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The first student bounds down the steps of bus 166, first school bus at Jamestown Elementary, at exactly 8:39 a.m. The bus driver says he has 53 children on his bus, and he picked up his first at 8:13 a.m. "on the dot." Parents with cameras were waiting outside the bus at the school.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lessons from 9/11

Arlington County's Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission and the Office of Emergency Management will host an event commemorating the 15th year since the 9/11 attacks. The event will take place on Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Black Box Theatre in the Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road from 7-8:30 p.m.

Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer from NBC Washington will moderate discussions with the two crisis managers who jointly commanded the local response to the Pentagon attack: U.S. Army Major General James T. Jackson (retired) and Deputy County Manager and former Arlington County Fire Department Chief Jim Schwartz.

There will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. Admission and parking is free.

"FLOURISHING AFTER 55"

"Flourishing After 55" from Arlington Office of Senior Adult Programs, for Sept. 12-17.

Senior trips: Maryland Seafood Festival, Annapolis, Sunday, Sept. 11, \$25; St. Michael's Cruise, Monday, Sept. 12, \$77; "Oklahoma," Riverside Center, Fredericksburg, Wednesday, Sept. 14, \$57; Hollywood Casino, Charles Town, W.Va., Thursday, Sept. 15, \$8.. Call Arlington County 55+ Travel, 703-228-4748. Registration required.

NEW PROGRAMS

Tai Chi for beginners, Monday, Sept. 12, 2:45 p.m., \$80/20 sessions, Langston-Brown. Call 703-228-6300.

Pilates classes begin Monday, Sept. 12, \$36/8 sessions, Arlington Mill. Register, 703-228-7369.

Classical music appreciation, Monday, Sept. 12, 1 p.m., Langston-Brown. Register, 703-228-6300.

Zumba classes, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2:15 p.m., \$36/8 sessions., Lee. Register, 703-228-0555.

Kol Ami to Install Rabbi

Kol Ami will install Rabbi Gilah Langner as its rabbi at a special gathering on Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington (UUCA) at 4444 Arlington Boulevard, where Kol Ami meets. Kol Ami will mark this occasion with an ice cream party. All are welcome to share in event.

Langner was ordained in 2003 and over the years she has served Kol Ami as a guest teacher in the Jewish Children's Education Program and as a leader of family and other services. Last year Langner led Kol Ami's High Holiday services. Since her ordination, Langner has served as the principal both at the Shoreshim Hebrew School in Reston and the Kehila Chadasha Sunday School. Langner has also led Jewish meditation at two D.C.-area congregations and has been an adjunct professor at several D.C.-area universities. In addition, Langner has served as a visiting chaplain both at Georgetown University Hospital and at senior residences, and co-directed the Washington Jewish Healing Network. Langner, the founding publisher and co-editor of the journal *Kerem: Creative Explorations in Judaism*, has published numerous articles and authored many prayers.

Langner will lead a special Siyyum service on Sept. 17, 10 a.m. at the UUCA, honoring Kol Ami members who have studied, over the last four years, every chapter of every book of the Tanakh, the Hebrew Bible. Marcel Infeld, who served as Kol Ami's president in 2015-2016, led these classes. Visit www.kolamivirginia.org/ to register.



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And So, A New School Year Begins



Principal Kenwyn Schaffner greets students outside Jamestown Elementary School on the first day of school. She explains the new assistant principal will be at the front of the school with the buses and Schaffer will be at the drop off on Delaware Street.



Glebe Elementary School Principal Jamie Borg, Assistant Principal Ingrid Clarke Marshall and school resource officer Shawn Blow stand outside the school cautioning students, "Stay on the sidewalk." Borg said, "We try to get them to do it the right way the first day."



Jimmy Scarano and Angela Foreman are in their fourth grade classroom early on the first day of school at Jamestown. "We are setting up an amazing flow," Scarano said. Foreman says they will begin with a morning greeting sitting in a circle where they will share and do an activity. Schaffer added, "We are a responsive classroom school. We believe that social and emotional are as important as academics."



A welcoming sign at Glebe Elementary also adds a suggestion for the first day of school — be on time.



Jasmine Karababa stops to give Principal Jamie Borg a hug before sitting down in her fourth grade classroom at Glebe Elementary. "I missed you," she said.



Olukemi Are readies her fourth grade classroom at Glebe Elementary to begin the new school year. Parents roam around the room capturing the moment for their scrapbooks. A coffee in the garden is waiting for parents after the children are settled.

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Laurie Clark, one of the art teachers at Jamestown, reaches high to place the final T spelling ART in the new art classroom. "Later it lights up," she said.

Police Begin Body Camera Pilot Program

Testing camera models, assessing issues, determining costs.

BY VERNON MILES
THE CONNECTION

Arlington has become one of the first jurisdictions in Northern Virginia to put cameras on patrol officers.

On Aug. 29, 25 Arlington police officers began wearing body cameras as a test program to measure the effectiveness of different models. Through Sept. 25, police will be using one model of camera, then will use a different variety from Oct. 5 through Nov. 1. The final round of camera testing will run from Nov. 16 to Dec. 13.

According to the Arlington police website, the body-worn cameras assist in collection of evidence, enhance the department's

transparency, provide better evidence of public/police interactions, and can help de-escalate situations.

According to Ashley Savage, public information officer for the Arlington County Police Department, each camera costs \$500. That total doesn't include costs for storage.

"We're trying to determine storage costs," said Savage. "It will be cloud based. How much we collect in video is what we're trying to assess. Once we do the testing and evaluation, then there will be an assessment portion, then adding it into our budget. This phase is about collecting and evaluating."

Though the policy was developed over the last four months, Savage said the department has been working towards implement-

ing body cameras for years.

"There's a lot going on in the world related to body cameras," Savage said. "We haven't been pushed by the board to try them. We wanted to do this. We try to maintain ourselves as a modern organization."

But police body cameras in Arlington are far from a certainty. Deputy County Manager James Schwartz said there has not been a funding request for a larger program because the final costs have not been determined.

"We're not sure yet if this is a priority," said Schwartz. "There's a lot behind the use of the cameras. We need to really understand how big this is. There's the dimension people see, but there is also storage

issues and [questions about] the ability to review the footage. I wonder if the jurisdictions more aggressively [implementing body cameras] fully understand what's involved."

Police in D.C. have been using body cameras for a year, but jurisdictions in Northern Virginia have been slower to catch up. In June, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted in favor of an 18-month research period to review concerns about privacy. In Alexandria, the pilot program was pushed back until the fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

Crystal Nosal, public information officer for the Alexandria Police, said the depart-

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OPINION

Back to School

Conversation and listening: top priorities for back to school.

Don't be afraid. Asking questions with respect and listening to the answers is one of the most important things we can all do as we head back to school.

EDITORIALS Parents, go ahead and ask you students what they think about what's happening at school, what their plans are. Listen to the answers. Parents, go ahead and ask teachers about expectations, motivations and their philosophies and approaches on

teaching. Attend back-to-school night if you can. Figure out how you will communicate with teachers.

Students, indulge your parents for five minutes a day. Answer a question or two. Share something interesting that happened during the day. Try to tell them why some things make a difference to you.

GRATITUDE: An excellent way to help wrestle back-to-school concerns into perspective is to count blessings and consider how to help someone wrestling harder things.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of students headed back to school this week in Northern Virginia are experiencing homelessness. In Fairfax County, you can find ways to volunteer to help homeless students by contacting the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, 703-

324-9492.

SAFETY: We do know to slow down in school zones, watch for darting pedestrians, stop for school buses with flashing lights. Buckle seatbelts. But probably the most important conscious step you can take for safety on the roads around schools and everywhere else is to resolve not to engage in distracted driving. Put your phone down.

Students, talk to your parents about this; they could be at risk.

Favorite Back-to-School Headline (from Fairfax County): "Learn About School Lunches and Deer Management in the Latest News." Turns out deer management is not being incorporated into venison burgers in school lunches.

Why Do Some Want Virginia To Be One of the Most Repressive States?

Two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Clearly that is not where we are headed in Virginia. But the restoration of voting rights moves Virginia towards the mainstream.

Virginia is one of four most restrictive states with lifetime bans on voting for those convicted of felonies.

Fourteen states automatically restore voting rights once the individual's term of incarceration is over, and two states allow absentee voting from prison.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe deserves praise for his efforts to restore voting rights for former felons who have served their sentences. He has

been thwarted at every turn by Republican members of the General Assembly, who don't appear to be done with their efforts to prevent people who have paid their "debt to society" from returning to normal, engaged lives in the community.

"If we are going to build a stronger and more equal Virginia, we must break down barriers to participation in civic life for people who return to society seeking a second chance," McAuliffe said. "We must welcome them back and offer the opportunity to build a better life by taking an active role in our democracy."

Earlier this year, the Maryland General Assembly restored the vote to all convicted fel-

ons immediately upon their release from prison. Previously, people convicted of felonies in Maryland had to complete all parole and probation before they were able to vote.

MEANWHILE, for all Virginia voters, the deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 8 general election is Oct. 17. You can verify your voter status at vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation. This is especially important to do if you have moved or have not voted recently. In person absentee voting begins Sept. 23.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

What We Faced On 9/11. 7 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. "Hear It First Hand" – What We Faced On 9/11 and How Far We've Come In 15 Years." The event's guest host, Chief Meteorologist Doug Kammerer will moderate discussions with the two

crisis managers who jointly commanded the response to the Pentagon attack; retired U.S. Army Major General James Jackson and former Arlington County Fire Chief, Jim Schwartz. Visit commissions.arlingtonva.us/events/fifteen-years-later-remembering-911/ or www.facebook.com/events/109159632869880/.

SEPT. 10-21

Volunteers Needed. The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics has more

than 50 events scheduled at 20 venues, including track and field, swimming and diving, Spelling Bee and Sudoku, and needs volunteers (16 or older) to support the games. Volunteers register at rsvp@volunteerfairfax.org. All events are free and open to the public.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

2016 Rosslyn Jazz Festival Street Closures. Set up will begin at approximately 10 a.m. and clean-up should be completed by 8 p.m. The

event runs 1-7 p.m. The Arlington County Police Department will conduct road closures to accommodate this event. Visit www.rosslynva.org.

Volunteers Needed. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The Rosslyn Jazz Fest planning is already in full swing for this event that draws crowds from all over the region. The Rosslyn BID is looking for volunteers on the day of the event, including helping in the Kids' Zone and assisting in the beer and wine tent. Volunteer shifts are typically 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Volunteers receive complimentary food and soft drinks and a free Jazz Fest T-shirt. Visit www.rosslynva.org/2016-jazzfest-volunteers.

Road Closures. 3-8 p.m. The Arlington County Police Department will close several streets around the Pentagon and in Crystal City on Saturday, Sept. 10 for the 2016 Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Memorial 9/11 5K race. Listed below are the streets that will be affected.

Campaign Kickoff. 4-5:30 p.m. at Bon Air Park 850 N Lexington St. Join U.S. Rep. Don Beyer for his 2016 campaign kickoff. RSVP here at bit.ly/2afZ6Jb.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Wreath-laying at Courthouse Plaza. 9:30 a.m. at the Courthouse Plaza flagpoles, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. A moment of silence will be observed at 9:37 a.m..

Early Start

The Washington-Lee Generals Junior Varsity field hockey team played Annandale the week before school started in their third game of the season. They defeated Annandale 4-0 with two goals by Nicole Charles and one each by Sarah Superata and Seneca Randolph.



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Testing Body Camera

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ment is ready for body cameras and would have an approach similar to Arlington's.

"From our standpoint, it goes back to the city," said Nosal. "It was shelved budgetary wise. At some point we do want body cameras. We will start a trial period and have a certain amount of cameras on the street."

But with a limited budget, Nosal said the bigger priority is having more officers on the street.

"The general answer is: it's a priority but it's based on cost," said Nosal. "There's a lot of other things that have to be run in the city. The chief has said at community meetings that more officers are going to make the community safer; body cameras won't make the community safer. Sometimes, when it comes down to budgetary issues, that's where it lies."

According to City Manager Mark Jinks, FY 2018-19 would just be the starting date for initiating some level of the project. According to Jinks, like Arlington and Fairfax, body cameras would start as a pilot program in Alexandria before being fully deployed.



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Arlington police officers have begun wearing body cameras as a test program.

"The reason we have not funded something earlier than that is that our priorities have been looking at staffing, mostly adding more patrol officers," said Jinks. "The police have said body cameras could cost \$1 million a year in, with data storage being high element. You've got 300 officers out there recording. You've got all that storage the full time they're on duty. There are policies that need to be written."

Jinks said a citizen survey conducted in 2015, where 90 percent of those surveyed said

their interactions with the police were positive, helped convince Jinks that more patrol officers were more important than body cameras in the immediate future.

"We thought it would make sense [to hold off implementation because] we don't have an immediate, urgent need," said Jinks. "The relationship between the community and the police officers is good. The Human Rights Commission reviews our use of force. We're probably the first metropolitan area to do that. We felt that body worn cameras didn't come up to the top of the list in funding. We also expect tech to improve and price to drop."

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ONGOING

“Jelly’s Last Jam.” Through Sept. 11, various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature presents a musical about famed and notorious jazz entertainer Jelly Roll Morton. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

Lubber Run Concert Series. Fridays-Sundays through Sept. 18 at Lubber Run Amphitheater, 200 N. Columbus St. Free. Visit www.arlingtonarts.org for more.

Art Exhibit: “Tranquility.” Through Sept. 30, gallery hours at Gallery Underground, 2100 Crystal Drive. During September, Gallery Underground features the “Tranquility” Show. Exhibiting artists will create a contemplative spirit with tranquil colors, scenes and thoughts in works that envelope, calm and invite the viewer to linger with the art. Free. Visit www.galleryunderground.org for more.

Ball Sellers House. Saturdays, April-Oct., 1-4 p.m. at Ball Sellers House, 5620 3rd St., S. The Ball-Sellers House, the oldest building in Arlington County is open to the public for tours. The house was built around 1742 by John Hall and named the Ball-Sellers House to honor both the builder and the donor. Free. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

Exhibit: “Strange Landscapes.” Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. “Strange Landscapes” approaches landscape as a historical legacy, a lens for exploring nature, and foundation for imagining alternative ways of being. Featuring painting, drawing, installation, video, sculpture, and performance, the exhibition highlights artists whose work draws on and challenges traditional artistic approaches to the natural and built environments. Free. Visit www.arlingtonartcenter.org for more.

Exhibit: “Remnants.” Through Oct. 8, on view 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 34zero9 Art Studios and Micro Gallery, 3409 Wilson Blvd. “Remnants” will feature new experimental work of J.T. Kirkland. Free. Visit www.34zero9.wix.com/34zero9artstudios.

Post-Graduate Residency Studio. Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center welcomes four emerging artists to participate in the Post-Graduate Residency Program. Jihee Kang, Paulette Palacios, Anne Smith, and Danielle Smith, were juried by Paul Shortt, new media curator for Arlington Cultural Affairs. Artists can create and sell work, interact with the public, and network with other artists. The program will culminate in a group exhibition in the Torpedo Factory’s contemporary exhibition space, the Target Gallery. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

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

Arlington’s Historical Museum Open on First Wednesdays. The Arlington Historical Museum is open to the public on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30-3:30 p.m. The museum consists of exhibits



Several hundred jazz fans braved the sometimes heavy thunderstorms at Gateway Park during last year’s Rosslyn Jazz Fest.

Rosslyn Jazz Fest

For the 26th year, Rosslyn Jazz Festival returns to Gateway Park (1300 Lee Highway) with food, drinks, and music. This year’s lineup includes Akua Allrich, Vieux Farka Touré, Glen David Andrews Band, and Grupo Fantasma. Admission to the festival is free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

chronicling Arlington County’s history from Native American settlements up to the present day. The museum will continue to be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. The museum is located in the former 1891 Hume School building at 1805 S. Arlington Ridge Road. Contact Garrett Peck at 571-243-1113 or at garrett.peck@arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org.

LGBT & Straight Friends Social. Tuesdays. Happy Hour, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.; Mikey’s “Bar A” Video Wall, 7 p.m.; start time at 8 p.m. IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. For 21 years and older. Free. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com for more information.

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.

Food Truck Thursdays. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the corner of North Irving St. and Washington Blvd. Find a round-up of regional food trucks. Free to attend. Visit www.dmvfta.org.

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.

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

Open Mic Nite. 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

every Wednesday at IOTA Club & Cafe, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Sign-up times are 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Bring instruments, fans and friends. Visit www.iotaclubandcafe.com or call 703-522-8340.

Karaoke. 8 p.m. on the first Sunday every month at Galaxy Hut, 2711 Wilson Blvd. Visit www.galaxyhut.com or call 703-525-8646.

Pub Quiz. 8 p.m. every Sunday at Whitlow’s on Wilson, 2854 Wilson Blvd. Prizes for first place. Free. Visit www.whitlows.com 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.

Lego Club. Monthly on the first Wednesday. 4-5 p.m. Glencarlyn Branch Library, 300 S. Kensington St. The library provides tubs of legos and a special challenge and after the program the creations are displayed for everyone to see. No registration required. Call 703-228-6548 for more.

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.

Open Mic Night. Wednesdays, at 8 p.m., sign ups are at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m., at Iota Club & Café, 2832 Wilson Blvd. Free. Visit <http://www.torpedofactory.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/SEPT. 7

Northern Virginia Bird Club Walk.

8:30-11 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Join members of the Northern Virginia Bird Club for one or all of these informal walks through Long Branch and Glencarlyn Parks in search of resident and migratory birds. Experienced and beginning birders welcome. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

The Arlington Children’s Chorus Informational Parents Meeting.

7-9 p.m. at the Arlington Central Library Auditorium, 1015 N. Quincy St. The Arlington Children’s Chorus is open to all children in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area with unchanged voices in grades 2-12. Learn more at this event. Free. Visit www.arlingtonchildrenschorus.org.

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The Arlington Children’s Chorus Fall Auditions.

Glebe Elementary, 1770 N. Glebe Road. Children grades 2-12 with unchanged voices are invited to audition for the 2016-2017 season. Free. Visit www.arlingtonchildrenschorus.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Keeping Mini-Beasts.

4:30-5:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (Get ready to (temporarily) own all sorts of mini-beasts and have a series of amazing, unique pets. Learn about different animals’ lives while caring for them for a month. At each session you’ll return last month’s critters, and learn about and receive new ones. Fee is \$30: additional \$20 materials fee for first time

participants paid on-site. Call 703-228-3403.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 2

“Dinner With Friends.” 8 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. “Dinner with Friends” examines the lives of two couples and the repercussions of divorce on their friendships. Tickets are \$25-30. Visit www.petersalley.com for more.

SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

Art Exhibit: “B+W.”

10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday at The Barry Gallery – Marymount University Reinsch Library, 3807 N. Glebe Road. This exhibit features the works of Karen Coleman, Dana Jeri Maier, Matthew McLaughlin and Wayne Paige, all in black and white. Free. Visit www.marymount.edu/barrygallery.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Arlington History Bike Ride. 9 a.m. at Ballston Metro Station. Bike from 1-23 miles visiting Arlington parks and historic sites. Tour historic locations dating from colonial times to early 20th century. Tickets are \$2. Visit www.centerhikingclub.org for more.

Rosslyn Jazz Fest. 1-7 p.m. at Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway. The lineup includes Akua Allrich, Vieux Farka Toure, Glen David Andrews Band, and Grupo Fantasma. Free. Visit www.rosslynva.org for more.

Scurrying Squirrels Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This engaging program will be filled with entertaining activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s’mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

Moonlight Movie: “Flags of Our

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Fathers." 8:30 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. Ample paid parking is available to visitors, accessible from Memorial Avenue. Food is not permitted in Arlington National Cemetery. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating. Free. Visit www.gwparkwaytrust.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

Wandering the Pike. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Farmer's Market (look for "come wander" signs), 2611 Columbia Pike. All are invited to go "Wandering the Pike" with artist Graham Coreil-Allen. Reservations are not required but encouraged. Free. RSVP to Paul Shortt at pshortt@arlingtonva.us.

Beckett's Celtic Festival. 12-7 p.m. at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, 2800 S. Randolph St. Find live music, traditional food and entertainment. Free. Visit www.samuelbecketts.com for more.

A Taste and Tour of the Garden. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Potomac Overlook Park, 2845 Marcey Road. Join Master Gardener volunteers for a late summer tour of the Demonstration Organic Garden. Free. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Free Play Day. 2-3:30 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (Your child will have a chance to explore our woods, make mud pies, throw rocks in the creek, etc. Free. Call 703-228-4747 to register.

Sip and Salsa. 2-6 p.m. at 220 20th St. S. The region's longest running inside the beltway outdoor wine festival returns to Crystal City combining the tastes of Spanish and South American wines from Jaleo and the Crystal City Wine Shop with delicious foods from around the region. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Scholar's Cup. 3:30-7 p.m. at Upton Hill Regional Park, 6060 Wilson Blvd. Participate in the Chamber's Annual Scholarship Fund fundraising event. This family-friendly event includes a mini-golf tournament, dinner, and music. Registration is \$15-80. Visit www.arlingtonchamber.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Free Screening of "Desert Migration." 7-9:30 p.m., Arlington Cinema 'N' Draffthouse, 2903 Columbia Pike. After losing their friends, jobs and health to HIV/AIDS, many men were forced to create new lives, in new places that were more suited to their financial and physical needs. A large number of them migrated to Palm Springs, where a large gay population and health services already existed. Register at https://aarp.cvent.com/DesertMigration_Arlington.

SEPT. 13-NOV. 6

Signature Theatre: "The Gulf." Various times at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave. Signature Theatre presents the world premiere of "The Gulf" by D.C. playwright Audrey Cefaly; Betty and Kendra waste away a languid summer day fishing on the Alabama Delta. Suddenly, their lazy afternoon turns to chaos when the motor breaks, stranding the two, and their tumultuous relationship, in the Gulf. Tickets start at \$40. Visit www.sigtheatre.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

An Argentine Musicales. 6:30 p.m. at Rosslyn Spectrum Theatre, 1611 N. Kent St. The Argentina Festival is

devoted to tango, pop, and folklore music. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Visit www.festivalargentino.org for more.

WEDNESDAYS/SEPT. 14-28

Concert Rehearsal: The Washington Balalaika Society Orchestra. 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at Spring Church, 5010 Little Falls Road. WBS is recruiting new musicians, for the all volunteer orchestra, to perform music of Russia, Ukraine, and Eastern Europe. If you play a string instrument, you can play a Russian folk instrument (balalaika and dorma, like a mandola). WBS has instruments and conservatory-trained teachers. Call 703-549-0760. Visit www.balalaika.org

THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

Author Talk: "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett. 7-8:30 p.m. at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road. Local independent bookstore, One More Page Books, and Arlington Public Library bring acclaimed author Ann Patchett to Kenmore Middle School for a book discussion and signing of "Commonwealth." Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/2789107 or call 703-228-6800.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Chimney Swifts. 7-8 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 S. 16th St. Each year Chimney Swifts (a breed of bird) put on a show; hundreds gather, swirl then disappear. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-4747 for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Fall Migrants Walk. 8-9:30 a.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Adults are invited to search the woods around Long Branch Nature Center for warblers, thrushes and other fall migrants passing through on their way south. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-228-6535.

DogFest Walk 'n Roll. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Pentagon Row, 1101 S. Joyce St. Grab a leash and be part of Canine Companions DogFest Walk 'n Roll. A community dog walk that supports the mission of Canine Companions for Independence. Free. Visit www.cci.org/dogfestwashingtondc.

Fall Native Plant Sale. 1-4 p.m. at Long Branch Nature Center, 625 S. Carlin Springs Road. Find trees and shrubs as well as perennials. Free. Call 703-228-6535.

Clarendon Day. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. along Wilson Boulevard, Clarendon Boulevard, Highland Street, and Washington Boulevard. Find five stages of music and entertainment, an area for children, exhibitors and sponsors from across the region, local restaurants with a range of food and beverage items, craft beer and local wines, and more. Free. Visit www.clarendon.org for more.

Oktoberfest. 2-3 p.m. at Aurora Hills Library, 735 18th St. S. Celebrate Oktoberfest with the Mount Vernon German Band as they play traditional German music. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/2649825 to register.

Insect Songs Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

Shawna Caspi. 8 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Canadian

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Wandering the Pike. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Columbia Pike Farmer's Market (look for "come wander" signs), 2611 Columbia Pike. All are invited to go "Wandering the Pike" with artist Graham Coreil-Allen. Reservations are not required but encouraged. Free. RSVP to Paul Shortt at: pshortt@arlingtonva.us.

Pups & Pilsners. 2-6 p.m. at 12th Street S. & Crystal Drive. This dog-friendly festival features a beer garden with craft brews and offerings from local breweries. Free to attend, but tasting tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

Sharing our Space with Wildlife. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Alonso Abugattas, on wildlife one can find in Arlington and how to support their habitat, and Jennifer Kirk Toussaint, on what to do if one encounters an injured wild animal. Free. Visit www.armn.org for more.

Mediterranean Cooking for Diabetes. 4-5 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Join BBC/Masterpiece (Poldark) actor Robin Ellis for a launch of his new book, "Mediterranean Cooking for Diabetes: Delicious Dishes to Control or Avoid Diabetes." Ellis will speak both about his passion for cooking as well as his time playing Poldark in the original 1970s BBC hit miniseries. Free. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/2685378 or call 703-228-5990.

SEPT. 18-24

ReelAbilities Film Festival. Various times and places throughout Northern Virginia. The 5th Annual ReelAbilities Film Festival: Northern Virginia, powered by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV), is a lineup of award-winning feature and short films and a preview of guest speakers and special events. ReelAbilities is the largest film festival of its kind in the nation dedicated to showcasing films by and about people that experience a disability. Opening and Closing Nights: advance tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for JCCNV members, seniors (65+), and for groups of 10 or more, \$10 students with valid student ID. All tickets are \$20 the day of the opening and closing events. Other ticket prices vary. Visit www.northernva.reelabilities.org for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Wine Helps. 6-8:30 p.m. at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Building – Ballston Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Blvd. Proceeds will buy winter coats for children. Sample wine and cheese, listen to music and more. Tickets are \$75. Visit arcwinehelps.wordpress.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

Mike Isabella's Back-to-School Block Party. 5-8 p.m. at 4000 Wilson Blvd. Enjoy all-you-can-eat bites at Kapnos Taverna, Pepita and Yona or take advantage of spacious patio spaces. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.kapnostaverna.com for more.



"Foggy" by Anya Getter



"Moon Dance" by Elise Ritter

Shut Up and Write. 7-8:30 p.m. at Arlington Central Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Learn tips and tricks to writing Young Adult Literature from a panel of YA authors, led by Jon Skovron. This event is presented in partnership with One More Page Books. Visit arlingtonva.libcal.com/event/2607392 or call 703-228-5990.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

Marvelous Millipedes Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

KidsStuff Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 North Lorcom Lane. This sale features gently used items from 100 consignors including clothes, toys, books, 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. Free. Visit www.facebook.com/Kids-Stuff-Sale-366296948630 for more.

Families Unplugged: Hula Hoop Fitness. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 16th St. S. Learn new and fun ways to keep your body moving. The experts at NuYou Wellness & Fitness will

share the basics of hula hooping as well as some new tricks. Registration is \$8. Call 703-228-7790.

BBQ, Boots & Bingo. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Columbus Club, 5115 Little Falls Road. A family picnic with moon bounces, a climbing wall, face painting, bingo, music and more, at the Columbus Club of Arlington. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, \$50 per family. Visit www.arlingtonthrive.org.

Reptiles and Amphibians Campfire. 7-8 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road. (This program will be filled with activities that may include stories, special animal guests, games, songs, and s'mores. Tickets are \$5 per person; \$20 per family. Call 703-228-3403.

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Inquiring about Vaccines

Strategies for asking another parent if their children are vaccinated.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

As a new parent, Joy Baatin admits to being protective of her young son. In addition to guarding her son from household hazards such as electrical outlets and chemicals, she wants to protect him from catching a contagious disease from an unvaccinated playmate. But it's not easy to talk to other parents about vaccination, since it has become a controversial topic.

"I won't be so bold as to ask another [parent]," said Baatin, of Bethesda. "I respect that it's a matter of choice. But I wouldn't knowingly let my son play with a child who hasn't been vaccinated."

Like Baatin, many parents of young children feel uncomfortable bringing up this question. However, researchers point to outbreaks of measles in recent years. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that there were 189 cases of measles in 2015 and 52 in 2016 as of Aug. 15.

For that reason, it is a good idea for parents to become informed about which of their children's friends have been vaccinated, particularly for children with weakened immune systems or infants who are too young to be vaccinated. The importance outweighs the awkwardness of raising this question, and it need not be a difficult conversation to begin.

"I think it's important to recognize that, particularly when it comes to decisions about how to raise our children, certain issues are going to be sensitive," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "It's also important to recognize that we all have different perspectives and opinions."

Approaching this topic with genuine interest in learning another parent's point of view can help quell any discomfort about engaging in this conversation.

"Asking what they think about vaccines to get their opinion is a nice way to start the conversation," said Lorente. "It allows you to begin from a point of curiosity rather than judgment."

In addition to withholding judgment, maintaining an open mind and keeping conversations light-hearted and straightforward is key. "If you are able to actually avoid passing judgment and respect another parent's perspective and point of view, that will come across in a conversation," said Karen Bronco, LCSW, a psychotherapist in Arlington.

Lorente's personal experience in discussing vaccines with one of her friends reinforced her belief that parents should educate themselves about vaccinations before having a discussion on the topic.

"My friend said that she wasn't going to vaccinate her kids," said Lorente. "I asked her what she'd read about vaccines so that I could understand her point of view. As a professional, I like to look at authoritative sources when it comes to making decisions for my children. With social media it's getting harder and harder to determine what those sources are, but I start with well respected organizations such as the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)."

Informed decisions can be made after educating oneself about the scientific research and debunking myths about vaccines, Lorente said. One reason that parents might choose to forgo vaccinations is the now discredited belief that there is a link between vaccines and Autism spectrum disorder. Researchers say that it is helpful for parents of vaccinated children to know if their child's playmates have received their vaccinations. "There is still some slight risk even if your child is vaccinated, as no vaccine is 100 percent effective," said Tony Yang, ScD., associate professor of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University in Fairfax. "Research shows vaccination reduces the probability of infection substantially, but not perfectly."

As with other difficult conversations, such as asking the parents of one's child's playmates whether they own a gun, the approach and attitude parents take can make the difference between a stressful or productive conversation.

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Hardly Where

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If there's one place where I don't belong, one place where I have limited knowledge, one place where I have minimal interest; it's a hardware store. Complicating those incontrovertible facts are the size and scope of the modern-day, box store-type monstrosity familiar even to me. I realize/have been told that size doesn't matter; apparently, that message hasn't translated to the hardware store. The height of the ceilings, the width of the aisles, the depth of the shelves, the numbers of registers, the miscellaneous service counters, the automated/sliding entry doors, the pick-up areas, the shopping carts, the "vested" staff, the interactive displays and the sheer variety of everything are totally overwhelming to me (I'm being kind to myself; now I'll be honest: intimidating to me).

The chance of me walking out with the item necessary to solve the problem I came in to address is almost impossible to calculate. However, if I were to try, I'd guess, somewhere between zero and none. And what chance I might have would likely require talking with "an associate" and being able to accurately describe the problem and the presumptive solution. That sounds simple and reasonable enough unless you're me. I likely wouldn't know the right answer if I heard it because either I had asked the wrong question or characterized the wrong set of circumstances which precipitated my visit in the first place. Moreover, knowing the eventual outcome will entail yours truly returning to the store and exchanging the item or spending hours at home on a repair that a "normal"/capable man/homeowner would spend minutes on, makes the entire process as unpleasant as any I've undertaken. Yesterday was just such a day.

I wouldn't say I'm still recovering from the effort, but neither am I basking in the glow of a job well done. Now I'm not going to humiliate myself and tell you what the attempted repair was; you can be sure it wasn't plumbing or electrical and certainly didn't involve a toilet or a trap of any kind. Nevertheless, when you're a person of extremely limited ability, instincts and experience as I am, any home repair in which you walk away uninjured and without any further adieu (follow-up service call from a professional or need for a new/replacement item because you broke the first one or made the problem worse by breaking something else) is a "Mt.-Rushmore" success. Certainly not worthy of a mention in a magazine, but worthy I thought, of a column.

Now don't get any ideas that yesterday's success ('success' in this context is defined as 'not a disaster') emboldens me with any sort of self-confidence about future endeavors. Hardly. The fewer and farther between they remain, the happier I'll be. Yesterday's experience was nothing short of a miracle and simply moves me closer to the inevitable calamity I will cause when next I am faced with a similar set of homeowner-type circumstances.

For me, the devil is not in the details, it's in the "do-tells." The problem begins with the problem. It is then compounded by my inability to communicate the problem at the store, it is then compounded by my inability to understand the solution to the problem I am given at the store and finally, the problem is compounded by my inability to do at home what I was told at the store.

Believe it or not, I can accept my level of incompetence; I'm used to it. It's much harder on my wife, Dina, though; she has to live with me.

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