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Lyon Village Parade Celebrates 100 Years

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By Shirley Ruhe
Arlington Connection

John Carten, one of today's organizers says, "Let's get the banner across the street and get ready to go." Carten says they have been doing the 4th of July picnic since 1972. "We originally started the 4th of July picnic to celebrate a rebuild of the playground by the County. I have been helping with the celebration since 1984."

Lynne Ross, who marches with her husband Doug says, "It's harder to fold this thing up than to unfurl it, and looks like I miserably failed again last year." Ross says she can't remember how many years she has been at this end of the celebration. "I graduated from doing the pavilion but I love a parade."

Larry Pilot says after many years his wife Lynne hasn't joined them this year. "She broke her back and is in a wheelchair today."

Kimberly Schmidt, an organizer of activities at the park says, "In celebration of our 100th year, we will be kicking off an initiative to Plant 100 Trees for 100 Years of Lyon Village to increase our tree canopy for the next 100 years! There will be a table at the picnic with a map of all the best locations for new trees in the neighborhood so people can sign up."



Addie Levy tries out Arlington County Police Department Lt. Ryan Allen's motorcycle at the Lyon Village parade on Tuesday. Her father says they came to the parade when Addie was 2, 3 and 4-years-old and then took a couple of years off. "Now we're back for the 100th year celebration."



Larry Pilot and Lynne Ross—two longtime Lyon Park residents and volunteers for decades at the annual Fourth of July parade.



The group of Lyon Village regulars carries the 4th of July banner that traditionally opens the neighborhood parade.



The 4th of July is a family affair for six-year-old Emmett, three-year-old Addy and one-month-old Camden Schleser.



The circulating white bag is full of rubber ducks of all varieties. A small hand plunges deep into the bag. "That's a good one. I would have picked a yellow one, too."

"Come on Charlie, smile for the camera." Olivia Ferrill tries to coax her Cavachon while they are waiting for the annual Lyon Village Fourth of July parade to begin in the neighborhood. "I've been doing this for a couple of years because it's fun." Olivia says her mother is at the other end in the park where she will be handing out popsicles.



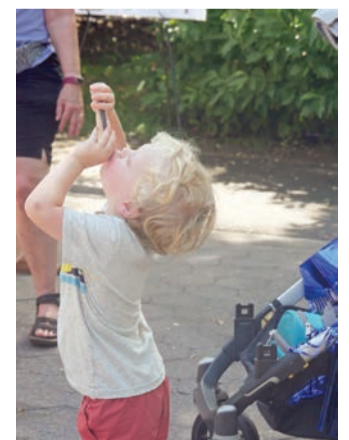
Bicycles, wagons, and skipping feet head down Highland Street to Lyon Park as neighbors stand along the sidewalks waving and clapping as the parade marches by. A squadron of ACPD police cars bookends the parade.



Nine-year-old Sarah Himes plans to walk the parade route with her sister Jennifer. Sarah says she was playing soccer and broke her foot.



The popsicle table at Lyon Park offers a welcome relief at the end of a hot walk along the parade route on Tuesday morning.



Local Writers Win Virginia Press Association Awards

Connection and Gazette garner awards for work published in 2022.

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

Each year the Virginia Press Association holds a competition to select the best published material from newspapers and news sites from across the state. The contest is judged by journalists from outside the commonwealth, for what is one of the largest such competitions in the country.

It has been no small accomplishment just to keep publishing in this economic climate, between the pandemic and the decline in newspaper advertising. But we continue to be called to provide the best journalism we can to the communities we serve. We have great readers. We've been blessed with a group of remarkable writers. We're pleased that we won 15 awards. Many categories are judged as a "body of work," so a group of three or sometimes more stories, as you can see below.

In the Alexandria Gazette Packet:

Jeanne Theismann & Janet Barnett, First Place for Combination Picture/Story. 'I Pledge Allegiance' Naturalization ceremony celebrates newest American citizens. See the entry at [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Design_and_Presentation/M01_Combination_Picture_and_Story_\(N4\)/First_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_1/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Design_and_Presentation/M01_Combination_Picture_and_Story_(N4)/First_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_1/Attachment_01.pdf)

Michael Lee Pope, First Place for Business & Financial Writing: Reconsidering Marijuana, Tax Code Thunderstruck, Up in Smoke: Black market to remain underground for now as lawmakers reject licensing scheme. Judge Comment: "An interesting topic that will surely dominate headlines, especially in agricultural states. Perspectives regarding marijuana have changed dramatically over the years. I like your ledes, as well." See [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W03_Business_and_Financial_Writing_\(N4\)/First_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_1/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W03_Business_and_Financial_Writing_(N4)/First_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_1/Attachment_01.pdf)

Shirley Ruhe and Laurence Foong, Second Place, Informational Graphics, "Follow the Long Faith Journey of a Tomato" Judge Comment: "Photos add pop to a standard map." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Graphics_Illustrations_and_Art/G02_Informational_Graphics_\(N4\)/Second_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_2/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Graphics_Illustrations_and_Art/G02_Informational_Graphics_(N4)/Second_Place_Alexandria_Gazette_Packet_2/Attachment_01.pdf)

Jeanne Theismann, Feature Story Writing - Third Place, "Uncommon Val-



Ashley Simpson



Bonnie Hobbs



Eden Brown



Glenda Booth



Janet Barnett



Jeanne Theismann



Laurence Foong

Mount Vernon Gazette

Glenda Booth, Third Place, Health, Science & Environment Writing. Down the Toilet; Down the Drain. Then What?; The Potomac River Is Healing but Problems Remain; Eagles Are Thriving but Face Challenges. Judge Comment: "Takes reader where they might have never been to deliver impactful information." See [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_\(N4\)/Third_Place_Mount_Vernon_Gazette_3/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_(N4)/Third_Place_Mount_Vernon_Gazette_3/Attachment_01.pdf)



Michael Lee Pope



Mike Salmon



Shirley Ruhe



Susan Laume

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Eden Brown, First Place, Feature Writing Portfolio. Old Instruments, New Friends in Arlington; Arlington's USA Team Headed To Finals in Ramadan Tourney; Nightmare on Jackson Street. Judge comment: "Eden Brown is a seasoned, clever writer with a magical pen; well-articulated in all venues; vivid details, word choice and clever titles keep you wanting to read more." See [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W09_Feature_Writing_Portfolio_\(N3\)/First_Place_Arlington_Connection_1/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W09_Feature_Writing_Portfolio_(N3)/First_Place_Arlington_Connection_1/Attachment_01.pdf)

Ashley Simpson, Second Place, Feature Profile Writing: What Makes Ted Run. Judge Comment: "Very inspiring story that not only tells of his accomplishments, but also his motivations. Nicely done." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W11_Feature_Profile_Writing_\(including_News_Obituaries\)__\(N3\)/Second_Place_Arlington_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W11_Feature_Profile_Writing_(including_News_Obituaries)__(N3)/Second_Place_Arlington_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf)

Eden Brown, Second Place; Health, Science & Environment Writing, Arlington Man Who Donated Kidney Will Climb 7 Summits; Glad I Flunked May Home Safety Check; Fishy Story: Thousands of Fish Die In Four Mile Run, Cause Unknown; Judge Comment: "Uses a very readable storytelling format." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_\(N3\)/Second_Place_Arlington_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_(N3)/Second_Place_Arlington_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf)

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YORKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1973 IS HOLDING ITS 50TH REUNION
Scheduled for Oct. 6-8, 2023, at Westin Arlington Gateway. Contact: John Murphy, fhogmurph@gmail.com

LATE NIGHT AT THE MILL
Saturdays, July 8, July 22, Aug. 5, and Aug. 12. From 8-11 p.m. At Arlington Mill Community Center, 909 S. Dinwiddie St., Arlington. Middle and high school teens, join in on the fun at Arlington Mill Community Center for six great nights of dance, sports, art activities, snacks and more! The center will reopen after hours from 8-11 p.m. for you to hang out with friends, meet new ones and have some fun. The last night, August 12, will be a pool party at Long Bridge Aquatics & Fitness Center.

COLUMBIA PIKE PARTNERSHIP 2023 MOVIE NIGHTS
The Columbia Pike Partnership is pleased to announce the full list of movies for its popular Summer Movie Nights series returning to Arlington Mill Community Center Outdoor Plaza and Penrose Square Outdoor Plaza in July and August. Enjoy free movies this summer on Friday and Saturday nights with a selection of 16 family-friendly films from animation, adventure, comedy, musicals, and more. All movies start at sunset (between 8 and 8:30 p.m.) and are shown in English with Spanish subtitles. The series will kick off on July 7th at the Arlington Mill Community



The City of Alexandria celebrates its 274th birthday on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Center and at Penrose Square on July 8th.
Fridays at Arlington Mill, 909 South Dinwiddie St, Arlington, VA
July 7: Spirit Untamed
July 14: Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
July 21: Dog
July 28: Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank

Aug. 4: Lady and the Tramp
Aug. 11: Raiders of the Lost Ark
Aug. 18: Lightyear
Aug. 25: The Goonies

Saturdays at Penrose Square, 2200 S 6th St, Arlington, VA
July 8: Cave Rescue
July 15: Star Wars - Episode IV: A

New Hope
July 22: Back to the Future
July 29: A Man Called Otto
Aug. 5: Till
Aug. 12: Top Gun: Maverick
Aug. 19: The Woman King
Aug. 26: Jurassic World Dominion

WEDNESDAYS - JULY 5, 12, 19, AND 26

Arlington Central Library Wednesday Garden Talks. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy St., Arlington. Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and other speakers participate in presenting classes on topics that fit the season: Gardener Safely on 7/5, Creating Habitat in Your Yards and Gardens on 7/12, Growing Food in a Hot Climate on 7/19, and Preserve Your Harvest on 7/26. Free. No registration necessary.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 5

Garden Safety. 7 p.m. Meets at Arlington Central Library, 1015 North Quincy Street, Arlington. Gardening can bring aches and pains – but it doesn't have to. Learn proper movement, stretches and exercises to keep your gardening body happy and functional.

SATURDAY/JULY 8

The City of Alexandria celebrates its 274th birthday on Saturday, July 8, starting at 6 p.m., with a performance by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and a grand finale fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. Enjoy the big birthday experience including cupcakes, local vendors and live music. Oronoco Bay Park,

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<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Birthday>

JULY 21-23

South Asian Music Festival.

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Registration opens for 2023 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, Thursday, July 6, online only at www.nvso.us. Registration fee \$20 for unlimited events. For more information, email, nvso1982@gmail.com.

Social ballroom dance, spacious dance floor, tango, waltz, foxtrot and swing, Thursday, July 6, 2:15 p.m., Lubber Run 55+ Center. No instruction provided. Drop-in.

Current events discussion in Spanish, Thursday, July 6, 11:30 a.m., virtual. Must have intermediate knowledge of Spanish. Led by Lubber Run 55+ Center Director Ashley Gomez Figueredo. Registration # 914402-11.

Explore Thomas Jefferson's connection to Virginia with Laura Macaluso, author of "A Guide to Thomas Jefferson's Virginia," Thursday, July 6, 1:30 p.m., virtual. Registration # 914400-18.

Introduction to online payment Apps with Lubber Run 55+ Center Director Ashley Gomez, Thursday, July 6, 6 p.m. Learn ins and outs of Venmo, CashApp and PayPal. Registration # 914403-09.

Summer piano lounge, enjoy light refreshments and music by pianist Valerie Welsh, Friday, July 7, 1 p.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Registration # 914301-06.

Cornhole on the outdoor Arlington Mill Plaza, Friday, July 7, 11 a.m. - 1p.m. Registration # 914206-08.

Intergenerational storytime, seniors share their love of reading and music with children, Friday, July 7, 11:30 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. To volunteer to read a story, call Center Director Lila Paig, 703-228-5722.

Summer fun with games, trivia and ice cream to celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month, Friday, July 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Langston-Brown 55+ Center. Registration # 914899-03.

Introduction to line dancing, beginners learn basic steps taught by Suzie Pratts, Friday, July 7, 10:15 a.m., Aurora Hills 55+ Center. Drop-in.

55+ Travel group will head to the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE, Saturday, July 8. Guided tour through the DuPont's business enterprises and the family home and gardens. Lunch on your own. Cost \$32, Arlington resident; \$37, non-resident. Registration # 902307-03.

Baseball and the Supreme Court, learn how free agency in professional sports came about, Monday, July 10, 11:30 a.m., virtual. Presented by Georgetown University Law Center Professor Brad Snyder. Registration # 914400-20.



Give feedback on Arlington's Deer Management Plan at a meeting July 11 or online by July 18.

Meeting on Deer Management

Learn about Arlington's Deer Management Project at an in-person community forum on July 11 to engage in discussions and provide feedback on potential strategies to manage deer in County-owned natural land parks. Public participation is crucial in helping inform this project.

An in-person community forum on July 11 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lubber Run Community Center. <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Parks-Events/Deer-Management-ProjectCommunity-Forum>

Not able to make it on July 11? Share your thoughts through our online feedback form <https://publicinput.com/c6887> by July 18.

White-tailed deer are native to Arlington and are an essential part of the ecology, according to Arlington publicity for the forum. However, too many deer can harm the environment by eating certain plants faster than they can grow back, depleting habitat essential for birds and

other animals, and competition among deer for food could lead to malnourishment, disease and increased mortality rates. Arlington does not have predators for deer, so the deer population can grow too quickly and upset the balance of nature.

This Deer Management Project is the start of a community engagement process on the recommendation to implement a plan with potential deer management strategies. This project aims to identify ways to protect Arlington's County-owned natural land parks so that all the plants and animals that are a part of the County's ecosystem can live and thrive here.

Learn more by watching an explainer video and reviewing the recent deer browse assessment report found on the online feedback form.

Visit the project webpage to learn more and sign up for updates <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Parks-Projects/Deer-Management-Project>

One Dead, 2 Critical After Crash

The Arlington County Police Department is investigating a fatal single-vehicle crash in Claremont that occurred in the early morning hours of July 4, 2023.

At approximately 2:06 a.m., police were dispatched to S. Walter Reed Drive at S. Dinwiddie Street for the report of a vehicle fire. The preliminary investigation indicates the occupants were traveling southbound on Walter Reed Drive when the vehicle left the roadway, entered the median, struck a tree and caught fire.

The adult male driver was located unresponsive inside the vehicle and pronounced

deceased on scene. The two passengers, both adult females, were removed from the vehicle and transported to area hospitals in critical condition.

Police are withholding the identity of the driver pending notification of next of kin.

The cause of the crash is under investigation.

Anyone with information related to this incident is asked to contact Detective T. Parsons at tparsons@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-4172. Information may also be reported anonymously through the Arlington County Crime Solvers hotline at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477)

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Grateful for "The Dead," But ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Because of circumstances with which I am totally in control – unlike the old black and white television set from the mid-60s when I watched "The Outer Limits," I am writing this column weeks in advance of its publication. And I must confess, as an active cancer patient still undergoing treatment – for an incurable stage of papillary thyroid cancer, I hesitate to make too many commitments for the future, given that my present is not altogether predictable. But a week's vacation in mid-July with my step father-in-law and his wife compels me to write in advance so that I can maintain my presence in the newspaper for the week I'm away and for the week when I return.

The presumptive content now being explained, let me try to balance the known with what I know now that might resonate/be mildly amusing weeks ahead of its public consumption. That's not an insurmountable task as it's hardly brain surgery; nevertheless, since I take my avocation seriously, I will proceed to write something that will stand the test of time and not embarrass me when it finally sees the light of day – in early July (it is now barely mid-June). So, what do I feel now that I will still feel in a month?

I will still be missing my brother, Richard, as I'm sure you regular readers know, but I believe I've subjected you all to my emotional challenges surrounding his death often enough lately so I will refrain from going down that road feeling bad (invoking "The Grateful Dead."). Speaking of "The Dead," I recently saw them live on June 3rd from Jiffy Lube Live (though not actually in person but online with Nugs.com). Nugs is a streaming service where one can buy access to various types of entertainment; at a not-unreasonable price, given the soaring price of attending rock concerts these days. Between the drive, the parking, the cost of the ticket of course – plus all those service fees, the less-than-ideal location of my seat – given how amazingly quick the good seats at fair price are sold, and the traffic exiting the venue, not to mention the hour-long drive home, I thought I would try something I only recently discovered even existed.

Therefore, from the comfort of my home, while avoiding all the inconveniences I've mentioned, I watched "The Dead" in concert while streaming their performance. (As Curly from "The Three Stooges" would say: "What an experience".) Though watching on the computer hardly compared to being present and accounted for, I was able to see more clearly all the performers, and of course, "refresh" myself as often as I liked, and more importantly, visit the bathroom at as many intervals as necessary without any adieu. But I couldn't control the songs (set list performed by the band, 75% of which was great (especially "Cumberland Blues," an all-time favorite of mine). Unfortunately, 25% of their material was boring and disappointing to me, sorry.

This is "The Dead's" final tour after 50-plus years. We're lucky to have any opportunity to see them (Mickey Hart, the drummer is almost 80) and listen to their music live. And it's certainly their prerogative to present their material however they want; they're more than entitled after all these decades. But during the second set (the first set lived up to expectations), I didn't enjoy the 15-minute-plus drum interlude, nor did I enjoy the guitar interlude that followed for another 10 or 15 minutes (presumably to allow band members to rest and recover after nearly two hours performing), and I especially didn't enjoy the Bob Weir cover of "Milestones," a Miles Davis song, another 10 or 15 minutes. I would much rather have heard the songs they're most famous for. A few examples: "Me and My Uncle," "Big River," "Cold, Rain and Snow," "The Music Never Stopped," "Samson and Delilah," "Mexicali Blues," and "China Cat Sunflower," among so many others. But they didn't. They played to their heart's delight, I'm sure. But not completely to mine. Of course, there are few guarantees in life, especially for a terminally ill cancer patient. I certainly understood and understand the miscellaneous things for which I have zero control, cancer being the most prominent. But I still haven't given up hope for a semi normal life. Seeing "The Dead," was but one example. Regardless of the outcome, the evening we shared together, so to speak, was a testament to that hope and will remain a super-positive memory, part of that second set notwithstanding. It was an evening I'll not soon forget, and it will forever bring a smile to my face for as long as I hear their music (Sirius channel #23). I consider myself a "deadhead," and am proud to recount when it all started. It was in the spring of 1973. I pray it continues for many more years yet to come. In fact, I can still hear John Mayer singing "Mississippi Half Step Uptown Todeloo" as I complete this column.

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Connection and Gazette Win Awards in 2022

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Ashley Simpson, Third Place, Feature Writing Portfolio. On the Horns of the Dilemma; Best of Both Worlds for Dog Siblings Samson and Mishka; It's Not All About Running for Arlington's 100-Marathon Man. Judge Comment: "Ashley Simpson is a straightforward, to the point writer; she sets up a contrast for a well-argued viewpoint. Her material is relevant with good ideas." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W09_Feature_Writing_Portfolio_\(N3\)/Third_Place_Arlington_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W09_Feature_Writing_Portfolio_(N3)/Third_Place_Arlington_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf)

Shirley Ruhe, Alternate, Feature Series or Continuing Story, Teach Your Kids About Hunger During March Nutrition Month; How to Help Hungry People as Costs Rise; Frozen Hands Cart Home Frozen Turkeys at AFAC Turkey Week, You can help with near record need for food. Judge Comment: "A great entry with a few technical errors. A very competitive category. Kudos to all of the publications with entries in this category for delving into their communities to find topics that are informative, entertaining and valuable to the local community." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W08_Feature_Series_or_Continuing_Story_\(N2,N3\)/Alternate_Winner_Arlington_Connection_4/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W08_Feature_Series_or_Continuing_Story_(N2,N3)/Alternate_Winner_Arlington_Connection_4/Attachment_01.pdf)

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Susan Laume, First Place, General News Writing, Americans Show Love For Ukraine, Injured Ukrainian Soldiers Treated Locally, War Takes Heavy Toll on Ukrainian Women, Injured Ukrainian Soldiers Enjoy a Fishing Adventure, Injured Ukrainian Soldiers Receive Treatment Locally; Judge Comment: "Awesome way to tie compelling local coverage with an international news story" [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W12_General_News_Writing_\(N3\)/First_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_1/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W12_General_News_Writing_(N3)/First_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_1/Attachment_01.pdf)

Susan Laume, Second Place, Breaking News Writing. "Coyote Bites Cause Cautionary Park Closure" [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W02_Breaking_News_Writing_\(N3\)/Second_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W02_Breaking_News_Writing_(N3)/Second_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_2/Attachment_01.pdf)

Bonnie Hobbs, Third Place, General News Writing, 'You Can't Imagine Living Without Your Daughter' Remembering Reema and Erin, 15 years after VT tragedy; Doing Good in Her Name, Celeste Peterson honors her child by serving her neighbors; Helping Others to Honor Those Who Were Killed; [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W12_General_News_Writing_\(N3\)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_Northwest_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W12_General_News_Writing_(N3)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_Northwest_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf)

Mike Salmon, Third Place, Health, Science & Environment Writing, Group Opposes Cinder Bed Road Bikeway; Climate Change Study Warns of Coastal Flooding in 2050; Paralyzed Cyclist Gains Freedom for Near Normal Life; Judge Comment: "Gives good details on topics familiar to readers." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_\(N3\)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W15_Health_Science_and_Environmental_Writing_(N3)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf)

Susan Laume, Third Place, Picture Story or Essay; Local Gardeners Can Assist Monarchs Judge Comment: "Photos really tell the story. Good job." [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W06_Picture_Story_or_Essay_\(N3\)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W06_Picture_Story_or_Essay_(N3)/Third_Place_Fairfax_County_South_Connection_3/Attachment_01.pdf)

Bonnie Hobbs, Alternate, Feature Profile Writing, Fulbright for Valerie Nguyen; Judge Comment: Nice story. Very well-written. [http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W11_Feature_Profile_Writing_\(including_News_Obituaries\)__\(N3\)/Alternate_Winner_Fairfax_County_Northwest_Connection_4/Attachment_01.pdf](http://vpagallery.com/2022/2022_VPA_News_and_Advertising_Contest/Writing/W11_Feature_Profile_Writing_(including_News_Obituaries)__(N3)/Alternate_Winner_Fairfax_County_Northwest_Connection_4/Attachment_01.pdf)

Winners of the 2022 VPA News Contest were announced at the association's 2023 conference and award banquet on May 6, 2023. The Virginia Press Association has championed the common interests of Virginia newspapers and the ideals of a free press in a democratic society since 1881.



Three sisters, Vivien, Avery, and Emily, from right, ages 2, 4 and 6 enjoying the parade vibe.



Chase, age 10, the winner of the bike "race" that started the parade.

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July Fourth on a Street in Arlington

Small is beautiful on Albemarle Street.

BY EDEN BROWN
THE CONNECTION

The annual Albemarle Street July Fourth parade began at 9 a.m. as usual, with the ten year old boys tearing off ahead on their bikes in a burst of good old-fashioned American competition. Chase, age 10, won the bike race (he said).

There was the same old baby blue convertible moving quietly down the street on its white wall tires and the same decorated scooters and bikes. But changes were afoot along the margins of this small demonstration of patriotic zeal. The balloon man was warming up — Miguel this year, not Paul. The babies who were in strollers last year were walk-

ing, albeit uncertainly. The pregnant women from last year's parade were wheeling their new babies.

The Middleton family was nowhere to be seen, Austin, who played rousing bagpipes last year, with Scots' battle songs from the era of Bonnie Prince Charles, and his father, Carl, a Marine who was battling a different kind of enemy.

A different prince Charles was now king of the country from which we declared independence.

One au pair was going home with horizons expanded, as another arrived, ready to experience the U.S.

But some things endure: the allure of donuts and stickers and flags, a small town parade and block party, and pride in the red, white and blue.



The antique convertible always dresses up the parade.



Isabelle Ulfseke (right) and Rebekah Wibäck are au pairs from Sweden; Isabelle just completed a year with the Bruce family, and Rebecka is just starting her au pair year, replacing Isabelle. Isabelle said she decided to come to the U.S. after high school because it's fairly typical to do a gap year in Sweden, and she had never been to the USA. "It was the best thing I ever did," she said.