

First Day a 'Clean Slate' at MVHS

New principal brings new mission and vision.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

It might surprise some people, Mount Vernon High School Principal Dr. Anthony Terrell said, but 90 percent of students at his school — with a 54 percent poverty rate — are consistently on time to class.

"That's phenomenal for me," said Terrell, who took the reins in March 2016 after an interim principal replaced former principal Nardos King.

"They come for something, we have to make sure we give them something."

On Sept. 6, the first day of school, Terrell said students were "super excited" to be back in school and that the morning went smoothly, with all but around two buses on time and four shifts of students successfully transported to West Potomac and Edison academies for specialized coursework.

"We welcomed 500 freshmen for the class of 2020," Terrell said, "they're ready to go."

Having a football team with a new head coach and sporting a 2-0 undefeated record also goes a long way for starting the year off on a high note, he added: "It's a shot in the arm."

Joining the new students to Mount Vernon are roughly 40 new teachers and



Mount Vernon High School Principal Dr. Anthony Terrell discusses senior Rachel Coleman's schedule with her.

instructional assistants. Combining the fresh faces with the school's established faculty, Terrell is bringing a fresh mission and vision for the school's next several years.

"Academics is our focus," he said. "A lot of people flee Mount Vernon, to West Potomac, Hayfield, private school. We want to make Mount Vernon the place to be."

Among Terrell's plans are making Mount Vernon an International Baccalaureate World School, implementing a "Renaissance School" student behavioral program and



Seniors Jonathan Amaya (right) and Grandison Otchere (left) work with their classmates to solve problems in teacher Marilyn Garber's IB SL2 calculus-based math course.

following the IB "learner profile" that puts forth values for student performance in line with the Fairfax County Public Schools "Portrait of a Graduate."

Terrell also said he wants to change from a "teacher-centered to student-centered instructional mode." "It's just a matter of shifting," he said, "from students 'sitting and getting,' to kids getting up and doing work."

For Terrell, the year is a "clean slate." He's looking forward to see how the students and faculty leave their mark on it.

VIEWPOINTS

What are you most looking forward to this year?

Selina Kwarteng, senior

Graduating and having good grades in my IB SL2 math and IB physics classes ... and having a great year.



Cynthia Peña-Baker, senior

Getting ready for college. I'm looking at Texas schools. And I'm a little nervous but still excited for AP Statistics.



Shajia Khan, senior

Graduating. I'm trying to chill this year, but I'm taking IB, so I guess that won't be so easy. And I'm looking forward to senior prom and end of the year stuff. I'm ready.



Ismael Gomez, senior

Wrapping up high school, getting my diploma. I'm taking a dual-enrollment English class with Northern Virginia Community College, and plan to take that credit and attend there to study engineering and business.



Church Holds 8th Annual Back-to-School Festival



From left are Harvest Baptist Church leaders including Minister Sharlene Jones, Pastor Johnny Abram, Assistant Pastor Velvet Abram, and Back-to-School Festival students and members of the Harvest Baptist Church.

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church encourages school success.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Hundreds of children participated in Harvest Assembly Baptist Church's 8th annual Back to School Festival on Sept. 3.

"In my mind this festival says to our children that education is very important, and that we care a great deal about their success as a

student," said Minister Sharlene Jones, the organizer of the festival.

"By organizing this and soliciting for school backpacks and supplies, and doing things like cutting the boys' hair and styling the girls' hair we want them to know how much we care. We want to show them and their parents that our

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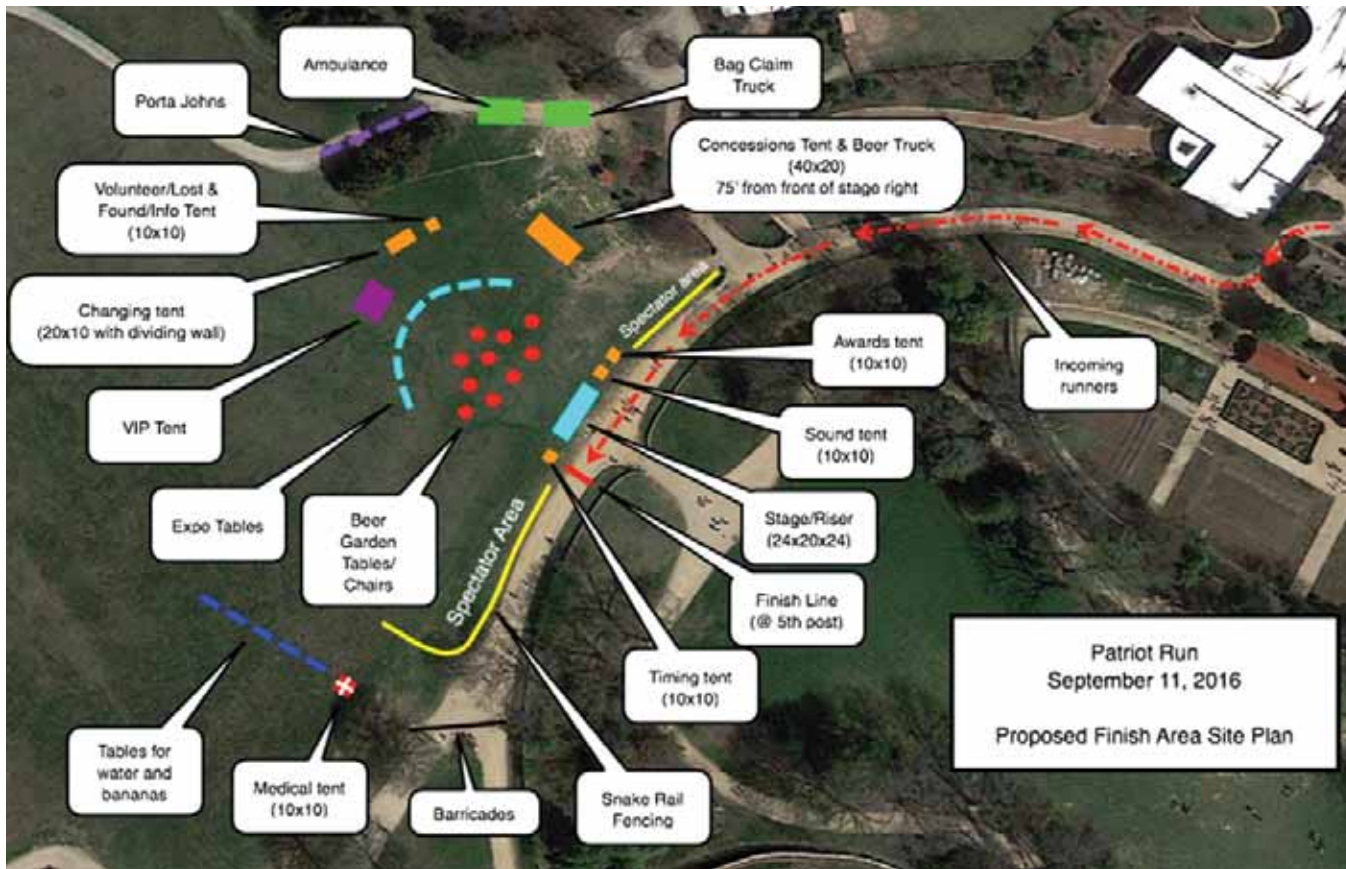
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Map of the George Washington Patriot Run

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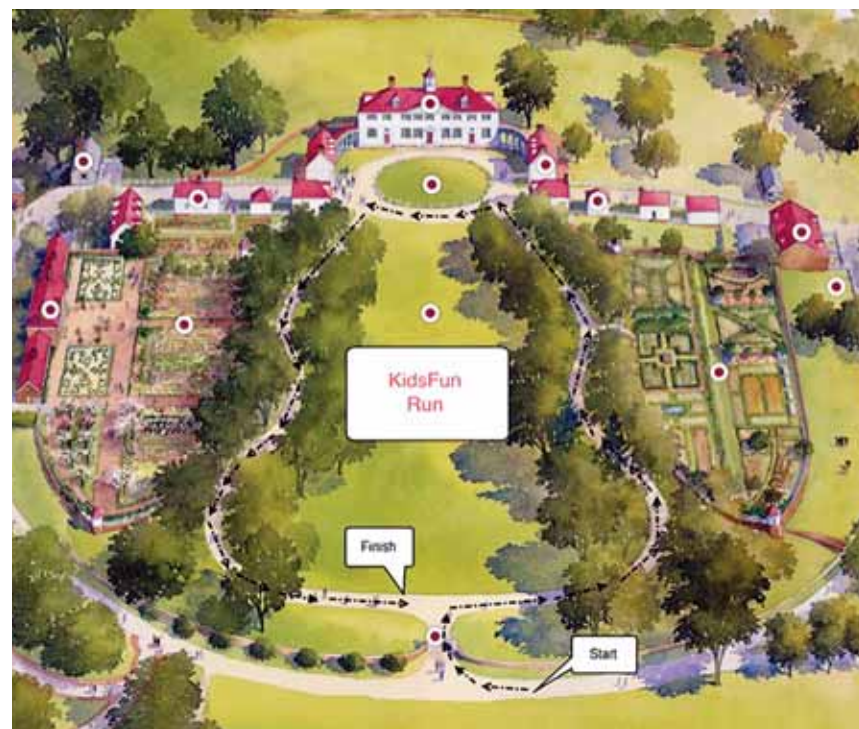
Join in George Washington Patriot Run this Sunday.

Thanks to Lockheed Martin's sponsorship, runners will have the opportunity to participate in the first-ever USA Track & Field-certified road race to enter the historic property at George Washington's Mount Vernon. On Sunday, Sept. 11, the George Washington Patriot Run will host thousands of runners for 5K and 10K races beginning at 8 a.m.

Organized by the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and George Washington's Mount Vernon, the race will take runners along the scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway. They'll finish the race inside the bowling green walls in front of the historic Mount Vernon mansion, less than 200 yards from Washington's front door.

"We're excited to be working with Mount Vernon to host this unique event," said Joe Shumard, chair of the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee. "This will be a wonderful event for the entire D.C. area — particularly the Alexandria community — to showcase our connection to George Washington."

The \$50 race registration includes admission to Mount Vernon, a race t-shirt, and a finisher medal. Those wanting to access the finish line on the grounds of Mount Vernon will be required to purchase a spectator ticket for a special discounted price of \$10,



Map of the "Fun Run," a free race for children 11 years and under.

which also provides access to the grounds and activities at Mount Vernon.

The awards ceremony begins at 9:30 a.m., and both runners and registered spectators can enjoy food, drinks, and music nearby.

"We're also hop-



Patriot Run 10K Finisher Medal

ing families will join us and register for the 'Fun Run,' a free race for children 11 years and under," said Shumard. The "Fun Run" — scheduled to start at 10 a.m. right after the awards ceremony ends — will be held near the finish line.

See mountvernon.org/run for more details and to register.

Who Are Our Patriots?

By JOHN D. SIMS
COLONEL, USA, RETIRED

For many months, a group of Alexandria citizens have been working with officials at Mount Vernon Estate to create a run that celebrates patriotism at the George Washington Patriot Run (10/5k). There is no more fitting location and patriotic symbol than at the home of one of our Nation's greatest patriots, Gen. George Washington. Also significant is the date selected as 9-11-16; 15 years after the most significant terrorist attack on American soil. During the planning, I've had the opportunity to reflect about who we call "patriots" and what it means to be "patriotic."

In October 2001, Congress enacted Sept. 11 as "Patriot Day" as a National Day of Service and Remembrance of the 2,977 individuals killed during the terrorist attack that year. Fifteen years later, our nation continues commemorating this day with a variety of events and activities that focus on "service" and "remembrance." Through events such as ceremonies, wreath-laying, service projects and sporting and social events, we come together as communities to remember, but also heal from the attacks on 9-11-01 and the wars that followed.

As a former Army officer who spent a career in the military, I had a narrow view of who patriots were. In most cases, I believed them to be folks like me, serving in the military or firefighters, police officers or first responders. Essentially, those who had committed to defending the Constitution or providing security and safety for our citizens. As I've matured, I've come to realize that my definition was incomplete and inaccurate. I now know that each of us can (and should) be patriots regardless of occupation. I now understand that while "veteran" and "patriot" are not synonymous, "citizen" and "patriot" could be. I think it comes down to intent and choice.

So how do each of us become patriots? First of all, there is no aptitude test for patriotism. You don't take a physical fitness test or shoot a weapon to be one. No enlistment, no contract and no uniform required. What is required is a strong commitment to the values that our nation was founded on: freedom, liberty and justice for all. Patriots don't have to believe that the U.S. is perfect, but they do have to do their part to make their communities and our nation a better place. Patriots can be critical of their governments and policies, but they also help to find solutions that improve life for citizens. In essence, being a patriot is about intent and action. I now believe that every citizen has the right and indeed a responsibility to be a patriot.

On Sept. 11, as with every day of the year, each of us has a choice about how we will live our lives and how we will be remembered. Like Gen. George Washington and millions of citizens before us, through our words and deeds, let us choose to be patriots.

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Church Hosts Back-to-School Festival

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church has their back and that we care about them. ... I can't say enough about how much this means to all of us; it has helped us to build strength and unity among the church members and the community as a whole," she said. "I also want to make sure to thank and give credit to Tonya Diamond who years ago first came up with the vision for this festival that means so much to our church and the community."

The Rev. Dr. Johnnie Abram said, "We began sponsoring the festival in 2009 and it has since developed into one of the most important activities for the church. The children enjoy and appreciate having the new backpacks, school supplies, and the happy atmosphere of the festival; getting together and having food and inviting the community volunteers, and it tells them, without a word said, that



Volunteer barber Shanequa Glover cuts a boy's hair.



Church Deacon Hugh Johnson, a retired barber, cuts hair at the festival.

school is important and that God is looking after them. We are so grateful for the tremendous support of the businesses on Route 1 who have been so generous. Without the businesses and the many volunteers, we would not have such a happy and successful Back to School Festival. On behalf of our church I want to thank them all and we pray for their happiness and good health," he said.

The Harvest Assembly Baptist Church began in 1987. Its first members were a small group, half of them were homeless, and they met initially in Woodlawn Elementary School. From this beginning, the present church, now situated in the heart of Gum Springs, has thrived and grown to where now, according to Abram, the founding member, there are 800 active members.

Details

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Johnnie L. Abram

Assistant Pastor: Velvet Abram

Minister: Sharlene Jones

Active Church Members: 800

Church was founded by Pastor Abram in 1987

Approximate number of children helped by the Back to School Festival this year: 300

Corporate sponsors who contributed to the Back to School Festival included Shoppers Food Warehouse, Walmart, Buffalo Wings, COSCO, K&C Beauty Supplies, Famous Dave's, Target, Popeyes, Noodles & Co., Subway, TGI Fridays, Navy Credit Union, Great American, and Big Panda.

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The audience listened to ways to break into the government contracting or expanding their involvement in government contracting.

SFDC's mission is to promote the development of business in the southeastern region of Fairfax County.

"I was thrilled to partner with the SFDC and work with its community of small businesses," said Urman, director of Procurement Technical Assistance Program at the mason Enterprise Center. "Fairfax County is significantly impacted by the federal government presence — and the Route 1 corridor in particular. Businesses in the community need to be aware of potential opportunities to contract with federal agencies.



Following Anna Urman's presentation, SFDC Executive Director Edythe Kelleher presents a commemorative SFDC coffee cup.

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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.

Parents, go ahead and ask your 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.

EDITORIAL

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 <https://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.

— MARY KIMM

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Suicide Loss 'Club'

BY LAURA MAYER
DIRECTOR, PRS CRISISLINK

When I was 15 years old, I received my first "membership card" to suicide loss. I got the platinum membership card because not only was my loss to suicide, but it was also a parent.

As an adolescent this was one of those memberships that made people walk the other way and talk about you quietly. At 15 I was told my father was in a "better place," and he was no longer in pain. People also told me that he was selfish and a horrible person. I had to pick one set of beliefs to survive.

I picked the set that described his loss as one that relieved him from pain and he was better now. Little did I know, this increased my risk for suicidal thinking substantially. For the next five years, I would struggle with my own thoughts of suicide.

At 20, I lost my best friend to suicide and everything changed. This was not supposed to happen again, and I needed to do something different. I became motivated to stop the thoughts I had, stop the losses in my community and make my world a better place to live.

I got involved with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and then CrisisLink. When I became a volunteer, I found an entire community in which suicide was openly discussed and people



shared experiences like me. I found a place where I could take these horrible experiences and find meaning and energy to "do something."

Now, I am the program director of PRS CrisisLink, a McLean-based nonprofit that helps people with mental illness and those facing life crises. Every day, I am able to do something to help others either through training new crisis workers, speaking in the community or providing suicide prevention training. In addition, I manage a region-wide hotline and textline to provide an outlet to help people cope with emotional trauma, personal and family crises. Right now, I am spearheading PRS' #MindsMatter, a social media campaign to encourage the community to pledge to do something that raises awareness about suicide prevention. This effort kicks off National Suicide Prevention Week, which takes place this week.

I wouldn't wish this club membership on anyone; but for me, the membership is a now an honor because I make a difference, and the work I do matters.

To contact our 24/7 crisis hotline or textline, call 1-800-273-TALK [8255] or text "Connect" to 85511. If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer crisis worker, please contact Lauren Padgett, lpadgett@prsinc.org, 703-531-6351.

LETTER

An Immigrant's Story

To the Editor:

July 4, 1962: I left the Philippines and arrived in Rochester, Minn. all on the same date, even though 24 hours have passed because of the different time zones. I was 23 years old, a registered nurse, college graduate and two years of work experience.

I came as an exchange visitor (EV), purportedly to learn more about nursing in the USA — although hardly any U.S. nurse went to the Philippines except for missionaries. I started working right away in one of the prestigious hospitals, St Mary's Hospital, where all the physicians are from the Mayo Clinic and many nursing supervisors were nuns.

It was indeed a learning experience, not by design, but by sheer observation. It was learn as you go. There were not enough staff to formally teach us. It was not uncommon for the U.S. nurses to call in sick on the weekends leaving us on our own. As EV nurses, paid at the level of the Licensed

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LETTER

FROM PAGE 8

Practical Nurse (LPN), we found ourselves the Charge Nurse overseeing the nursing care. In fact, some of us who had teaching experience were assigned to teach in the school of nursing at an LPN salary rate.

From the Philippines to Minnesota was baptism by ice. No one helped us adapt to the cold. We did not know how to dress appropriately. We stayed as close to the hospital as possible and ran to and from work, and went out long enough just to take photos. We stayed together, ate the same foods we were used to, and really did not learn the American way of life.

Six months before my EV visa was to expire, I met my husband and we got married. I applied to have my visa changed to an immigrant visa.

Meanwhile, I was told that while my application for immigrant visa was being considered, no law affected my ability to work. My U.S. citizenship was granted after four years. I continued to work in various hospitals as an RN, and went to graduate school. There is such a demand for nurses that in my over 40 years of working in nine

states (MN, IL, AL, VA, WI, SD, LA, MD, DC) and in 15 institutions including teaching at three universities and the Office of Inspector General for the Veterans Administration, I have not been out of work until retirement. And I do not think I took work from anyone who wanted to work. It was not uncommon to be asked,

"Can you start work tomorrow or next Monday?"

The U.S. has benefited from my coming here. I am grateful to be here. I have been to many other countries and go back to the Philippines regularly. For me, there is no place like the good young USA.

Fidelita Levy
Alexandria

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WELLBEING

Inquiring about Vaccines

Strategies for asking another parent if their children are vaccinated.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

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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ONGOING

Call for Artists: “Día de los Muertos.” Through Sept. 9, 5 p.m. Arlington Arts Center is accepting submission for an annual exhibit. Free to apply Visit www.arlingtonartscenter.org for more.

Summer Chamber Series. Sundays, through Sept. 11, 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association presents the 26th annual chamber music series. Free. Visit wmpamusic.org for more.

Exhibit: Kit Keung Kan. Through Sept. 18, gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Kit Keung Kan is a Hong Kong-American artist and physicist who interprets traditional Chinese landscape paintings with his passion for the art form as well as his experience in scientific study and research such as relational concepts and objective abstraction. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Face Off 2016. Through Sept. 23, gallery hours at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Face Off 2016 is a live painting demonstration and exhibition of new works by artists Cindy Prociou, Mia Bergeron and Elizabeth Floyd. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

Exhibit: “A Solo in Abstract.” Through Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Artist Donna K. McGee works in large format abstract acrylics. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Exhibit: “Impressive Expressions: Patterning in Clay.” Through Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Scope Gallery, 105 N. Union St. See clay art that can be touched, held and brought home as a private collection. Free. Visit www.scopegallery.org for more.

Exhibit: “The Art of Politics.” Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Through a street art aesthetic, artist Michael Fischerkeller offers a commentary on today’s political, economic, and social issues. His stark yet elegant paintings span large canvases, the size and weight consistent with the gravity of the issues to which they speak. Using acrylic spray paint, a street artist’s medium, Fischerkeller boldly and symbolically relays his message, as the “street” is most often and most deprived of social justice. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Exhibit: “Explorations Part II.” Through Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center – Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artists derive inspiration from contemporary explorations: Africa, the Amazon, North and South Poles, Mount Everest, and more. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit: “Fire and Earth.” Through Oct. 2, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. “Fire and Earth” exhibit celebrates these classical elements in a hybrid show combining a National ceramic cup exhibit with a regional 2-D show, exploring how fire transforms earth. The exhibit is juried by Dan Finnegan, an internationally recognized potter. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org/exhibits.

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Donna K. McGee uses richness of color to create atmosphere and form. See her new exhibit “A Solo in Abstract” at The Associates Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

various times at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. This is an adaptation from the novel “Blackberry Days of Summer” by Ruth P. Watson. Tickets are \$60. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Photo Exhibit: “Never Forget.” Through Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Multiple Exposures Gallery – Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen’s 15-year photographic journey beginning before 9/11, and continuing today. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

“A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists.” Through Oct. 16, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Exhibit: “Song of the Woods.” Through Oct. 24, gallery hours at Green Springs Garden – Historical House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artis.com/maryexline for more.

Exhibit: “In All Things.” Through Oct. 29, gallery hours at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Convergence Arts Initiative will feature the work of artist and educator, Glenn Howell in his latest exhibit, “In All things.” The title of Howell’s photography and print show reflects the diversity of his image making and his belief in the promise of redemption of all things. It is a juxtaposition of the “dystopian” elements seen in our world with a vision of Heaven as evidence of God’s

grace. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

Art Making as Meditation with Kathryn Coneway. Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent’s quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Email info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series “Mercy Street,” accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum’s Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to “be the curator” and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum’s collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria’s history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War

Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria’s Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama “Mercy Street,” with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

“Ancient Art of Movement.” 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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Alexandria Cars and Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina’s, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

National Inventors Hall of Fame Exhibit. Through November at The National Inventors Hall of Fame–USPTO campus, 600 Dulany St. The exhibit features the stories of Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame who served their country during World War II and returned home to help build the nation with their innovations. Free. Visit www.inventnow.org.

Dinner for the Washingtons. 12 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company offers baseball enthusiasts the chance to avoid the crowds and take a leisurely cruise

ENTERTAINMENT



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NYC-based Americana singer-songwriter Riley Etheridge Jr. will be releasing a new album, “Secrets, Hope & Waiting,” on Sept. 9, via Rock Ridge Music. Etheridge is celebrating the release with a tour, visiting Alexandria’s Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., with Leon Russell. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.thebirchmere.com for more.

from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the scenic Potomac River. Admission: one-way \$20; round-trip \$25 Monday-Thursday; round-trip \$28 Friday-Sunday. Visit www.baseballboat.com for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Olympic Champions Camp. July 25-Aug. 26, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club, 401 N. Payne St. The Olympic Champions Camp incorporates “Triple Play” to engage mind, body, and soul. Campers participate in reading, STEM, sports, meditation and more. Prices vary. Visit www.bgcgw.org for more.

Theatre Camp. Through Sept. 2, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Offering a variety of camps for age 3 through 8th grade, covering creative play, acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre and improv. Sessions also include comedy, scene study, Shakespeare and drama. Tuition prices vary. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every third Friday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Drop-in for the session and bring supplies to draw or paint live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested \$10 donation. Visit www.532yoga.com.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Reception: “A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists.” 6-8 p.m. at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory. Artist talk at 7 p.m. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Putting the Herb Garden to Bed. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Topics covered will include what herbs to prune, pull, protect, and bring inside and herbs that can be planted in fall. Tips and techniques for using or preserving cut herbs will also be offered. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 9

Gentleman Distiller: Whiskey Tasting & Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount

Vernon. The evening begins with a reception at George Washington’s Distillery & Gristmill, where guests will get a first-hand look at how whiskey was produced in Washington’s time. The event continues on the estate with a brief talk by Mount Vernon’s resident distiller, followed by a whiskey tasting and seated dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant. Tickets are \$125. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

The Cecilian Players. 8 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1427 W. Braddock Road. Violinist Sonya Hayes, clarinetist Parker Gaims, cellist Igor Zubovsky and pianist John McCrary will perform a program including the Clarinet Trio of Robert Kahn and the Second Piano Trio of Saint-Saens. Free, but donations accepted. Contact John McCrary at jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org or 703-998-6100 x 103 for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 9-10

Port City Oktoberfest. Time not yet announced at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Over the course of two days, enjoy live music, food trucks, plenty of lager, and more. Free. Visit www.PortCityBrewing.com/the-brewery/events for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 9-11

Hope Fest. Various times at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Find youth concert and community basketball game. Free. Email Info@cityofhopemetro.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

9/11 Heroes Run. 8:30 a.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Honor our military and first responders and remember those who died on 9/11 and in the wars since. Registration is \$22.50-80. Visit www.911heroesrun.org for more.

Annual Sidewalk Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Hollin Hall Shopping Center, 7902 Fort Hunt Road. Annual Sidewalk Sale featuring: Variety Store, 529 Consignment Shop, Initial Impressions, Pastry Shop. Call 703-765-4110 for more.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Free. Visit www.vnps.org for more.

Beyond the Battlefield Walking Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama “Mercy Street” in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org for more.

Civil War Artillery Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. The program features reenactors from the 1st Connecticut Heavy Artillery, a Union regiment that was stationed at Fort Ward during the Civil War. The unit will interpret the duties and soldier life of typical artillerymen assigned to forts in the

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Washington area. Activities will include cannon firing demonstrations in the restored Northwest bastion of the fort, artillery equipment displays, and camp life scenarios. Visitors can also view the Museum exhibit, "The Art of the Artilleryman in the Defenses of Washington," which features a variety of original equipment and personal items. Free. Visit www.fortward.org for more.

Lecture: "Bringing Them Home."

11 a.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. In honor of the second anniversary of Alexandria's Contrabands and Freedmen Cemetery Memorial, genealogist Char McCargo Bah presents her research on the descendants of this Alexandria landmark. Bah, who served as the official genealogist on the cemetery project has found over 1000 people who are directly related to the contrabands buried at this historic site. Free, \$5 suggested donation. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Tea with Lady Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Step back in time and join "Lady Washington" for a cozy fireside tea as she shares memories of her and the General's life as a young married couple, during the Revolutionary War, and at their beloved Mount Vernon. Following the program, guests are invited to a self-guided exploration of the estate and Mount Vernon's beautiful decorative arts collection. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

25th Annual Crab Feast Dinner at Pohick Church. 3:30-6 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The menu will include crabs, fried fish, steamed shrimp, potato salad, pork barbecue sandwiches, corn, hush puppies, and hot dogs for children. The cost is \$30 per adult (ages 21 and older), \$15 for children ages 13-20 and children under the age of 13 are free. For tickets and more information contact Doug Smith at dsmith100@aol.com or call the church office at 703-339-6572.

Jonathan Edwards and Seldom Scene. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SEPT. 10-21

33rd Annual Senior Olympics. Various times at various locations. Participants over 50 years old will participate in track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, scrabble, duplicate bridge, cribbage, Mexican train dominoes, pickleball, racquetball, handball, volleyball, badminton, bocce, eight ball pool, cycling, horseshoes, yo-yo tricks, American style Mah Jongg, 5K run and more. Admission varies based on event. Visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 11

The George Washington Patriot Run. 8 a.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Run the first USATF-certified road race to enter George Washington's Mount Vernon. Organized by Mount Vernon and the Alexandria George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee, the race will take runners up the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Return down the Parkway to trace Washington's footsteps through the historic area at Mount Vernon. Registration is \$50, spectator tickets are \$10. Visit www.mountvernon.org/run for more.

Reception: "Song of the Woods." 1-3 p.m. at Green Springs Garden - Historical House, 4603

Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit www.artis.com/maryexline for more.

Photo Exhibit Opening Reception: "Never Forget." 2-4 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery - Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen's 15-year photographic journey. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

"Through the Lens of a Father and Son." 5-7 p.m. at Mackie's Bar and Grill, 907 King St. Professional photographer Chester Simpson and his son, Daniel, have documented their trip to Thailand and Vietnam. The trip was following Daniel's year of teaching math and science in Thailand. Free. Visit www.mackiesbarandgrill.com.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 14

Pollinators Matter. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Sam Droege, biologist and noted bee expert, U.S. Geological Survey, Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will give a talk on pollinators, their importance, status and threats. He will examine native bee populations and briefly explore the role of other less obvious pollinators such as butterflies, moths, beetles and hummingbirds. Droege manages the U.S. Geological Survey Bee Inventory and Monitoring Laboratory. He is one of the country's leading experts on pollinators. Free. Visit www.fodm.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Garden Talk: Grow Beautiful Bulbs. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Colorful bulbs can turn an ordinary garden into extraordinary. Planted in mass displays, small groupings or containers, they are a welcome sight in any garden. Learn from master gardeners about a variety of beautiful bulbs and how to plant and care for them. Admission is \$10 for county residents, \$12 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Reception: "In All Things." 7-9 p.m. at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Convergence Arts Initiative will feature the work of artist and educator, Glenn Howell in his latest exhibit, "In All things." The title of Howell's photography and print show reflects the diversity of his image making and his belief in the promise of redemption of all things. It is a juxtaposition of the "dystopian" elements seen in our world with a vision of Heaven as evidence of God's grace. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 16-17

Children's Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Call 703-971-7957 to become a seller, or email CUMC.CCS@gmail.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Lush Autumn Container Workshop. 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. With creative help from horticulturalist Nancy Olney, pair colorful edibles and showy tender perennials for a lush autumn mix of container plants that are sure to grab attention. Admission is \$35 for county residents, \$37 for out-of-county residents, plus a supply fee. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

Scottish Heritage Outlander Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Events will include three Scottish and Celtic storytelling performances during the afternoon, an appearance by the Granfling School of Highland Dance, a concert by the Devil's Tailors, and a bagpiper. Tours of the museum will include references to Outlander, the popular book series and television show. Tickets are \$7, \$3 for children ages 5-12. Visit www.novaparks.org for more.

Case Remodeling Seminar. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Case Mosaic Tile Showroom, 821 S. Pickett St. Case Design/Remodeling experts will help participants gain insight into the latest trends and different levels of kitchen and bath remodeling, as well as project timeframes and budgeting. Free. Visit www.casedesign.com for more.

Barley & Music Fest. 12-6 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Attend the first annual Barley & Music Fest to find over a dozen craft breweries, music, and more. Admission to the festival is free, but drink tickets are \$15 for 5, additional tastes may be purchased for \$1. Visit www.barleymusicfest.com for more.

The Firefighter's Memorial. 1-2 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. As the Firefighter's Memorial reaches its 160th year, Friendship Firehouse Museum and Ivy Hill Cemetery staff will discuss how and why Ivy Hill Cemetery was chosen for the obelisk honoring seven fallen firemen, and how the tradition of honoring fallen firefighters has grown at this enduring memorial. Free. Visit www.alexandria.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or www.ivyhillcemetery.net.

Monarch Challenge. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children age 5-11 will have a chance to make their way through the obstacles in the Monarch Migration Course as a caterpillar and finish the course as a butterfly. At this site-wide event, there will opportunities to run, sing, play games, and get creative while finding out what can be done to help monarchs. The cost is \$10 per child. Call 703-642-5173 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/>.

Book Signing: "David Has a Purpose." 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pops Old Fashion Ice Cream, 109 King St. Author Inir Raissa Some will be on site. Call 571-445-2158 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 17-18

Colonial Market And Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visit the 18th century at this colonial celebration featuring crafting demonstrations, puppet shows, military drills, and traditional food and music. Tickets are \$9-17. Children age 5 and under are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Art League Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at King Street Art Festival, Market Square (corner of King and N. Fairfax Streets). Patrons can purchase one of 1,400 hand-made bowls created by the talented artists of The Art League's ceramics department and enjoy a scoop of ice cream, all for \$15 per bowl, with the proceeds benefiting The Art League. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

King Street Art Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at King Street from Washington Street to the Potomac River waterfront. Outdoor Art Festival featuring multiple art vendors on King Street between Washington and Union Streets with over six blocks of artwork by more than 200 artists. Free. Visit

www.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

ENTERTAINMENT



“Pieta, Daniela” by Carolina Mayorga

Exhibit Features Bodyscapes By Three Women Artists

Target Gallery, a contemporary exhibition space, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory in “A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists.” The exhibit will hang at 105 N. Union St. through Oct. 16. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

www.artfestival.com/cities/alexandria.

Kingstowne Area Arts Show. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Work in a variety of media will be on display. Free. Visit www.kingstowneartists.org for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

Glencarlyn Library Garden

AutumnFest. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 300 S. Kensington St. Featured events will include free tastes of treats and drinks made from herbs grown in the garden, a naturalist with critters, a balloon artist, and Master Gardener-led mini-workshops. A wide variety of Virginia-grown sun- and shade-loving perennials, ferns, shrubs, and trees will also be available for sale. Free. Call Alyssa Ford Morel at 703-907-9318 or Judy Funderburk at 703-671-5310.

Outlander Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Celebrate Scottish Heritage at the oldest stone house in Alexandria, home of John Carlyle. Attend the tea and fashion show and specialized tour. Tickets are \$45. Visit www.novaparks.com for more.

Wine & Cheese Reception. 6:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 8531 Riverside Road. There will be presentations on the spirituality of parenting, recovery from addiction, dealing with grief. Learn more about St. Aidan's program offerings in the fall. Free. Visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

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

supplies included). Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com.

SEPT. 22-DEC. 8

Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Coneway. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, “The Artist's Rule,” will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of “The Artist's Rule” and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening for more.

SEPT. 23-NOV. 13

John M. Adams: “Current Interrupted.” Gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit www.thefullempy.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

Civil War Talk. 12-1:30 p.m. at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 109 S. Washington St. Washington Street UMC will host a lunch talk on the church's history as a hospital during the Civil War. The speaker will be church member Mark Tooley, who has written books and articles on the Civil War and church history. Free. Call 703-836-4324 for more.

Mount Vernon Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. The flea market features: furniture, art, china, glass, porcelain, pottery, books, photographs, lighting, tools, comic books, vinyl records, novelties and more. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Free. Visit mountvernonflea.market.wordpress.com for more.

St. Luke's Annual Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Mount Vernon. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies. Also fresh produce from a nearby farm, entertainment provided by a guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moonbounce, face-painting and games. Visit www.saintlukeschurch.net or call 703-765-4342 for more.

75th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in Old Town Alexandria. For the 75th annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour, the public may visit six historic homes and gardens in Old Town Alexandria, all within walking distance of one another. Proceeds benefit Inova Alexandria Hospital. Tickets are \$40 in advance and may be purchased online. Thereafter, tickets are \$45 and may be purchased at The Twig's Thrift Shop, 106 N. Columbus St. Visit www.thetwig.org/homes-tour for more.

Garden Program: All About Figs. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Smithsonian Gardens educator Cindy Brown will share some history and fun facts about figs. Learn how to successfully grow a delicious crop of figs and get a few recipes to try at home. Admission is \$15 for county residents, \$17 for out-of-county residents. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/.

www.northernva.reelabilities.org for more.

MONDAY/SEPT. 19

Tree Selection and Care. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. This program will help analyze tree planting needs. Alexandria's Arborist will discuss the City's upcoming Fall Tree Plant Sale and answer questions. Free. Call 703-228-6414.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

Beating the Odds: Using Indirect Evidence to Solve Brick Walls 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist Vic Dunn talks about using various types of indirect evidence to “prove” relationships when direct evidence is lacking. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Teresa Tkciik will demonstrate how we can evaluate pearls according to their qualities of size, luster, macre, shape, and color. Members should bring a few pearls from their collections for discussion, a 10x loupe or magnifier, a white light flashlight, and a centimeter tape measure. If not available, other members will share. Free. Call 703-360-4979 for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 22-25

Old Town Boutique District Shop & Stroll. All day in Old Town. Browse and shop, while collecting stamps at each location to be entered in a grand prize drawing that includes \$1,000 worth of gift cards. Additionally, buy a stylish event bag for more savings and goodies. Free. Visit www.oldtownboutique-district.com for more.

THURSDAYS/SEPT. 22-OCT. 13

Crybaby Art Studio. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. CryBaby Art Studio is an art class designed for parents with infants (0-1) to relax and exercise their creativity learning watercolor techniques each week with baby by their side. Registration is \$100 for four-week series / \$25 per class (art

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SPORTS

Wolverines Defeat Langley

West Potomac Senior wide receiver #5 Brandon Lisenby with a 48 yard 4th quarter scoring play to put the Wolverines up 41-12 on Sept. 1.



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PHOTO BY JON WILLMOTT

With Less Than a Minute Left ...

The visiting West Potomac Field Hockey team won 1-0 over JEB Stuart High School on Sept. 1. Marley Gilliam scored the winning shot with less than a minute left in regulation.



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West Potomac's Tag Day This Saturday

Two hundred performing arts students — from band, chorus, guitar, orchestra and theater from West Potomac High School — will be knocking on doors for their annual Tag Day. They'll be handing out a "tag" inviting the community to this year's performances, and asking for donations to support West Potomac's programs. Those not home can donate by clicking on the "Tag Day Donation" button at www.wolverineband.com. All proceeds from Tag Day are split between the five groups. Above are: Halen Anderson from band, Taylor Stephens from chorus, Jason Seiler from guitar, Helen Kitrosser from theater, and Olivia Scheidt from orchestra.

SPORTS BRIEFS

FHYAA Softball

Registration is still open for all levels of Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association girls softball. Registration for the 8 and under division will stay open until Sept. 23. Teams for the older girls are being formed by Sept. 11.

Ages:

18 and under (18U) Division - ages 13-18

12 and under (12U) Division - ages 11-12

10 and under (10U) Division - ages 9-10

8 and under (8U) Division - ages 8 and under

League age is determined by an individual's age as of Dec. 31 of the previous calendar year in accordance with Amateur Softball Association code. For the 18U Division, the majority of girls are ages 13 and 14. See the League Levels for a more detailed description of the leagues.

Visit www.FHYAAsoftball.org.

Fall Ball Lacrosse

Registration is open for 2016 Fort Hunt Girls Fall Ball Lacrosse for grades PreK-8.

For grades 3-8, six Sunday afternoon sessions will be held from Sept. 11 through Oct. 23 (excluding Columbus Day weekend) from 12-2 p.m. at the West Potomac High School Practice Turf Field.

Fee is \$125, paid online at the end of the registration process. US Lacrosse membership/insurance is required. For more information, contact Michael Carucci, Girls Fall Ball Coordinator, mikeb.carucci@gmail.com

The Scoopers (PreK & K) and grades 1-2 will have four sessions on Sundays from 2:15- 3:30 p.m. starting on Sept. 18. Fee is \$65.

COMMENTARY

Another Shortfall

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

Last month, Gov. Terry McAuliffe announced that state revenues were lower than assumed in our state budget passed earlier in the year. This creates a series of difficult choices.

In July, the Governor announced that the budget ended on June 30 and came in \$266 million short of expectations. Last month, the Governor announced that due to continued lagging revenues, the current budget was projected to be short by \$850 million this year and \$630 million in next fiscal year. This creates a total \$1.7 billion from what was budgeted last session.

There are many causes of this. First, the lingering effects of the Sequester — automatic spending cuts by the federal government — continue to stall the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads economies. Cuts to defense spending alone took \$9.8 billion and 115,000 jobs out of the Virginia economy. Income tax collections are down, even with 2.6 percent job growth last year, because new jobs do not pay as much as the jobs we have lost. Commercial office vacancies are still at record highs in Northern Virginia.

Sales tax collections also continue to lag as more people buy their goods online — transactions that Virginia cannot tax.

The Governor has authorized the withdrawal of \$378 million from Virginia's Rainy Day Fund. This will alleviate half of the shortfall for this fiscal year and last year, but state funds designated for teacher and state employee salary increases were required to be withheld by state law — the Governor had no discretion about this. The remainder will be made up with budget cuts.

In seven of the eight sessions I have served in the legislature, budget revenues have lagged the historical average increase.

In addition to an economy over-dependent on federal spending, Virginia's budget continues to suffer from a structural deficit created by a 1920's tax system being applied to a 21st century economy. Virginians pay some of the lowest income taxes in the United States, the repeal of the Estate Tax has cost Virginians about \$2 billion since it was repealed and our ability to collect the sales tax on internet sales is limited by the Federal Government. We also continue to leaving billions of free dollars on the table by not expanding Medicaid. If we want to fund priorities like secondary education, higher education, health care, and transportation, Virginia's tax structure needs reconstructive surgery. If we invest in education, people and infrastructure, jobs will follow.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID NUMBER 16-08-09

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking bids for HVAC Replacement at F.C. Hammond Middle School.

Sealed Bids with the notation ITB # 16-08-09, F.C. Hammond Middle School HVAC Replacement will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, Wednesday October 19, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Bids appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. ITB documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the ITB from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., October 6, 2016. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPS web site.

A pre-bid conference/site visit will be held on September 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the address listed above.

No ITB may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of bids except as may be set forth in the ITB.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this ITB and/or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in any bid.

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Judy Drewry Obit

Judith H. (Judy) Drewry, a resident of Alexandria since 1966, died peacefully on August 20, 2016. Born on September 27th, 1927, she was 88 years old.

An 18-year employee of Senior Services of Alexandria, Judy also spent a number of years on Capitol Hill as an assistant to Representatives James C. Davis and later to Representative George P. Miller and also spent four years in real estate.

A one-time member of the Women's National Democratic Club, she was an active participant in the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Senior Services of Alexandria Board of Directors, Alexandria Professional Women's Network; and at one time, the Campagna Center and the American Heart Association Board. She was named the APWN "Woman of the Year" for 2003, and received the City of Alexandria Commission on Aging "Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award" in 2004. She was given a proclamation of service by the City of Alexandria in June of 2009.

Born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, Mrs. Drewry grew up in Miami, Florida where she attended the University of Miami, coming to the Washington area just after WW II in 1946.

Her husband of 27 years, John Metcalf Drewry, Capitol Hill committee Chief Counsel for nearly 20 years, died in January of 1978.

She leaves three children: Julianne Drewry Worden, her own daughter from that marriage, son James S. W. Drewry and daughter Patricia Drewry Sanger. She was preceded in death by son John T. Drewry.

She also leaves ten grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Services were held at 1:00pm, Saturday August 27 at Christ Church in Old Town Alexandria. Burial took place at Blandford Cemetery in Petersburg, VA on Monday August 29.

The family suggests that donations be made in her memory to Senior Services of Alexandria, 700 Princess Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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David Warren Painter died on September 1, 2016, at the age of 65, in Alexandria, Virginia, where he was born and lived his entire life. He is survived by his loving wife, Judy Carter, his mother, Francis Irene Bounds, his sister, Carolyn Chosta (Joel), his nephew, Alec Chosta, his mother-in-law, LaVern Carter, and his brother-in-law, Michael Carter.

David was an avid supporter and loyal volunteer of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. He loved to build wooden boats and sail them. He had a deep love and knowledge of the flora and fauna of the Eastern Shore, Alexandria, and the Shenandoah Valley, where he and his wife had a weekend home.

He was a deep thinker, an avid reader, and a lover of maps. He retired in 2005 after many years as a geographer and cartographer at the U.S. Geological Survey. More than anything else he will be remembered as a man who was devoted to his family, friends, and neighbors.

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 16-09-01

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for a Human Resources System for ACPS Schools.

Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 16-09-01 Human Resources System will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, September 29, 2016. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8162, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPS website at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/financial-services/purchasing/>

All questions answered will be posted as an addendum to the ACPS web site.

No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP.

ACPS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

YANINA TULL, Personal Representative
of VIKTOR CHORNYYY,

Plaintiff,

Case No: CL 15001224

v.
Kathleen M. Cleland, M.D., et als.

Defendants

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The reason for this cause is to notify Igo Chornyy and Genadij Chornyy who are persons having an interest in the estate of Viktor Chornyy of a hearing for the purposes of the approval of a compromise settlement in the above-referenced matter on or about September 27, 2016 at 9:00am in the Alexandria Circuit Court. An affidavit having been made and filed showing that Igo and Genadij Chornyy, interested persons in the settlement of the above referenced cause, cannot be found, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain the location of the persons to be served, and the last known whereabouts of Igor Chornyy was in Ukraine and the last known whereabouts of Genadij Chornyy was in Ukraine or Russia.

Upon consideration whereof, this Order of Publication is granted, and is ORDERED that the above-named interested persons do appear here on or before September 27, 2016 which date is no sooner than fifty(50) days after entry of this Order of Publication.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four(4) weeks in the Alexandria Gazette newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Alexandria, Virginia and that a copy of this Order be posted at the front door of the courthouse wherein this Court is held. Entered this 28th day of July, 2016.

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Spacious home in pristine condition. Updated throughout with top quality materials. Special Features include: Open floor plan, high ceilings, "Pella" windows & glass door, stunning new bright white kitchen, updated baths, and gorgeous hard wood floors. Prime location on fenced level lot. Super Value!



**4218 Dandridge Terr
\$675,000
New England Style Colonial!**

Magnificent 5 BR, 3.5 BA in prime location on beautifully landscaped lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Rare, 3 car garage! Other special features include: 3 finished levels with full walk out lower level, thermal windows, open kitchen to family room, well maintained hardwoods on both main levels, & expansive exterior decking. Home is in pristine, move in condition. Exceptional value!



**9419 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$1,299,000
One of the area's most distinctive properties!**

Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and grounds.



**Wakefield Homes
Pre-Construction Opportunity!
8717 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000***

• New Melson II Model- 3,525 sf

- 1/2 Acre Lot in Plymouth Haven
- Open floor plan - High ceilings
- Upgrades throughout
- Finished recreation room & bathroom in basement
- Maximum opportunity to customize



**3808 Washington Woods Dr.
\$1,299,000
Absolute Perfection**

Best of both worlds. Stately colonial exterior combined with stunning bright open floor plan. Enhanced by over \$400,000 in recent expansion and upgrades including: Kitchen, 3.5 Baths, HVAC system and cedar shake roof. Other features include: Three beautifully finished levels, 4 fireplaces, and three car garage. Custom "Trex" deck overlooks magnificently landscaped grounds. True one of a kind property in the exclusive "Wycliffe on the Potomac."



**4520 Dolphin Lane
\$745,950
Great setting!**



**9421 Coral Lane
\$775,000
One level living at its finest!**



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