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Michelle Whitaker's foster dog Waffles is looking for his furever home. He is available for adoption through Lost Dog & Cat Rescue. Visit [www.lostdogrescue.org](http://www.lostdogrescue.org) for more information about him or others available for adoption.

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## COMMUNITY

# WFCM Seeks Community's Help Providing Backpacks

**Hoping to furnish them for 2,000 local schoolchildren.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**estern Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is once more collecting new backpacks for local students in need. It hopes to provide nearly 2,000 backpacks for qualified, low-income children attending 23 different schools in the Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high school pyramids, plus Mountain View High.

But it can't do it alone; it needs the community's help. So it's asking area residents and businesses to donate new backpacks.

"Not many people realize that approximately 56,000 FCPS students are living in poverty and cannot afford basic school supplies and backpacks," said Jennie Bush, WFCM's Community Outreach Manager. "We see families struggling to pay bills and put food on the table, and the stress of getting their children ready for a new school year is heartbreaking."

So, for the sixth year, the nonprofit WFCM is partnering with Collect for Kids in a countywide effort. It's collaborating with

Fairfax County, FCPS and a variety of other, local, nonprofit organizations to furnish high-quality, school backpacks to students in need. And thanks to KidsRFirst, a nonprofit dedicated to education, they'll be filled with school supplies.

"While all students need new school supplies each year, if they receive appropriately sized, good-quality backpacks, they won't need new ones every year," said Bush. "Typically, about one-third of the students on free and reduced-price lunches will receive new backpacks at school."

WFCM provided 1,995 backpacks last year. This time, Westfield High didn't need as many as before, but the amount of backpacks requested by Virginia Run, London Towne and Centreville elementary schools increased.

"We are so fortunate for the community's willingness to help us help these families," said Bush. "We have many churches that have agreed to sponsor an entire school – or two or three – to provide for all their backpack needs. For example, this year, Centreville Baptist and Centreville Presbyterian churches are working together to donate 200 backpacks for students at London Towne."

In addition, some businesses have contributed financially so WFCM can take advantage of backpack sales to help fill in gaps. And this year, it'll be receiving free haircut vouchers in August from Hair

Cuttery so its clients' children may get new haircuts before school.

"We're so grateful for the church, business and individual donors who each do a little to help meet the many needs in the community," said Bush. "It truly is an example of neighbors helping neighbors."

She said one way for local businesses to participate is to hold a backpack drive at the office. Many stores have sales in July and August, and shoppers may take advantage of them for their own children and buy a few extra backpacks to donate to their office's collection.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 8, until Friday, Aug. 19, backpacks may be delivered, Monday-Friday, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., to WFCM's new location at 4511 Daly Drive, Suite J, (off Willard Road) in Chantilly. Its new office and food pantry there will provide a bigger, more flexible space enabling WFCM to better serve its clients.

"Currently, we still need 250 backpacks for elementary-school children and 150 large-sized backpacks for middle- and high-school students," said Bush. "We still have three schools completely uncovered and one high school just partially supplied."

Backpacks should be new, good quality, with padded bottoms and shoulder straps. They should not be sling style, have wheels or be decorated with cartoon characters or corporate logos. The need is greatest at high-school level; these backpacks should



**WFCM's Jennie Bush stands outside Centreville High with some of the backpacks already donated for the coming school year.**

be 20x14x8 inches. Middle-school backpacks should be 18x13x8, and elementary-school backpacks should be 16x12x5.

Bush noted that Costco sells a large, two-compartment, quality backpack from High Sierra for under \$20, which will meet the needs of middle- and high-school students. "We need the community's help," she said. "Good backpacks can really make a positive difference in a child's self-esteem, as well as his or her success in school."

For directions to WFCM's new location, call 703-988-9656. Bring backpack donations to the back door of the food pantry. For more information about the backpack drive or ways to help, contact Bush at [jbush@wfcma.org](mailto:jbush@wfcma.org).

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## Wolfe Sentenced to 41 Years in Prison

Convicted of the  
March 2001 murder  
of Danny Petrole.

BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Except for the prosecutors, no one involved in Justin Wolfe's murder sentencing last week left the courtroom happy. The victim's family still grieves a son, Wolfe's family continues to have a hole in it and Wolfe, himself, has decades more to serve in prison.

He was sentenced last Wednesday, July 20, in Prince William County Circuit Court for his role in a crime that happened 15 years ago – the gangland-style slaying of Danny Petrole. For his charge of first-degree murder, Wolfe received 33 years behind bars, plus five years and three years, respectively, for conspiracy to distribute marijuana and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The sentences are to run consecutively, for a total of 41 years, minus the 15 years he's already served in prison, leaving him 26 more years to serve. (However, with good behavior, Wolfe, now 35, could possibly be released in his 50s).

"This murder was worse than most," said Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh. "It wasn't the product of a flash judgment and emotions – this was planned."



Wolfe

The crime happened March 15, 2001 and involved Centreville High grad Petrole, 21, and Chantilly High grads Wolfe, then 19, and Owen Barber IV, 21. Drugs and money were at the heart of it, and authorities said Wolfe hired Barber to kill Petrole.

At the time, all three were deep into drug dealing. Barber sold low-grade marijuana, called "swag," Petrole sold high-grade "chronic" marijuana and Wolfe bought it from both of them and dealt it to others.

During Wolfe's initial trial in January 2002, Petrole's roommate said Petrole spent \$360,000 a month for 100 pounds of chronic sent to him from Seattle. But he also made big money selling it. After expenses, testified the roommate, Petrole pocketed anywhere from \$100,000 to \$140,000 a



Danny Petrole

month from his drug enterprise.

Meanwhile, Wolfe owed Petrole \$65,000 for marijuana Petrole had fronted him. But Wolfe didn't have the cash to pay him for it so, according to his written confession, he asked Barber to kill him. Barber did so, pumping nine bullets into Petrole outside the victim's Bristow townhouse.

When Wolfe was first tried, his charge was murder-for-hire, a capital offense; and in June 2002, he was sentenced to death. He was also given 33 years for drug and firearm charges.

Barber, who pleaded guilty to the murder, received 38 years in prison. As the triggerman, he, too, would have faced the death penalty but, in return for his testimony against Wolfe, prosecutors reduced his charge from capital murder to first-degree murder.

Over the years, Wolfe maintained his innocence and, after a series of events (see sidebar), he was retried again on slightly



Barber

different charges. He was convicted in March after submitting a written confession to Prince William Circuit Court Judge Carroll Weimer Jr.

At the outset of Wolfe's sentencing last week, Petrole's parents both testified. "March 15, 2001 was the worst day of my life," said his mother, Jane Petrole. "My son was taken from me and my heart was broken. But I have faith in Jesus and believe we'll be together again, one day."

"What I don't understand is how Justin could have done it. [When he was with Danny that night], he shook Danny's hand, looked him in the eye and sent him to his death. And when he heard that Danny had died, he celebrated. Who does this?"

Petrole's father, former secret-service agent Dan Petrole Sr., spoke next, while his wife, two other sons and their wives sat in the front row and listened. "Danny was such a special part of our family," he said. "And

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**"My son was taken  
from me and my  
heart was broken."**

— Jane Petrole,  
victim's mother

## Wolfe, Barber and Petrole: A tale of large-scale drug-dealing, money and murder.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

On March 15, 2001, Centreville High grad Danny Petrole, 21, was shot and killed outside his Bristow townhouse. The crime involved drug-dealing and money, and the shooter – Chantilly High grad Owen Barber IV, 21, who pleaded guilty in court – received 38 years in prison.

Largely on Barber's testimony, Chantilly grad Justin Wolfe was convicted of hiring Barber for the deed and, in June 2002, was sentenced to death. He was also given 33 years in prison for drug and firearm charges.

The murder uncovered a major drug ring that had been operating for some time in the Centreville/Chantilly area. Hundreds of thousands of dollars changed hands regularly, and Wolfe, Barber and Petrole were up to their eyeballs in it.

According to authorities and Wolfe's confession, Petrole had fronted Wolfe some

\$65,000 worth of marijuana, but Wolfe, then almost 20, didn't have the money to pay him back. Wolfe said he'd been spending his own drug-dealing proceeds on cocaine and alcohol. He also said he and Barber planned Petrole's death and agreed that Barber would kill him, they'd split the drugs Petrole was carrying and Wolfe would forgive a debt Barber owed him.

Wolfe wrote that, on the night of Petrole's death, Petrole sold him some marijuana and left. Barber then stalked him by car, while being in constant contact with Wolfe via cell phone. So when Petrole arrived home, Barber was waiting. He fired 10 shots from a 9 mm Smith & Wesson through Petrole's passenger-side window, with all but one bullet finding their mark.

Driving away, Barber tossed the gun into a nearby intersection, where it was quickly found. Both he and Wolfe then fled the state – Barber to California and Wolfe to Florida – but were arrested that April. Meanwhile, Petrole's murder stunned the community

because he was the son of a former Secret Service agent who lived in Virginia Run. And on the surface, he was just a college student who worked part-time delivering flowers.

But when police searched Petrole's belongings following his death, they discovered \$965 in his wallet and \$17,460 in the trunk of his car. In his townhouse were guns, \$120,366 in cash and nearly half a million dollars' worth of ecstasy and marijuana. And during Wolfe's first trial, much of the testimony came from young, self-admitted drug dealers and users in the local area.

In June 2002, Wolfe was sentenced to death and spent 11 years on death row. But because Prince William County prosecutors deliberately withheld information that would have impeached Barber's testimony, in 2011 and 2012, two federal courts vacated Wolfe's convictions and sentences.

Initially facing the death penalty, Barber testified he didn't know Petrole, but killed him because Wolfe hired him. It was later

revealed that prosecutors and a detective influenced Barber to say those things in exchange for his charge being reduced from capital to first-degree murder. And Barber, himself, later recanted his testimony implicating Wolfe.

During a November 2010 hearing in Federal Court in Norfolk, U.S. District Court Judge Raymond Jackson heard evidence not presented previously. Subsequently, in his July 2011 decision to overturn Wolfe's convictions and sentences, Jackson said Wolfe's due-process rights had been violated before and during his capital-murder trial.

In August 2012, citing "prosecutorial misconduct" by Prince William County prosecutors Paul Ebert and Rick Conway, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld Jackson's ruling. But with Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh appointed as special prosecutor, Prince William County decided to retry Wolfe.

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# Honoring Brave Companions

## Paws of Honor provides veterinary care for retired K-9s.

BY DANIELLE GRAE  
THE CONNECTION

Some of our nation's security forces receive no benefits upon retirement— K-9s. Twenty-eight retired K-9s are pa-tients of McLean based 501c not-for- profit Paws of Honor, which pays 100 percent of its retired K-9s' veterinary expenses. Paws of Honor opened six months ago, and according to the organization's founder and president, Bob Youngblood, Paws of Honor expects to serve 60 to 80 dogs by the end of the year.

"We believe these pets should be taken care of and not just discarded at the end of their service life. I mean, they've been jumping out of planes, they've gone to Afghanistan. They're tired, they're sore, and they're worn out," Youngblood said.

Youngblood had the idea for Paws of Honor when he saw K-9s injured in the aftermath of the 9/11 attack on the Pentagon.

"They mostly came in with burnt paws. They had respiratory issues from the smoke and the jet fuel. They hadn't been sleeping in two or three days," Youngblood said.

Human officers receive benefits for their entire lives, whereas K-9s receive no benefits when their service is over. Without Paws of Honor, owners must choose to take on the financial burden, give away their partner or euthanize it.

Youngblood estimated each retired K-9 costs on average \$1,000 per year in veterinary expenses. The K-9s live on average two to three years after retirement.

K-9s participating in Paws of Honor have worked for the CIA, FBI, Pentagon, Secret Service, Homeland Security and state police forces.

"They keep our soldiers safe," Vice President of Paws of Honor and COO of Old Dominion Health Center Cassie Browne said. Youngblood said retired K-9s at Paws of Honor have done multiple war tours, jumped out of planes and automobiles, parachuted and searched for explosives.

One retired K-9 in the program is Buddy, owned by his former partner, Detective for the Loudoun County Sheriff Department, David Orr. Orr worked as an Explosives Detection Canine Handler for Loudoun County from May 2012 until Buddy retired in 2016 at six-and-a-half years old due to seizures.

"What [Paws of Honor does] is invaluable. I don't know of any departments that actually cover any medical expenses for K-9s when they retire. And that's where Paws of Honor comes in to fill that void," Orr said.

Youngblood hopes Congress will extend health care benefits to retired K-9s, but until then Paws of Honor needs to raise enough funds to care for its patients.



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**Retired Explosives Detection K-9 Buddy and his partner Detective David Orr of Loudoun County outside on a beautiful day.**



**Retired Explosives Detection K-9 Buddy proudly displays his collar.**

Paws of Honor is based in McLean in Old Dominion Animal Health Center, which has donated space and veterinarians. Paws of Honor is seeking donations. Without further donations, the organization may be forced to turn away retired K-9s. Paws of Honor plans to hold fundraisers where the public will be able to meet some of the retired K-9s and see them perform tricks. Tickets will be on sale in August. Paws of Honor also receives donations at [www.pawsofhonor.org](http://www.pawsofhonor.org) and features photos and background stories on some of its K-9s.



# A Tale of Drug-Dealing, Money and Murder

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The proceedings remained in Circuit Court there and, this time, the charges included felony murder and engaging in a continuous criminal enterprise. And once again, Wolfe faced the death penalty – all the while maintaining his innocence.

However, justice moved slowly. With a slew of pre-trial motions, several changes in defense attorneys and a failed attempt at a Supreme Court hearing, the case dragged on for years with no end in sight – until Wolfe made a surprising confession. In a March 19 letter in which he spoke directly to Petrole's parents, he apologized for his actions and admitted giving the go-ahead to Barber to kill their son.

Wolfe said he'd fallen behind in

the money he owed Petrole for shipments of marijuana to sell to his own customers, and he realized the best way to end his debt was to get rid of Petrole. "I am responsible for Danny's death, even though I did not pull the trigger," wrote Wolfe. "If I had not been involved, Danny would never have been killed."

**"We are not the sum total of the worst thing we ever did, nor is Justin Wolfe."**

— Joseph Flood, defense attorney

Circuit Court Judge Carroll Weimer Jr. officially accepted the letter into evidence on March 29. Meanwhile, Wolfe's at-

torneys made a plea deal with the prosecution, taking the death penalty off the table. Wolfe then pleaded guilty to first-degree murder, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and conspiracy to distribute marijuana. And his sentencing range was set at 29-41 years.

## Police Investigate Three Reported Shooting Incidents

Detectives from the Sully District Fairfax County Police station continue to investigate three incidents of homes being fired on in Clifton and Fairfax Station. They don't know yet whether the event are related, but don't believe the acts of violence to be random either.

A 55-year-old male victim reported his house on Henderson Court in Clifton was fired on twice: once on July 15 around 6 p.m. and again around 2 p.m. on July 19.

In the most recent incident, police said the man reported someone struck his garage with about six shots. They added that a white sedan was seen leaving the area around that time.

During both incidents in Clifton, the victim's family was at home, however no one was injured.

The second location, and third firing incident,

was at a home on Yates Ford Drive in Fairfax Station on July 16. Police said investigators determined shots were fired between 2 and 3 a.m. that morning. The side of the family's house and garage were struck, with two windows being damaged.

The 56-year-old male victim and his family were also home at the time; again, no one was injured.

In this case, police said, a dark-colored sport utility vehicle was spotted leaving the area.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

— TIM PETERSON

## CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station.

**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY:** 6000 block of Centreville Crest Lane, July 17, 9:29 a.m. Two males entered the store and demanded money. One of the suspects assaulted an employee and a physical altercation ensued. The suspects then fled. The victims sustained non-life-threatening injuries. The first suspect was described as black, 17 to 25 years old, 5 feet 10 to 6 feet 1 inches tall, with a muscular build. He was wearing a blue tank top, white pants, white sneakers, and a white baseball

cap. The second suspect was described as black, 18 to 25 years old, 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a white shirt, had dreadlocks, and he was carrying a backpack.

JULY 22

### LARCENIES

14100 block of Saint Germain Drive, property from residence

JULY 21

### LARCENIES

14500 block of Lock Drive, property from residence

14200 block of Saint Germain Drive, wallet from residence  
**STOLEN VEHICLES**  
13700 block of Flowing Brook Court, 2005 Honda Accord

JULY 19

### LARCENIES

14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, merchandise from business  
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JULY 15-17

### LARCENIES

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# OPINION

## Help Children Arrive at School Prepared

Many opportunities to contribute; tax-free back-to-school shopping is Aug. 5-7 across Virginia.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many, if not most, families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families, families who are barely making it, families who are not able to indulge their children in a shopping spree before school begins, families who are already having trouble making up for the meals their children would be getting at school.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 5-7, 2016. Purchases of most school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each

eligible individual school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See [www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday](http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/sales-tax-holiday).

### Where to give in Fairfax County

❖ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided more than 100,000 supply kits and backpacks since 2010. Collect for Kids is made possible through a partnership with Kids R First, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships, Apple Federal Credit Union and numerous community-based organizations (some listed here) and businesses in the Fairfax County area who are working together to provide supplies in a more cost-effective and efficient way. See [collectforkids.org/resources](http://collectforkids.org/resources).

❖ **Cornerstones** is working to provide backpacks and other necessities to 3,500 Reston and Herndon area students. You can buy backpacks and other items online and have them delivered to Cornerstones. Or deliver the backpacks to Cornerstones Administrative Office Aug. 8-12, 2016, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Suite 210, Reston. In addition to backpacks, Cornerstones also requests donations of new underwear for elementary school age children, and Payless gift card donations (\$25) so young clients can get a new pair of shoes. Contact Cornerstones at 571-323-9568 or [volunteer@cornerstonesva.org](mailto:volunteer@cornerstonesva.org). Visit [www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives/back-to-school/](http://www.cornerstonesva.org/donations/drives/back-to-school/)

❖ **United Community Ministries'** annual Back to School campaign is underway. Donations are needed by Friday, Aug. 5. A gift of \$40 completely outfits one student. Please drop checks and backpacks off at UCM's main office (7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, 22306) weekdays from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. If your group needs to make special arrangements for a large

Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact Detective S. Brown at the Franconia District Station at 703-277-2464. You can also contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

## Summer Parent Clinic Returns

The Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Intervention and Prevention Services will again be offering Summer Parent Clinic. Parents will have an opportunity to schedule a 45-minute consultative appointment with a school psychologist or school social worker.

donation, please contact Emily Griffin. For more information, contact Emily at [emily.griffin@ucmagency.org](mailto:emily.griffin@ucmagency.org) or by 571-255-8973 or visit [www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2016.html](http://www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2016.html).

❖ **Britepaths**, formerly OUR DAILY BREAD, participates in the Collect for Kids Back to School Program each summer and is working to help more than 2,500 students in central Fairfax have everything they need to succeed this fall. Cash donations help purchase supplies at a steep discount. Please donate by Aug. 5. Donate backpacks or calculators by Aug. 5. Larger size backpacks especially needed. Donate cash through Aug. 31. Checks are welcome. Make checks payable to "Britepaths." Please include "Back to School" in the memo line of the check. Mail to: Britepaths 4080 Chain Bridge Road, 2nd Floor, Fairfax, VA 22030. If delivering in person, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., except for holidays. Call ahead at 703-273-8829. Visit [www.britepaths.org](http://www.britepaths.org) for more.

❖ **FACETS** is seeking to equip more than 300 students in need with backpacks filled with supplies. Use the checklist at the link below as a guide for purchasing backpacks and supplies. Place purchased supplies in backpacks or other bags and deliver to FACETS. For financial donations, please cut and mail form by Aug. 12. Drop off supplies through Aug. 12, 2016, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, 10640 Page Ave., Suite 300, Fairfax VA 22030. Contact FACETS at 703-272-3710 or [JDantonio@FacetsCares.org](mailto:JDantonio@FacetsCares.org) or visit [facetscares.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/SchoolSupplyFlyerFY17.pdf](http://facetscares.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/SchoolSupplyFlyerFY17.pdf)

❖ **Northern Virginia Family Service.** Mail checks (payable to NVFS, with BTS in the memo line) to: Northern Virginia Family Service, Attn: Back to School, 10455 White Granite Drive, Suite 100, Oakton, VA 22124. Donations of new backpacks and new school supplies (we unfortunately cannot accept these items after use) will be accepted on July 29, 3-6 p.m.; and Aug. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 13926 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151 (between Buon Appetito and Cafein; please note storefront windows are whitewashed). Contact Pam Boyle at 571-748-2537 or visit [www.nvfs.org/backtoschool](http://www.nvfs.org/backtoschool).

Supportive consultation is available for parents when children are experiencing social-emotional, behavioral, or academic challenges such as anxiety, attention, poor school performance, bullying, and poor peer or family interactions.

School psychologists and school social workers will be available to parents for assistance in identifying community resources, guidance on how to manage challenging behaviors, as well as how to work collaboratively with school teams around issues of academic or behavioral concern.

This summer, Parent Clinic appointments will be available now through Aug. 19. To schedule an appointment, call the FCPS Parent Clinic at 703-503-2506 or email the Parent Clinic at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/parentclinic/mailform.html>.

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### ROUNDUPS

## Police Investigating ATM Thefts

Detectives are investigating a series of ATM thefts that have been occurring around the region, including Fairfax County. Between June 18 and July 20, there were six reported cases.

An investigation determined in all cases that suspects utilized stolen vehicles to carry out ATM thefts from various businesses in the early morning hours.

Further investigation determined the suspects later abandon the stolen vehicles nearby and flee the area.

In all cases, the suspects were described as black, approximately 175 to 200 pounds, about 5-foot-10-inches tall, and wore dark-colored clothing with their faces covered.



Andrea Creighton's dogs Dublin, Pink and Steeler wait patiently for ice cream.

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#### AUG. 8-11

**Vacation Bible School.** 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Jubilee Christian Center is having Vacation Bible School for ages 3-11.

There will be Bible stories and crafts, with a theme of "Walk This Way." The cost is \$15 for first child, \$10 for second child and third child, with a family maximum of \$35, with a free family preview on Sunday, Aug. 7, 6-8 p.m.

To register, call 703-383-1170, or visit [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

#### WEEK OF AUG. 15

**Fitness & Well-being Classes.** Inova offers a variety of fitness and well-being classes that are open to the community designed to fit every interest and ability level. Classes

include senior classes, mat pilates, yoga, tai chi, core training, cardio kickboxing, and many more! A six week session starts the week of Aug. 15. Register at [Inova.org/creg](http://Inova.org/creg).

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Bike Collection Project.** 9 a.m.-noon at 14931 Willard Road, Chantilly. Collecting bicycles and accessories (along with a suggested \$10 donation for shipping, not required but suggested). Email [thadseaglemail.com](mailto:thadseaglemail.com) or visit [bikesfortheworld.org](http://bikesfortheworld.org) for more.

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**Ginger McNair:**  
Age 11, Plott Hound/  
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One of Ginger's best  
adventures was  
getting to play with a  
wild fawn who wan-  
dered into his yard.  
Fast thinking dad,  
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**Ginger McNair: Age 11, Plott Hound/Boxer Mix, Reston**

SCREEN GRAB FROM DOUG MCNAIR'S VIDEO.

**Ginger and fawn playing together.**

## Senior Dogs: Untold Stories

BY JOAN BRADY

**L**ike many geriatrics, senior dogs in our area are illness survivors and living with a range of conditions including arthritis, hip dysplasia and chronic back pain. But nothing keeps them from enjoying their people, traveling, taking walks, napping and eating as many snacks as are made available.

While primary canine focus is limited to what goes on in their own backyards, some are paying attention to the election. And, if able to talk, they would offer some advice to the presidential candidates.

Sasha Marusin is concerned about the environment, "Pay attention to climate change, it's important for animals and humans." Max Kennedy has an opinion about Trump's pro-

### Pet Adoption

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posed wall, "No walls (or leashes!), we all want to run free." Daisy Gilbert wants both candidates to do a better job of getting along, "I accept and love everyone. You should find a way to do the same."

And, quoting Senator Ted Cruz, Buddy Emami offers advice to voters for November, "Vote your conscience."

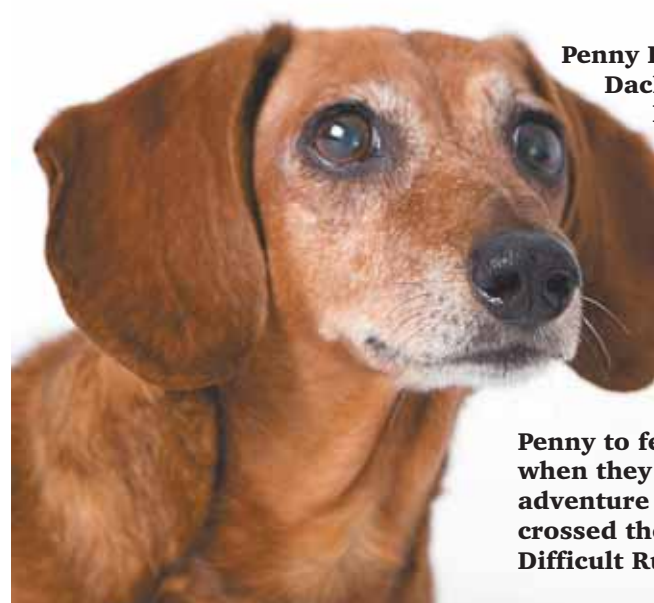


**Teddy Beekman: Age 13, Coton De' Tulear, Great Falls**  
Teddy volunteers with Fairfax Pets on Wheels; visiting a local adult daycare center and a local senior living facility several times a month. Given his wonderful life, he doesn't likely have many regrets, but he would have enjoyed having a four-legged sibling, says mom, Karen Beekman.



**Sasha Marusin: Age 14, Border Collie, Great Falls**  
Sasha likes to hike with the family, when she isn't napping. Mom, Robin Marusin, says that if Sasha could talk, she would likely say her biggest regret was not having puppies.

**Daisy Gilbert: Age 10, Yellow Lab, Great Falls**  
Beloved by her young two-legged siblings, Daisy does all kinds of tricks for them. She rolls-over, gives hugs and balances a treat on her nose. She especially loves going to West Virginia where she gets to play with her biological sister.



**Penny Hargroves: Age 12, Dachshund, Great Falls**  
Penny has two, two-legged sisters who adore her. When the girls were little, mom, Cindy Hargroves, would send Penny to wake up the youngest by licking her face. The girls taught

Penny to fetch a tissue for them when they sneeze. Her biggest adventure was when she crossed the stepping-stones at Difficult Run.



# Virginia Run Hosts Season Ending Meet

**T**he Virginia Run Riptide hosted their last NVSL A meet of 2016 and on an oppressively hot morning the Poplar Tree Pirates prevailed 225 to 195 in what was as exciting see-saw contest

The 8 and under swimmers were standouts once again. With two new best times, Kevin O'Connor captured a first in freestyle and a second in breast, while Nicholas Harris swam for third in back and second in fly. Andrew Harkin, swimming a personal best, was second in back and Casey Konchar was third in free after taking 1.97 seconds off his previous pace. Cooper Hutt was third in breast and Ewan McDonough third in fly. Charis Roundtree won her freestyle event and was second in fly as her teammates Carolin Friess in backstroke and Jenna Van Buren in breaststroke swam for thirds.

For the 9-10's, Charles Beamon placed second in free with a new best time and swam for third in back. William Whitton was impressive taking second in back and fly as he swam to new personal bests in both strokes. Davis Collinsworth swam to second in breast and third in fly, while third places were won by Samuel Roundtree in free and Griffin Osterhout in breast. Posting two best times, Megan Marco took third in free and fly. Grace Ramey swam for third in back and Neha Srinivasan shaved 2.49 second off her breaststroke time to capture third.

The 11-12 year olds swam with enthusiasm as Andrew Boyle dropped 1.8 seconds and powered his way to first in butterfly. Jason Cheifetz secured a second in free and a third in breast, while Owen Thomas placed second in back and breast. Maddie Whitton was a double winner taking first in free and fly. Isabelle Cogan set a new best time to win backstroke and proceeded to take third in breast. Caitlin Kelliher was second in back and fly, while Emily Jon in free and Valerie Tonnu in back swam for third places. First place finishes for the 13-14 group were achieved by Anthony Arcomona in free and fly and with a new best swim William Beamon won breaststroke. William also placed second in back with a best time, while teammates Matt Guidash swam for second in free and fly and David Barron a second in breast. Important third place points were captured by Noah Schettini in free, Anthony Tonthat in back and Jack Liskey in breast.

Winning points for the 15-18 year olds were Leo Wang with a first in breast and a third in fly, Nick McGrath with a second in free and breast, Patrick Kearney third in free and Geoffrey Eisenhart third in backstroke. Chloe Hicks won her free and back heats and Mia Newkirk with new best times won the breast and butterfly. Third place were won by Didi Pace in free and Sara Boyle in back.

The Riptide recognized their graduated high school swimmers at the break before relays: Mary Claire Bentz, Jared Cheifetz, Brooke Guidash, Chloe Hicks, Patrick Kearney, Mia Newkirk, Callie Rennyson, and Tina Vu. As outstanding students and swim-



**Virginia Run Seniors front: T. Vu, B. Guidash, C. Hicks, back: M.C. Bentz, M. Newkirk, J. Cheifetz, P. Kearney and C. Rennyson.**



**N. Srinivasan powering through the breaststroke.**



**M. Whitton flying to first.**

mers Virginia Run team members benefit from the Wrinkle Family Scholarship Fund that provides \$500 awards to eligible senior swimmers.

As the meet moved into the relay events

the Riptide attempted to overtake the Pirates and despite winning a majority of the relay races, finished short of the winning margin.

Saturday, July 30, Virginia Run will host

their Divisional Meet, where the top two swimmers in each age category and in each stroke type in NVSL Division 4 will compete for awards and for the opportunity to qualify for the NVSL all-star championships.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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**Aislin Carpenter**, of Westfield High School, was awarded first place in senior individual performance in the Virginia History Day Competition.

Third place winners are Westfield students **Zoe Seal** for her senior historical paper and **Jesus Nyra** and **Nicholas Lin** in the senior

group website exhibit.

**Jay Pettit**, of Chantilly, graduated from Jacksonville State University (Jacksonville, Ala.).

**Rachel Cochran**, of Chantilly, was honored for academic excellence at Bluefield College (Bluefield, Va.). Cochran is an honors program scholar graduate.

**Lauren Hayden**, of Chantilly, was named to

the dean's list at the University of New England.

**Kaien Yang**, from Chantilly, is a finalist of the 2016 Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge. The competition recognizes students, grades 5-8, who create an innovation that will improve lives. Yang will compete against nine other finalists for a grand prize of \$25,000 and the title of "America's Top Young Scientist" on Oct. 17-18 during a live event at the 3M Innovation Center in St. Paul, Minn.



## Cancer Patient Super Heroes



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To say that cancer patients have to call upon superhuman qualities to fight their disease is, to those of us in the trenches, the most obvious and perhaps most under-appreciated fact. The emotional, physical, psychological and spiritual toll is excruciating at best and the tip of the iceberg at worst. The relentless, never-ending, life-threatening, roller coaster ride of highs and lows – and some in-betweens, is more than enough tumult to unsteady any man – or woman. And so I'd like to introduce some of the non-Hollywood/non-comic book super heroes for your consideration:

"Statman." Because of the seriousness of the underlying diagnosis, lab work is always ordered "stat," meaning top priority. "Statman" has the wherewithal to learn results quickly and not allow potentially negative results to affect his day-to-day activities. Much easier said than done.

"Stuperman." Because of the exhausting side effect of some heavy-duty chemotherapy infusions, the patient is often dazed and confused after treatment. Add in some ongoing sleep deprivation – and anxiety, and the patient's ability to get out of his or her own way is compromised. Yet, "Stuperman" endures, somehow. No longer can he leap tall buildings in a single bound, though.

"Iron-Deficiency Man." Because some chemotherapy obliterates both white and red blood cells, cancer patients are often terribly anemic and quite weak, and unable to fend for themselves. In effect, there is no fuel in the tank. Still, "Iron-Deficiency Man" manages to complete his most basic tasks: eating and going to the bathroom. Not without a struggle, though.

"Sedentary Man." Is able to stay in one place for hours, hardly moving. Nevertheless, given the extreme fatigue and the challenge of moving even 10 feet, "Sedentary Man" is still able to work the television remote, walk to the mailbox and pet the cats.

"Port Man." Due to the recurring nature of most chemotherapy (every three weeks, generally), often a device is implanted in the patient's chest to avoid potential vein collapse that regular intravenous injections – and their toxicity (lasting six hours plus) – can cause. "Port Man" is able to endure the temporarily permanent implant and live his life as if a foreign object has not been embedded just under the surface of his skin. (It would certainly get under my skin.)

Thor/Thorazine. Because of the side effects of dexamethasone, a drug prescribed to facilitate the absorption of the chemotherapy infusion, serious hiccups result. Though not exactly the hammer, Thorazine, at 25MG, stops the hiccups and saves the day.

"Chemosabe." There's no more important person in a cancer patient's life than his or her companion. And though it's equally important to never feel like a lone ranger, for a cancer patient to be treated respectfully and affectionately carries benefits Tonto likely never imagined.

"Barco Lounger." While being infused non-stop for up to seven hours, "Barco Lounger" can recline in one chair, in one place, for the entirety of his/her treatment. Moreover, while tethered to an I.V. pump, "Barco Lounger" is able to read, write, eat, drink, even go the bathroom (with a few minor adjustments) without ever stopping the infusion. Certainly, receiving the medicine is important, but so too is having some control over your environment. "Barco Lounger" succeeds on all fronts.

Legendary Hollywood actress Bette Davis is credited with having said: "Old age ain't no place for sissies." As a 61 and half years-old, seven years and five months-long cancer survivor, I would welcome old age and the arrival of yet another cancer-patient super hero: "Survivor Man," who lived years beyond his original "13-month to two-year prognosis."

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# 'I Hope Some Good Can Come'

*Thoughts from Justin Wolfe's mother.*

**I** hope the Petrole family can finally find the peace they have been waiting for. The past 15 years have been a nightmare for our family, as well, not knowing if Justin would live or die, and we are devastated with this result. Though he confessed, I am not really sure what the truth is at this point. I believe the truth was lost somewhere in the years of solitary confinement and threats of death to both Owen and Justin.

"What I do know is that drugs can cause a person to do things they never would have done if no drugs were involved; and since all of our conversations and visits are recorded, we have not really discussed guilt or innocence since he turned himself in 15 years ago to 'clear his name of this murder.'"

"I also know that this should never have been a capital case; Justin never should have gone to death row and spent 13 years overall in solitary confinement. My family

should not have had to live with the threat to his life constantly hanging over our heads, or worry that the solitary confinement would steal his mind.

"It is a sentence for all of us – hardest on Justin, but hard on his family struggling to save his life. Justin was facing so many charges, he was bound to end up facing his execution again or life in prison. Had this case been handled properly and fairly from the beginning, we could have known the truth then. Closure for both families could have begun 15 years ago.

"Justin has helped many others from inside those walls, and guards wrote letters that talked about Justin being a model inmate for all those years. He is not the same 19-year-old, drug-infected teenager making bad choices. He has had to grow up under the harshest conditions, and he has done so without bitterness or complaints. He is truly sorry for the loss of Danny and he has done everything he can to try to be a better man. If anyone has reformed, it is my son.

"Justin was celebrating his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, the night of March 15, not Danny's death, as the judge was led to believe. There was testimony in the first trial which proves Justin did not even know Danny was dead until after he got a phone call in the middle of the night, from a mutual friend, to Justin and Danny's brother. It was stated back then that he fell to the floor and cried.

"My son was convinced that accepting responsibility would spare both families the torture of another trial. His stellar behavior since he's been drug-free, as well as the hard time he's served on death row, should have made a difference. He could have better served his time talking to young people about bad choices and how they can ruin your life in the blink of an eye. Drug use is still a problem in our society. I just hope that somehow some good can come from all of this. I will continue to keep the Petrole family in my prayers."

— TERRI STEINBERG

## Wolfe Sentenced to 41 Years

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even now, 15 years later, birthdays and holidays aren't the same without him."

Danny was the oldest of three sons, and his father described him as "a good person, kind and compassionate, and a loving son and brother. My job involved considerable travel, and he was the man of the family when I was gone. He called me at 5:30, the day he was murdered. We talked about taxes, his job and his school, NVCC. He told me, 'I love you, Daddy,' and I said, 'I love you, too, buddy,' and those were the last words I heard him say."

"I'm disappointed he became a drug dealer, but I believe he might have become a success doing something else, if Justin hadn't caused his death," continued Dan Petrole. "That night, the phone rings and I hear Janie say, 'Is he dead?' Danny's roommate says they're doing CPR on him in the parking lot."

Racing to Bristow from Virginia Run, the Petroles arrived about 30 minutes later and a police officer told them, "I'm sorry." Dan Petrole said his wife started crying "uncontrollably" and he went to see his son. "He looked so peaceful," he said. "I kissed him on the forehead and told him I loved him. The next morning, we had to wake up Bobby, 14, and tell him his brother had been killed. And we phoned his brother Johnny, away on spring break from college. Everyone was devastated."

Dan Petrole then spoke of the "continued pain and suffering" caused by Wolfe's "lying and deceit" about the crime. "But I'm grateful that Mr. Wolfe finally confessed his guilt," he said. "It was important to my family to have closure and an end to the lies. As a Christian, I've forgiven him; but I believe forgiveness and justice don't counteract each other. And in a civil society, people have to be held accountable for their actions – actions have consequences."

The judge had already received several letters written on Wolfe's behalf, and defense attorney Joseph Flood gave him others from Wolfe's brother and sister, cousin and the security superintendent at the prison where he was. But he didn't call any witnesses to testify – including Wolfe's parents, stepfather and sister – who were all in court, along with many family friends.

Morrogh then said he thought Wolfe had "an addiction to his high-flying lifestyle, at the expense of those who were gentler" and "chose evil. While Mr. Petrole was kissing his son goodbye, Wolfe was celebrating with his friends at Bridges in Fairfax County."

"Danny's family has suffered greatly and can never get their son back," continued Morrogh. "The hole in their hearts can never be mended. I've submitted a plea agreement for 41 years, but it seems a small price to pay for taking the life of such a kind and special young man."

Flood told the judge that Wolfe "had the courage to take responsibility for his crime, committed by a young, immature and angry young man. Since then, Justin's done everything to redeem himself and is now a humble, contrite, mature and remorseful person. Justin did a terrible thing, but that's not his true character. Don't just sentence that immature kid, but the man he's become in the last 15 years."

At 19, said Flood, Wolfe was "impulsive and impaired by drugs, with a brain not yet fully developed, and his [turbulent] youth was a significant factor in this crime. He's been a model inmate for 15 years and he's not incorrigible; he's capable of rehabilitation. There's a sentencing range of 29-41 years, and we believe 29 years is the most appropriate."

Flood said Wolfe's admitting guilt is "indicative of a willingness to change, reform and atone for a grievous sin. Justin had no history of violence. And in prison, he was



**Justin Wolfe at an earlier court appearance.**

subjected to pure, solitary, soul-crushing confinement, but never complained. We are not the sum total of the worst thing we ever did, nor is Justin Wolfe."

But, said Morrogh, "He waited 15 years to plead guilty, and only when it was to his benefit to do so."

Wolfe then stood and addressed the Petroles. "Danny was a great person and I understand the pain and suffering I've caused," he said. "I know an apology isn't enough, but I'm sorry."

Before pronouncing sentence, Judge Weimer said, "No one can adequately understand what the Petrole and Wolfe families have been through. I don't look at this as impulsive or youthful indiscretion; it was planned, deliberate and premeditated. And instead of saying, 'What have we done?' [Barber and Wolfe] celebrated that they were rid of this person to whom Mr. Wolfe owed money."



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## ONGOING

**Evenings on the Ellipse Summer Concert Series.** Thursdays through Aug. 25, 5:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. In addition to different music each week, find wine tastings. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Government Center Farmers Market.** Thursdays through Oct. 27, 3-7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

**Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

**Carolina Shag Dance.** Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit [www.nvshag.org](http://www.nvshag.org) for more.

**Open Rehearsal.** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxjubilaire.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org) for more.

**Toddlin' Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library,

4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

### Storytime for Three to Fives.

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

### English Conversation Group.

Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

### English Conversation Group.

Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for a list of dates.

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Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

### ESL Book Club.

Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223.

## MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 25-29

### Westfield Theatre Young Actors' Workshop.

9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700

Stoncroft Blvd., Chantilly. This high-energy, educational summer musical theatre camp is open to elementary students in rising grades 2-7. Tuition is \$125. Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For an enrollment form and more information, visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com).

## FRIDAY/JULY 29

**Reptile Campfire.** 6:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Join a naturalist for a night hike to learn about native reptiles that become nocturnal during the warmer months. Tickets are \$8 for Fairfax County residents, \$10 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 29-31

**Art Workshop: Oils and Pastels.** 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Acacia Lodge, 7135 Main St., Clifton. Artist Jack Pardue conducts workshop in both oil and pastel. Three day instruction will include both classroom and plein air work, with personal coaching in your medium of choice. Admission is \$180-275. Visit [www.artguildofclifton.org](http://www.artguildofclifton.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 30

**Bull Run Bargains.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A flea market and vendor fair. Free to attend, prices vary for vendors. Visit [www.novaparks.com/parks/bull-run-regional-park](http://www.novaparks.com/parks/bull-run-regional-park).

**Soul in Motion.** 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow

Road, Chantilly. Enjoy West African drumming, song and dance. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ch) or call 703-502-3883.

**Giant Spiders.** 8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Hunt for the giant nocturnal fishing spider. Tickets are \$5 for Fairfax County residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## SUNDAY/JULY 31

**Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club.** 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum will host the Nation's Capital Model T Ford Club to commemorate Fairfax Station's brief fame as a movie star in the 1924 silent film, "The Road To Happiness." Museum members and children 4 and under, free; children 5-15, \$2; adults 16 and older, \$4. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org).

**Tree Trek.** 5:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Join an expert naturalist on a search for the biggest, oldest, rarest and most important trees in the forest. Tickets are \$7 for Fairfax County residents, \$9 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## MONDAY/AUG. 1

**"Sports Heroes: A to Z."** 2:30-3:15 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Bright Star Theatre presents great American athletes in a live theatrical event. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/)

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## THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 4-7

### County 4-H Fair and Carnival.

Various times at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 W. OX Road, Herndon. Enjoy carnival games, rides, fair exhibits and stage entertainment. 4-H exhibitors will be readying farm animals for show, and you can visit exhibit booths, test your hand at cow or goat milking, see farm equipment demonstrations, participate in competitions, watch horse shows, partake in fair food, and enjoy live music and dance. Entry to the park grounds is free, however there is an \$8 parking fee per car, per day on the weekend. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/4-h-fair.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/4-h-fair.htm).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 5

**Creek Adventure Wagon Ride.** 7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Explore Rocky Run. Tickets are \$6 for Fairfax County residents, \$8 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 6

**With the Help of a Physick.** 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. In the 18th century diseases and their causes were frightening mysteries for most people. Take a tour of Sully, an 18th century house, and discover theories and treatments of the time for small pox, yellow fever and malaria. Learn about small pox inoculation, the precursor to modern vaccination and the 1793 yellow fever epidemic in Philadelphia. Tickets are \$8, \$7 for students, \$6 for seniors and children. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Sully Fun Patch.** 2 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Visit the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee and experience what life was like for the children who lived at Sully through hands-on activities such as storytelling, music or games. Tickets are \$7. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

**Pond Life.** 5:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Search for, catch, and release tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other creatures. Tickets are \$5 for Fairfax County residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

**Drive In Movie: "Minions."** Gates open at dusk at Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Find "Minions" (rated PG) and children's games and rides. Food and drinks also available for purchase. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-7

**Brickfair.** 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. BrickFair hosts 1,000 adult LEGO builders from across the USA, Canada, and Europe. Tickets are \$15. Visit [www.dullesexpo.com](http://www.dullesexpo.com) or call 703-378-0910.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 7

**Pancakes at the Mill.** 11:30 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Enjoy a Sunday around the campfire and make corn pancakes with honey. Tickets are \$7 for Fairfax County residents, \$9 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

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