

Bellefonte News

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Fall Fun at Angels' Square!

Children and Leaves, Oh Wow!



Angels' Square is a small area in the courtyard of the Bellefonte House and Apartments. For the Members of Bellefonte, it's a holy place but for the children it's a magical place where children can play and enjoy all four seasons. Now that Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is near, the time is right to play with the fallen leaves! In this picture, Renee Galloway and Julia Parker supervise the children as they have fun diving into the pile of leaves. Say, did that little guy raked of those leaves? This activity began after staff planted winter flowers around Clark's Memorial. What's next, we don't know, but you can bet it will be fun.

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New Season For The Wizards

Basketball Skills Festival 2011/2012

The Bellefonte Wizards are beginning their new season and have high hopes in being number one this year. Seen below, the Wizards are lining up to be tested with their skills. Excitement filled the air as Coaches Renee, Rod and Peter looked on and cheered their team in all areas of the skills test. The Bellefonte Wizards did very well this day and were proud of them-selves. For two of our new players, it was the first time being at Oakton High School in Vienna, Virginia.



The Bellefonte Newsletter Staff will keep you posted on all upcoming activities. This issue was made a little late because of Wizards' Fund Raising and other busy stuff.



On the left, Coach Renee is getting the team ready for a shooting test, and above, Coach Rod is giving last minute instructions for the dribbling exercise.

In Search Of the Great Pumpkin

If you ever seen a Charlie Brown Special, you know about the Great Pumpkin. The MOB wanted to investigate how true this story is and took a trip to the pumpkin patch.



The team conducting this search were three members of Bellefonte House, Joseph Podall (in front), David Chong (middle) and Monty Kincaid. After close investigation, the team concluded that the Great Pumpkin was indeed just a story. They bought 12 pumpkins and left. Follow our team as they try to solve more mysteries in the future.

Another Win For Bellefonte!



That's right, the Bellefonte Wizards entered the annual Del Ray Chili Cook-Off for a second time, and won it a second time! What makes Bellefonte 's Chili so special? Well, here is what the staff had to say: "We are of a very strict discipline at the Alexandria Community Services Board", says Peter. All of our foods must be high in nutrition, look good and taste good. All ingredients are fresh, and home grown by another staff member. Lastly, our meals a prepared with loving hands by staff who enjoys watching people eating with smiles on their faces.

Bowling With The Wizards



As you can see, the Wizards do more than just play basketball. We bowl, swim, hike, run and next on our agenda, bike riding in the Spring. Having fun while learning is what it's all about! This group knows how to have fun and one can see it in their faces. Lisa Harp and Barbara Walker scored the highest on this day. Lisa had 148 points and Barbara had 136 points. The rest of us couldn't break 100. Sad but true, the girls proved to be superior! We'll get them next time, or will we. No matter, everybody had fun and we carry in our hearts that we are all winners.

A Sneak Peak of Wizards' Practice

Preparing for an upcoming game with the CSB Staff (The Shooting Stars) the Bellefonte Wizards has stepped up their usual hard work. Making sure that the new plays that they learned will bring them another victory.



"We love playing against the staff", says Chris "Speedy" Jones, because it sharpens our game before the state tournament. Seen above, Coach Renee is running drills at the Wizards' Home Court (Charles Barrett). You can bet your bottom dollar that practice makes perfect, and this team comes close to perfection because of their dedication and hard work. "I love watching this team grow", says coach Peter, "They have taught me a lot about the human spirit and how far one can if he or she believes in themselves. It seems that the Wizards will be around for long time.

WHY WE HAVE A NEWSLETTER

There are many folks who are wondering why we have a newsletter. Well, it's simple; we have a volunteer reading program at Bellefonte for consumers who wish to improve their reading skills. The team at Bellefonte had a meeting on the subject and decided that one could learn reading skills better if they read articles about themselves. It's also a way of sharing pictures. Staff also learns new skills in creating new and improved newsletters with colorful pictures, and not to mention having another source for keeping records. So there you have it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE BELLEFONTE WIZARDS VS. THE SHOOTING STARS

PLACE: CORA KELLY RECREATION CENTER

TIME: 06:00 PM, DECEMBER 14, 2011

Biggest Basketball Event of the Year!

CATS MEETING

PLACE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

TIME: 05:00 PM, JANUARY 30, 2012

Courtyard Apartment TenantS Meeting for Bellefonte's Apartment consumers. There will be some training involved.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TOURNAMENT BEGINS

PLACE: NOVA SPORTSPLEX , CHANTILLY, VIRGINIA

TIME: 08:00 AM

Show your support for the Bellefonte Wizards Basketball

We Thank You For Your Support!



A BIG THANKS to Pam Fitzgerald for helping the Wizards with Raising money again this year. Another BIG THANKS to Bobi Bomar who matched what was raised that day! WE LOVE YOU

The Shooting Stars

Everybody mark your calendars for the big event that's coming December 14, 2011. On that night, at 6:00 PM, at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, Del Ray's own Bellefonte Wizards will play against the CSB Staff, the Shooting Stars for the rematch of the century!

That's right it's the second annual basketball game that's designed to bring consumers, staff, and the Alexandria Community together for a fun packed evening.

The Shooting Stars are coached by Mike Gilmore, Executive Director of the Alexandria Community Services Board, and he is getting his players ready for this event.



The Shooting Stars (Black & White) are not only great ball players, but are amazing when it comes to serving the Alexandria Community. These dedicated people work hard in fulfilling their mission to help citizens of our fair town, from all walks of life, in assuring them a higher quality of life.

X - Ray

His name is Raynard Walker, but his team-mates call him X-Ray. Raynard is excited about this year for two reasons. First, he feels that the Wizards will win the Virginia State Championship and second, his sister Barbara joined the team and is doing well. "yup, it's going to be a great year", says Raynard.



THE MOB

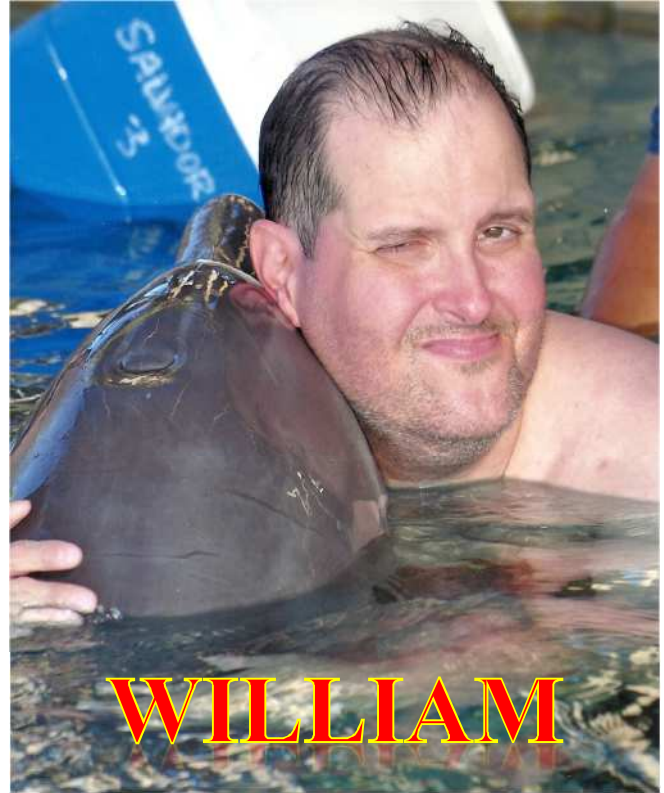
The Members Of Bellefonte (MOB) are men and women who are dedicated in bringing the community, consumers and staff together in forming one big happy family. So far, their efforts are working especially in the Del Ray Community of Alexandria, Virginia.

The MOB began in 2006 and were called the Men Of Bellefonte, which consisted of male staff members who wanted to bring positive activities to the community and to award the good work that the women staff and consumers do each and every day. Their work was so good that a year later, the women staff and residents wanted membership and so in 2007 we became the Members Of Bellefonte. By 2009, the Del Ray Community also joined in making the MOB a large group.

Now that our residents and staff had a major introduction to the community as key citizens of our beloved town, the MOB have more responsibilities facing them. We are active in our neighborhood web site, www.lesdunbelle.com, have our own monthly newsletter, provide dinner parties, award ceremonies and pot luck cook-outs. Still strong, we are the



Which MOB Plays With Dolphins?



Picture Gallery



