knowing they are going to be getting something really big at the end. Watching the girls and their reactions to their new bedrooms is completely inspiring."

Courtney Dixon, a mentor for the 2012-2013 school year and current board member, said SOHO absolutely impacted her. She is still in touch with the sixth grade student she spent the year with, even though the girl has since moved out of the area.

"I think the program is amazing for the girls, I still talk to my mentee now," Dixon said. "She moved and is a little further than

before. I told her I would redo her room out there at her new house."

She said the change in all the girls was palpable during her year of mentorship.

"They were rambunctious with low self-esteem at the beginning of the program," Dixon said. "By the end, they had calmed down. They didn't need validation from their friends, as they were getting validation from people who had been there, done that. They were a lot more respectful. You could definitely see the change in how they approached each other and how they approached the mentors."

She added that being a mentor affected her, and that she appreciated playing an important role in a young girl's life.

"For me, personally, the impact was just feeling like I made a difference even though it was for one year. I could tell she was excited to see me and I could see in our interaction outside of the program that she was more open," Dixon said. "It impacted me because I could be that outlet for her. I could be that soundboard for her. It made me remember how I was

in sixth grade."

**FORMER MENTOR** Jennifer Tutuska also said her experience with SOHO was overwhelmingly positive.

"SOHO really is an amazing program and the experience was truly memorable," Tutuska said. "Watching the girls learn, work, collaborate, and grow was a joy at the end of a hard day. Helping with art work and just sitting and chatting with these young ladies was likely as therapeutic for the mentors as the mentees."

She said she too has kept in touch with her mentee, Miranda, and has been able to watch her grow from sixth grader who had just lost her mother into a strong young adult.

"Our first day together we spent putting plaster on each other's faces to create mold," Jennifer said. "Miranda's mother had recently passed away so her bedroom that she was making was a tribute to her mother."

They have made new memories over the past six years, as well.

"When Miranda went off to college, we went shopping for her new room and she asked me to drive her down to move her in," Tutuska said. "On move-in day, SOHO surprised her with some additional funds to use for her college dorm room, so we went shopping and set up her room. I met

**"For me, personally, the impact was just feeling like I made a difference even though it was for one year."**

— Courtney Dixon

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**Jasper, a 9-month-old German Shepherd, waits on the creek bed to play.**

## Sunday Afternoon at the Dog Park

Jasper waited patiently at the creek gate on Sunday afternoon, July 20, in the Shirlington Dog Park. In addition to a puppy playground and a deep dog run, the park borders on Four Mile Run in Shirlington. The creek bed is a popular attraction most of the year with the canine populace. The dog park at Shirlington is located at 2601 South Arlington Mill Drive. The park is open daily from sunrise to one half hour after sunset.

**A bumper sticker in the parking lot next to the dog park signals a dog-friendly crowd.**



**A small dog relaxes in the clear water of the creek bed on Sunday afternoon.**

# Marquee Tenant For Central Place

**Corporate Executive Board to add 800 new jobs; building to be known as CEB Tower.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

## Corporate Executive Board

**R**ight now, it's a temporary park — a place holder at the intersection of Wilson Boulevard and North Lynn Street. But when the soaring new building is constructed at Central Place, it will be known as the CEB Tower. This week, developer JBG landed a marquee tenant for the new building, which will be designed by international architecture firm Beyer Blinder Belle. The tenant is one of the most profitable management services businesses in America, the Corporate Executive Board, which will be moving from its current headquarters on Lynn Street and adding 800 new jobs.

"A new global headquarters and investment of this magnitude are tremendous testaments to the confidence the company has in Arlington County and the commonwealth as it grows its presence internationally, and creates the workspace and technology for jobs of the 21st century," said Gov. Terry McAuliffe in a written statement.

The move from one Rosslyn address to another was announced Monday after the company conducted a multi-state search. In the end, executives decided to select

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a location that was a few feet away. State officials approved \$9.5 million in grants to secure the deal, and a portion of those grants is tied to performance incentives. Arlington County is providing \$4.5 million in infrastructure improvements.

"CEB is exactly the type of business Arlington needs as we move forward as a leader in the innovation economy," said Arlington County Board Chair Jay Fiset. "Today's announcement is a shining example of how the new initiatives we've implemented this year are increasing Arlington's economic competitiveness and ensuring our place as a leading community for technology businesses of the future."

**THE COMPANY** has its origins in 1979 when it was founded by David Bradley, a recent Swarthmore University grad hoping to make a name for himself in politics. It was originally known as

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# Funding Plan Emerges for Streetcar Project

**County Board forgoes federal funds to expedite Columbia Pike project.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen federal officials denied Arlington County's request for a Small Starts grant, advocates for the streetcar project went back to the drawing board.

Now the three Arlington County Board members who support the \$300 million project say they will forgo federal funds altogether, using state money set aside for transportation. Last weekend, the County

Board approved a \$3.2 billion capital-improvement plan that includes \$1.1 billion for Metro and transportation.

"Fixed rail is more comfortable. It's more accessible. It's more environmentally friendly," said County Board member Jay Fiset. "And it will ease congestion along this corridor."

Although this is the fifth time the streetcar has appeared as part of a capital-spending plan, it's the first time a spending plan is starting to emerge about how Arlington will pay for the project. Last week, Virginia

Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne sent leaders in Arlington and Fairfax a letter announcing he would help the two jurisdictions apply for an additional \$65 million in state grants.

"Our first initial review looks like this is a good project supported by facts," said Layne. "I'm sure people will offer different opinions as we go through the public process."

Critics disagree that the plan would benefit economic development as much as supporters say it would, pointing to research by the Ford Foundation that show enhanced bus service offers more bang for the buck. Former Republican turned independent John Vihstadt has been elected to the

County Board as a second vote against the project; Democrat Libby Garvey is no longer the lone dissenting voice. Vihstadt and Garvey reiterated their opposition to the project during Saturday's meeting.

"I cannot vote for a CIP whose single biggest legacy from a funding share standpoint will be a financial and operational albatross for decades to come," said Vihstadt.

Despite last weekend's vote, critics still hope to derail the streetcar at the ballot box. This November, Vihstadt will face Democrat Alan Howze, who supports the project. And then next year, two of the streetcar supporters will be on the ballot, an opportunity for opponents to unseat supporters if they can muster the votes.

# Coaches Honored as ‘Connect with Kids Champions’

**Smolinski, Soles recognized for their accomplishments with Ultimate Frisbee in Arlington.**

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI  
THE CONNECTION

Several dozen people gathered at Catholic University of America last month to witness two Arlington Ultimate Frisbee coaches, Will Smolinski and Dave Soles, being recognized for their work with the sport during a Major League Ultimate game between the DC Current and the New York Rumble. Soles, a Washington-Lee High School math teacher, and Smolinski, a PE teacher at Williamsburg Middle School, were given the “Connect with Kids Champion” award on June 14 from the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families.

The two men were recognized “for their work creating and building a youth Ultimate Frisbee program that not only is one of the most successful Ultimate programs in the country but also a strong, supportive community for hundreds of high school students,” according to an email from Deborah Duffy, the former Commissioner of the Youth Ultimate Frisbee League of Arlington who presented the two coaches with their awards.

Soles said that when he started coaching Ultimate Frisbee around 1999, Yorktown-HB was originally Yorktown High School and H-B Woodlawn students playing informally and they weren’t competing in any official leagues or playing games against other schools. In 2001, YHB started playing in the Washington Area Frisbee Club league and started competing in regional and national tournaments the following year. Smolinski joined YHB in 2004.

The program witnessed much progress since its early days. In 2011, YHB had three boys’ teams and three girls’ teams for a combined total of 118 people, its highest number ever.

The girls’ varsity won every state championship since 2005 and the boys’ varsity team won it six times in that same period.

In 2012, YHB splint into separate teams for their respective schools under the Youth



PHOTO BY JOHN WHITESIDES

**Former Commissioner of the Youth Ultimate Frisbee League of Arlington Deborah Duffy, far right in the front, presents the “Connect with Kids Champions” award from the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families to Ultimate Frisbee coaches Dave Soles, front left, and Will Smolinski, front center. Standing with Soles and Smolinski are Jay Boyle, second from right in the front, and Jojo Emerson, second from the left in the front, former players for the Yorktown-HB (YHB) Ultimate team. Standing behind them are current and former players from Yorktown and H-B Woodlawn.**

Ultimate Frisbee League of Arlington. W-L joined the organization in 2013 and Soles hopes to get Wakefield to join in the future.

Smolinski also runs an Ultimate program at Williamsburg.

The official nomination of Smolinski and Soles for the “Connect with Kids Champions” award said that “While many coach the talented, Dave and Will seek out kids who aren’t the most athletic or the most talented and those who seem ‘lost.’ Many of their players who otherwise would have drifted through high school, not feeling connected or motivated to push themselves to their potential. Dave and Will give kids a place not only to have fun but also to shine, and they offer the unconditional acceptance guidance and patience to make that happen.”

“Although it’s tempting to look for great athletes and try to get those really good kids to play Frisbee, a lot of what we are trying to do is to get everybody active” and give kids a sport that “they can do for the rest of their lives,” said Soles.

To Soles, “most sports are a continually narrowing pyramid — every year there’s less and less people playing them.” Many youths, for example, play soccer when they’re young. However, as they get older some feel that they’re not skilled enough to play, especially when it comes to school teams, and stop playing all together.

The contrast with Ultimate, according to Smolinski and Soles, is that most youths don’t get exposed to the sport until middle or high school. As a result, “there’s no head start” in Ultimate, said Smolinski. Soles

added that youths get “such a leg up from being a part of our program that when they go to college” they can be accepted to a collegiate Ultimate program.

The two coaches played Ultimate Frisbee in college at Truman State University and William & Mary. Smolinski said that he was attracted to Ultimate Frisbee because it looked very athletic and where the people “were nice and inviting” as well as “competitive like I was competitive but weren’t going to let competition ruin our relationship.”

The same environment that Smolinski experienced in college is the same one he and Soles say they offer to the youths they work with. Considering that more than 50 of their current and former players showed up for the ceremony, according to Duffy, the former Youth Ultimate Frisbee League of Arlington commissioner, it seems that the coaches’ work is viewed positively by these youths.

“They instilled the idea of holding of yourself and your team accountable to high stan-

dards [and] to not be complacent in being good,” said Max Denney, a Yorktown graduate who played on YHB.

Denney also added that Soles and Smolinski also emphasized being “respectful,” “spirited,” and “supportive,” which “created a very good team dynamic that way.”

Maddy Boyle, currently a rising junior at H-B who plays for the girls’ team there, spoke of how when Soles would teach her and other players new material “he taught us in ways that were fun and made it more interesting to sit around and have a chalk talk.” One of Boyle’s most memorable moments of Soles is one time when he wore a boot cast due to foot injury yet still ran with the youths during practice warm-ups.

Regarding Smolinski, Boyle said that when she played with Williamsburg Ultimate program she was the only girl, but “he made it feel really welcoming.” She added that Smolinski told her and the other Williamsburg players they were ready for more “high-level stuff, he never held back.”

## More Connect with Kids Champions

Besides Washington-Lee’s Dave Soles and Williamsburg’s Will Smolinski, the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth and Families had awarded three other Arlington Public Schools employees as Connect with Kids Champions.

Each fall and spring, the partnership invites members of the community to nominate individuals, groups, businesses and non-profit organizations because they value, support, and empower young people to make healthy, positive choices.

This year’s Connect with Kids Champions also included:

- ❖ Robert Garcia, a resource assistant at Washington-Lee High School, who supports minority students there. As the sponsor for the Latin American Student Association, he recruits new members every year, specifically seeking out those who feel excluded from the rest of the student population. He works with them to assimilate into a new culture without losing touch with their tra-

ditions or culture.

- ❖ Javier Gil, or Don Pepito to the students at Claremont Immersion School, shares his knowledge and love of the Spanish language and Hispanic culture and traditions with students through Adelante (Forward), a group he started at the school. He reads to more than 200 children every Tuesday and organizes events that feature singing, dancing and poetry for the whole family throughout the school year. He created a group for the parents to help guide them to be more involved in their children’s studies.

- ❖ Lourdes Rubio, the High Intensity Language Training resource counselor at Washington-Lee High School, guides children every day and makes herself available to anyone whenever they need help or support. A group of nearly 40 students organized themselves to nominate her because of how she seeks to understand and listen to them.

**Jay Boyle, far right, a former player for the Yorktown-HB team, speaking about Will Smolinski, second from the right. Jojo Emerson, second from the left, another former YHB player, spoke about Dave Soles, far left.**



PHOTO BY LAWRENCE CHENG

SOHO

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Miranda in 6th grade and although I signed up to be a mentor with the intention of building a life-long relationship, I never pictured decorating two rooms.”

Tutuska said SOHO mentors will have many positive and inspiring experiences throughout the school year.

“I saw a positive change in Miranda and many of the girls just in the short time we were in the program,” she said. “Miranda learned to get along with people she may not have normally chosen as friends, and some of these girls became life-long friends. Girls learned how to control anger and act like the beautiful young ladies that they were. Watching a community get together to support these young ladies was inspiring to me. Countless teachers and community members donated and worked on the room renovations, and it wouldn’t have all come together without each and every person.”

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# OPINION

## Tragic Consequences

Money lost by refusal to expand health coverage, but also life, health and livelihood.

The Virginia General Assembly's refusal to expand Medicaid, extending health coverage to as many as 400,000 Virginians has resulted in the loss of about \$1 billion in direct payments.

But that understates the loss, failing to calculate the cost of the lost health of thousands of Virginians.

Consider one relatively young man, EDITORIAL treated by the Health Wagon, who is losing his vision to untreated diabetes because he has no health coverage, his diabetes went undetected for years and he can't afford monitoring or medicine. Once diabetes begins to take its toll, it cannot be reversed. Once the man is blind and unable to work, he will likely be covered by Medicaid because he is permanently disabled.

The Centers for Disease Control says chronic illnesses are "the nation's leading causes of death and disability, leav[ing] in their wake deaths that could have been prevented, life-long disability, compromised quality of life, and burgeoning health care costs. ... Heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes, obesity, and arthritis are among the most common, costly, and pre-

ventable of all health problems."

Consider the hundreds or thousands of Virginians who are not receiving routine care or screenings of any kind, whose cancer or high blood pressure or heart disease or diabetes, or even mental illness, rob them over time of their ability to work, to care for themselves or their families. Many will die of illnesses that could have been prevented or treated. The human toll is incalculable, unbearable and unnecessary.

It is unfair that health coverage depends on what state you happen to live in, that an ideologically driven General Assembly can determine your fate. If you are poor and live in a state that has chosen to accept expansion of health care with Medicaid, you have health insurance, for example in the bordering states of West Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland. But if you are poor and live in Virginia, or one of the other states that has refused to expand Medicaid, you are out of luck, out of health and possibly out of life.

Business groups and chambers of commerce around Virginia, including the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, support the expansion

of Medicaid in Virginia under the Affordable Care Act. One persuasive factor for the business community is that expansion would create an estimated 30,000 jobs and pump hundreds of millions of dollars into Virginia's economy. Hospitals support expanding Medicaid which would offset many of the costs of caring for uninsured populations.

In Virginia, Medicaid eligibility for adults without disability is almost nonexistent, limited to parents with incomes below 51 percent of poverty, or about \$11,900 a year for a family of four, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. Adults without dependent children remain ineligible regardless of their income.

Under the Affordable Care Act, people with incomes 100 - 400 percent of poverty qualify for subsidies on their health insurance premiums when they purchase coverage through a Marketplace. Because the Affordable Care Act envisioned low-income people receiving coverage through Medicaid, people below poverty are not eligible for Marketplace subsidies. As many as 400,000 adults in Virginia fall into the coverage gap because they don't qualify for Medicaid under Virginia's rules, among the most stringent in the nation, but earn less than the poverty rate, so not enough to qualify for subsidies.

— MARY KIMM

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### COMMENTARY

## 'Living Wage' Tough to Achieve in NoVa

Housing and job opportunities needed to relieve poverty.

BY MARY AGEE

NORTHERN VIRGINIA FAMILY SERVICE  
PRESIDENT AND CEO

On the surface, Martha Ordon is living the typical Northern Virginian life. She works as a medical receptionist at a doctor's office in Fairfax, and talks proudly about her 16 year-old daughter, a socially-active junior who plans to study business in college when she graduates. The reality is a little bit more complicated.

Martha and her daughter moved to Fairfax in 2008 from Louisiana. Her friend had urged her to make the move to Northern Virginia, telling her about the fantastic quality of life: the great schools, the strong job market and the sense of community. What her friend hadn't mentioned was the high cost of living. In Louisiana, Martha had worked as a cook in a Catholic school and always made enough to pay her bills. In Fairfax, she took a full-time job as a cook making \$10.50 an hour and a part-time job as a retail sales associate making \$8 an hour. With two jobs, Martha could pay her bills, but she rarely got to see her daughter. When



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**Training Futures is a free program for adults who are determined to gain the skills to excel in professional, administrative roles.**

Martha lost her job as a cook, she began working retail full-time but could no longer make ends meet.

In 2012, Martha and her daughter were evicted from their apartment. They lived in a hotel until a space became available at a local family shelter. Martha recognized that in order to pull her life back together and provide a stable home for her daughter, she would need a living-wage job. She also realized that her

previous experience as a cook was not going to help her rise above the poverty line. During her shelter stay, Martha discovered Training Futures, the nationally-recognized, workforce development solution of Northern Virginia Family Service.

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## "FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for Aug. 4-14.

**Senior trips:** Monday, Aug. 4, Atlantic City, NJ, \$10; Tuesday, Aug. 5, Phillips Collection, D.C., "Made in the USA" exhibit, \$27; Thursday, Aug. 7, The Frick Collection and Metropolitan Museum of Art, N.Y., \$104. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

**Register for Northern Virginia Senior Olympics**, 50 events, \$12. Details, 703-228-4721.

**Healthy desserts demo**, Monday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Tom Cunningham Orchestra rehearsal**, Monday, Aug. 4, 8 p.m.,

Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Seniors-only weight room hours**, Langston-Brown, Madison. \$60/15 sessions. Details, 703-228-4745.

**D.C. sightseeing tips**, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1 a.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Becoming an activist**, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

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

**Intro to Arlington Neighborhood Village project**, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills. Free. Register, 703-228-5722.

**Drop-in women's basketball**,

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Details, 703-228-4771.

**How to take better pictures**, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m., Arlington Mill. Free. Register, 703-228-7369.

**Louvre Museum**, Paris, DVD lecture by Professor Richard Brettell, Yale, Wednesday, Aug. 6, Culpepper Garden. Free. Register, 703-228-4403.

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

**Animal rescue program looking for volunteers**, Thursday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m., Walter Reed. Free. Register, 703-228-0955.

**Home safety guidelines**, Thursday, Aug. 7, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Free. Register, 703-228-6300.

**Advanced line dancing**, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

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Cherrydale's Tina Chancey provided music for "Discover Cherrydale!" participants.



Maywood photographer Robbie Hammer displays some of his work in Cherrydale's makeshift art gallery on "Discover Cherrydale!" day.

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# Creating Opportunities

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in professional, administrative roles. The 6-month curriculum not only teaches college-level administrative skills such as the Microsoft Office Suite, customer service, records management, medical terminology, business English and business math, but also through a partnership with Northern Virginia Community College, offers eligible trainees the opportunity to earn up to 21 college credits and a Career Studies Certificate in Business Information Technology.

Trainees come to Training Futures Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., and often arrive early and stay late to master course work. They are outfitted in the Training Futures Clothing Closet and expected to wear business professional clothes every day. Each trainee reports to a "supervisor," or staff member, who coaches them around attitude and business habits, encourages them and above all else, holds them to high "corporate" expectations. When trainees arrive for their first day at their new professional, administrative job, they not only have the skills to add value, but also look and act the part of an excellent employee. Martha knew she had found the pathway to the life she imagined for herself and her daughter. Within five weeks of graduating from this exciting program, Martha landed her position as a medical receptionist, making \$14 an hour.

While at the shelter, Martha was also referred to the Bridging Affordability Program. Bridging Affordability is administered by Northern Virginia Family Service in partnership with Fairfax County Department of Housing & Community Development. The program combines rental subsidies and case management supportive services with the intent of moving families forward toward self-sufficiency. Bridging Affordability has given Martha the time and financial breathing room to attend Training Futures and work towards a living wage. As Martha nears the end of her time in Bridging Affordability she is paying down debt which will allow her to purchase a car and further broaden her housing options. She has increased her income 57 percent since starting the program, thanks to the training and subsequent employment she found following Training Futures, but still needs to consider affordable housing options, which are rare in this area.

The comprehensive nature of NVFS programs, including Workforce Development and Housing Services, provides clients with a unique opportunity to achieve several substantial goals at one time. NVFS has made the investment to ensure that when clients who seek our services for one issue may access the full range of our programs to increase the odds of achieving self-sufficiency. In the community, NVFS has been working with partners in both the nonprofit and government sectors who recognize the cross section between these two service areas. Families will not be able to maintain stable housing without living wages, and our efforts to solve the housing program in Northern Virginia are contingent upon holistic solutions that address both of these issues, together.

## A Look Back at 'Discover Cherrydale!'

### Festival in May marked utility lines undergrounding.

Cherrydale and other North Arlington neighborhoods celebrated the undergrounding of the utility wires along Lee Highway on May 31. Under a clear blue sky, Cherrydale Citizens Association President Maureen Ross and Vice Chairman of the County Board Mary Hynes kicked off the festivities at noon with opening remarks at the Historic Cherrydale Firehouse.

Afterward, participants picked up scavenger hunt maps from the firehouse or from Cherrydale Library and proceeded to explore Cherrydale's stores, restaurants, and services and savor the neighborhood's small town feel. Tables lined the sidewalks in front of the stores along Lee Highway, where folks could sample free food from local restaurants, view the wares of other participating businesses, pick up free samples and coupons, and get their scavenger hunt sheets stamped as they moved from table to table.

Arlington history expert Katherine Holt Springston was on hand to chat with par-



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ticipants. Her husband Scott and son Dakota lent more historical flare to the day with their uniforms from the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Members of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department demonstrated and provided photo ops on vintage fire engines.

Tents crowded the southern edge of the Safeway parking lot, offering products and services from home-based businesses and information from various civic organizations.

Throughout the day, local musicians added to the festivities. Cherrydale and Maywood artists and writers exhibited their works in the vacant building next to Ivey Welding, at Lee Highway and Lincoln Street. Seminars with local authors, organized by Maywood volunteer Tova Solo, took place at the makeshift gallery all afternoon.

Adding to the day's attractions, Cherrydale Library offered stories and crafts for children. At the end of the day, participants in "Discover Cherrydale" returned to the library to redeem their scavenger hunt sheets for a prize.

That evening, the firehouse showed the



Scott and Dakota Springston represent historical personages with ties to Cherrydale on "Discover Cherrydale!" day.

movie "Toy Story," accompanied by fresh popcorn made by the firefighters.

Organizers of "Discover Cherrydale!" comprised the Cherrydale Business Alliance, chaired by Lyndsey DePalma; the Cherrydale Citizens Association, led by Maureen Ross, and Cherrydale Library, managed by Jennifer Rothschild.



Cherrydale librarian Karen Sullivan prompts prize-winner Leila Greene to look at the camera as she receives her prize for completing the "Discover Cherrydale!" scavenger hunt.

# JBG Lands Marquee Tenant for Central Place

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the Research Council of Washington, an organization that could conduct research for companies no matter what the subject or industry. The first headquarters was in the Watergate building, where he set up an office in his mother's apartment. Although he had some initial success pursuing a broad scope of businesses — the European fountain pen market to jet-engine sales — Bradley eventually decided to begin specializing in particular areas by establishing a dedicated financial services research unit. So he renamed the company the Advisory Board Company in 1983, and within four years clients included every major North American retail bank and several large European banks.

By this point, Bradley had given up on his interest in politics and became increasingly interested in journalism. His first acquisition was in 1997, when he purchased

the National Journal. To finance more media acquisitions, he began separating the assets of the Advisory Board in an effort to package them as spinoff companies. The first spinoff was the Corporate Executive Board, which was created in 1997. In 2008, the CEB moved from Washington, D.C. to Rosslyn. CEB currently employs about 1,400 in Arlington, and expects to grow to about 2,200.

The move is projected to occur in 2018.

"This agreement would not have been possible without the exceptional partnership of the commonwealth and Arlington County," said CEB Chairman and CEO Tom Monahan. "The governor's office and our local government representatives clearly demonstrated why Virginia is a great state for business. Under their leadership, we are confident in Arlington's future as a business hub and thrilled to be a landmark business in — and significant economic contributor to — the Rosslyn community."



Architect's rendering of the new building — CEB Tower — to be constructed at Central Place.

## Clarendon-Barton Interim Open Space

Arlingtonians are encouraged to "bring your own game" to the new open space at 2409 Clarendon Blvd. Lawn and gardens

surround an inner plaza where there are tables with umbrellas. Construction for the park began in February 2014 and was completed on June 4.



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## Pub Crawl Crackdown

### New permitting system designed to help cover public safety expenses.

The turning point for Arlington's burgeoning pub crawl may have been St. Patrick's Day, a time when the Arlington County Police Department found itself swamped by hordes of drunken revelers. Police say the March 15 pub crawl had more than 5,400 participants, a crowd that required more than 50 Arlington police officers working from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. They made 25 arrests, broke up 17 fights

and caught 17 men urinating in public. They also escorted more than 100 drunken revelers to taxicabs.

Now, county leaders say, it's time for a crackdown.

Last weekend, members of the Arlington County Board voted unanimously to require new permits for pub-crawl events. County officials say they've seen a significant increase in pub crawls and the participants in them since the county adopted its special events policy in 2012. Now County Manager Barbara Donnellan has been asked to develop a plan to assess fees and charge pub crawl event organizers for police, fire and emergency services. The new regulations are expected to be in place before Oktoberfest.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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### FRIDAY/JULY 25

**Health Lecture: Aging at Home.** 11 a.m.-noon at 601 S. Carlin Springs Road. Candace Baldwin of Capital Impact and Scott Bauer of Goodin Homeshare discuss new initiatives to help older adults age in place. Call 703-558-6859 or visit [www.virginiahospitalcenter.com](http://www.virginiahospitalcenter.com).

**Nominations Due.** To nominate an individual for the 2014 Spirit of Community award, submit a nomination form from [www.arlcf.org](http://www.arlcf.org), to the Arlington

Community Foundation via email [info@arlcf.org](mailto:info@arlcf.org) or mail to 818 N. Quincy St., Suite 103 Arlington. The Community Foundation will award the recipient at a luncheon on Nov. 12. Call 703-243-4785.

**Filing Deadline.** 9 p.m. Deadline to file for Treasurer nomination. Caucus to select democratic candidates will be held Aug. 4, unless fewer than two candidates file for both special election openings. Visit [www.arlingtondemocrats.org](http://www.arlingtondemocrats.org).

### MONDAY/AUG. 1

**Candidate Debate.** 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Founders Hall, 3351 Fairfax Drive. A debate between Richard Sullivan and David Foster for a spot in the House of Delegates. The election is Aug. 19. Free. Preregistration is required, visit [www.fairfaxchamber.org](http://www.fairfaxchamber.org).

### MONDAY/AUG. 4

**Candidate Caucus.** 6-9 p.m. at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center 3501, 2nd St S. The Arlington County Democratic Committee will hold an unassembled caucus (firehouse primary) to nominate and endorse candidates to fill two vacancies. Treasurer Frank O'Leary resigned effective July 7. School Board Member Noah Simon is resigning effective Aug. 1. Special Elections will be called by the Arlington County Circuit Court likely on the same date as the general election, Nov. 4.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**Anniversary Celebration.** Boy Scout Troop 111 will celebrate 75 years. In support of this, the Troop is soliciting historical memories about the troop,

its leaders and past activities. To submit recollections or request an invitation to the celebration, email [Troop111History@yahoo.com](mailto:Troop111History@yahoo.com). For a list of scoutmasters, eagle scouts and the 50th anniversary speech, visit [www.Troop111.org](http://www.Troop111.org).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 10

**Lecture.** 3 p.m. at Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington. Lecture by Dr. Lawrence Kaplan, army historian and editor of John C. Tidball, *The Artillery Service in the War of the Rebellion*. Free. Visit <http://library.arlingtonva.us>.

### TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term

closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000.

### MONDAY/SEPT. 8

**Planning Commission.** County Board Room, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. A public hearing to consider the update to the Stormwater Master Plan. Followed by County Board meeting Sept. 20. Visit <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases> for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15.

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## ONGOING

### Free Outdoor Movie Series.

Through Sept. 4. 7:30 p.m. "The Loop," Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Market Common Clarendon presents "Now Playing on The Loop," a series of free outdoor movies on the first Thursdays of August and September. Movies include "The Princess Bride" on Aug. 7 and "Top Gun" on Sept. 4. Admission is free, as well as popcorn, snacks and water. Call 703 476-9377 or visit [www.marketcommonclarendon.com](http://www.marketcommonclarendon.com) for more.

### "How are you doing today?"

**Paintings on Emotion in Color.** Tuesdays-Saturdays, through July 26. Opening reception Friday, July 11 5-8 p.m. Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. Anne Chandra, creator of the exhibit, is a painter with 20 years of experience. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.galleryunderground.org](http://www.galleryunderground.org) or call 571-483-0652.

**Visual Art and Sound.** Through Sunday, Aug. 10 at the Artisphere, 1101 Wilson Blvd. Fermata, a celebration of sound, mixes visual art and sound. Special events throughout exhibit. Visit [www.artisphere.com](http://www.artisphere.com) or call 703-875-1100.

**Marine Corps Sunset Parade and Concerts.** Tuesdays through Aug. 12. 7 p.m. in May, June, July. 6:30 p.m. in August. Iwo Jima Memorial. Sunset parade by the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps and the Silent Drill Team. Visit [www.barracks.marines.mil](http://www.barracks.marines.mil).

**Cool Off.** Through Labor Day. Several locations and various times. Bring the kids out to have a blast at Arlington's spraygrounds. Visit <http://parks.arlingtonva.us/parksfacilities/spraygrounds> for more.

**REPRISE: 40 to the Fore.** Saturday-Sunday, through Oct. 5. Opening reception, July 12 6-9 p.m. Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. REPRISE: 40 to the Fore rethinks, remixes, and re-presents exhibitions that Arlington Arts Center (AAC) created over the past 40 years. Free admission. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org/reprise](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org/reprise) for more.

**Organic Tales.** Wednesdays-Fridays. 1-7 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. through Oct. 5 at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Alice Whealin and Si Jae Byun present a two-person exhibition called "Organic Tales." Free Admission. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org) for more.

**Color Landscape Photography.** Through Oct. 6, Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday 1-9 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Cherrydale Branch Library, 2190 Military Road. See "Yosemite and Beyond." Call 703-228-6330 for more.

**Yappy Hour.** Fridays through Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. at the Le Meridien, 1121 N 19th St. Le Meridien hotel, along with the Rosslyn BID, is hosting a Yappy Hour every Friday. This event will be held on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse will be serving specialty cocktails and appetizers for pet owners as well as a few treats for dogs. Free. Visit [www.rosslynva.org](http://www.rosslynva.org).

**Historic Home Tours** at the Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. 3rd St. The oldest surviving house in Arlington County opens for the season with free tours and refreshments. The house is open 1-4 p.m. Saturdays



**Ginger stays cool and collected while the social event goes on at Hotel Monaco, where a similar Yappy Hour is held, in Alexandria. She is a patient 11-year-old golden doodle.**



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## Summer Fun: An Evening out Goes to the Dogs

Le Meridien hotel and Rosslyn BID host a Yappy Hour every Wednesday through October from 6-8 p.m. on the terrace outside of Amuse. Amuse serves specialty cocktails and appetizers for people and treats for dogs. There is no cover charge, but food and beverages may be purchased on the terrace. DJs also provide live entertainment each week.

To make the event enjoyable for everyone, all dogs must be monitored and kept on a six-foot leash at all times. Dogs are not allowed inside the bar area and are asked to keep their paws off the tables and lounge furniture. Each pet owner may bring a maximum of two dogs.

A similar event is held on Thursday evenings through October at Hotel Monaco in Alexandria, so pet owners can enjoy their drinks and their dogs at various locations in the D.C. metro area.

— KARA COLEMAN

April through October. Visit [www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org).

**Children's Music.** 10:30 a.m. on Fridays through Oct. 31. Market Common Clarendon, 2800 Clarendon Blvd. Mr. Knick Knack will perform music for children at the gazebo in The Loop at Market Common Clarendon. Call 703 476-9377 or visit [www.marketcommonclarendon.com](http://www.marketcommonclarendon.com).

**Sparket: A Creative Market.** Wednesdays, through Nov. 12, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive. An electric and colorful shopping experience. Free admission; \$30 to be a vendor. Visit <http://crystalcity.org/do/sparket> for more.

**Open Mic Comedy.** Wednesdays 8-10 p.m. at Ri Ra Irish Pub, 2915 Wilson Blvd. Doors open at 7 p.m. 21 and up only. Free show, \$25 cash prize for best joke. Call 703-248-9888 or visit [www.RiRa.com/Arlington](http://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 <https://registration.arlingtonva.us>. Free, no registration required.

**Comedy.** Every Saturday at 3 p.m. at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd., children can enjoy ComedySportz for Kidz. \$10.

Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) or 703-294-LAFF.

**Comedy.** Every Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. is ComedySportz ("clean") and at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday is the Blue Show ("adult"), both at Comedy Spot, in Ballston Common Mall, 4238 Wilson Blvd. \$15 each. Visit [www.comedyindc.com](http://www.comedyindc.com) or 703-294-LAFF.

**Poetry Series.** 6-8 p.m. second Sunday of the month at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Hosted by poet Miles David Moore. Featured artists share their poetry followed by open readings. Free. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Open Mic Nite.** 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m. every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Featured musicians perform from 9:30-10 p.m. Visit [www.iotaclubandcafe.com](http://www.iotaclubandcafe.com) or call 703-522-8340.

**Karaoke.** 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit [www.galaxyhut.com](http://www.galaxyhut.com) or call 703-525-8646.

**Pub Quiz.** 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow's on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit [www.whitlows.com](http://www.whitlows.com) or call 703-276-9693.

**Storytime.** Mondays and Fridays, 10:30-11:00 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 South Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge. After the program, the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Fitness Classes.** Summer Boot camp classes in Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. Classes for all levels use high-intensity interval training. Classes run through Aug. 16 and meet Mondays and Wednesday 6-7 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$25. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/feature/rosslyn-boot-camp](http://www.rosslynva.org/feature/rosslyn-boot-camp) for more.

**Bike Camp.** iCan Bike Camp is designed to help individuals with disabilities (ages 8 and older) learn how to ride a bike independently. Volunteer spotters are also needed to run alongside the riders as they learn, providing physical and emotional support. Camp runs July 28-Aug. 1 at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Interested riders should contact [TRInfo@arlingtonva.us](mailto:TRInfo@arlingtonva.us). Interested volunteers (ages 16+) contact [Hkih@arlingtonva.us](mailto:Hkih@arlingtonva.us). Visit <http://parks.arlingtonva.us/therapeutic-recreation/therapeutic-recreation-ican-bike-camp>.

**Naturalists Training.** Sept. 8 through Dec. 8. Monday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at

Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Applications due Monday, Aug. 18. Learn more about the natural world and local natural resources. \$175. Visit [www.armn.org](http://www.armn.org) for more.

**Junior Jam for Teens.** The Junior Jam drop-in program is for teens 11-16 who want to enjoy field trips, special events, sports, swimming, music, arts, cooking projects, group games, tournaments and more. Sign up for all eight weeks for a one-time registration fee of \$46 for Arlington residents. Extra cost for trips; there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit <http://parks.arlingtonva.us/junior-jam-3>.

**Summer Enjoy Arlington Classes.** Registration is now open for these county classes, a variety of programs for all ages and abilities including fitness and sports, crafts and more. Programs have fees but there is the possibility of a fee reduction. Visit <https://registration.arlingtonva.us/wsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsplash.html>.

**Theatre Classes.** Encore Stage & Studio is holding classes and mini camps for children in grades K-8 at on Saturdays at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road and Tuesdays and Wednesdays after-school at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Visit [www.encorestageva.org](http://www.encorestageva.org) for a list of classes.

**Summer Art Camps.** Summer camps for children and teens meet daily in several sessions throughout the summer at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Classes range from portfolio development to drawing, acrylic painting, and contemporary landscapes with oil paint. Members receive 10-15 percent off class tuition. Visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org/aacsummercamps](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org/aacsummercamps). Original art classes for all ages and all skill levels are offered year-round.

**ComedySportz Improv Classes.** ComedySportz is holding classes focused on learning and playing comedy improvisation games to help students increase their communications skills, boost their confidence, and develop a strong inner playful spirit. Sessions cost \$200 and include 8 classes and 1 show. Classes meet Saturday afternoons, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Visit [www.comedyindc.com/classes.htm](http://www.comedyindc.com/classes.htm).

**Summer Field Hockey.** Monday-Friday, July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 10-18; 5-8 p.m. ages 14-18. Washington Lee High School, 1301 N Stafford St. Academy International provides an opportunity for field hockey players to experience quality training directly on home fields. Coaches from Britain and Australia will customize training for all players. \$245. Contact Martyn Conquest at 1-888-529-3827 or email [sports@academyinternational.net](mailto:sports@academyinternational.net).

**Boot Camp Exercise Classes.** Through Aug. 16. Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. Saturdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. Gateway Park, 100 Lee Highway. High-intensity interval Training. \$25 registration fee. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/boot-camp1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/boot-camp1).

**Synetic Summer Camp.** July 21-Aug. 1. Synetic Theater, 1800 South Bell St. Training, rehearsal and performance process is complemented with a visual art component for students to explore the themes and images of this classic children's novel. \$737, add ons available. Visit [www.synetictheater.org](http://www.synetictheater.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 18-27

**Live Theater.** 2 or 8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theater, 125 S. Old Glebe Rd. A revival of "Once Upon A Mattress." Adults: \$15;

children: \$10. Visit [encorestageva.org/](http://encorestageva.org/) for more.

#### JULY 18-AUG. 16

##### **"An Evening with Danny Kaye."**

Varying times at Gunston Theatre Two, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang St. The American Century Theater presents "An Evening with Danny Kaye," featuring Brian Childers. \$32-\$40. Visit [americancentury.org](http://americancentury.org) or call 703-998-4555.

#### WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 23-24

**Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 8 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. A Bob on Broadway CD release party. Bob McDonald celebrates the release of his debut CD. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

#### THURSDAY/ JULY 24

**E11: Coda, Opening Reception.** 6-8 p.m. Artisphere, Upper Town Hall and Terrace Gallery, 1101 Wilson Blvd. The program will culminate with a group exhibition or series of mini solo exhibitions. Free. Visit [artisphere.com](http://artisphere.com) for more.

**Author Evening.** 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. An evening with Madelyn Rosenberg and Mary Crockett, authors of "Dream Boy." Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

#### FRIDAY/JULY 25

**35th Anniversary.** 5 p.m. at The Lebanese Taverna, 5900 Washington Blvd. Celebrate the restaurant's anniversary with events that run through Aug. 21. Free admission. Visit [www.lebanese-taverna.com/](http://www.lebanese-taverna.com/) for more.

**Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Will Gartshore performs a "celebration of words." \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

**Outdoor Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. D.C. native Dave Chappell, rock. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

**Summer Concert Series: Oh Say Can You Swing.** 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. U.S. Air Force band, Airmen of Note. Subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

**Film: Up in the Air.** 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/](http://www.rosslynva.org/events) events.

**Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Florrie Bagel puts a bagel-twist on songs of love, new and old. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

#### SATURDAY/JULY 26

**Stories at the Museum.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Hume School, 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. A reading of "Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride." Free. Visit [www.arlingtonhistorical-society.org/](http://www.arlingtonhistorical-society.org/) for more.

**Waterbear Reading Series.** 6 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Series continues with area authors. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for

## FOOD & DRINK

**National Tequila Day.** Celebrate National Tequila Day, Thursday, July 24 at Capitol City Brewing Company, The Village at Shirlington, 4001 Campbell Ave. Visit [www.capcitybrew.com](http://www.capcitybrew.com) or call 703-578-3888.

**Capriotti's Grand Opening.** Monday, Aug. 4, 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m. at 1500 Wilson Blvd. Capriotti's Sandwich Shop celebrates their grand opening. The first 100 guests will get a free Bobbie sandwich and the first 50 will get a free Bobbie for a year. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/capriottis-grand-opening1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/capriottis-grand-opening1) for more.

**Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, 1401 Wilson Blvd. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees, gourmet baked goods, and marinades and sauces. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1](http://www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1).

**Clarendon Farmers Market.** Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Also year-round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit [www.Clarendon.org](http://www.Clarendon.org). Call 703-812-8881.

**Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse.** Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit [www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com) for a list of vendors.

**The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market** is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St. Visit [www.crystalcity.org](http://www.crystalcity.org) for more.

**Culinaire Restaurant** at 1820 N. Fort Myer Drive is open for spring, Monday-Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Rosslyn's student-run restaurant at the Art Institute of Washington offers gourmet fare. For reservations contact [aiwculinaire@aii.edu](mailto:aiwculinaire@aii.edu) or 703-247-3841, or visit <http://culinaire.aiwdepts.com> for more.

**Arlington Mill Farmers Market.** Could open as early as August. Wednesdays, 3-7 p.m. at Arlington Mill Community and Senior Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Visit <http://news.arlingtonva.us/releases/> for more.

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**Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 7 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. Maria Egler and Stephen Gregory Smith perform a TV theme song cabaret from Glee to the Flintstones. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

**Outdoor Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. CAMMO: The Center for American Military Musical Opportunities, CAMMO promotes musical opportunities for veterans and service members as well as musical therapy for the treatment of PTSD and TBI. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

**Summer Sizzlin' Nights Series.** 9 p.m. Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. The understudies take center stage for a cabaret of their favorite songs. \$25. Call 703-820-9771 to purchase tickets or for more information.

#### SUNDAY/JULY 27

**Outdoor Concert.** 6 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Shenandoah Run, a nine-member Americana folk band. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

#### MONDAY/JULY 28

**Health & Wellness Book Club.** 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. "The Creation of Health" by Caroline Myss. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

#### MONDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 28-AUG 23

**Gallery Underground.** Opening Reception, Aug 1, 5-8 p.m. at Crystal City Shops, 2100 Crystal Drive. "Making Their Mark: Art Brut" art gallery. Free. Email [info@galleryunderground.org](mailto:info@galleryunderground.org).

#### TUESDAY/JULY 29

**Fall Lawn Care.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Fairlington Community Center, 3308 S. Stafford St. Learn how to take care

of a lawn in the fall. Registration requested. Free. Email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com) or call 703-228-6414 to register.

#### THURSDAY/JULY 31

**20s and 30s Night.** 9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Games such as Nerf Tag, Capture the Flag and more inside the library after regular closing hours. Call 703-228-5988 for more. Register here: [http://library.arlingtonva.us/ai1ec\\_event/late-night-recess-for-20s-and-30s-central](http://library.arlingtonva.us/ai1ec_event/late-night-recess-for-20s-and-30s-central).

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 1

**Wine Tasting.** 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Wine tasting with summer wines. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Outdoor Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Ted Garber, multi-instrumentalist performing a mix of blues, Americana and rock. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

**Summer Concert Series: Celebrating Freedom.** 8 p.m. at Air Force Memorial, One Air Force Memorial Drive. U.S. Air Force band, Max Impact. Subject to Cancellation due to inclement weather. Free. Visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil) for more.

**Film: 9 to 5.** 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/events](http://www.rosslynva.org/events) for more.

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 2

**Outdoor Concert.** 8 p.m. at Lubber Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Russkie Musikanti, an ensemble of balalaika musicians. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org).

#### SUNDAY/AUG. 3

**Outdoor Concert.** 6 p.m. at Lubber

Run Amphitheater, North Columbus Street and 2nd Street North. Laurie Rose Griffith and Peter Mealy, folk. Free. Picnics welcome, alcohol prohibited. Call 703-228-1850 or visit [www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org) for more.

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 5

**Fiction Book Club.** 6:30 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion of "Neverhome" by Laird Hunt. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Daytime Book Club.** 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion on "The Son" by Philipp Meyer. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

**Live Music.** 8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center. A performance by the Potomac Harmony Chorus. Free. Visit [www.PotomacHarmony.org](http://www.PotomacHarmony.org) for more.

**Film: Empire Records.** 8-10 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. This year's Rosslyn Outdoor Film Festival features movies about work: bad bosses, crazy co-worker, best friends. Bring blankets, low chairs and a picnic. Movies shown rain (cancelled for severe weather) or shine. Visit [www.rosslynva.org/events](http://www.rosslynva.org/events) for more.

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 8-10

**Arlington County Fair.** 2-10 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second South St. Competitive exhibits, midway rides and games, entertainment, vendors, racing piglets and more. Free. Visit <http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/getting-here/> for more.

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**5K Walk/Run.** 8 a.m. starting at the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive. Packet pickup will be held at the Fair, 3501 2nd St. South on Friday, Aug. 8 from 1-9 p.m. Adults :\$25; Kids: \$10. Visit [www.arlingtoncountyfair.us/5k](http://www.arlingtoncountyfair.us/5k) for more.

#### SUNDAY/AUG. 10

**Mother-Daughter Book Club.** 3 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion on "The Great Wall of Lucy Wu" by Wendy Wan-Long Shang. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com).

#### MONDAY/AUG. 11

**Laughter Yoga.** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Use breathing clapping and movement exercises to relax and boost creativity. Session ends with silent meditation. Free. Contact [arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com](mailto:arlingtonlaughteryoga@yahoo.com).

**Nonfiction Book Club.** 7 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. A discussion on "Orange is the New Black" by Piper Kerman. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.

#### TUESDAY/AUG. 12

**Author Event.** 7-9 p.m. at Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. Elizabeth Drew will be presenting on "Nixon and Watergate 40 Years Later." Free. Call 703-228-6321.

#### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

**YA Book Club.** 5 p.m. One More Page Books, 2200 N. Westmoreland St. Young adult book club meeting. Free. Visit [www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com) for more.



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# Rising Senior Tham Is Wakefield's Force in the Paint

The oldest of eight children, Tham enjoys Meek Mill, NBA 2K.

**D**ominique Tham has been a force in the paint for head coach Tony Bentley's Wakefield boys' basketball program which has reached the state tournament each of the last two seasons.

As a sophomore, Tham recorded a triple double against Robinson in the region semifinals. He finished with 15 points, 11 rebounds and 12 blocks, helping the Warriors earn a trip to the championship game and a berth in the state tournament. Last season, the junior forward earned 5A North region Player of the Year honors while helping Wakefield capture the region championship.

During the 2013-14 regular-season finale, Tham put on a show against Mount Vernon, totaling 31 points, 23 rebounds and eight blocks.

"There's everybody [else], and then Tham," Mount Vernon head coach John Wiley said. "He had a heck of a game. Our game plan was to put a body on him because we know he roams from elbow to elbow and camps out in the paint, it just didn't work."

Now a rising senior, Tham has received interest from several colleges, but has yet to commit. Tham recently participated in a Q and A via email with The Connection.

**Q: At what age did you start playing basketball? Have you always**

**been a post player?**

Tham: Seventh grade or 12 years old. I have been playing in the post since sophomore year.

**Q: You've made it to the state tournament two years in a row. What did you learn from those experiences that can help you during your senior year?**

Tham: It has been great getting to the state tournament two years in a row. But as you can see, we have not won it, yet. So I don't take it for granted. It is a blessing, but now I hope my leadership will take us a step further.

**Q: How tall are you? Have you always been tall, or did you hit a late growth spurt?**

Tham: [I am] 6 feet 4 1/2. I don't consider myself tall. I want to be 6-8 hahaha.

**Q: What is your favorite athletic moment from your first three years at Wakefield?**

Tham: Even with some of the things I have done, I am still waiting for my [favorite] athletic moment.

**Q: I think Coach Bentley said you have a lot of siblings. How many do you have?**

Tham: Seven.



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Wakefield rising senior Dominique Tham earned 5A North region Player of the Year honors last season.

**Q: Are you the oldest? What is it like having so many siblings?**

Tham: Yes, I am. It's hectic, I'm not going to lie, but I wouldn't want it any other way. Without my family, I wouldn't be who I am.

And I love the fact that I'm the oldest because I will always set a great example for them.

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?**

Tham: Meek Mill. I like his style, and he talks about what's going on in the world and talks a little about his life and the struggle people go through.

**Q: What is your favorite movie? Why?**

Tham: "The Longest Yard." It's just hilarious and it has a lot of my favorite actors, like Adam Sandler, Terry Crews and Chris Rock.

**Q: Do you play video games? If so, which one is your favorite?**

Tham: Yeah, I play a lot of NBA 2K and FIFA!

**Q: What is your favorite hobby outside of basketball?**

Tham: I just like being with my family and teammates.

**Q: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?**

Tham: The Dominican Republic, where some of my mother's family is at.

**Q: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?**

Tham: Yes. I don't really follow teams, but I am a big LeBron fan!

— JON ROETMAN

## SWIMMING

### WGCC Beats Army-Navy

The WGCC Lightning swim team had two scheduled meets last week. On Tuesday evening, WGCC hosted its rivals Kenwood. In last year's Country Club Swimming and Diving Association (CCSDA) two-day championship meet, where more than 7,000 points are awarded, WGCC lost to Kenwood by a half-point. In its first faceoff this season, WGCC was looking to avenge that loss. Unfortunately, Mother Nature had other ideas and the meet was called after the first few events due to storms (the meet has been rescheduled for July 23). Prior to the start of the meet, WGCC held its annual tradition of honoring its graduating senior swimmers. This year, the Lightning gave a rousing send-off to three long-time swimmers: Will McMahon (he'll be attending the University of Colorado-Boulder); Alston Offutt (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), and Wilson Ricks (University of Chicago).

On Thursday evening, WGCC traveled



Pictured are WGCC graduating seniors Will McMahon, Alston Offutt, and Wilson Ricks

across Arlington for the Battle of Glebe Road in which they took on their Division-A competitors Army-Navy (Arlington's WGCC and Army-Navy are the only Virginia teams in the top division of CCSDA). The Lightning continued their winning ways, and they remain undefeated, with a 317-163 victory.

Triple-winners for WGCC were: Jillian Johnson (girls' 12U IM, back, fly), Jack Carman (boys' 10U free, breast, fly), Ollie Bernasek (boys' 12U free, back, fly) and Conner McCarthy (boys' 8U back, breast, fly). Double-winners were: Ryan Baker (boys' 18U free and back), Zander Zidlicky

(boys' 14U back and fly) and Kirby Nassetta (girls' 18U back and fly). Single-winners include: Wilson Ricks (boys' 18U IM), Lucas Zidlicky (boys' 8U free), Caroline Otteni (girls' 12U free), Petie Nassetta (girls' 14U free), Izzy Bernasek (girls' 8U back), Alex Gerlach (boys' 10U back), Sydney-Cate Thornett (girls' 10U breast), Charlotte Thomson (girls' 12U breast), Cate Barrett (girls' 14U breast), Richard Gentry (boys' 14U breast), George Cranwell (boys' 18U breast), Helen Otteni (girls' 8U fly) and Chris Outlaw (boys' 18U fly).

Winning relay teams for the Lightning



Pearson Shay, girls' 8U breastroker, swims for WGCC.

were: girls' junior medley (Jillian Johnson, Sydney-Cate Thornett, Petie Nassetta, and Pearson Shay), boys' junior medley (Zander Zidlicky, Angus Ricks, Jack Carman, and Lucas Zidlicky), boys' senior medley (Ryan Baker, Richard Gentry, Ollie Bernasek, and Alex Gerlach) and the boys' graduated free relay (L. Zidlicky, Carman, Bernasek, Z. Zidlicky, and Baker).

WGCC heads into a big week this week; they have Divisional Relays, a dual-meet against Kenwood, and the Division A Championships.

# SCHOOLS

Email announcements to [arlington@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:arlington@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Nathan Hughes**, a sophomore majoring in robotics engineering and computer science at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, was named to the university's dean's list for spring 2014.

Two Arlington students have graduated from Bowdoin College. **Nora Josephine Biette-Timmons** earned a degree in government and legal studies, and **Matthew Charles Eiss** graduated cum laude with a degree in government and legal studies and Spanish.

Two students from Arlington, **Leyla Izquierdo** of Wakefield High School and **Tyler Laredo** of Washington-Lee High School, received 2014 Comcast Leaders and Achievers scholarships.

On May 27, Arlington resident **Kiana Carter** was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Arlington County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Virginia Sheriff's Institute. Carter, a graduating senior at Wakefield High School, will be attending Virginia State University, where she plans to study criminal justice.

Two Arlington students were named to the dean's list at Bates College for the winter 2014 semester. They are **Caroline Hinkle**, a 2010 graduate of Yorktown High School majoring in neuroscience, and **Evelyn Hartz**, a 2010 graduate of Washington-Lee High School majoring in sociology and English.

**Louis Grimmelbein** was recently named to the 2014 dean's list at Beloit College.

**Elizabeth Warren** was named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the spring 2014 semester. Warren is a psychology and biology major, a graduate of Washington Lee High School and the daughter of **Gordon and Susan Warren**.

**Elizabeth Connolly**, a member of the class of 2015 at Connecticut College, has been named to the dean's high honors list for the 2014 spring semester.

**Anneliese Gretsich**, a graduate of Heritage Hall Upper School, graduated from Colgate University with a degree in peace and conflict studies.

**Cecilia Jo Quinonez** graduated with a degree in biology from Randolph-Macon College in Ashland on May 31.

The following Arlington residents were named to the spring 2014 dean's list at James Madison University: **Hannah Aiken, Mara Berkland, Taylor Brandt, Lindsay Chamness, Torie Coppa, Philip DiNunzio, Erin Eby, Kimberly Eldridge, Oscar Gonzalez-Sandoval, Matthew Grieco, Beatrix Haddon, Laine Hamilton, Devon Harkins, Douglas Hendry, Ashleigh Henry, Nathan Heyn, Charles William Hilla, Laura Jennings, Anna Johnson, Ashlyn Kelly, Jillian Klarman, Helen Land, Jessica Li, Louis Linden, Raven Longo, Amanda Maggio, Monica McAndrews,**



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## Commonwealth Circle Scholarships

Scholarships of \$3,000 each were awarded to four Arlington County and Falls Church City high school seniors who plan to pursue an education leading to careers in community or public service. The recipients, from left, are **Samara Singer, Yorktown High School; Angela Yaramillo, Wakefield High School; Susan Gardner, Commonwealth Circle President who awarded the scholarships, and Samantha Porzel, George Mason High School. Not pictured, Brian Tran of Washington Lee High School. The scholarship money, raised by the Commonwealth Circle, Inc., was presented at a May 22 luncheon at the Washington Golf and Country Club.**

**Katherine McKenna, Lisa McNabola, Kelsey Moffitt, Julia Petro, Jesmine Roberts-Torres, Michael Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Brian Scholl, Leah Solomon, Erica Taylor, Kevin Tomlinson, Avian Tu, Charles Vitale, and Molly Wolford.**

**Alexandra Still** graduated from Butler University with a degree in dance in May 2014.

On May 17, **Rebecca Gimbel** graduated with a Master of Arts degree in anthropology and **Chao Yuan** graduated with a Master of Computer Science degree in Computer Science from Rice University.

**Jacqueline Cincotta** has earned a Master of Business Administration degree with a major in health care management from The University of Scranton.

**Allison McGrath** has earned a Master of Science degree with a major in curriculum and instruction from The University of Scranton.

**Rebecca Pratt** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from Marist College.

Washington-Lee High School senior **Jesse Chung** was awarded a National Merit Bowdoin College Scholarship. His probable field of study is environmental policy.

**Jhonn Guzman-Gonzales** will attend Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., as a member of the class of 2018.

**Gloria Lemus Perez** has been named to the dean's list for the 2014 spring semester at Davis & Elkins College.

**Natalia Quintana** earned dean's list honors for the spring 2014 semester at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md.

**Dawit Tsigie** was named to the Cornell College dean's list for the spring 2014 semester with highest honors.

**Emma K. Leheney** was named to the University of Mary Washington's president's list for the spring semester of the 2013-14 academic year.

**Sophia Marie Maxstadt** received a B.A.C. degree from Washington and Lee University on Thursday, May 22. Maxstadt majored in economics and east Asian language and literature.

**Jessica Neupane** was inducted as a charter member of Randolph-Macon Academy's new chapter of the National Social Studies Honor Society.

Northern Virginia Community College leaders, professionals from SIGAL Construction Corporation and Perkins Eastman, consultants and

construction trades people celebrated the "**Top-ping Out**" of the **Higher Education Center at NVCC Loudoun Campus** on Thursday, June 5. The celebration marks the final placement of structural steel on the three-story frame structure. Located at 1000 Campus Drive, Sterling, the new facility will help the campus continue its expansion and transformation into a progressive education campus. The Higher Education Center is designed to engage the students academically, technologically and socially. The academic facility will house classrooms, labs, common areas, a multi-purpose room, and office space as well as a sound isolated recording studio with control room. Building systems include an 80 well geothermal field and other energy conserving systems. The project is targeting LEED Silver certification for the project. Scheduled completion for the Higher Education Center is first quarter 2015.

Cornell University's **Peter Ciampa** has been placed on the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester.

**Jessica Neupane**, varsity track, and **Garrett Cavanaugh**, lacrosse, have both been named Most Improved Player at Randolph-Macon Academy. Cavanaugh also received Honorable Mention to the All-Conference team.

**Providence Smith** graduated magna cum laude with a degree in sociology and anthropology from Messiah College on May 17.

Earlier this year, **Arlington Public Schools** partnered with **FitArlington** to replace vending machines and provide healthier options for both students and staff. The installation of the vending machines has been completed at all APS Facilities.

**Geosh Connors** received a BS in financial economics from Centre College on Sunday, May 25.

**Jacob Huston** and **Abigail Ortmayer** have made the dean's list at the University of Kentucky.

**Laura Fasulo** has graduated from the University of Hartford. Fasulo earned a Bachelor of Arts in music.

**Daniel Lyew** has been named to the dean's list of Macalester College for the 2014 spring semester.

**Ronit Zemel** has made the dean's list at Macalester College for the 2014 spring semester.

**Elizabeth Caltagirone** and **Laura Fasulo** have been named to the University of Hartford's dean's list for spring 2014.

**Laina Tai** was named to the chancellor's honor roll at the University of Mississippi.

**James Sheffer** was named to the dean's honor roll at the University of Mississippi.

**Shelby Rolla** graduated from Delaware Valley College in May 2014.

**Saint Ann Catholic Church**

<p><b>SUNDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE:</b></p> <p>Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM                  Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM                  1:30 PM Spanish Liturgy</p> <p>5312 North 10th Street                  Arlington Virginia 22205                  Parish Office: (703) 528-6276</p>	<p><b>DAILY EUCHARIST:</b></p> <p>Weekdays                  Monday-Friday, 6:30 AM &amp; 8:30 AM                  Saturday, 8:30 AM</p>
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**James E. "Butch" Miller**, 76, of Burgess, Virginia went to be with his Lord on July 11, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Marlene Miller and their three children, Denise, Scott, and Teague Miller; and two grandchildren, Tristan and Bailey Miller. He is also survived by three sisters, Linda Casciano of Leesburg, Va., Bonnie Bolick of Radford, Va. and Becky Paul of Charlotte, N.C., and ten nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Curtis Miller.

Butch was raised in Great Falls, Va. and graduated from Herndon High School in 1956. In 1960, he graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Civil Engineering. Following graduation, Butch worked for and rose to become president of Moses-ECCO Construction Company, and he in the early 1970's went to work as Vice President of L.F. Jennings Construction Company, where he worked until his retirement in 2002.

In 2002, Butch and Marlene began their retirement years by moving from Leesburg, Va. where they had raised their family, to the Northern Neck of VA, where they settled in a home on the banks of The Great Wicomico River. It was important to Butch upon retirement to occupy his time in a worthy pursuit, so he began playing golf on a regular basis. He organized and ran Men's Golf Leagues at the Tartan and King Carter Golf Clubs. He was affectionately known at those two clubs as the "Honorable Commissioner of Golf".

Butch was a devout Christian his entire life and when he retired to the Northern Neck of VA, he joined the Wesley Presbyterian Church in Weems, Va., where he was a very active member, was chosen to become an Elder, and was Chairman of numerous church committees. He often said that the most important thing in his life was his faith in Jesus Christ.

In 2007 Butch became a consultant in the reconstruction of seven buildings on the Paxton Campus of the ARC of Loudoun, a charitable corporation which operates a school for autistic children. Butch spent countless hours on these projects, bringing all projects in under budget. The ARC of Loudoun recently honored the contribution and lasting legacy Butch made to the building and the children at Aurora school by naming the building and placement of a plaque which reads: "The J.E. "Butch" Miller Building, beloved friend of Paxton whose expertise, hard work, and generous spirit brought the dream of this building to life for the children."

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## A Battle— Hopefully Not to the Premature Death

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



One of my ongoing major concerns is the origin of the miscellaneous symptoms I irregularly experience. Obviously I don't want to think they're cancer-related, so assessing them becomes minding what potentially matters. Moreover, since I don't want to believe the cancer is actually harming me, convincing myself that what I feel might be important to share with my oncologist is almost a fool's errand. Though I've been in this situation going on nearly five and one half years now, I am still stubborn and stupid about my reality. And though I further realize that pretending doesn't work, and denial is hard to maintain when you receive chemotherapy every three weeks, still, accepting the various symptoms as cancer has been too scary for me to consider; so I haven't/don't.

Perhaps it's the treatment (I tell myself constantly), and the cumulative effect on my body of non-stop chemotherapy every three weeks for five-plus years, save for a year when I was able to take a "targeted therapy" pill, Tarceva, at home every day, that is manifesting itself? As I may have joked, being a cancer patient is all it's cracked up to be. In one delivery system or another, I have been receiving treatment for almost 64 months. It seems only logical that my body would at some juncture begin to feel the effects from that kind of long-term exposure, though my lab work doesn't necessarily reflect it, other than for the kidney and liver issues with which you regular readers are familiar. I would imagine there has to be some wear-and-tear-type fatigue. I mean, 64 months of fairly toxic materials swirling around in your blood system and interacting with all your organs; not exactly a recipe for normalcy. It can't be one big happy family in there, if you know what I mean. There has to be some disagreements. So far, however, apparently not; at least as indicated by my labs and scans, which if certain levels changed would likely warrant a retreat of some kind.

Perhaps what I feel is simply my age. How would I know? I've never been this age before; but certainly it's possible, maybe even probable. For all I know, this is what age 60 feels like. Maybe all that I feel – and all that I worry about – is simply the aging process, and this allows me to rationalize away my worst fears. Or, and this is the worst-case scenario, the age symptoms could be masking the cancer symptoms, and yours truly continuing to do nothing about either is way past pretending and denying; it's almost irresponsible, and disrespectful even, to the efforts being made – by myself and others, to keep me alive. After all, keeping a stage IV, non small cell lung cancer/terminal patient alive for as long as I've survived doesn't exactly happen by accident. Stage IV lung cancer is a killer, almost always, and one's amazing good fortune shouldn't be taken for granted.

Shouldn't I be paying closer attention here? If I feel something, shouldn't I allow my oncologist the opportunity to evaluate me? Who am I, a writer/salesperson, to determine what is medically significant (cancer-related), and what is not (age-related)? As I've said a hundred times in my life, I know about two things: sports and chocolate, neither of which has much to do with cancer and its treatment. Concerning science and medicine, I know very little. Usually at least, I know enough to follow directions. Therefore, if I've been told to do something (by my doctor/health care team), maybe it's time I did. It's likely to be important living forward, especially considering I've reached an age no one expected me to be.

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

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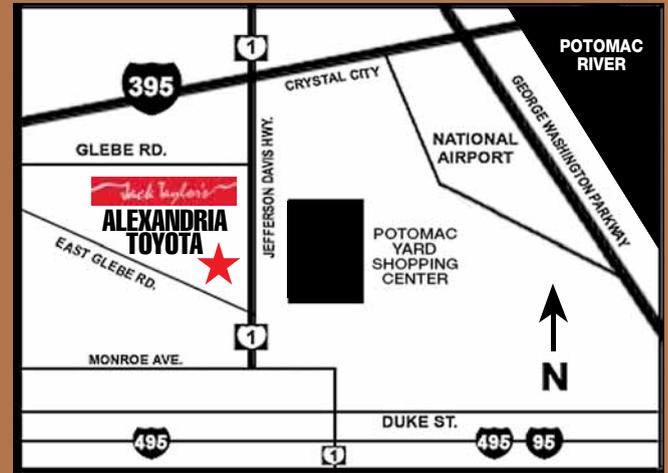
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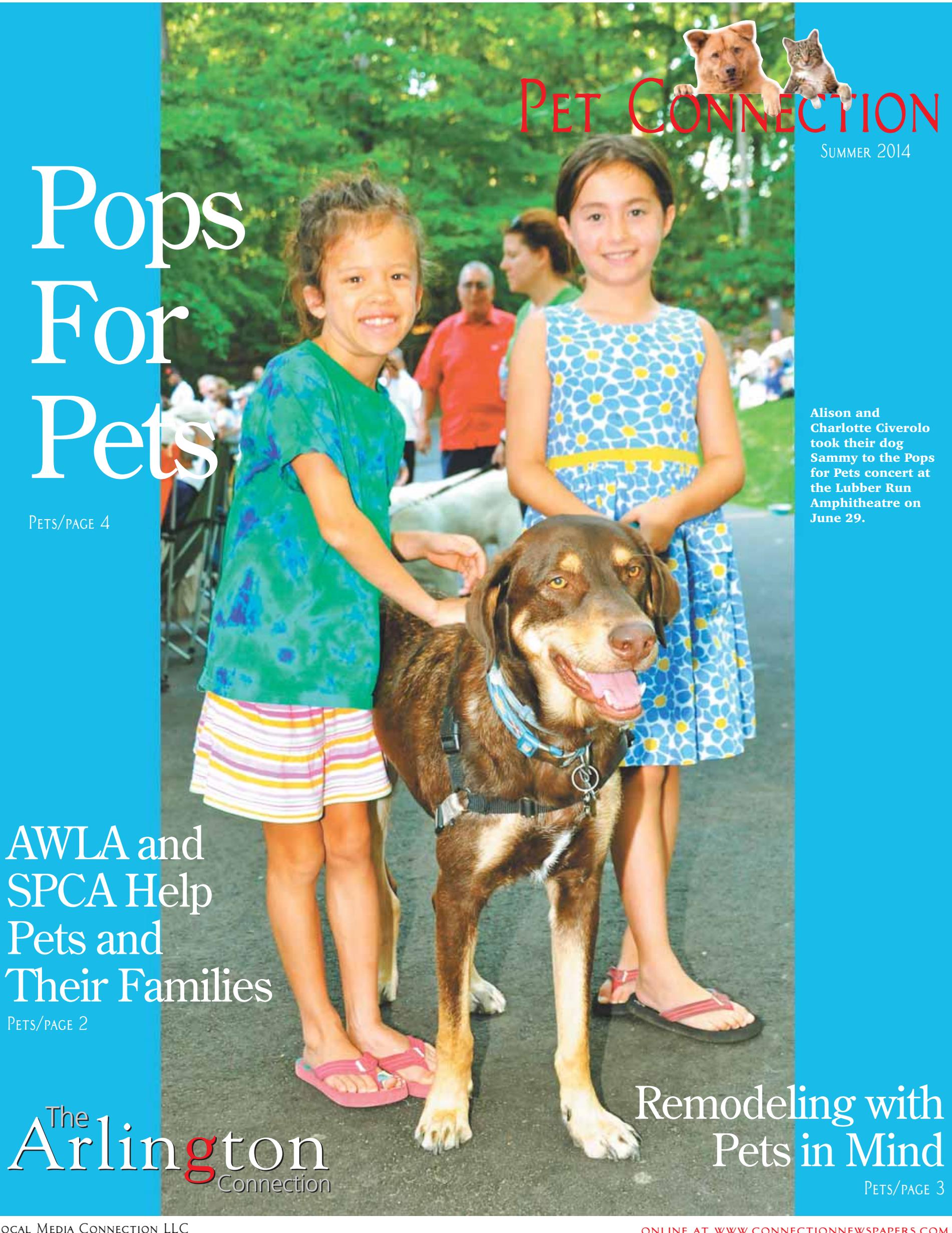


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# 'Animals Are So Resilient'

AWLA and SPCA help pets and their families in the Arlington area.

BY KARA COLEMAN  
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One of the top reasons couples surrender their pets to an animal shelter is because they are expecting a new baby. Animal Welfare League of Arlington tries to prevent that from happening by offering a Baby Ready Pets class.

"The class is for people to prepare themselves, their home, and their animals for introducing a baby to the home," Kerry McKeel, AWLA communications manager, said. "It includes behaviors they can watch for in their animals, and acclimating them to sounds associated with a new baby." Couples walk away from the class with a CD of sounds that they can play in the house in the weeks leading up to the arrival of a new baby.

That is only one aspect of the work AWLA does for animals and their families in northern Virginia. AWLA provides animal adoption programs to the D.C. metro area and rescue services to Arlington County. McKeel estimated that 3,000 companion animals benefit from the shelter each year, and that 92 percent of the animals AWLA takes in are either adopted out to new families or reunited with their former families.

Last year, AWLA took in 1,618 animals and adopted out 1,136, said McKeel. One of those animals the group took in was a cat named Delilah. Delilah had previously belonged to a boy who had had anxiety issues. The boy's mother gave him the cat to help relieve him of his anxiety, and when the boy grew up and moved to college, where he couldn't take Delilah with him, he decided she needed a chance to help another family who needed her.

Delilah is currently up for adoption through AWLA.

In partnership with Arlington County, AWLA also has a disaster relief trailer which will provide care for companion animals in the event of a natural disaster. "The trailer was an outcome of Hurricane Katrina," McKeel said. "We would set up and work in conjunction with a human relief center in case of something like that, and our trailer



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**The Baby Ready Pets classes offered by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington help pet owners and future parents prepare their pets for welcoming a new baby into the home.**

would be dedicated to companion animals. That way, people wouldn't not leave their homes for fear of abandoning their pets."

On a smaller scale, AWLA offers a safe-keeping program which will take care of pets for two weeks if a family is going through a hardship like a house fire, according to McKeel. This allows for a pet to be taken care of while a family puts the pieces of their life back together, and the service is available to residents of Arlington and Falls Church.

AWLA is a county shelter and provides animal control services. McKeel said that when animal control officers catch stray animals, they always scan to see if the animal has a microchip with the owner's contact information embedded in them.

"Our officers came across an animal listing in Florida," McKeel said. "The pet had originated here, and they were able to find the missing owner via microchip."

McKeel said that while people have their information on a pet's microchip when first adopting the animal, oftentimes they forget to update the information if the family moves. "So it's no good," she said. "It requires a lot of digging, but our officers are really good at that."

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**Volunteers for SPCA NOVA bathe dogs during last year's Dog Spa.**

NOVA) is a rescue group based in Arlington whose primary goal is to rescue stray and abused animals.

"We were founded by our licensed humane investigator, Edith von Stuemmer," said



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**AWLA has a pet shelter for use in caring for animals during an emergency, such as in the aftermath of a hurricane.**

SPCA President of Board of Directors Dana Meeker. "Sometimes, a person would rather give up their animal than go to court. We rehabilitate animals, take care of their medical conditions, and adopt them out." Meeker said that the group also helps local shelters when they need help housing animals.

SPCA is a foster-based rescue that houses cats in foster homes and dogs at the non-profit kennel Ragged Mountain Dogs in Sperryville. Last year, the group cared for 339 animals and found homes for 220, according to Meeker. So far in 2014, SPCA has placed over 115 animals in homes.

**SPCA NOVA** was founded in 1994 and merged with Spay Inc. about 10 years later, according to Meeker. Spay Inc. has a network of veterinarians who offer spaying and neutering at a discounted cost, and recipients of the service don't have a required income level, said Meeker.

Because SPCA takes in animals that are stray and abused, the group, which is composed mostly of volunteers, takes care of animal medical needs. "Last year, we received a call about a feral cat who had a broken leg from being hit by a car," Meeker said. "We had to amputate the leg. Then we got a call about a kitten with a broken leg, and it had to have surgery."

Meeker said that SPCA gets a lot of cases where a cat has eye damage from a severe ear infection. One of the group's cats, Miracle, had to have one of his eyes removed because of an ear infection he had as a kitten.

"Animals are so resilient," Meeker said. "They don't realize they're missing an eye or a leg. They just go on with life."

## Finding Loving Homes for Loving Animals

**Homeward Trails held an adoption event at Wylie Wagg, 2509 Franklin Road, Arlington. The animal rescue organization takes animals out of high kill shelters and places them in foster homes. Homeward Trails holds dog adoption events almost every weekend to introduce dogs to potential adopters. If interested in adopting a dog or a cat, visit [homewardtrails.org](http://homewardtrails.org).**



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## PET CONNECTION



# Remodeling with Pets in Mind

**Keep pets safe during construction projects created for man's best friend.**

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**H**ome remodeling projects often come after considerable planning and expense. One factor that can be overlooked is the family pet. While the end result of a remodel is often a new, updated or enlarged living space, the road to that improvement is often filled with dust, debris and inconvenience — which can be upsetting and even dangerous to dogs and cats.

Homeowners should be aware of the added traffic that comes with a construction project. “The biggest risk during a construction project could be that the pet could escape because workers might not be aware of doors or gates or windows being left open,” said Carol Petit, hospital manager at VCA Old Town Animal Hospital in Alexandria.

“There are many more cars and trucks going back and forth,” said Josh Baker, founder and co-chairman, BOWA in McLean. “The driveway should be off limits to pets.”

Actually, the entire construction zone should be off limits. “Pets, especially dogs, will eat anything,” said Petit. “There are construction materials. They could eat leftover food from construction workers, which could be toxic or contribute to weight issues, depending on the pet.”

Additionally, “dust can affect eyes and lungs just as it can in humans,” said Petit. “Home improvement project materials like paint and glue can be toxic. It can be the fumes, or if the dog or cat licks paint, it

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“If any pet owners feel that their pet is acting oddly or like they might have consumed something that they shouldn't have, the best solution is to take them to the vet to make sure that everything is OK,” she said.

Petit added that pets could become fearful because strangers are in the home. That fright, she said, could either increase separation anxiety or trigger a pet's basic protection instinct, leading him to become aggressive.

“There are a lot of things to consider,” said Baker. “It's not unlike thinking about small children.”

**AND WHILE THINKING** about pets, some builders incorporate features into a home project designed specifically for a pet.

One set of clients “wanted to be able to cordon off the tiled area off the side entrance, to contain the dog when he comes in wet or dirty,” said Danielle Frye of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. in Cabin John, Md., referring to a recent kitchen and mudroom renovation. “It also provides a dedicated place where he can eat without damaging the new hardwood floors in the kitchen.”

Architect George R. Bott was able to create a nook for the dog's food and water bowls, as well as storage space for his supplies and accessories. In fact, say builders, pet feeding stations can incorporate modern conveniences and high-end materials.

“We can add custom cabinetry,” said Baker. “We can bring in a waterline to supply instead of having to refill the water bowl in the kitchen. There is also potential automation where the bowl is kept full.”

Mudrooms and garages can be designed to include pet bathing spaces as well. “In terms of showers, they're custom built with a hand held sprayer so you can control the temperature,” said Baker. “We can also choose a height so you can reach it without hurting your back while you're bathing the dog.”



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**Architect George R. Bott of Anthony Wilder Design/Build, Inc. was able to create a nook for the dog's food and water bowls, as well as storage space for his supplies and accessories in an Arlington home.**



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**During a construction project, homeowners should keep pets away from the construction site.**

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# Concert Brings Out the Dogs

**Pops for Pets benefits Animal Welfare League of Arlington and the Arlington Philharmonic.**

**T**he dogs were in full force at the Pops for Pets concert at the Lubber Run Amphitheatre in Arlington. A joint venture with the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, the Arlington Philharmonic put on a show that pets and owners could enjoy alike on June 29.

With mild weather and the companionship of lots of dogs, the audience was treated to Aaron Copland's "An Outdoor Overture," John Philip Sousa's "The Washington Post March," Bob Lowden's (arranged) "Armed Forces Salute," Johann Strass Jr.'s "Overture to Die Fledermus," as well as Camille Saint-Saëns' "Carnival of the Animals" selections. It wasn't out of the ordinary to hear dogs singing along throughout the outdoor concert.

The concert was free and open to the public but donations were accepted for the Animal Welfare League of Arlington and the Arlington Philharmonic.

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**A. Scott Wood, conductor and music director for the Arlington Philharmonic, leads the orchestra in pieces by Copland, Sousa, Strauss Jr., and Haydn.**

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**Shawn Janze holds his dog Odin, who was excited about the festivities.**



**Craig B. Teer, stage manager for the Arlington Philharmonic, demonstrates sounds with sandpaper blocks while "in costume" during the Sandpaper Ballet of Leroy Anderson's The Animals of the Orchestra.**



**Skeeter Pancito sang along to the music of the concert, to the delight of those around him. Holding him is his owner Marnie Russ from Arlington.**



**Max is all ears during the concert.**



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**"Peanut" with Aiden McMorrow**

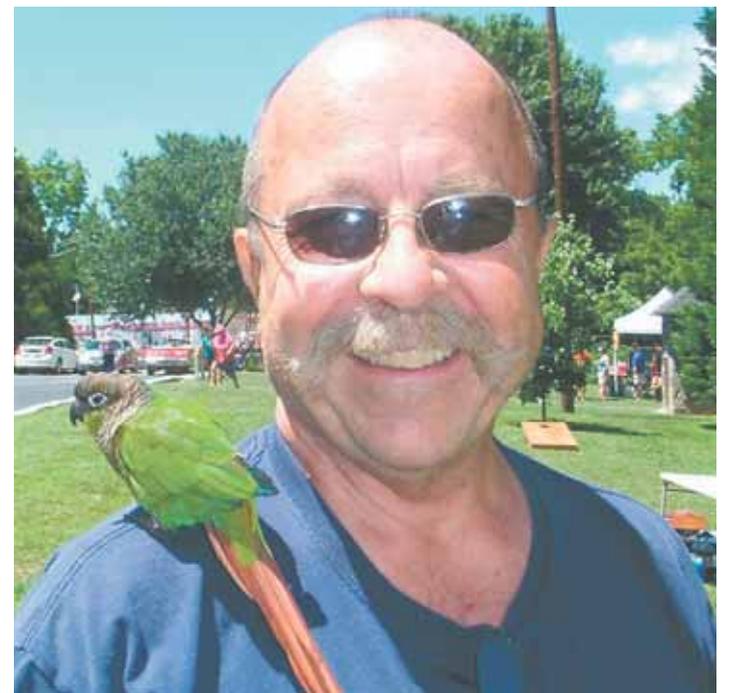


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**"Grif" with friend James Schwind.**