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Five New Parks in Sully Woodlands

Residents are asked to submit their ideas for them.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

he Fairfax County Park Authority wants to hear residents' thoughts about its new comprehensive plan for parkland in Sully Woodlands. So it held a recent public meeting in Centreville to let people see what's proposed and comment on it.

"In an urban county as developed as Fairfax is, you don't get to do this on as large a scale as this, that often," said Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). "It's an opportunity the Park Authority, the residents and I are excited about."

The plan includes the parkland north of Route 29 on the west side of Virginia Run, parkland along Bull Run Post Office Road, the Bull Run stream and parkland along Pleasant Valley Road up to the Loudoun County border.

Once it's developed, it'll go to the Planning Commission for final approval. But residents have until this Friday, May 30, to e-mail their comments to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. At the meeting, Sandy Stallman, the Park Authority's manager of Park Planning, presented both background and details.

Sully Woodlands encompasses 4,400 acres and 43 parks. It aligns with the Bull Run and Cub Run watersheds and goes all the way from Dulles Airport to Cub Run. "Balancing recreation opportunities with the need to preserve the natural and cultural resources, we developed a system of park areas connected by green space and trails," said Stallman. "The goal was to provide an integrated experience for people."

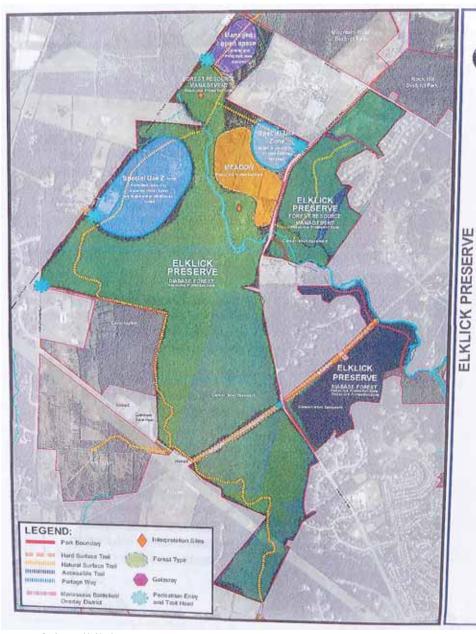
Specific-use zones, such as communityserving recreation space and resource-stewardship areas, were designated in each park. And Sully Highlands, a new sports park with five athletic fields, will open this year via a development proffer.

"A trail plan was identified throughout the region and a bridge over Cub Run connected the rec center and Westfield High," said Stallman. "And we completed the master plan for Historic Centreville Park. Now we're doing the core properties planning."

Park Authority Property Manager Pat Rosend said some 2,000 acres are in the core properties. The park areas are identified as: Elklick Preserve, Mountain Road District Park, Poplar Ford, Hickory Forest and Sappington.

***** Hickory Forest Park

"At the southern end is Hickory Forest Park," said Rosend. "It's 95 acres and could be used for a 5-acre local park with a playground, tennis courts and picnic area. It's planned for 8-foot, accessible, asphalt trails. There'll be pedestrian access only and it'll be open from dawn to dusk."



Map of the Elklick Preserve.

Photos by Bonnie Hobbs/The Connection



Map of Mountain Road District Park.

* Poplar Ford Park

Poplar Ford Park is 535 acres south of Bull Run Post Office Road and along the Bull Run frontage. It's envisioned to have 6.65 miles of mixed-use, natural-surface trails, a picnic shelter, an area for radio-controlled model aircraft, plus animal and plant habitats.

"Small watercraft such as kayaks could access Bull Run from here," said Rosend. "The official gateway to Sully Woodlands, along Bull Run Post Office Road, would be at this park."

***** Elklick Preserve

At 1,367 acres, Elklick Preserve is the largest park of the Sully Woodlands core properties. It contains a rare, oak-and-hickory forest, so most of this site would be designated for natural and cultural resource protection. A 7.5-mile trail network would connect it to the other parks.

"There'd be managed open space along Braddock Road for low-impact activities such as picnics, with permits," said Rosend. "A Sully Woodlands stewardship education center could also go here.

* Mountain Road District Park

Mountain Road District Park is 200 acres at the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection. Part of it is planned for regionwide, active recreation. It would include lighted athletic fields, a basketball/volleyball complex, flexible open space for permitted uses and events, plus picnic areas and extensive parking. However, a third of the site would remain forest.

Sappington

"Sappington, the 220-acre parcel in the center [of Sully Woodlands] was purchased in 2010, after the 2006 adoption of the Sully Woodlands Master Plan," said Rosend. It's east of Bull Run Post Office Road and adjacent to Elklick Preserve.

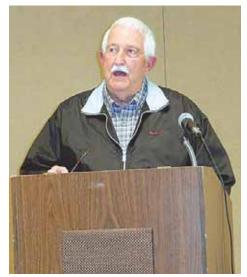
"We're looking to the public for guidance and ideas about its development," continued Rosend. "It's mostly meadow with a scrub-cedar cover and a mature forest. And it's bisected by a 300-foot-wide utility corridor. Some of the use suggestions have been a mountain-bike course, athletic fields and a performance venue."

In all five parks together, she said, "We'll have 18 miles of new trails and 80-percent undisturbed open space."

"Instead of planning each park individually, we've taken an overview of the entire area to make sure we're in balance," said Sully District Park Authority representative Hal Strickland. "We need to be careful what we do with this because, two generations from now, this may be the only large contiguous green area in Northern Virginia."

Frey said the Board of Supervisors started "putting together properties in the early 2000s. We bought land a developer had held for 20 years, and we also bought land from families. We got some grants, state and federal money and bond money and did it piece by piece. We wanted to preserve as much of this environmentally sensitive land as possible."

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Park Authority Area Manager Kevin Williams talks with a resident about Poplar Ford Park.



Virginia Run's Pat Day looks at a map of Elklick Pre-

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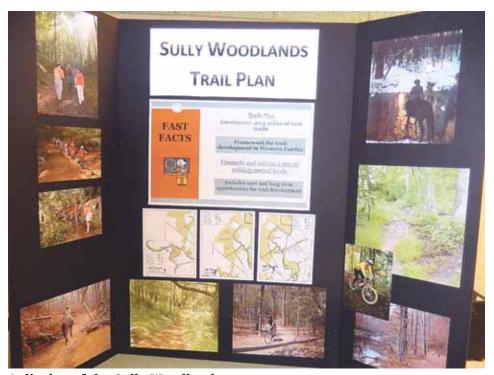
"We took the opportunity to add parkland that might never come again," continued Frey. "And we want people to learn about the culture and history of the land. It will be a fabulous, countywide facility — but it's also in the heart of our community, so we want to get public input."

During the meeting, residents perused displays showing what each park looks like and were able to ask questions and discuss their ideas with Park Authority representatives. Pleased, Carolyn Ruby of Virginia Run said, "It's pretty exciting to have all these new parks so close to us."

Nancy Vehrs, president of the Virginia Native Plant Society, said her group would "like to see more open land preserved from the Sappington property and added to Elklick.'

"It's a huge project and I wonder about some of the environmental issues," said At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart. "They show athletic fields and a stormwater-management area in the wetlands near the proposed roundabout [at Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads]. I think folks will have concerns about potential impacts on the wetlands. So any development has to be very rigorously reviewed"

One good thing, said Hart, is that "so much land has been acquired and is now in public ownership, minimizing development pressure. This property will be surrounded by developed areas — especially the intense development in Loudoun County. And if you have a big enough contiguous area, it's large enough for animals to live in. It's very significant environmentally."



A display of the Sully Woodlands resources.



Carolyn Ruby of Virginia Run points out something planned for Mountain Road District Park.

Ken Bassett of the NVRC Model Airplane Club noted that Poplar Ford Park is the "only legal place in Fairfax County" to fly model airplanes. "We support the aviation classes at Westfield High School," added fellow club member Bob Burnett. "We help them build and fly model airplanes. We also teach new pilots at our field, and the county is tremendously supportive of our efforts."

Meanwhile, Pat Day of Virginia Run looked at a map of Elklick Preserve and smiled. "I'm excited about [this project]," he said. "I'm glad they're thinking about it in the aggregate and putting together a long-term strategy for this area."



Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger (on right) discusses the Hickory Forest Park with a resident.

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– Roundups —

Robbery Suspects Sought

Fairfax County police are looking for the two men who robbed three people in Chantilly. The incident occurred Saturday, May 17, at 11:27 p.m. in the 4100 block of Meadowland Court in Chantilly. Police say two men and a woman were talking in a parking lot when they were approached by two suspects. One of the suspects displayed a handgun and both of them took property from the victims. No one was injured. The suspects were described as black, 18-20, and about 6 feet 3 inches with clude] Virginia's Medicaid expansion, controversial votes thin builds.

Town Hall Meeting

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) will hold a town hall meeting Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m.-noon, at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. According to Marsden, "I expect to have a frank exchange of ideas on a wide range of topics. [These infrom the 2014 General Assembly session and any issue that's important to [my constituents]."

VIN-etching for Vehicles

A free, VIN-etching event will be held Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Virginians pay

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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presents a resolution to Animal Shelter Director Tawny Hammond. From left are Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully), Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Board Chairman Sharon Bulova, Hammond and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).



Cutting the ribbon on the newly renovated Animal Shelter are (from left) Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr., Michael Frey, Pat Herrity, Tawny Hammond, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Sharon Bulova, Cathy Hudgins and Dave Rohrer.

Honoring County's Devotion to Animals

Shelter's renovation and expansion are celebrated.

> By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

esidents, politicians and even four-footed alumni flocked to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 17, to celebrate completion of its renovation and expansion. It was a long time in coming, so it made the event even sweeter.

"We're making history today for the animal shelter, Animal Services division, police department and county," said shelter Director Tawny Hammond. "Fairfax is a national role model and leader, and it's a very exciting day."

"This is a reality because of leadership all the way from the top leaders in the county down to the boots-on-the-ground volunteers," continued Hammond. "The volunteers are the backbone and foundation of all we do here; they make everything possible.'

Calling the shelter a "great place," county Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said animals provide families and contribute to people's quality of life. "This beautiful facility, wonderful staff and inspiring program signals Fairfax County's commitment to animal services."

"Thank you for your vision, hard work and dedication in making this a reality," she continued. She also noted that, in March, Hammond received a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments leadership award, as did some others involved with

Bulova then presented a resolution from the supervisors congratulating the shelter on its work. It also recognized that the shelter received the 2014 Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for its lifesaving efforts.

"In 2013, Fairfax County was the largest jurisdiction in the U.S. to have an animal-placement rate of 92 percent," said Bulova. "And the shelter took in more than 4,200 animals last year."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said it's "not just about the animals — it's about the volunteers, animal wardens and staff, too." He also acknowledged the efforts of county Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy "who was involved in this



Kamren Keller, 8, whose mom rescues reptiles, happily poses with a ball python.

project early and worked hard to get the funding in the CIP [Capital Improvement Program]."

Herrity said the shelter was built in 1975 and upgraded in the 1980s, but couldn't keep pace with the county's explosive growth. And he noted that the latest, extensive renovation was completed "in four phases over three years without closing the shelter to the public or relocating its services.'

Also celebrating Saturday afternoon was Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), himself an animal aficionado. "I have a German Shepherd, a guinea pig and a chin

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Once Cramped, Outdated; Now Modern, Efficient

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hen the Fairfax County Animal Shelter was built in the early 1970s, it was intended to be a dog pound to handle stray and homeless dogs. Renovated in the mid-1980s, it increased the number of kennels from 48 to 72 to better care for dogs in isolation and quarantine.

But as time went on and the county's human population skyrocketed to more than 1 million, the pet population also increased. Eventually, the shelter began taking in more cats than dogs.

And as area developers constructed higher-density homes — such as townhouses, apartments and condos more people began keeping smaller pets, such as ferrets, snakes, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, rats, iguanas, rabbits and birds. And although it was never designed to

house such exotic creatures, the shelter began receiving them.

Soon, the small, 15,000-square-foot facility became cramped, crowded and outdated. But employees and animals alike had to make do with what little space they had.

By fall 2006, for example, one animalcontrol officer worked next to exposed electrical circuitry at a desk literally inside a closet. Wildlife was stored beneath the printer in the main office and small animals were housed in the same room with their predators

Lining a hallway were ferrets, rabbits, an iguana and, sometimes, birds and guinea pigs. Making matters worse, the air-ventilation system was inadequate to prevent new room solely for small animals such as airborne diseases from spreading from sick to healthy animals.

Meanwhile, then-Shelter Director Karen Diviney had been beseeching the county for help — and, finally, it came. In November 2006, residents passed a public-safety bond

that included \$17 million for a muchneeded shelter renovation and expansion. That started the wheels turning and, in 2011, ground was broken for the shelter's renewal.

It's now nearly doubled in size, to 29,000 square feet, and boasts separate lobbies for adoption and animal receiving, new animalholding spaces, a small-animal room, play yards, training rooms, a new air-ventilation system, more space for employees, a veterinary suite, visitation areas for adopters to meet pets, plus additional parking.

After Saturday's ribbon-cutting for the new improvements, shelter volunteer Rebecca Walter showed visitors around the bunnies and ferrets. "Before the renovation, the room was packed with animals and they were in smaller cages," she said. "We make sure they get socialized and have some 'out time.' And now we can have multiple ani

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Tom Starr with Griffin, a 7month-old Doberman-Labrador he adopted from the shelter in November.

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All Hands on Deck Proves Successful

ometimes, a show of force pays off in a big way — and that's what happened during the Sully District Police Station's recent All Hands on Deck operation.

"Fifty police officers were on duty Friday night, April 11, and nearly 125 citations were written,' said the station commander, Capt. O'Carroll. He was addressing the May 14 meeting of the station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

Besides that, he said, "Eight drunk drivers were taken off the road, including one person with a .14 blood-alcohol content [nearly twice the legal limit].'

O'Carroll also noted that all the officers participat-

ing that night were working on "voluntary, adjusted time and received no overtime pay. There are about 105 sworn officers here, so we had about half the staff out that night."

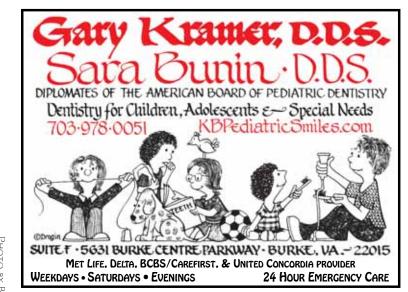
On an average night, he said, "When we have eight to 10 officers out there, we only get one or two drunks



Police Capt. Ed O'Carroll, commander of the Sully District Sta-

off the road. So we could use more officers out on the front line." And as June nears, he also had some advice for local residents. Said O'Carroll: "Be extra cautious this summer as school lets out and young drivers are on the road."

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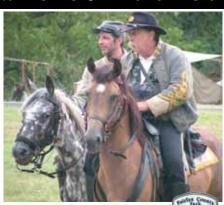
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New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

nside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty or near poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

EDITORIALS "While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty sta-

Taking into consideration the high cost of housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4

> percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 percent).

In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it's important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Connection will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

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Local High Schools Nominated for Cappie Awards

n the realm of high-school theater, the annual Cappie awards are akin to professional theater's Tony awards. And during last week's unveiling of the 2014 Cappie nominations, Westfield High's production of "Little Shop of Horrors" received a whopping 14 nods, including Best

Chantilly High got six nominations, including Best Play, and Centreville High's nod was for Comic Actor in a Play. The winners will be announced June 8 at the 15th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Regarding Connor Gillooly's nomination for Comic Actor in a Play in Centreville's "Funny Money," Theater Director Mike Hudson said, "I'm very proud of his nomination. He has tremendous comic timing and a natural wit that helped him through all this. He works extremely well with everyone, takes direction well and uses it to refine the character in his perfor-

Furthermore, said Hudson, "The cast and crew did a remarkable job, as evidenced by the critiques written by the Cappies critics. I'm very proud of them all; their efforts really paid off with a magnificent show.'

Chantilly Director Ed Monk was also pleased with the recognition garnered by his school's comic play, "The Front Page," and was happy that all his students' hard work was so well-received.

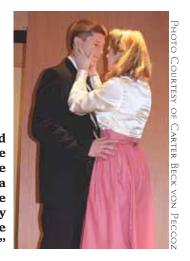
"I am very proud of all of the kids and the job they did," said Monk. "The Best Play nomination is one that I am especially proud of because that encompasses all aspects of the play, and all the kids contributed — make-up, costumes, set, sound, design, props and acting. Because of the high level of competition, I consider just getting nominated a win."

Meanwhile, at Westfield, Director Shannon Lynch said, "We were ecstatic and surprised because we got so many nominations. We were just focused on making a really amazing show and not thinking about the Cappies. But at the end, it's a nice perk because of all the hard work that went into it."

"The kids were happy and excited, and now it's all about getting ready for the Cappies Gala," she continued. "Actually, getting the Best Musical nomination, in and of itself, is affirmation enough that the kids did a wonderful job. If they come home from the Cappies Gala with some awards, it's icing on the cake — and they've already got the cake."

TJ Vinsavich and Samantha Dempsey as Seymour and **Audrey in Westfield** High's "Little Shop of Horrors."

> **Lovebirds Peter and** Hildy (Sam McKee and Brooke Johnson) share a tender embrace during Chantilly High's play, "The Front Page."



Cappie Count

The Cappie nominations for Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools are as follows:

❖ Centreville – "Funny Money"

Comic Actor in a Play: Connor Gillooly.

Chantilly – "The Front Page"

Props: Chantilly props team. Special Effects/Technology: Chantilly tech

Comic Actor in a Play: Gonzalo Izquierdo. Lead Actress in a Play: Brooke Johnson Lead Actor in a Play: Diego Encarnacion.

Best Play: "The Front Page." **❖ Westfield** – "Little Shop of Horrors" Lighting: Kristen Chiama, Allison Tickner. Sets: Brandon Sanchez.

Costumes: Zoe Hawryluk, Morgan Perigard.

Make-up: Destinee Bricko, Zoe Hawryluk, Morgan

Props: Stephen Cox, Sarah Dickenson, David Koenigsberg, Emily Tobin.

Choreography: Selena Clyde-Galindo, Meredith Mehegan, Ola Pozor.

Featured Actor: Julian Sanchez. Comic Actor in a Musical: Zack Walsh. Supporting Actor in a Musical: Brandon Sanchez. Lead Actress in a Musical: Samantha Dempsey. Lead Actor in a Musical: TJ Vinsavich.

Song: "Dentist." Best Musical: "Little Shop of Horrors."

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Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/ senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Girls Basketball Camp. The Chantilly High School Girls Basketball Program will be hosting its summer basketball camp for girls ages 7-15 this summer. Session II runs June 30-July 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for ages 7-13 only. Tuition is \$120. Session III runs July 7-July 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., for ages 7-15. Tuition is \$150. Session I has been canceled this year. Information and registration forms at www.chantillysports.org under Varsity Girls Basketball, Camps and Clinics. Walk-ups for each session are welcome.

Girls Basketball Camp. Centreville High School will host summer basketball camp for girls age 8-16 July 14-17 from 6-9 p.m. The camp will emphasize teaching players how to understand the game, skills development, defense fundamentals and more. Takes place at the Centreville High School gym. \$120 before July 1 and \$150 after. Call 703-815-3362

Young Actors' Workshop. For elementary students in rising grades 2-6 to learn about theatre arts. Runs July 21-25, 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Tuition is \$125. The musical theatre camp includes theatre games, improvisation, acting exercises, songs and dances and culminates with a show from musical comedy classics. Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Westfield Theatre alumni and current students. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for or call 703-488-6439. Space is limited.

Boys Basketball Camp. Centreville and Westfield High School work together to offer three sessions of basketball camp for ages 7-15 Session one runs from July 7-11, session two July 14-18 and session 3 July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Cost is \$150 per session for May registrants, \$160 per session for June registrants and \$170 in July.
Discounts available. Camps feature free throw contests, a daily raffle, championship tournament and more. Contact coach Doug Ewell at 703-488-6406 or DPEwell@fcps.edu or Coach Patrick Hally at patrickthally@gmail.com for more.

Girls Field Hockey Camp.

Centreville High School will host field hockey camp for girls going into 4th-9th grade. Runs June 26-27 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the new Centreville High School practice field/hockey turf field. \$100 per camper. Participants should bring a field hockey stick, shin guards, mouth guard, turf appropriate shoes,

snack, and own water bottle each day. Visit www.wearecville.com/ camps/field_hockey_camp_flyer.pdf for more.

Girls Lacrosse Camp. Centreville High School will host girls lacrosse camp July 7-9 from 9 a.m.-noon for players age 8-17. The goal of the camp is to improve skills through drills, scrimmages and instruction. Held at the Centreville High School athletic fields. \$100 per player. Participants should bring a lacrosse stick, mouth guard, cleats or tennis shoes, goggles and a water bottle. Free equipment rental is also available. Visit http:// cvhsboyslacrosse.weebly.com or contact Coach Griel at 703-915-2068 or cvhsglax33@gmail.com for more.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

PJ Library Book Buddies. 2 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and fun that relate to Jewish culture, traditions and holidays. Enjoy movement and crafts along with stories. Age 2.5-5 with adult, siblings welcome. Contact Jennifer.DeAngelis@jccnv.org of the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia for more

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Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-

Jazz Music. 7-9 p.m. at Centreville High School Cafeteria, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Centreville High School JazzCats and professional musicians Dave Detwiler & The White House Band perform in the 5th annual JazzCats Café. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door includes admission and refreshments. Email jazzcatstix@yahoo.com or visit http:/ /cvhsband.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Plant Clinic. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883

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SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Wine Tasting Fundraiser. 1-5 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. The Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter host "Wine, Whiskers, and Wags, with appetizers and desserts and a silent auction. Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. Proceeds to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Visit www.ffcas.org/?page_id=452.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Writers of Chantilly. 6:45 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Share work and give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Call 703-502-

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Teen Book Club. 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A book discussion group for teens. Call 703-502-3883. **Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly

Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and a blanket for storytime. For ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

Mystery Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Call 703-502-

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

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SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Kaleidoscope Adaptive Storytime.

10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories, songs and movement in a welcoming atmosphere for children of all ages on the autism spectrum and with other developmental challenges. Call 703-502-3883.

Plant Clinic. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Model Train Display. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will have a display of N gauge trains running. Museum members and children under 5, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

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MONDAY/JUNE 9

Frying Pan Farm at the Library. 2

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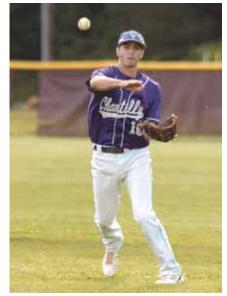




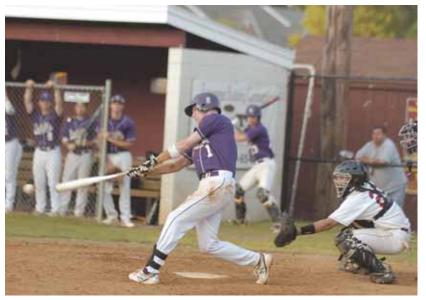




SPORTS



Second baseman Ben McGrath and the Chantilly baseball team lost to Oakton 5-1 in the Conference 5 championship game



Chantilly center fielder Mike Sciorra drove in the Chargers' lone run with a sixth-inning double in the Conference 5 championship game on May 26 at Oakton.



Chantilly head coach Kevin Ford meets starting pitcher Austin Margarida, left, on the mound during the Conference 5 championship game.

Margarida allowed two runs in five-plus innings.

Chantilly Baseball Team Falls Short in Conference 5 Final

Chargers lose to Oakton.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

ommy Lopez's performance during the 2014 baseball season earned him Conference 5's top individual honor: Player of the Year.

On May 26, the left-handed, strike-throwing senior helped determine he pitched for the conference's best team, as well.

Lopez tossed a complete-game three-hitter against the Chantilly Chargers, leading the Oakton Cougars to a 5-1 victory in the Conference 5 championship game at Oakton High School. Lopez allowed one earned run over seven innings while walking none and striking out six.

"I got Player of the Year," Lopez said, "so I kind of felt like I needed to put the team on my back a little bit and just kind of go out there and win this game."

Lopez put Oakton in position to win by getting ahead in the count. No. 7 tossed a first-pitch strike to 21 of the 24 batters he faced. He threw 60 of 80 pitches for strikes and went to just two three-ball counts.

How important is working ahead for Lopez?

"It's really important, because I don't have an overpowering fastball, so I have to hit my spots," he said. "When I hit them early, I can come back with the off-speed [pitches] that I really like to [throw]. It just makes pitching so much easier."

Lopez allowed just one infield single through the first five innings. Chantilly finally broke through in the sixth, when center fielder Mike Sciorra drove in a run with a two-out double, tying the score at 1. Oakton responded with four runs in the bottom half, however, and Lopez retired the Chargers in order in the seventh.

"He was just outstanding," Oakton head coach Justin Janis said about Lopez. "He just needed to be himself tonight and that's exactly what he did. [He] just [pounded] the strike zone, he mixed his pitches up and that's going to work in high school."

It was the second year in a row Oakton defeated Chantilly in the Conference 5/Concorde District championship game. Last year, the Cougars beat the Chargers 5-4.

"I feel good about us moving forward [to the regional tournament], but it's a tough game," Chantilly head coach Kevin Ford said about Monday's loss. "Two years in a row."

Last year, Chantilly's season ended with a loss to Lake Braddock in the opening round of the regional tournament. Oakton would finish Northern Region runner-up and advance to the state semifinals. The Cougars graduated several standouts from that team, including second baseman Joey Bartosic (George Washington University), shortstop Mitchell Carroll (UMBC) and outfielder Brian Burns (Mary Washington), but Oakton managed to repeat as champions.

"Every [title] is special in its own way," Janis said. "This is a team [from which] I didn't know what to expect coming into this year, I really didn't. They've really just kind of answered every challenge we threw at them. I'm just really proud of these guys. So many of them put in a lot of time to be good baseball players and I think the game is paying them back a little bit."

Oakton had some young players step up in big moments Monday night. With the score tied at 1 in the bottom of the sixth, sophomore pinch hitter Chris Ivener loaded the bases when his 10-pitch at-bat ended in a walk. Sophomore right fielder Kyle Christy and freshman center fielder Ryan Davis followed with back-to-back RBI singles, giving the Cougars a 3-1 advantage. Oakton would add two more runs on a Chantilly error.

"It was definitely a big loss for us," Christy said of graduating several standouts from the 2013 team, "but in a way it was also a big gain because we really stepped up. We knew that we lost some key players. We prepared ourselves really well for that. We knew what we needed to get done and we

did it. We're here now, so obviously it's working."

How did Davis feel being a freshman with a chance to come through in a pressure situation?

"Honestly, to me, it always feels just like any of my other at-bats," Davis said about his sixth-inning trip to the plate. "It's the same thing: pitcher pitches the ball, you hit the ball. Plus, there was a little pressure taken off — Kyle had a great hit and got that run in. I had confidence that he would do that because he's a great hitter."

Christy and Davis each finished 2-for-3 with an RBI. Sophomore shortstop Joe Rizzo went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Lopez, senior catcher Brandon Brodsky, senior first baseman Dale Good, junior designated hitter Cooper Mitchell, and junior third baseman Connor Jones each had one hit for Oakton.

Chantilly starting pitcher Austin Margarida suffered the tough-luck loss. The senior right-hander allowed two runs and seven hits over five-plus innings. He hit one batter and struck out three. Ford pulled Margarida after he allowed a leadoff single to Lopez, Oakton's cleanup hitter, in the sixth inning with the score tied at 1. Lopez's courtesy runner, Matt Tanenbaum, came around to score with Chantilly reliever Matt Hogle on the mound.

"I thought we played well," Ford said. "[Oakton] played a great game. They played a mistake-free game, their pitcher threw strikes and we just didn't quite hit it enough to get us in a good spot. Hats off to them. They beat us tonight. ... [Margardia] gave us everything you could ask for. He kept us in the game. He's throwing against the Player of the Year in the district. He did awesome."

Sciorra went 2-for-3 for Chantilly. Right fielder Andrew Cragg finished 1-for-2 with.

Oakton (14-7) will host McLean at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 30 in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament. Chantilly (13-7) will host Washington-Lee at 3:30 p.m.



Champions at Fundraising Tournament

Stars Prime and Stars Red played for the championship last weekend in the Kyle's Kamp tournament to raise money and awareness for Children's Hospital in the fight against pediatric cancer. More than 100 teams participated, raising \$335,000. Stars Prime won six straight games through Sunday to become the 13U Kyle's Kamp Champions.

Celebrating Shelter's Renovation, Expansion

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chilla," he said. "This is such a joy to be here."

He said a National War Dogs monument, dedicated to military dogs, will be located at this shelter. Frey also said the marker in the dog-walking area — previously dedicated to the late Susan Hall — "a veterinarian who gave an incredible amount of time to the shelter and worked hard to get the animal runs here" — would be rededicated.

Then, to everyone who supports the shelter, he said, "Thank you for all that you've done. Our county understands the importance of companion animals in our lives."

Deputy County Executive (and former county Police Chief) Dave Rohrer recalled when Animal Control and the animal shelter came under the Police Department's control. And he remembered how former Shelter Director Karen Diviney kept telling him about the shelter's cramped conditions and need for expansion.

"We've changed so much in terms of a community philosophy of what we want to do to protect and better the welfare of the animals," said Rohrer. He also noted that Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer was an animal-shelter "champion behind the scenes," as are Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter President Evelyn Grieve and Animal Services.

"Dr. Diviney helped drive so much of the change and was truly an advocate for the shelter," continued Rohrer. "And I'm confident in the leadership we have today."

County Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr. also praised Diviney's vision. "On her last day of work before she retired, we completed the first

new wing of the shelter, and now she's here for the reopening," he said. "The training room was her idea, and it shall bear the name, 'The Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room."

Taking the podium, Diviney said, "I'm humbled and honored. This shelter stands as a symbol and a testament to the will of a community to end the needless euthanasia of homeless animals." She, too, thanked all those who'd made the shelter renewal possible.

And, she added, "I'm in awe of the wonderful achievements happening here every day on behalf of animals, and I'll be forever grateful to have had a part in it."



About to cut the ribbon on the Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room are (from left) Ed Roessler Jr., shelter spokeswoman Kristen Auerbach, Pat Herrity, Tawny Hammond, Karen and Wayne Diviney, Sharon Bulova and Evelyn Grieves, president, Friends of the Animal Shelter.

Once Cramped, Outdated; Now Modern

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mals out at once, for visits from the public, because there's also a separate area behind a barrier for that."

Centreville's Carol and Tom Starr adopted a dog from the shelter six months ago and, on Saturday, he came to the shelter with them while they picked out a buddy for him, a mixed fox hound puppy.

"This is our fourth dog we've adopted from the shelter," said Carol Starr, of the Confederate Ridge community. "The first two lived their whole lives into their teens." Now, she's one of the shelter's biggest cheerleaders.

"There are so many wonderful dogs that need homes, and people can just come right here and get them," she said. "This shelter, the employees and the volunteers are wonderful."

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is at 4500 West Ox Road and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter.

Carol Starr and grandson Daniel Cress, 4, with Scout, a mixed foxhound puppy Starr adopted Saturday.



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Team Up



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Just as "everyone knows Geico can save you 15 percent in 15 minutes," that is, if you watch television, listen to radio, access the Internet or even sit on the beach at Ocean City and watch the single-engine planes flying by pulling banners; so too do people know that when your primary care physician tells you that you need to meet with an oncologist to discuss your recent medical results, you should bring along family, friends, advocates, doctors, lawyers, etc. (your presumptive "team"), because, well, you know why: your life may depend on it.

It's also common, anecdotal knowledge that the patient receiving the diagnosis (in my case, a cancer diagnosis), is likely not hearing as many words as they think they are hearing. Moreover, as much as the patient is listening and concentrating on what the doctor is saying, the shock of the words, especially after the "c" word is uttered, does something to your cognitive functioning. It doesn't exactly stop, but it's no longer working as efficiently. Hours later (or even minutes later, outside of the doctor's office), when you're reviewing and discussing - and attempting to digest the words/diagnosis/prognosis you just heard, and perhaps even consider the treatment protocols recommended and the likely dramatic change in your life/future (heck, present), it all becomes a blur and your memory is hardly what you remember. It's not a blank by any means, but neither is it as clear and concise as you expected it to be.

Having other/multiple sets of ears listening to the same advisory from your oncologist as you the patient hears returns some of the clarity that's missing from your own recollection. Generally speaking, in this environment, there is a need for some dispassionate perspective, and often the patient is way too connected – obviously, to process the information and be the least bit objective. Aside from this need for a team, there is also a need to capture and maybe even synthesize the information presented for future consideration. We didn't, but I've heard stories of patients who had team members with clipboard in hand taking notes and/or using recording devices for replays later. The collection and replay of information helps the patient be certain that what he thinks he heard (or what he's already forgotten) is either correct and/or not lost in the extremely stressful moment. Having an agreed-to sense of what your new reality is, what your treatment options are going forward, what the likely consequences of those options are, and quite frankly, what the likely outcome is for all of it, is a tremendous amount of information to keep together and in some kind of order when your brain has just been split apart (figuratively speaking) by words you thought you'd never hear: "cancer, terminal, inoperable" said in your direction.

Unfortunately, there's no real preparation or training for this kind of experience. As strong and as capable as you may think you are, a cancer diagnosis disrupts everything. At the initial meeting with your oncologist, what you hear and what yo remember are not always the same. "Team" members can confirm what was said, and there's lots of comfort in that at a time when, somehow, some way, you need to be comfortable.

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20124 to consider a proposed FY2015 Town Budget. The
FY2015 proposed Town Budget will be posted the Town's
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JUNE 3, 2014
Notice is hereby given that the Clifton Town Council will hold a

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local father and son received the police Saved by the Belt award at the May 14 meeting of the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee. They are Michael Spillane and his now 3-year-old, Evan.

Police Officer Sheila Ayers responded to their car accident and submitted the details of the crash to the Saved by the Belt award committee for consideration. It involved a slick road and an animal that suddenly appeared in the roadway.

The incident occurred Nov. 1, 2013, around 11 a.m. With his then 2-year-old son safely belted into his car seat, Spillane was driving his Nissan X-Terra east on Walney Road past Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. The roadway was wet, but all was well until an animal ran into the road and Spillane swerved to avoid hitting it. However, in so doing, the vehicle struck a tree and plunged down an embankment before coming to

"As I came over a hill on Walney, I thought I saw a dog — it turned out to be a woodchuck - and my vehicle fishtailed on the road," said Spillane. "It struck an oak tree, rolled down an embankment and ended up in a drainage ditch."

The roof of the SUV caved in on top of Evan, who was properly secured in his car seat. "With the proper use of his car seat, Evan escaped possibly fatal injuries," wrote Ayers. "Spillane was properly using his lap and shoulder belt and was also able to escape with minor injuries."

As he gave the Saved by the Belt award to Spillane, Capt. Ed O'Carroll, commander of the Sully District Station, said, "We're very proud of this family. And I present this award in partnership with the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. That was a horrific crash and we're grateful that he and Evan walked away."

Bonnie Hobbs

Roundups

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a high price for stolen vehicles. VIT etching is a safe and economical deterrent to auto theft because VIN-etched windows help police detect and identify stolen vehicles.

So this event will enable local residents to have their vehicles etched. They may also chat with some of the officers and learn new information about preventing auto theft. Some insurance companies even offer a discount for VIN-etched vehicles. Etching is easy and fast: vehicles will be etched in order of arrival. Sponsoring this event are the Fairfax County Police Department and the Virginia State Police H.E.A.T. (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) program.

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SUMMER PROGRAMS

Registration will be closing soon for several Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) summer programs. Parents can find registration information online at www.fcps.edu/is/summer/ index.shtml. Registration ends May

Elementary Institute for the Arts. Designed for students currently in grades 3-5, E-IFTA offers participants a total immersion in the arts as they rotate through classes in dance drama, music, and visual art. Will be held July 7-18 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Institute for the Arts. Designed for students currently in grades 6-11, IFTA allows students to create, perform, experiment, and explore all in various music, dance, visual art, and theatre venues. Will be held July 7-31 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-

STEM Camp. STEM (science,

technology, engineering, and math) Camp is a one-week camp for students currently in grades 3-5 to explore careers and technology as they rotate through activities focused on science- and mathematics-related concepts through hands-on engineering activities. Will be available in two sessions at Robinson Secondary School: July 7-11 and July 28-August 1, both from 8:30 a.m. to

2 p.m., daily. **Tech Adventure Camp**. This camp allows students to explore careers and technology by rotating through eight sessions including graphic design, automotive technology, culinary arts, television production, robotics, and computer technology. Will be held July 14-25 at Robinson Secondary School from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for students currently in grades

ESOL Math. For FCPS high school English learners who are in FAST Math and want the opportunity to build the math skills necessary to be successful in Algebra 1. Held at West Springfield High School July 7-25.

Online ESOL. For current middle and high school English learners who want to continue to develop their English language proficiency in an online classroom with an ESOL teacher. Held July 7-25.

Registration ends **June 6** for: **Thomas Jefferson High School for**

Science and Technology

Academic Summer School. Current TJHSST students and incoming freshmen choose from a variety of courses for academic credit for this program. Will be held July 7-

Aug. 7 at Woodson High School.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Middle **School Technology Institute**. Students currently in grades 7 and 8 will be introduced to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) through weeklong sessions that allow them to explore a STEM topic of interest. Will be held July 14-August 8 at Woodson High School.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Eye Health Program. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at JCC of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. "Tour of the Eye" with Amy Nicholas-Hwang, ophthalmologist. Bring a dairy brown bag lunch (no meat). Beverage and dessert provided. Free glaucoma screenings 11 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3 p.m. To register for a screening, call 703-537-3095.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Employment Expo. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Seminars on changing careers, online job searching, continuing education, starting your own business, job training, resume critiquing and job interviewing. For those 50+ looking for a job or a career change. Free, no registration necessary. Visit www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/event/50employment-expo.

FRIDAY/MAY 30-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

The annual Fair Oaks Prom Dress

Shop is run by students from Centreville High School and the Fair Oaks Classroom on the Mall program. Donations of stylish, high-quality, dry-cleaned prom dresses and select accessories can either be dropped off in the main office of Centreville High School 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or at the shop in Fair Oaks Mall, on the upper level in the former Champps Restaurant between Corner Bakery and Texas de Brazil. The store is open for both accepting donations and shopping on May 30-June 1, 4-7 p.m. Friday, 2-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Students from any area high school who need a prom dress and do not have the funds to

purchase one can come to the Prom Dress Shop. They must show a valid student ID or other form of school identification to select a free dress. Email mlschick@fcps.edu for more.

THROUGH MAY 31

National Hurricane Preparedness

Week. Residents can buy up to \$60 worth of preparedness items and pay no sales tax. This includes, among other emergency preparedness items flashlights, batteries, radios, cell phone chargers, duct tape, first aid kits, bottled water, buckets, tarps and more. Portable generators under \$1,000 also are tax-free as well as gas-powered chainsaws costing \$350 or less. All Virginia retailers participate in the tax-free holiday. For more on the sales tax holiday, including a full list of tax-exempt items, see www.vaemergency.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

ESL Book Club. 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-502-

Scholar Society Workshop. Noon-1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Scholar Society is hosting workshops for middle school students. May 31 workshop will feature FCPS school board member Ryan McElveen. Registration required. Visit scholarsociety.webs.com or call 703-

 $\textbf{English Conversation Group.}\ 3:30$ p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

Application Deadline. The Writers of Chantilly is sponsoring a free writing contest open to middle and high school students in Fairfax County. Students are invited to write an original essay, short story or poem on the theme "Unfinished Business"— about a goal, a regret, or something left incomplete or unresolved in the past. First through third place winners will read their work at an author event Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Winners also will receive a writing prize package, and have their work published. Only one entry per author, written by students reflecting their own original ideas. Only unpublished works, and previous winners of a Writers of Chantilly writing contest are not eligible. Entries must be 1,000 words maximum, typed in English and postmarked/received by May 31. Include name, grade, school, mailing address, email address and phone number. Pieces will be judged on creativity, content and structure (stories and essays should have a beginning, middle and end; poems may be free verse). Fiction or nonfiction stories welcome. Email entries to WOCwritingcontest@gmail.com. Visit

writersofchantilly.blogspot.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Kindergarten Registration, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary, 5301 Sully Station Drive, Centreville. Bring an original_birth certificate, proof of residency (lease or deed), driver's license and or passport along with the physical/immunization records. Call the school office at 703-633-7500 for registration forms.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-830-

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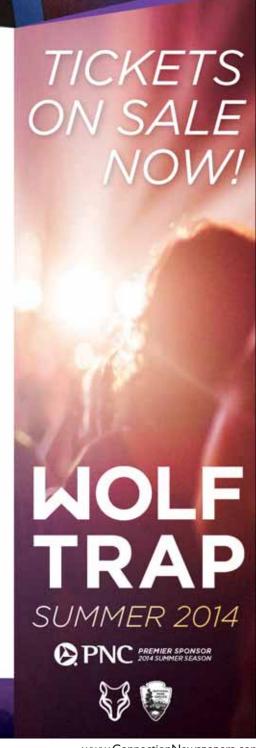
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here are several area locations offering family-friendly, summer fun. From stepping back in time at Frying Pan Farm Park to the big splash at Atlantis Waterpark, there are a variety of options for keeping everyone entertained.

SULLY HISTORIC SITE

Completed in 1799 by Richard Bland Lee, the main house at Sully combines aspects of Georgian and Federal architecture and tours are given on the hour. Outside walking tours of the original outbuildings and slave quarters are given at 2 p.m. through mid-November. Tours are \$7 for adults, \$6 for students (16 and up with student I.D.), \$5 for seniors (65 and up) and \$5 for children (ages 5-15). Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly and open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily except Tuesdays and some holidays. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site for more.

BULL RUN REGIONAL PARK

The park includes a special events center which is a venue for activities and events including concerts, craft fairs, athletic competitions, circuses, dog and equestrian shows, historic reenactments, and ethnic festivals. Campsites available at Bull Run Campground include RV sites, tent sites, rustic cabins and group camping areas. All sites have a charcoal grill, fire ring and picnic table. There are two bathhouses in the campground that offer hot showers, sinks, toilets and laundry facilities. Camping fees range from \$26-\$41. Bull Run Regional Park is located at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/ bull run for more.

Bull Run Marina, located on the waters of the Occoquan Reservoir, is part of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's 5,000 acres of preserved Bull Run-Occoquan Stream Valley land. The water at this location offers opportunities



Frying Pan Farm Park



for high school crew practice and fishing and boating. When seasonally unstaffed, those wishing to launch watercraft at the marina may purchase a season pass and gate key at Fountainhead Regional Park 703-250-9124, located downstream at 10875 Hampton Road. Those wishing to hike the trails or fish from the shore may park in the lot across and up the road from the marina and walk down, keeping in mind that all patrons must be out of the park by dark. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/bull_run_marina for more.

Atlantis Waterpark is part of Bull Run Regional Park and features two large water slides and waterfalls. Hours vary but the waterpark is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. weekends until Sept. 1 and various hours during the week beginning June 18. Ticket prices range from \$5-\$8 with season passes available. Visit www.atlantisbullrun.com/ for more.

FRYING PAN FARM PARK

The park preserves and interprets the

1920s through 1950s through farming, agricultural process and rural community life. The park includes wagon rides, a country store, visitor center, and animals such as cows, pigs, goats, horses, rabbits and a peacock. Cow milking occurs daily at 4 p.m. There are frequent special activities such as "Food Wars!" and "Farm Animal Safaris" great for the entire family. The farm is also a regional equestrian center featuring free events. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon and open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit http://fryingpanpark.org.

SPLASHDOWN WATERPARK

The 13-acre Splashdown features two four-story water slides, sand volleyball, a lazy river and more. Splashdown is the largest waterpark in Northern Virginia. Admission ranges from \$9-\$14.95 and season passes are available. Splashdown Waterpark is located at 7500 Ben Lomond Park Drive, Manassas and summer hours vary. Visit www.splashdownwaterpark.com.

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emoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Visit www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 6 **Twilight Tattoo: A Military**

Pageant, Arlington. 7 p.m. For Myer, Arlington. Listen to an hour long ceremony by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the U.S. Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, as well as many more Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/ MAY 29-JUNE 1

34th Annual Herndon Festival. The Town of Herndon's Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual Herndon Festival. This is a town-wide event and attracts more than 80,000 people from the greater Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area. There is no admission fee to enter the Herndon Festival. Visit www.herndonfestival.net for more

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Spring into Summer. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tysons West, 1500 Cornerside Blvd., Tysons Corner. Activities for all ages, olus goodies, sidewalk chalking, opscotch, and a bouncy house. Bring bikes for donation to Bikes for the World. Free. Rain or shine. Call 703-

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Great Tastes of Tysons. 1-6 p.m. Lerner Town Square at Tysons II, 8025 Galleria Drive, at the Tysons Corner Metro Stop (between Tysons Corner Mall and the Galleria). Enjoy a festival of all sorts of food. Visit www.tastetysons.com for more.

Vintage Wine and Food Festival Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A fun-filled day with food, musical entertainmen and more. Visit www.vintage

virginia.com for more. **Clifton, Tournaments for Turf:** Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-

Great Falls Studios Spring Art Show & Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. 790 Walker Road, Great Falls. Twenty-five Great Falls Studios member artists painters in oil acrylic, watercolor and mixed media, potters, photographers jewelers, fiber artists, a weaver and one who works in glass – are

participating. Visit www.greatfallsstudios.com/ calendar.php for more. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park,

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, in the Park begins at dusk. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2

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p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569 0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more

Herndon Festival 5K/10K Races. 7:30 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave, Herndon 703-787-7300.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Reston, Annual Golf Tournament. 7:30 a.m. Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston Proceeds to benefit local elementary schools. Register online at www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center. 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/ schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria, Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/ children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/ canine-cruise.php.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Relay for Life. 1 p.m. Herndon Middle School. 901 Locust St., Herndon. Visit www.relayforlife.org for more. **Historic Fairfax City Walking**

Tours. 11 a.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. Join a seasoned tour guide for a walk through the historic section of Fairfax, featuring the Old Courthouse and other historic sites. Approximately 90 minutes, weather permitting. \$3-\$15. Call 703-385-8414.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-8 Lake Anne Plaza's Chalk on the

Water Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza Waterfront, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. If you ever wanted to paint the bricks without getting in trouble, all ages are welcome to paint Lake Anne Plaza in a Technicolor hue as participants turns the plaza into a chalk art gallery. \$5-\$15. Register at ww.chalkonthewater.com for more.

SUNDAY JUNE 8

Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. p.m. (sundown). Recurring monthly on the 2nd Sunday (July 13, Aug. 10 and Sept. 14). Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. For a full list of films shown, visit http:// summer-film-festival/

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-AUG. 28 Take a Break Concert Series. 7-9

p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11404 Washington Plaza W, Reston. On Thursdays, take a break with this 1, and July 4. Watermine park opens

take-a-break.shtml for weekly lineup

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-14

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston, Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15 Tinner Hill Blues Festival. Various locations around Falls Church. The Tinner Hill Blues Festival is the only three-day event in Falls Church. There will be all kinds of blues for all ages, all weekend, all over town. Visit http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival for

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass. pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/

calendar-of-events.html for more

Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, buttonbox accordion zither and mountain dulcimer. Visit www.workhouse arts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most maginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-

584-2900.

Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage, ecreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. nside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids Visit http://becomeapilot.si.edu for

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner, Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited t first 48 teams. Registration begins

two weeks prior to event, \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ JUNE 14-15 **Engine #62 Trackless Train Rides** at Lake Fairfax. 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Hit the pool and hitch a ride on the trackless train, running on the second week of June, July, and Aug. Special runs also May 31. June

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Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are

ecome a Pilot Family Day and

Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 SUNDAY/JUNE 15 Sully Antique Car Show. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Up to 400 cars on show field, restoration displays, tour the historic house, music and food, kid's tent, flea market, cars for sale. \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6 per child. Historic house will be open at no additional cost. Visit ww.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sullyhistoric-site.

5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Join us for our 5th annual Father's Day gourmet Cuban Lechung Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for

May 24. \$3. Call 703-471-5416.

Strawberry Festival. 2 p.m. Ellanor (Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Play croquet, savor strawberry ice cream and learn school lessons about Machens grove. Visit www.parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov for

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org for

When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday,

June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax

County Government Center, 12000 Gov-

ernment Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Satur-

day, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and

Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit

http://celebratefairfax.com/ for details.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of

Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting

zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course Short Game Challenge. 8 a.m. 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. 703 471-5769. Visit www.herndongolf.com for more.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 25-AUG. 20 Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks.

10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to ive entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks Call 703-437-9101.

Braddock Nights Concert Series 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

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SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Alex Childs, of Springfield,

midway game Wipeout at

tests his agility in the

the three-day 2013 Cel-

ebrate Fairfax Festival

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601. E.C. Lawrence Arts in the Parks.

10-11 a.m. E.C. Lawrence Park Amphitheater, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks.703-631-0013.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29 2nd Annual Tour de Tysons Bicycle

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Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest communitywide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit http://celebratefairfax.com or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

Races. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Jones

Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. Ten

vendors. The Tour de Tysons is a fun

bicycle races, food trucks and

compete or simply enjoy. Visit

Summer Concert Series: The

airandspace.si.edu/events/

Great Falls Fourth of July

FRIDAY/JULY 4

parade.

detail.cfm?id=10362 for more.

experience for the whole family –

United States Navy Band, The

Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly.

Listen to a free musical performance

on the Museum's lawn. Visit http://

Celebration. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Great

Road, Great Falls. Walk/run, parades.

Turner Farm Park on Saturday, July

. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org

Lorton's Fourth of July Parade. 11

a.m.-2 p.m. VRE Parking Lot. 8990

fourth annual Independence Day

Mount Vernon's An American

Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton, Lorton's

Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George

Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200

Mount Vernon Memorial Highway,

colors fired over the Potomac River.

Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic

festivities, fun and food. Fireworks at

Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker

Commodores. 6-7 p.m. 14390 Air &

couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." Visit www.mountvernon.org for more Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon unity Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting,

www.herndon-va.gov for more. Fairfax's Independence Day **Celebration.** 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/specialevents/independence-day-celebration.

balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit www.cliftonfilm fest.com/index.html for more.

MONDAY/JULY 28

Herndon Centennial Junior Open 8 a.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, Open to kids of all skill levels to come and enjoy the thrill of competition. Visit http://herndon-va.gov for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2-SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. a McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition, Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Bolivian Independence Day Children's Festival. 4:30 p.m. GMU, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A Bolivian Independence Day celebration complete with dance, music and singing. Tickets: \$10-\$15. Visit

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

National Night Out. 6- 9 p.m. Strengthen community connections and heighten crime-prevention awareness in the City of Fairfax, Visit www.bonniebrae.net for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10 Arlington County Fair. Thomas

Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us.

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START SUMMER OFF - at Wolf Trap —

As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final D.C.-area performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12 Ringo Starr & His All Starr

Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets \$35-\$65

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthr soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Caiun zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets:

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m.

Hall of Famers are the most

Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All

on the big screen including

"Finding Nemo," "Up," "Toy

Story," and "Monsters, Inc.,

Orchestra, Tickets: \$30-\$58.

up your vocal chords for an

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

paired with memorable scores

played by the National Symphony

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev

ultimate summer night with the

with the hits you're hopelessly

devoted to as the original 1978

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of

Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's

film is projected in-house and on

Rydell High gang and sing-a-long

your favorite animated Pixar films

successful pop duo of all time

Still making your dreams come

true with unforgettable soul and

rock anthems, these Rock and Roll

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 D.C.-area appearance. Γickets: \$25-\$65.

Pixar in Concert: Watch

mated Pixar films on the

Story, and Monsters, Inc.,

paired with memorable

The Sing-Off showcases his new

National Symphony Orchestra.

website for exact showtimes (also

on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday

July 1). New production, sung in

Italian with English supertitles.

Inside the Opera preshow talk

begins one hour before curtain.

arrangements of pop hits with the

piano concerto and orchestral

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check

all your favorite ani-

big screen including

scores played by the

National Symphony

Orchestra June 20.

Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Finding Nemo, Up, Toy

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60. Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also

on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one our before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance, Tickets: \$10-\$48. Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one our before curtain. Tickets: \$36-

the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38. WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

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SUNDAY/AUG. 24

27th Annual Pakistan

Independence Day Festival USA. Noon at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. Visit www.pakistanfestivalusa.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Lake Anne Jazz Festival. 1 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza (Waterfront), 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston Showcasing a variety of talented local emerging artista and national jazz performers. Beer garden on site. Visit lakeanneplaza.com/event/8thannual-jazz-blues-festival/30.

September

MONDAY/SEPT. 1

Herndon Labor Day Festival. Noon-6 p.m. at Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Great music, a craft show, food, 12 wineries and micro-brews and culinary demonstrations. Visit www.herndonva.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT.6-7

37th Annual Burke Centre Festival.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Conservancy Festival Grounds, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Enjoy face painting, food, rides, and other amusements at the Burke Centre Festival. Visit www.burkecentreweb.com for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT 6-SUNDAY/SEPT 28

Live Onstage: Alice in

Wonderland. 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland, \$8-\$12. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Reston Triathlon. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Swim, run and bike at the annual Reston Triathlon. Visit www.restontriathlon.org/tri/.

THURSDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

Fairfax's Fall for the Book

Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. at Lorton Station Town Center. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtown center.com/calendar-of-events.html.

Tysons World Music Festival. 11 a.m.-11 p.m. at Tysons Square Tysons II, Tysons Boulevard. Full day of local and national performers, fine arts, and charity benefit. Visit www.tysonspartnership.com/

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto

exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit

www.planepull.com for more.

Irish Folk Festival. Noon-6 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center and Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Live traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/ special-events/fairfax-irish-folkfestival

Paint Herndon. At ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. An all-day celebration of the arts and the anniversary of the opening of ArtSpace Herndon. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com for more.

Tysons BBQ, Bourbon and Beer. Tysons Townsquare. Join us at the festival for a great day of beer sippin', bourbon tastin', music listenin', cigar smokin', and barbeque eatin'. Visit www.beerandbourbon.com/tysons/ show-info for more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Herndon Kids Triathlon. 8 a.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. This event is designed for youth ages 6-16, regardless of athletic ability or prior triathlon experience. The courses and distances were created to be achievable for all participants. Visit www.herndonva.gov for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Reston Multicultural Festival. 11

a.m.-6 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, Reston. The Reston Multicultural Festival celebrates all the entertainment, dress, food, and cultural treasures from all over the world that are all here in Reston. Rain or shine. Free. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ MulticulturalFestival.shtml

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 2 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Help raise money and support for treatment for Alzheimer's Disease at the annual Walk to End Alzheimer's. Visit act.alz.org for more.

NatureFest. 1-5 p.m. Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway, Herndon. A family-focused event to explore various stations throughout the park that include hands-on activities, educational events, wildlife visitors and crafts. Visit herndon-va.gov for more.

Now...

THROUGH SEPT. 26

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Times vary upon Nationals schedule. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the Potomac River. Online-ticket purchases include free parking. 703-684-0580. Visit www.BaseballBoat.com for more.

THROUGH NOV. 2

Water Taxi to the National Mall.

Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria to Ohio & West Basin Drive SW, Washington, D.C. This 30-minute cruise aboard the Miss Sophie connects D.C. with its oldest neighbor, docking just steps from Smithsonian museums and a Capital Bikeshare station. Visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com or call 703-684-0580 for more.

FARMERS MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at

Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market.

Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7

a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@ alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria, Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Avenue and Snoqualmie Street, Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m. noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. Visit www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org/

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/

FarmersMarket.html. Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center St. South, Vienna. Visit www.viennafarmers

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com

SUNDAYS

market.com.

Clarendon Farmers Market.

Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans,

global imports and health products



8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh

nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more. West End Farmers Market. 8:30

a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-

November. Fresh, locally grown, inseason vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, freshbaked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tysons Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive. Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/ initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakesfarmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM

Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St., Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11

a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernon farmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and ive music some weeks, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-

12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.novaantiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market.

3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/ farmers-market/fair-lakesfarmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and

Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/ rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

farmersmarkets/ annandalemkt.htm Herndon Farmers Market. 8

a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax's Government Center

Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/governmentcntrmrkt.htm.

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm.

ingstowne Farmers Market. 7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31.

Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ parks/farmersmarkets/ kingstownemkt.htm

Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

Celebrate Fairfax! Returns June 6-8

orthern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place June 6-8, 2014 on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of amazing concerts, family programs, green living, thrilling carnival rides and nightly fireworks. Among the festival's highlights are the more than 120 concerts and performances on eight stages, with an exceptional lineup of national, regional and local artists. Included are three fantastic headlining performances.

2014 Headline Entertainment Schedule for the Bud Light Main Stage:

❖ Friday, June 6, at 8 p.m. — THE ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

Starting out in 2003 with their self-titled platinum debut, followed by a double platinum release of Move Along in 2005 including singles "Move Along," "Dirty Little Secrets," and "It Ends Tonight," The All-American Rejects continued to soar the charts with their third album When the World Comes Down in 2008. Their single "Gives You Hell" became their first international hit, the No. 1 most-played song of 2009, spending four weeks at No. 1 at Top 40 radio, and sold four million copies in the U.S. alone. After a short time of musical and personal growth, The All-American Rejects released their fourth album Kids in the Street (2012). This synth-driven album incorporates horns and different instrumentation than the band has used in the past while still boasting their trademark earworm melodies, bright harmonies, and potent rhythmic energy. Lead singer Tyson Ritter said, "... if you were a Rejects fan and maybe have disconnected with us along our journey, Kids in the Street will be the album that reels you back in. And if you've stuck around, then thanks for growing up with us. Because that's what we've been doing for the last ten years - growing up. Audibly."

❖ Saturday, June 7, at 8 p.m. — CHEAP TRICK With timeless classics such as "I Want You to Want Me," "Surrender," and "The Flame," Cheap Trick is a musical institution. Since the '70s they've been blending elements of pop, punk and even metal in a way that is instantly catchy and recognizable. Having performed more than 5,000 shows, with 20 million records sold, 29 movie soundtracks, and 40 gold and platinum recording awards, Cheap Trick was honored in October 2007 by the Chicago Chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences for their contributions to the music industry. Their most current release, The Latest, has garnered glowing reviews worldwide and continues Cheap Trick's reign as power-pop progenitors as they continue their legacy of over 35 years in the music industry.

* Sunday, June 8, at 4:30 p.m. — THE HINTS

The Hunts are an indie-folk band from the southlands of Chesapeake, Virginia. These seven brothers and sisters bring to the stage an amazing chemistry and powerful presence meticulously driven by violin, acoustic and electric guitar, banjo, mando-



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Giant Wheel at Night Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.

lin, accordion, ukulele, piano, and rounded out with crisp harmonies. The Hunts have completed 7 U.S. tours, including performances in 42 states, and traveled worldwide for over 10 years. In November 2012, they released their newest album We Were Young, featuring 10 original songs. The album's first track, "Make This Leap," started receiving airplay from key market radio stations almost immediately after the album's release and was picked up by Milk-Bone for a national commercial in May of 2013. The Hunts recently signed a 6-album deal with Cherrytree Records, a label under the umbrella of Interscope

In addition to the entertainment schedule, there are plenty of enhancements to the already extensive festival programming at Celebrate Fairfax!, including areas such as Greenology, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, the Fairfax is Beautiful Photo Contest, the Craft Beer Garden & Silent Disco, the Fairfax County DockDogs Competition, Emerging Artist Showcase featuring three talented local artists, plus more than 40 carnival rides and attractions, and over 30 food and drink vendors with enough variety to please anyone.

General admission seating is available for all performances; shows are free with daily tickets to the event. Advance tickets are on sale starting May 1 at all Northern Virginia Wegmans locations, and online www.celebratefairfax.com.

The 33rd annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival is a presentation of Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. and will be held Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8, 2014 at the Fairfax County Government Center,12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization commissioned in 1982 by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Its mission, "The Celebration of Fairfax County and Its Communities," is met through the production of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, and educational programs such as Events101. Call 703-324-3247 or visit the website at www.celebratefairfax.com.





lost (adj): 1. unable to find the way.2. not appreciated or understood.3. no longer owned or known



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Summer Fun Food Arts Entertainment

The parking lot between Center Street and Station Street has historically been the site of carnival rides and games during the Herndon Festival.



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Herndon Festival Returns This Weekend

Johnathan Watson, 2, watches a

train go by during the Washing-

ton, Virginia and Maryland

play on the Herndon Town

years ago.

Green at the festival several

Garden Railway Society's dis-

Festival features free entertainment, fireworks and carnival.

> By Reena Singh The Connection

ome one, come all!

The Herndon
Festival will celebrate its 34th year

with a mix of old and new
everything from familiar
concerts and games to a gaming competition that will be
live-streamed.

The free festival will be in historic downtown from Thursday to Sunday, May 29-June 1.

"It's a family-oriented event all the way through," said Herndon Parks and Recreation marketing specialist Abby Kimble. "It's a great start to the summer, a great way to get outside and reconnect."

However, she said pets are not allowed on the festival grounds and she discourages anyone from leaving them in their car.

Nearly every other town of Herndon department is involved in bringing the festival

to fruition every year, including the police department and Department of Public Works.

"Public Works puts it all up and takes it down overnight so we're back to our small town feel," said Director of Parks and Recreation Cindy Roeder.

AS WITH PREVIOUS YEARS, there will be three stages of entertainment, two nights of fireworks, a plethora of food and craft vendors and free live music will be available.

There will be some new components to this year's event as well, including a social media sponsored scavenger hunt.

"I'd encourage people to walk around and find the sponsors and take pictures of them to post on social media," said Kimble. "You can post it on our facebook page or tweet it #herndonfestival."

Winners will receive festival-related prizes, she said

John, Paul, George and Ringo will also make a guest appearance - sort of.

tival.

'We're having our very own British invasion on the downtown green," said Kimble.

Acts include Steve Lauri from The Hollies, The English Channel and Beatles tribute act The Return will have sets at the fes-

A new gaming event, League of the Legends, was organized by two local college students: 20 teams have been competing, and the finalists will have their battle live-streamed on a large screen at the festival.

"I guess you can say its a modern day Dungeons and Dragons," said Kimble.

Two new art displays will be seen this year. The Virginia Tourism Corporation is bringing a 16-foot high "Love" statue as a part of the Virginia is for Lovers campaign. Additionally, a wind art display will be installed on Saturday.

"We try to mix it up with new things every year so it doesn't feel stale," said Kimble. "There's always something fresh to do."

The only money needed is for food, rides and games. Even parking is free - but Kimble has advice for that.

"Take the shuttle," she said. "It will just start your event off on the right foot. Better yet, ride your bike." She said staff will look after any bicycles brought to the event for free.

FAIRFAX CONNECTOR SHUTTLES will leave Herndon High School and Worldgate Centre roughly every 10 minutes, according to Roeder. Kimble said for those who park at Worldgate to walk down Worldgate Drive towards the east to catch the shuttle. Signs will point the way.

"It's a great opportunity for family to come out," said Roeder. "We even have fun roaming entertainment to make it seem like a fun carnival-type event."

For more information and a schedule of events, visit herndonfestival.net.



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Last Year at Herndon Festival

Matt Otis and the Sound performs at the 2013 Herndon Festival.



From left, Zoe Bailey, 8, and Ally French, 8, ride on a slide at the 2013 Herndon Festival.

Rich Potter, otherwise known at Bert the Nerd, performs his act at the 2013 Herndon Festival.

