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Dancers from Nottingham Elementary School perform "Mexican Hat Dance" during National Foreign Language Week.



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Mayani Losa Munoz of Washington and Lee High School plays the guitar and sings “Hallelujah” in Spanish.



Yiming Chen plays the Gushing, a 21-string instrument that evokes the East and is played entirely from memory.

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School Board member Reid Goldstein listens to the language skills of the students.

Celebrating Foreign Language Skills

National Foreign Language Week showcases progress,

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

How does one say impressive in Spanish? Arabic? Chinese? French? Students from all over Arlington County showcased their foreign language skills and cultural awareness in a two-hour celebration on March 7 at the Career Center. Those students can say impressive, and some of them can spell it out in American Sign Language. They put on a program of entertainment in celebration of National Foreign Language Week, March 4-10.

As Patricia Seidler’s Claremont Immersion students presented their “Persuasive Essays” in which they debated the positive and negative effects of Christopher Columbus’s arrival in the new world, Kennedy Gilbert, 9, talked about her acquisition of the language. Her classmates, for the most part, had some Spanish skills they had picked up from family or travel: but Kennedy speaks with correctly accented Spanish by virtue of starting Spanish immersion 4 years ago — and having some in Kindergarten too. She was able to write a persuasive essay, which is part of the curriculum for all students her age, and do it in Spanish. She was asked if she had ever lived in another country: “No, I’ve been in a bilingual school, and that’s why I speak the language,” she said, happy that someone had noticed her progress.

Another demonstration of skills came from Glebe Elementary 5th grade students who performed a skit in Spanish. Shelley Jennings’ class skit was “En la Tienda” (in the store) and demonstrated skills necessary to shop, or in this case, to try on clothes and dramatically exclaim to the store owner why they were not suitable. This class learned Spanish through a weekly FLES

exposure: Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools is a program which gives elementary school students basic skills. Glebe Elementary was one of the first schools in the country to adopt FLES, in 2006.

A display of American Sign Language (ASL) was put on by two Washington Lee High School students in Michelle Letts’ class. ASL has the fourth largest language class enrolment in the county schools. These two students, at levels 2 and 4, looked at ease using their hands to talk. As with many professionals, they had trouble not using their hands when talking to a “hearing” person. ASL students like the extra skill knowing sign language gives them.

Chinese students working with Janet Luu were also present at the celebration. One of them, Yiming Chen, played the 21 string Gushing instrument which resembles a sitar or a zither.

Arlington Public schools has 180 Arabic and Chinese language students enrolled. Dr. Elisabeth Harrington, supervisor of the World Language Program, highlighted a program for Arabic and Chinese students

which is funded by the U.S. government due to a shortage in those languages. StarTalk is a three-week immersion program for rising 6th-8th graders interested in the two languages. For more information, contact Harrington, at elisabeth.harrington@apsva.us or call at 703-228-6097.

Katy Wheelock’s French students from Wakefield High School recited an Apollinaire poem “Le Pont Mirabeau”, and Demain dès l’Aube, by Victor Hugo. Ethan Hemmings, Liis Viira, and Meg Anderson are AP French students. There are 1,600 students enrolled in French in the Arlington school system. Gunston Middle School students in Maren Herzog’s class sang a French song called “Je te pardonne,” proving that singing popular music or reciting poetry in a foreign language remains an effective way to absorb culture, vocabulary, and keep the language interesting for teenagers.

Also at the celebration was the recital of poem “Ocean and Seagull” in Japanese by Hangri Ma, and Jennifer Guzman’s singing

of “Hallelujah” in Spanish.

“I am impressed,” School Board member Reid Goldstein said at the event. “I am a big supporter of the foreign language program in our schools.” At the School Board working meeting on Feb. 27, where the board was trying to decide whether or not to cut a FLES coach position, Goldstein had asked Dr. Tara Nattrass, about the Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools program, and how many students continue language after the fifth grade and become fluent by the time they graduate.

According to the APS website, the purpose of the FLES Spanish Program is to prepare students to begin developing functional skills in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in Spanish, to provide a nurturing environment where students feel comfortable learning a second language, to develop proficiency in oral and written communication in Spanish through the integration of language skills and concepts taught in the content areas, and to encourage all students to develop an openness, understanding and appreciation for other cultures.



James Nicholson, “Catch” Cassius, and Tiffany Tian help Yiming Chen from Yorktown High School carry the Gushing onto the stage.



Kennedy Gilbert, 9, a student in the Claremont Immersion program, performed with her class. She is holding the persuasive essay she wrote, in Spanish, on Christopher Columbus.

Traditional Stuffing

Arlington Traditional School parents protest added classes and relocatables to overcrowded school.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Like many Northern Virginia jurisdictions, Arlington County Schools are perpetually overcrowded. An update in the enrollment trends for the FY 2019 shows Arlington has already hit 27,000 students; the highest population for the schools ever. As Arlington Public Schools continues to try to catch up to the demand with new schools and extensions, the interim solution has increasingly become relocatable trailers that act as temporary classrooms.

One of the proposals in the upcoming 2019-2029 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to add a new kindergarten classes in relocatable trailers at the Arlington Traditional School (ATS) and Campbell Elementary. There are currently four kindergarten classes at ATS and three at Campbell. According to school documents, there are currently only four relocatable classrooms at ATS while the school is capable of supporting 12, and only two relocatables at Campbell while the school is capable of supporting eight. With new relocatables, ATS and Campbell students will add to the 993 students served in Arlington schools with relocatables.

But at the School Board meeting on March 8, parents from ATS rallied to ask the School Board not to add a new class and new relocatables to an already overcrowded school. Projected capacity utilization for the 2018 school year showed ATS at 116 percent utilization, the fifth most crowded elementary school in the system. ATS has made do, with a board report stating that earlier surveys found the school was effectively using its space, but parents expressed concerns that new classes and new trailers could break the school's precarious balance.

"I have serious concerns that this temporary fix could become a permanent one," said Lisa Donohue, who has two sons at ATS. "ATS will become the most crowded school in the county by 2021. It makes more sense to wait before increasing ATS enrollment until after [re-districting and new schools open].

We have some of the largest class sizes, with 24 students per class. That's increased 18 percent in the last five years, [putting us] in the top five most overcrowded schools."

Like Donohue, ATS parent Hallie Zimmers asked for the schools to wait for further study and for other capacity increasing projects to come online across APS before assessing whether or not to add relocatables to ATS.

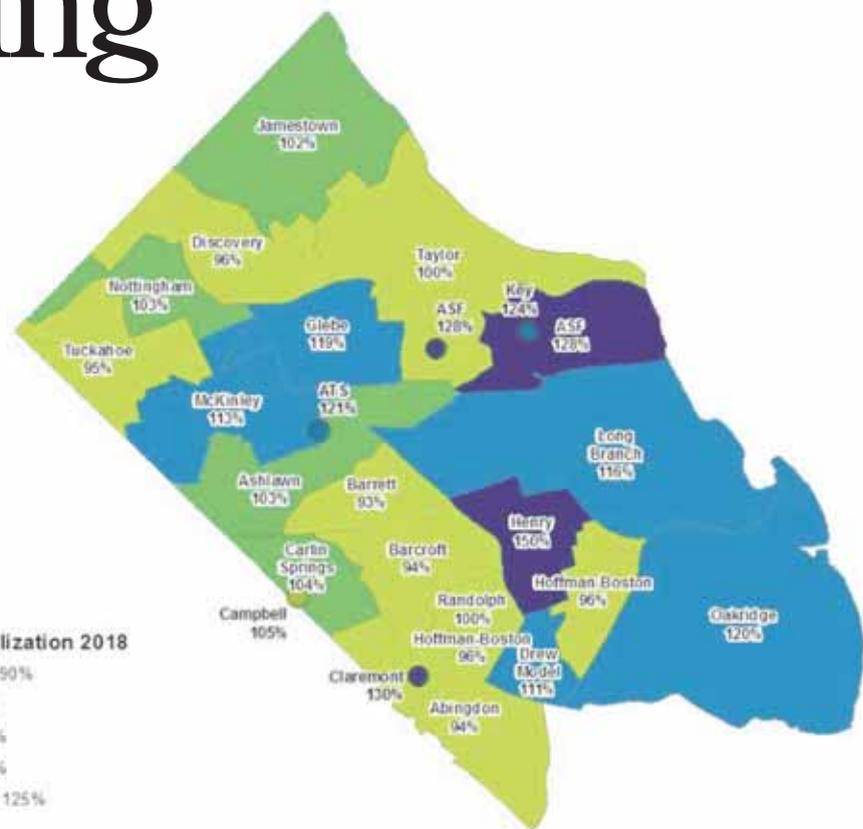
"I love ATS for its outstanding academics and diverse student body," said Zimmers. "I'm very concerned about the prospect of adding another kindergarten class at ATS as well as possibility of the school being relocated. When kids started ATS 3 years ago, there were three kindergarten classes. Two years ago they added a fourth. Now, there's potential for fifth. This only means more trailers ... One year in trailer is adventure, more is unacceptable in a county with blue ribbon schools."

Other parents stressed that the concerns about increasing the enrollment at ATS wasn't another "not in my backyard" type of argument.

"We love our program and we would love if the program was for all Arlington kids," said Lisa Money maker. "We want to stress that it's not that we don't want to take on more kids, but that our facility cannot accommodate it. Our facilities are at the breaking point."

After the public discussion, School Board member Monique O'Grady asked school staff whether the new relocatables would be part of a permanent population increase at ATS or whether the move was temporary. Staff answered that each of the option schools would be asked to take on additional burden, and each year projections across the county would be reassessed and populations adjusted.

"We have a lot of students that will be in relocatables," said School Board Chair Barbara Kanninen. "We'll be struggling with this, but I'm optimistic about the future as we bring these elementary schools online. We'll catch up and build some new optimal learning environments."



Note: Based on adjustments to the Fall 2017 Ten Year Enrollment Projections to account for the impact of the Options & Transfer policy.

Arlington elementary school utilization map



Arlington elementary school enrollment for 2018



Arlington Traditional School

OPINION

Some Successes out of Richmond

By BARBARA FAVOLA
STATE SENATOR (D-31)



I am proud to say that we worked in a bipartisan fashion to craft workable solutions to many challenges facing the Commonwealth. Of course, the one issue that we were not able to gain agreement on was Medicaid Expansion, but I am hopeful that lawmakers will hear from constituents now that we are back in our districts.

Most legislators believe that if the Senate had gone through a re-election in 2017, there would be more interest on the Republican side in finding a pathway forward for participating in expansion.

The Republican lawmakers who believe it is time to increase access to health care are working diligently to make expansion a reality. However, achieving this goal is very complicated since some of their colleagues fear primary opponents if they vote for a new healthcare program, while others believe that new programs should not be funded by the Federal government because of the rising Federal debt.

We are studying the requirements that certain Republican states have implemented in their Medicaid Expansion plans to help guide the conversation. Governor Northam is expected to call the legislature back for a special session within the next 30 days with a directive that we address the Medicaid Expansion issue.

Energy Grid Security Bill

The legislation, which I voted for and Gov-

ernor Northam has signed, was supported by leading environmental groups as well as industry experts. It is not a perfect bill but it is a good bill. My interest in supporting the Energy Grid Security Bill evolved around achieving public policy objectives that I believe are in the best interest of my constituents and the Commonwealth, overall. These policy objectives are: improving grid reliability; providing a good value to the electric consumers of Virginia; enhancing grid security; and decreasing reliance on carbon-based fuels. Perhaps we could have achieved more in any one of the areas, but that would have been at the expense of compromising the advancement of another policy goal. It was also important to me that consumers be offered rebates now that the new legislation ends the base-rate freeze provision. To that end, Dominion will issue \$200 million in rate credits to consumers who were overcharged during the "rate freeze" period.

Although earlier versions of the bill had some protections against "double dipping" or allowing Dominion to gain rate revenue twice because of the way the investment language was written, subsequent language provides more clarity and more protection against this. Moreover, SB966 evolved as a result of a detailed, rigorous, and widely vetted process. No one group achieved everything it wanted, but there were enough positive aspects to the bill that disparate groups such as the environmentalists and the energy providers all agreed to support the measure.

Finally, I believe that the oversight mechanisms and accountability requirements in the bill give us the tools to adequately monitor Dominion's activities. The State Corporation Commission must report to the General Assem-

bly, annually, regarding the appropriateness and competitiveness of Dominion Energy's rate structure and Dominion's adherence to the policy goals articulated in SB 966.

Kinship Care

I worked on a bill, the Kinship Care Bill, for four years to make it possible for relatives to receive financial support if they provide a permanent home for kin in foster care; and I want to thank my Republican co-patron, Senator Dunning, for her help in getting this bill over the finish line. Relatives willing to participate in this program would have to agree to go through special training and also agree to the terms of a permanency arrangement, as directed by a Juvenile Court Judge. So many of the relatives volunteering to raise the next generation are grandparents living on social security or meager retirement income. The Kinship Care Bill requires Virginia to participate in a Federal program that will provide much of the financial support necessary to raise a child. The bipartisan effort demonstrated to pass this bill and get it funded in both the House and Senate budgets was exemplary.

Making Schools More Welcoming

My bill prohibiting lunch shaming was merged with Delegate Hope's bill on the same topic and the final bill became even stronger than the two earlier proposals. We expect our schools to value every child and to provide every student with an equal opportunity to learn. Yet, when a child is singled out for a school lunch debt, this action sends a message that the child is different and less likely to succeed. The lunch shaming bill, soon to be signed by the Governor, prohibits the identification or shaming of any child with an outstanding lunch debt and requires that communication on this topic be directed to the parents.

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Free Sober Rides. Saturday, March 17, 4 p.m. through Sunday, March 18, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's St. Patrick's Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 2 p.m. on March 17 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

THURSDAY/MARCH 15

Informational Session on Homelessness. 7 p.m. at the Marymount University Ballston Center Auditorium, 1000 N. Glebe Road. The annual community informational session on homelessness will focus on the latest data and trends, biggest challenges and a look ahead at the new strategic plan. Free with light refreshments provided. Sign language interpreters and alternate format materials for qualified individuals with disabilities are provided by the Arlington County Government. To arrange this in advance contact Kurt Larrick at Klarrick@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-1775.

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

Arlington Kids' Stuff Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 North Lorcom Lane, Arlington. Sale features gently used items from 100 consignors including clothes, toys, books,

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Wreath-Laying

The students of Grace Christian Academy participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery on Feb. 27. Four scholars, one from each of the upper grade classrooms, were selected from among their classmates to represent the school. Grace is a preK-8th grade private, Christian school, accredited by the National Council of Private School Accreditation.

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Recalling Arlington's Past

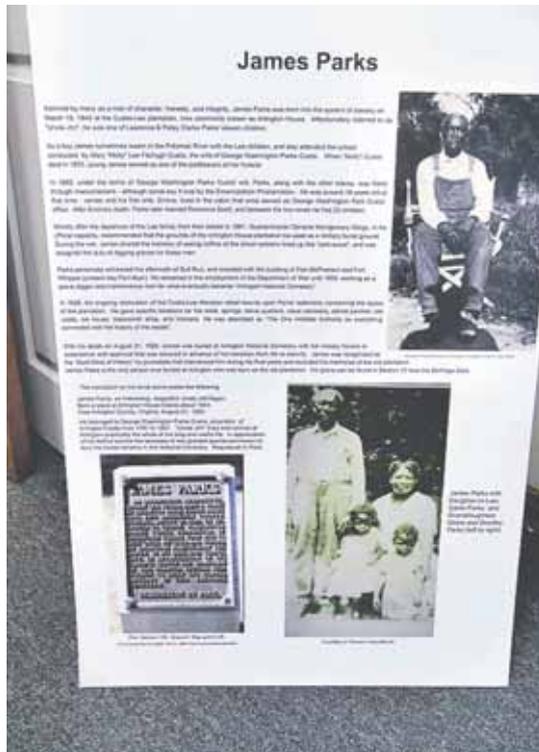
The Black Heritage Museum held an event Feb. 28 for invited guests to celebrate the opening of the physical museum that is replacing the former virtual space. The museum is located on Columbia Pike.

Wall displays commemorate the story of Freedman's Village established on the southeast portion of Arlington Estate in June 1863. Freedman's Village was used as a camp for slaves who were freed as Union forces moved South or who escaped their owners. It existed for over 30 years as an African-American community with housing, education and medical care for the residents.

Descendants of residents at the Freedman's Village attended the opening as well as representatives from the three original African/American communities including Nauck/Green Valley, Arlington View/Johnson Hill and Highview Park/Halls Hill. Community groups also participated including Fire House #8, originally staffed by African-Americans, as well as representatives from the library, historical society, and career center.

The museum is scheduled to be officially open to the public mid-March.

— SHIRLEY RUHE



James Parks, born into slavery in 1843 at Custis-Lee Plantation

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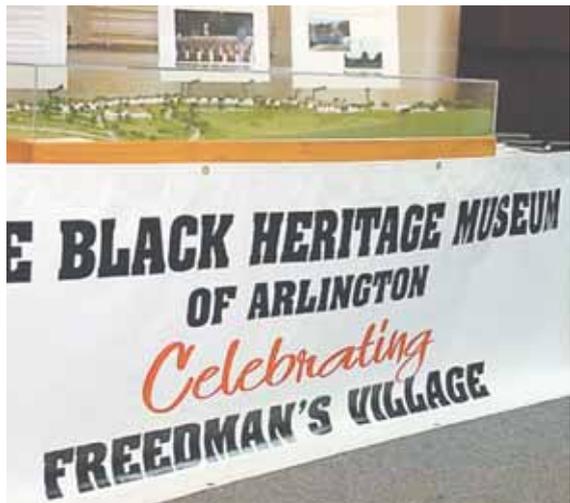


Exhibit recalls Fire Station #8 staffed by African-Americans during segregation in Arlington



Special event at Black Heritage Museum features history of Freedman's Village in Arlington.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55" "Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs for March 19-24.

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

Senior trips: National Geographic Museum, D.C., Monday, March 19, \$14; Homewood and Evergreen Museums tour and tea, Baltimore, Tuesday, March 20, \$50; Sugarloaf Festival and Wegmans, Chantilly, Friday, March 23, \$10; WSC Avant Bard Theatre, "The Gospel at Colonus," Arlington, Saturday, March 24, \$16. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS:
Simple steps to preventing and controlling diabetes, Monday, March 19, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-

6300.
Senior Boot Camps begin Monday, March 19, 8:30 a.m., \$35/7 sessions or Thursday, March 22, 8:30 a.m., \$30/6 sessions, Walter Reed. Register, 703-228-0955.

Ways to stay hydrated, Monday, March 19, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-228-5722.

How to protect against predators, general scams, Monday, March 19, 10:30 a.m., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

Rubber Stamp workshop, Tuesday, March 20, 11:30 a.m., Lee. Details, 703-228-0555.

AARP's two-day driver safety class, Tuesday, March 20, Wednesday, March 21, 5:15-9:30 p.m., Langston-Brown. Cost \$20 (\$15 AARP members). Register, 703-228-6300.

Chair Hatha Yoga class begins Wednesday, March 21, 1 p.m., \$49/7 sessions, Walter Reed. Register, 703-

228-0955.
Benefits of trusts in estate planning, Wednesday, March 21, 7 p.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Classic comedy radio and TV shows, Wednesday, March 21, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills. Register, 703-28-5722.

Two-part overview of digital media, Thursday, March 22 and March 29, 2 p.m., Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Learn how to ride a bike, Friday, March 23, 8 a.m., indoors, Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

Ballroom dance for seniors, Friday, March 23, 1 p.m., Arlington Mill. Details, 703-228-7369.

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Mathias Blake, Kaeli Self, Cameron Cirka, and Orixa Flores go to the front of the room and are asked to blow up balloons by Dr. Angela Moran.



Demonstrating the elasticity of polymers, Dr. Angela Moran inserts a metal stick into the balloon without blowing it up. The students are in awe.

Demonstrating the Joy of Science

Scientist also highlights STEM educator training for teachers.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

“I like to build stuff but I really like to figure out why things break,” said Dr. Angela Leimkuhler Moran with a twinkle in her eyes. She had already caught the attention of a room full of Arlington’s St. Thomas More School middle schoolers. She asked how many students in the room of about 90 had a connection to the U.S. military or naval academy, and more than 20 raised their hands. “Well,” she said, “I’m an engineer. And our main job is to make the world a better place, and, for the military, to make sure our materials are really strong.”

She used the example of a cell phone. “It used to be the size of a brick, and all it did was make phone calls, and not very well. But now,” she said, “we have smart phones that fit in your hand, that do everything from take photos to playing YouTube videos. Engineers made that happen.”

Moran, a Naval Academy materials engi-



Richie Almon (left) and Silas Lesperance pay close attention to the presentation by Dr. Angela Moran.

neer, asked the students if they knew what silicon was. She pointed out the use of silicon, an element on the periodic table, and how electronic pathways could be etched on it. “Materials is a really cool area of engineering,” she said. She asked the students if they knew how many materials there were. It turned out there were 100,000 different materials to select from if one were an engineer, and they all fell neatly into three categories: metals, polymers, ceram-



Cynthia Larsen and Jennifer McDermitt are called up to help demonstrate properties of materials.

ics. Moran is the kind of engineer that makes even categories of materials sound interesting, and she bounced around the room showing students materials, and, best of all, letting them feel them, hear them, stretch them, and stomp on them. As she described the properties of materials (strong and conductive, brittle but tough), she had an attentive audience.

But when she called for volunteers from the audience to come up and help her with some experiments, the most skeptical of middle schoolers was entranced by a world of science that was much more interesting than memorizing the table of elements.

And when Moran thought she was losing

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Dr. Angela Moran explains how human bodies are made up of salt and water, making them conductive, and, as the students hold hands they will form a circuit that can light up her tube.



Dr. Angela Moran asks teacher Raylene Rozzi, “You aren’t afraid of fire, are you?” as she straightens out Nitinol with an electric match.

Spring 2018 HomeLifeStyle

A two-level food prep island and dining counter sets up thoughtful work triangles. There are custom cubbies for favorite wines, a shelf for cookbooks and a built-in microwave. The island's topmost surface serves the dining table — and doubles as a dining counter for anyone gathered on stools below.



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How 'Open Floorplan' Can Enhance Classic Home

North Arlington residence open to public 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 24.

BY JOHN BYRD

When does a house become dated? The answer may be subjective, but 60 years is a long time in the life of a kitchen. When an older home becomes antiquated, you want to revitalize — not just the house — but your enjoyment of it. It's a situation that calls for inspired thinking.

Such are the personal revelations driving many a sweeping makeover, says David Foster, president of Foster Remodeling Solutions, and the professional whose design team rehabilitated the 1,200 square foot north Arlington rambler being featured in an open house Saturday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Located in Arlington's Boulevard Manor neighborhood, the three-bedroom circa 1950s brick rambler has been owned by Chris and Megan Tighe since 2009. To make the house more suitable for a family that includes a school-age daughter, the remodeling entailed joining two small rooms (kitchen and dining room) and incorporating the footprint of a rear-facing sunroom.

The new 350-square-foot suite is configured as an open floor plan that includes a gourmet kitchen, family dining zone and

mudroom.

Meanwhile, the suite's eye-catching transitional-style interior is enhanced by a custom-designed food prep island, built-ins and a stunning view of a leafy backyard brimming with mature trees.

To make the plan feasible, Foster Remodeling Solutions removed 16 feet of rear elevation bearing wall, raised the former sunroom floor to level with the kitchen and installed matching hardwood throughout.

To augment available light, a 10-foot-by-6-foot window wall, insulated with Argon-filled double ply glass, provides a spot-on view of the Tighe family garden.

"We learned early on that an open house can help neighbors find ideas for improving their own homes," says Foster. "People can see for themselves what design styles are being introduced, and what technologies are proving practical, even life-enhancing."

Visitors searching for direct professional input, on the other hand, are free to explore ideas with Dory Clemens, the Foster designer who executed the Tighe makeover.

"This is an exceptional transformation," said Clemens pointing to the many original built-ins and distinctive interior elevations. "The ideas implemented here respond to a



To create the new rear facing great room, Foster Remodeling Solutions removed a bearing wall separating the existing house from an old sunroom, raised the floor to level with the house and installed oak flooring.

broad range of owner requirements, yet colors and textures work together to create a warmly habitable living space."

Looking back, Chris Tighe says he and wife, Megan, started thinking about remodeling not long after moving into the house nine years ago.

"A childhood friend with an architectural background initially helped us sketch out some perspectives on a CADD system," Tighe said. "We routinely discussed ways we might make the new house feel larger,

more functional and more personal."

The Tighes learned about Foster Remodeling from neighbors, and decided to set up a meeting. "I showed our drawings to Dory and she immediately began pointing out options that improved the plans in ways I hadn't even considered," Chris Tighe said. "This quickly became a very productive process for the whole family."

The resulting space is expansive, yet intimate. A two-level food prep island and din
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Arlington Home Show Returns

The Arlington Home Show & Garden Expo returns on Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Whether you are a resident looking to improve your home, an experienced contractor or a landlord managing rentals, the 2018 Arlington Home Show & Expo offers a one-stop shop to "Ask an Expert" and learn of new ways to update your home, and add value to your property. The family-friendly event will be held at the Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington.

As with previous shows, free classes await this year's visitors. From learning about how to do basic electrical and plumbing repairs to understanding condominium living, exploring ways to make your home a healthier place and mastering Spring's Gardening tasks, there will be a variety of information and hands-on instruction at the Home Show. The



ARLINGTON HOMESHOW & GARDEN EXPO

Landlord Seminar is back and only this class needs registration at <http://tiny.cc/LLS2018>.

Learn about remodeling kitchens and baths, finishing or waterproofing basements, replacing windows, doors, flooring, roofing and siding, security systems and more from a variety of top-rated companies. Find out about Arlington County zoning and permit rules you need to know before starting a home improvement project.

The Arlington Home Show & Garden Expo is sponsored by Resilient Virginia and the Arlington County Housing Division. For more information, call the Housing Division at 703-228-3765, or the Home Expo team at 202-599-0665.

'More Functional, More Personal'

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ing counter sets up thoughtful work triangles. There are custom cubbies for favorite wines, a shelf for cookbooks and a built-in microwave. The island's topmost surface serves the dining table — and doubles as a lunch counter.

Owing to limited space, persons inter-

ested in attending the open house should call 703-550-1371 and ask for the address; or RSVP online at <https://www.fosterremodeling.com/resources/free-educational-seminars/>

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Highlighting Features that Improve Functionality

Designer must-haves for building a dream kitchen.

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From a Sub Zero refrigerator and Bosch dishwasher hidden behind an oak cabinet front to a backsplash and center island cov-

ered with slabs of marble, the options for creating a dream kitchen can seem endless, say local designers, but they are also very personal.

"A seldom used \$15,000 La Cornue stove which might impress friends may define one person's

idea of a dream kitchen, while the definition of a dream kitchen for another person might include a more practical approach to form and function," said interior designer Joseph Van Goethem. "For example, my wife is an excellent cook, so her dream kitchen is all

about spices, dishes and cookbooks."

Hand-painted Italian tile used for the backsplash was one of the luxuries that Van Goethem incorporated into the design of his own kitchen in McLean. "It infuses the kitchen with color and visual interest beneath the cabinetry."

For counters toppings, quartz and butcher block are two materials that interior designer Carolyn Elleman says are at the top of her list. Strong and durable, butcher block is made by connecting long wooden boards. Maple and cherry wood are two of the most popular materials for such countertops.

"As natural stone or granite seems to be not used as much, we have seen a spike in the use of quartz and butcher block," said Elleman, who is an interiors specialist at Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

A versatile island is a kitchen must-have for Jean P. Freeman, professor of interior design at Marymount University.

"The real rave right now in kitchens is something that I introduced to the Pedini [kitchen de-

sign firm] eight years ago while designing my own sustainable house in McLean, Va.," she said. "It was to have an island with most of the essentials located on it. The idea of having an island with a sink, dishwasher, cook-top and plenty of storage below has been taken by storm."

Such a design technique reduces the need for overhead cabinetry, advises Freeman. "The island idea uses cabinets with only pull-out drawers for dishes, glasses, pots and pans. The drawers are so convenient and easy to organize," she said.

Features that improve functionality top the must-haves list of designer Melissa Fielding of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths.

"I love tray dividers. They can really revolutionize the kitchen because you can maximize the space for your cook and serve ware," she said. "Another one of my highly recommended items are kitchen drawers because things like that favorite mixing bowl or large pan, come towards you instead of having to reach up to get them."

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Blood drive

Arlington Boy Scout Zach Ojakli from Troop 111 organized a blood drive on Sunday, Feb. 25 collecting over 85 units of blood.



Emcee Justine Love with LaVerne Langhorn, winner in the side dish category for her corn pudding.



Emcee Justine Love with Cindy Isler, winner in the entrée category for her lasagna with spinach and mushroom.



Emcee Justine Love with Stephanie Clifford, winner of the dessert category for her sweet potato pie.

Soul Food Cook-Off Names Winners

Held annually for the past 26 years, the Feel the Heritage Festival for the first time featured a Soul Food Cook-Off on Feb. 24 at the Charles Drew Community Center. Categories included appetizers, entrees, side dishes and desserts.

Some of the entries included Sweet Nauck Potato Pie, Mac and Cheese, Carrot Cake/Cheesecake and Company Grits.

Judges included Arlington Career Center Culinary Arts Instructor Program Renee Randolph and students Delina Ogbe, Kahder Smith and Jalen Mullins.

Event emcee and former director of community and public affairs for CBS Radio Washington DC/WPGC 95.5 FM radio host and president of "Just Ask Justine" Media Relations Justine Love also participated as a judge.

Have a soul food recipe to share? Save the date for the next year's Feel the Heritage Festival on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019.

Learn more about the 2018 Feel the Heritage Festival at parks.arlingtonva.us/feel-the-heritage-festival or call 703-228-3329.

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videos, games, puzzles and more for kids for birth to teen. There's plenty for parents as well: maternity clothes, baby gear, strollers, bottles, safety items and more. Cash or check only. Visit standrewsarlington.org.

Resource and Information Fair. 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. The 10th Annual "Your Child's Development: A Resource and Information Fair for Arlington Parents and Caregivers of Infants and Preschoolers" offers workshops that address developmental concerns,

getting ready for preschool, nutrition and feeding, early literacy, managing your emotions, and positive parenting. Free. Register online at www.arlingtonresourcefair.com or contact cfuentes@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-1549.

SALT Toastmasters Meeting. 2-4 p.m. at Westover Library, 1644 N McKinley Road. If you are someone who is seeking communication and leadership development opportunities, we invite you to visit our Toastmasters club. Free. Email domhob@verizon.net, call 703-475-3208 or visit 3953561.toastmastersclubs.org/.

SUNDAY/MARCH 18

Application Deadline. Arlington Neighborhood College, the county's free civic leadership program, is offered this year on eight consecutive Thursday evenings, April 12-May 31. Healthful buffet dinners are served from 6-6:30 and classes run from 6 to as late as 9:30. Childcare will be provided if necessary. Go to projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/college/neighborhood-college-2018/ or contact Katie Brown-Henry at kbrown-henry@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-3819.

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Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Family Skate Night. Saturdays through March, 6:30-9 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 2nd St S. Bring the whole family to Thomas Jefferson Community Center for Family Skate Night with a live DJ, moon bounces and snack bar, this is a crowd-pleaser for the entire family. Only \$2 to skate and \$3 to rent a pair of wheels (moon bounce and concessions are additional). Cash only. Visit parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/thomas-jefferson-community-center.

Open Bounce. Saturdays, through March 24, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 10:45-11:45 a.m. at Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. Have an active child (3-9 years old) who loves to bounce? Enjoy Open Bounce Saturday mornings at Madison Community Center. \$3 per child. Purchase tickets online at parks.arlingtonva.us/locations/madison-community-center-park/.

You, If No One Else. Through March 31, Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center 3550 Wilson Blvd. Arlington Arts Center presents You, if no one else, featuring 10 contemporary artists and artist collaborations. You, if no one else, looks at the ways in which artists record, reflect, contribute to, rail against, and engage with politics and civic life, bringing dialogue, beauty, and nuance to their involvement in the public sphere. The title of the exhibition was inspired by poet Tino Villanueva, whose poem of the same name was included in his 1994 collection *Chronicle of My Worst Years*. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

Michèle Colburn: The More Things Change. Through March 31, Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. Michèle Colburn's work explores socio-political themes related to domestic terrorism, war, and the costs associated with both. A multidisciplinary artist, Colburn makes mixed-media objects with forays into endurance performance on the streets. Her two- and three-dimensional work incorporates gunpowder, spent bullet casings, and vintage surplus military tripwire. Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org or call 703-248-6800.

"Personal Worlds." Through April 2, gallery hours at The Barry Gallery in the Reinsch Library at Marymount, 2807 North Glebe Road. "Personal Worlds," features oil paintings, drawings and prints by faculty member Mary Proenza. Admission is free. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

"HALO-HALO." Through April 7, open 24/7 at Metro Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd., on the corner of Kansas Street and Wilson Boulevard. An exhibition of new works by Nico Fertakis. The exhibition's title, "HALO-HALO," refers to a popular dessert in the Philippines and means "mix-mix" or "mixed together" in the Filipino dialect, Tagalog. With an opening reception Sunday, March 25, 1-3 p.m. Visit www.metromicrogallery.com.

Food Truck Thursdays. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1900 Crystal Drive and 201 12th St. Actual truck schedules are subject to change so be sure to follow your favorites. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Healthy Lifestyle Runs. Saturdays, 9 a.m. at Roosevelt Island, George Washington Memorial Parkway. American Cancer Society partners



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World Children's Choir, Sondra Harnes, conductor, with Barbara Harrison, Channel 4 anchor following a performance at The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, Dr. Martin Luther King "His Voice, His Teachings, His Love for Humanity." The choir performs at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Saturday, March 17.

with parkrun USA to promote fitness in the fight against cancer. Free. Visit www.parkrun.us/rooseveltislanddc/ for more.

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

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

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

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

Storytime. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:30-11 a.m. at Kinder Haus Toys, 1220 N. Fillmore St. Storytime with Ms. Laura. Call 703-527-5929.e.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 14

Tour the Solar System. 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Ages 8 to 12. Explore the eight planets of Earth's solar system, and Pluto, through interactive activities that compare travel distance, weather conditions, size and the lengths of days and years. For information: 703-228-3403. \$5. #632828-F. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

THURSDAY/MARCH 15

Book Release Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St., #101. Celebrate Women's History Month with the release of *The Radical Element: 12 Stories of Daredevils, Debutantes & Other Dauntless Girls*, featuring a discussion with the editor Jessica Spotswood (Wild Swans, A Tyranny Of Petticoats) and contributors Robin Talley (As I Descended) and Lindsay Smith (A Darkly Beating Heart). Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MARCH 15-17

"Almost, Maine." Thursday-Saturday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at Yorktown High School, 5200 North Yorktown Blvd. Yorktown Theatre presents "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani. On a cold, clear, moonless night in the middle of winter, all is not quite what it seems in the remote, mythical town of Almost, Maine. Tickets are \$10 at yhstheatre.org or tinyurl.com/yhsmaine.

FRIDAY/MARCH 16

Live Comedy: T.J. Miller. 7:30 and 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. T.J. Miller LIVE from Silicon Valley, "Cashing in with T.J. Miller" and Deadpool. \$35-\$40. Visit ArlingtonDrafthouse.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

Fort Ethan Allen Park Walking Tour. 12-12:45 p.m. at Fort Ethan Allen, 3829 N. Stafford St. Families ages 7 and up. Register children and adults; children must be

accompanied by a registered adult. Fort Ethan Allen was built by the Union Army in September 1861, to command the approach to Chain Bridge, and has the most extensive remaining features of any Civil War fort in Arlington. For information: 703-228-7033. Free. #632758-A. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

"Losing the Dark" and "Stargazing 101 with Geoff Chester."

Doors open 7 p.m. at Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Learn about light pollution and simple actions to take to mitigate it. Then join as U.S. Naval Observatory Public Affairs Officer Geoff Chester provides an introduction to observing the night sky. After the presentation, observe through telescopes outside, weather permitting. 60 minutes. Suitable for all ages. Reserve tickets at friendsoftheplanetarium.ticketleap.com.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 18

Jim Thorne and the MoonDiggers. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Concert performance by Jim Thorne and the MoonDiggers, featuring a full-dome show set to Mission to Europa, a song from Jim's new album. Appropriate for all ages. \$5. Email contact@friendsoftheplanetarium.org or visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org/.

Remove Invasive Plants. 2-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults, teens, and families ages 8 and up. Restore habitat and increase species diversity

in Arlington. Work parties are held every month. No registration required. For information: 703-228-6535. Free.

"Little Bear" and "Magic Treehouse: Space Mission."

Doors open 2:45 p.m. at Arlington's David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N Quincy St. Enjoy a short full dome show created by the Friends of the Planetarium, based on the song "The Little Bear," written by singer/song writer Dr. Jim Thorne. Then travel with the brother-sister duo, Jack and Annie, in their Magic Tree House as they discover a note that asks them to answer a series of six questions about space. 45 minutes. Suitable for all ages. Reserve tickets at friendsoftheplanetarium.ticketleap.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 20

Microgreens: What Are They and How to Grow Them. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Shirlington Library, 4200 Campbell Ave. Microgreens — What makes them so good for you? Join this popular class to learn their many benefits, and some simple ways to grow these delicious, nutritious and inexpensive baby plants and sprouts at home. Free. Advance registration at mgmv.org. Questions, call 703-228-6414 or email mgaralalex@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

"Yeomanette" in World War I. 7-8 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 18th St. S. Annette Benbow, Arlington Historical Society Vice President, will share the story of Julia Katzner Rhinehart (Powell), who enlisted as a US Navy Yeoman (F) in World War I. Julia lived in the Glencarly neighborhood and later, with her husband, Will Powell, bought a home there in 1920 (now the Ball-Sellers House, the oldest building in the county). Visit library.arlingtonva.us/locations/aurora-hills-branch-library/.

Author Event: Brad Parks. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St., #101. Former journalist Brad Parks, "Say Nothing,") shares from his latest standalone thriller, "Closer Than You Know." Parks' six previous novels chart the adventures of sometimes-dashing investigative newspaper reporter Carter Ross, and have collectively won stars from every major pre-publication review outlet. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

MARCH 21-23

Fundraising: Citrus Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Overlee Community Pool-Bath House (Lower Level), 6030 Lee Highway, lower entrance off John Marshall Drive. Fresh citrus (with honeybells), pecans, and maple syrup for sale to support Northwest Arlington Lions Club/Charities. Call 703-528-1130.

THURSDAY/MARCH 22

Author Event. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St., #101. In honor of Women's History Month, with Mary Hartnett (co-author with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Wendy W. Williams of *My Own Words*) and Debbie Levy (author of *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*). They'll share little-known anecdotes, big-picture issues, and how their two bestselling books, one for adults and the other for children, came about. Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

Up Ball: Darkly Ever After. 7-11 p.m. at Clarendon Ballroom, 3185 Wilson Blvd. A fancy dress and literary-themed social event for adults, presented by the Friends of the Arlington Public Library, and featuring: prizes for the best fairy tale inspired attire (costumes are optional); live music; light appetizers

and dessert; and drinks available for purchase with cash or credit. Tickets are \$40. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/3711162.

FRIDAY/MARCH 23

Survival Skills: Purifying Water. 4-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Learn hands-on traditional survival skills. Humans can go days without food, but drinkable water is a survival priority. Use different methods to collect and clean rain and creek water, then drink it. For information: 703-228-6535. \$5. #632928-A. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

Half Moon Hike. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road.

The half-moon is the best time for viewing the moon with a telescope – come find out why during an early spring hike in the forest. Then enjoy hot chocolate indoors. Teens ages 16 and up are welcome, but must be accompanied by a registered adult. For information: 703-228-3403. Adults. \$5. #632848-E. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

Live Comedy: David Alan Grier.

7:30 and 10 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. David Alan Grier from Comedy Central, The Wiz and In Living Color. \$25-\$30. Visit ArlingtonDrafthouse.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 24

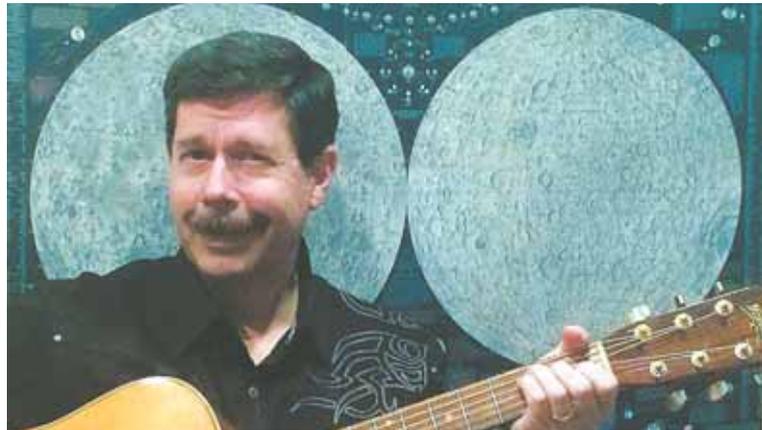
Family Bird Walk. 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Families ages 7 and up. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Bird watching in the early spring is a great time to start – fewer species and no leaves to hide them. Begin with birding basics: using binoculars and field guides, identifying, and finding birds, then practice new skills. Beginners and experts welcomed. Loaner binoculars are available. For information: 703-228-6535. Free. #632958-I. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

Make Your Own Rain Barrel. 10 a.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S. Come to one of these workshops and make a rain barrel to collect rainwater for use in the yard and garden. \$55 per barrel; two barrels per household limit. Pre-registration required at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/soil-water-conservation/rain-barrel-workshop.

Vegetable Gardening Part 3. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Westover Branch Library, 1644 N. McKinley Road. Manage and Maintain Your Vegetable Garden. Discover simple, earth-friendly and smart gardening practices, like crop rotation and intercropping, to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects and to control common garden pests. Learn to identify diseases and how to manage them. Also pick up tips on space-saving techniques for small gardens. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions, telephone 703-228-6414 or emailmgaralalex@gmail.com.

Visit Our Animal Hospital. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Ages 6 to 9. Come visit rescued animals and see how to medically treat them, including reptiles and amphibians that need care. For information: 703-228-6535. \$5. #632928-E. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

Life Under the Lens: Mosses. 3-5 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults. Take a close up look at mosses in the field and under the microscope, learning about their natural history, characteristics and identify some of



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Concert performance by Jim Thorne and the MoonDiggers, featuring a full-dome show set to Mission to Europa, a song from Jim's new album. Appropriate for all ages. \$5. Sunday, March 18, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at David M. Brown Planetarium, 1426 N. Quincy St. Email contact@friendsoftheplanetarium.org or visit friendsoftheplanetarium.org/.

the most common species. Bring a 10x loupe, pencil and notebook. Teens ages 16 and up are welcome, but must be accompanied by a registered adult. For information: 703-228-6535. \$10. #632948-D. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

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Silent Salamanders Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 N. Military Road. Families. Register children and adults; children must be accompanied by a registered adult. The whole family is invited to meet at the Gulf Branch fire ring for lots of old-fashioned fun. This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs and of course, S'mores. For information: 703-228-3403. \$5. #632858-B. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

Chamber Music. 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. National Chamber Ensemble presents "Strings Fever." Experience two of the greatest works of chamber music by two masters: Johannes Brahms and Felix Mendelssohn, featuring the lush sounds of the strings. Free parking. \$36 adult, \$18 student. Tickets and more info at www.NationalChamberEnsemble.org or at box office one hour before performance.

SUNDAY/MARCH 25

Meet the Artist. 1-3 p.m. at Metro Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd., on the corner of Kansas Street and Wilson Boulevard. An exhibition of new works by Nico Fertakis. The exhibition's title, "HALO-HALO," refers to a popular dessert in the Philippines and means "mix-mix" or "mixed together" in the Filipino dialect, Tagalog. The exhibition runs March 1-April 7. Visit www.metromicrogallery.com.

Nature Photography Close-up. 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Ages 10 to 14. Photograph nature using the close-up camera settings or lenses. Get nature photography tips and photograph objects and animals inside the nature center and outdoors on a hike. Participants are welcome to bring camera supplies of their choice. For information: 703-228-6535. \$7. #632928-G. To register, call 703-

228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

MONDAY/MARCH 26

Meet the Speaker. 3-4:30 at Arlington County Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Encore Learning will present a lecture on "Civil War Women: Nurses, Soldiers and Spies" by Bonnie Mangan, Vice President of Society for Women in the Civil War, looking back at the many unsung heroines of the Civil War and will share fascinating stories of little known women who played significant roles in the Civil War. The public is invited. Call 703-228-2144.

Author Event: Patricia Pearson. 7 p.m. at One More Page Books, 2200 N Westmoreland St., #101. Debut author Patricia Pearson will close out Women's History Month Program with her book "Fly Girls: The Daring American Women Pilots Who Helped Win WWII." Call 703-300-9746 or visit www.onemorepagebooks.com.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/MARCH 26-30

Spring Break Camp. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Barky is a doggy with bad habits but the ability to learn new tricks. Explore movement, music, visual art and physical story telling while exploring the adventures of a special dog. \$250. Call 703-933-1111 or visit www.janefranklin.com/camps.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 28

Civil War Discoveries: Infantry Drills. 9-10 a.m. at Fort C. F. Smith Park, 2411 N. 24th St. Ages 7 to 11. Using replica wood rifles, learn how to "load in nine times" and how to march as a well-drilled unit conducting skirmish drills. For information: 703-228-7033. \$5. #632728-A. To register, call 703-228-4747 or visit registration.arlingtonva.us.

THURSDAY/MARCH 29

Meet the Author. 1-2 p.m. at Walter Reed Senior Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Dr. Charles Toftoy discusses his book, "Amazing Fireside Talks" about finding inspiration and hope. Free. Call 703-228-0955 or email lkanuit@arlingtonva.us for more.

Live Comedy: Carlos Mencia. 7:45 p.m. at Arlington Cinema and Drafthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. Carlos Mencia from Mind of Mencia. \$30-\$35. Visit ArlingtonDrafthouse.com.

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Announcements

NEWS



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Ellen M. Bozman Government Center.

Renovating County Offices

The Arlington county offices are due for an overhaul. At the March 17 County Board meeting, the board will consider awarding a \$2.6 million contract to Architecture Inc. to redesign the interior of the county offices in the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center on Courthouse Square. The approval would involve funding for part two of a two-part planning and design process. County documents show key enhancements identified for the building include a greater civic presence, consolidation of the public facing services, security and meeting areas. The total project renovation budget is \$35.9 million.

The county recently negotiated extending its lease on the building for 15 years in February 2017. The county will pay no rent on the building from Nov. 1, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019, saving \$9.9 million and gain-



Section of Old Dominion to be renovated with a sidewalk.

ing a \$2.5 million broker rebate.

The County Board will also consider awarding \$289,324 to Sagres Construction Corporation to build a sidewalk eastbound on Old Dominion Drive between North Thomas Street and Fire Station 3, completing the long-term sidewalk project on this stretch of Old Dominion Drive.

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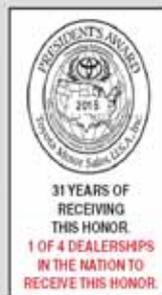
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