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This boy is about to jump into some bales of hay at Cox Farms.

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## SPORTS



Kathleen Lynch is recognized at halftime by Corey Bowerman, director of Student Services, for her 18 years of support and dedication to Chantilly's student athletes and coaching staff.



Chantilly Seniors (from left) Megan Knight, Meredith Gramstad, Savannah Pettigrew, and Rachel Edwards show their support for Kathleen Lynch at her final home game.



West Potomac QB Tanner Jones #7 is sacked by Chantilly DL Raymond Schircliff #91.

## At Game, CHS Honors Lynch

Chantilly High School honored Kathleen (KT) Lynch, the outgoing acting principal, at its home football game versus West Potomac High School on Friday, Sept. 15. Friday's game marked Lynch's final home game before her retirement in October. The Chantilly Chargers lost to the West Potomac Wolverines 35-24 to fall to 0-4 on the season. Chantilly's next game is away against the Battlefield Bobcats on Friday, Sept. 22.



## Westfield Defeats Stonewall Jackson

Gavin Kiley caught three passes for 67 yards and a touchdown in Westfield's win over Stonewall Jackson in Manassas.

Eugene Asante #8 averaged over 5 yards a carry on 20 carries against Stonewall Jackson.





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The hayride is always one of the more popular attractions.



The view from atop one of Cox Farms' giant slides.

# Rope Swings, Pumpkins, Hayrides, Baby Animals

## It's time for Cox Farms' 45<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

The leaves are turning colors and autumn is here — and that means it's time for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Festival at Cox Farms in Centreville. Whether people go there for the hayrides, rope swings, giant slides, baby animals, pumpkin catapult, apple-cider doughnuts or space aliens in the cornfield, the festival offers something for everyone.

It's on 90 acres at 15621 Braddock Road, just off Pleasant Valley Road. The festival runs daily from Sept. 22-Oct. 31, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Nov. 3-7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The scarier portion, Field of Fear, aimed at older teens and adults, comes alive Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 22-Nov. 4, plus a bonus night on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 7:30-11 p.m. The pumpkin-smashing event, Pumpkin Madness, is slated for Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 4-5, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Fall Festival now offers four tiers of admission: Discount, Value, Regular and Peak. And this weekend, Sept. 23-24, public servants may receive a \$5 discount on up to four Fall Festival tickets. Government employees, educators, first responders, law enforcement, nurses and military personnel just have to present a valid badge or identification at the ticket booth. For more ticket information, see [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com).

The fall festival draws thousands of people each week from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. For many families, it's a tradition passed down from one generation to another. All in all, said Lucas Cox-Galhotra, "co-farmer-in-chief" with his sibling, Aaron Cox-Leow, "It's a great way to spend a fall day with the family."

The many outdoor activities include live bands, a goat village, an enchanted barn, tunneling through a mountain of hay and a Cornudrum Cornfield Adventure — complete with funhouse mirrors and a pirate ship. And as always, each new festival season brings new additions to the fun.

This year marks the debut of Foamhenge — a full-sized replica of Stonehenge made entirely of Styrofoam. Originally created in 2004 by artist Mark Cline of Enchanted Castle Studio, it stood in Natural Bridge, Va., until 2016. Since then, it's undergone extensive renovations and is now ready for visitors at Cox Farms.

Besides that, tractor buffs will enjoy strolling through the new, "please touch" Tractor Museum featuring 16 tractors from 11 of the largest manufacturers over the past century. And along the Imaginature Trail, people will be able to walk through a forest filled with fairytale characters and fun surprises, such as the three bears' house, Rapunzel's tower and the Hobbit house.

### HAYRIDE, MUSIC, MINING

The ever-popular, hayride lasts 20 minutes and travels by clever vignettes, including cartoon characters in the cornfield,

comical space aliens, a witches' house, superheroes, trolls, cowboys on horseback, a wild-west town and the Black Cauldron Café — the witches' coffee bar.

"And we added dinosaurs, this year," said Cox-Galhotra. "They're pretty fun." At the end, the hayride travels through a large, enchanted barn filled with music, flashing lights and scenes of wizards, witches and magical plants and creatures.

The free, weekend events also include entertainment on the music stage. Live bands perform, and Farmer Jack sings and tells stories while milking his cow, Bingo. Several bands — including The Page County Ramblers, Jimmy Cole All Stars, Tom Blood & Late as Usual, and the Patty Reese Band — will perform bluegrass, country and rock music.

Visitors may also enjoy the mining sluice. It's a tower that dumps water into a curvy trench where people can pan for fossils, gemstones and arrowheads.

### FARM ANIMALS, KIDDIE ZONE

Bunnyville, inside the slide barn, hops into action once more. A slide comes out of the top of the barn, and the bottom part houses Bunnyville. There's a model of Wash-

ington, D.C., with the monuments and White House, and about a dozen bunnies jump around in them.

But they're not the only furry friends — Cox Farms has animals galore. Children may feed baby goats in their own Billy Goat Village. Sheep are on the mountain leading up to the dinosaur slide, with some alpacas close by and a couple peacocks roaming free. There are also baby chicks, ducks, hens and chickens, a llama named Chewie, turkeys, calves and milking cows, pigs and piglets — including one set born Sept. 13.

Geared for 2-6-year-olds, the farm-chores area features old-fashioned water pumps and troughs, a corn conveyor belt, chicken coop and a little garden where children may pump water into buckets and water the crops. They may also lift up straw bales by a rope and pulley.

The Kiddie Zone gives children 5 and under a calmer place to play. The fun includes smaller themed slides, rope swings, hay bales and a wooden train. Little ones may also play on the Three Little Pigs' house and slide and climb on a wooden Jeep in the front yard.

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Cox Farms employee Greg Shelters talks to a newborn piglet.



Two of the baby goats to be found at Cox Farms.

## Voting Every Year, But Always Critical

League of Women Voters provides forums to learn about the candidates.

Every year is Election Year in Virginia, and each year the election matters. This year, all the members of the Virginia House of Delegates are up for reelection, along with statewide races for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

So many things are at stake. The deadline to register to vote in the General Election on Nov. 7, or update an existing registration, is Monday, Oct. 16.

Of the 30 incumbents in the Virginia House of Delegates who are running unopposed, 11 are in Northern Virginia: Mark Keam (D-35); Ken Plum (D-36); David Bulova (D-37); Vivian Watts (D-39); Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41); Mark Sickles (D-43); Paul Krizek (D-44); Mark Levine (D-45); Charniele Herring (D-46); Patrick Hope (D-47); and Rip Sullivan (D-48).

Marcus Simon (D-53) faces no Republican challenger, but will face Mike Casey, an Independent.

In Northern Virginia, there is only one open seat, the 42nd, vacated by Dave Albo (R) who says he can't afford to continue dedicate so much time to the legislature at the expense of his law practice. Kathy Tran (D) faces Lolita Mancheno-Smoak (R).

Other contested races: Kathleen Murphy (D-34) faces Cheryl Buford (R). Kaye Kory (D-38) faces Paul Haring (R). Tim Hugo (R-40) faces

Donte Turner (D). Alfonso Lopez (D-49) faces Adam Roosevelt (R). Jim LeMunyon (R-67) faces Karrie Delaney (D). Jennifer Boysko (D-86) faces Linda Schulz (R).

The local Connection newspaper to each of these races has covered or will write about each contested race; you can find the stories on our website.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold both in-person and televised forums for the public to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates.

❖ Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. at Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Invited candidates: Mark L. Keam (D), David L. Bulova (D), Eileen Filler-Corn (D), Kathy K.L. Tran (D), Lolita I. Mancheno-Smoak (R), Marcus B. Simon (D), and Mike S. Casey (I).

❖ Thursday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, Lecture Hall: 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Invited candidates: L. Kaye Kory (D), Paul B. Haring (R), Vivian E. Watts (D), Mark D. Sickles (D), Paul E. Krizek (D), Mark H. Levine (D), Alfonso H. Lopez (D), and Adam Roosevelt (R).

❖ Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Sully Government Center: 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Invited candidates: Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D), David L. Bulova (D), Donte T. Tanner (D), Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), Karrie K. Delaney (D), James M. "Jim" LeMunyon (R), Jennifer R. Boysko (D), and Linda C. Schulz

(R).

The remaining televised forum at Fairfax County Public Access are on Channel 10 or livestreamed on YouTube "Inside Scoop Livestream." The public can submit questions by email to theinsidescooptv@gmail.com or call 571-749-1142 between 7-8:30 p.m. Tune in on:

❖ Monday, Oct. 2 at 8 p.m.: Invited candidates: Kathleen J. Murphy (D), Cheryl A. Buford (R), Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum (D), Donte T. Tanner (D), Timothy D. "Tim" Hugo (R), R.C. "Rip" Sullivan, Jr. (D), Karrie K. Delaney (D), James M. "Jim" LeMunyon (R), Jennifer R. Boysko (D), and Linda C. Schulz (R).

## Killing the Poor To Pay Millionaires, Current Attempt

Because the current effort in the Senate to vote on "repeal and replace" for the Affordable Care Act is, if anything, worse than the previous attempts in substance, I hope that you will read my previous editorial from June. <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2017/jun/27/opinion-editorial-killing-poor-pay-millionaires/>

— MARY KIMM

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### ROUNDUPS

## Route 29 Widening Meeting

Find out about plans to add a third lane to northbound Route 29 (Lee Highway) in

Centreville from just before Pickwick Road to a quarter-mile beyond the traffic signal. VDOT will hold a design public hearing on this project next Thursday, Sept 21, from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. It'll be held in VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax

(off West Ox Road, across from Costco). In the Potomac Conference Room there, people may view displays and learn details about this spot-widening project. VDOT staff will be available to answer questions. Review information at [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects), at the public hearing or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office. (Call ahead at 703-259-2907 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer questions).

Attendees may give written comments at the hearing; but anyone may submit them by Oct. 1 to Ms. Hong Ha, PE., Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov). Reference "Route 29 Northbound Spot Widening" in the subject line.

## Support Erin Peterson Fund

Register for the 10th Annual Erin Peterson Fund (EPF) Golf Tournament, to be held on Thursday, Sept 28, at Westfields Golf Club. To date, EPF has donated \$85,000 to support the Westfield High School Young Men's Leadership Group. The fund will also be supporting a young women's group at Westfield and Stone Middle. Register by going to [www.erinpetersonfund.org](http://www.erinpetersonfund.org) click on Golf Registration. Pay by credit card or mail a check to: Erin Peterson Fund, P.O. Box 232170, Centreville, VA 20120.



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## Rainbow Mural

Poplar Tree Elementary School art students learned what it means to be part of a school community by working together to create a rainbow mural. Each student was given a paw print and could decorate it with symbols and imagery that represent them as individuals.

# New Year, New Teacher

How to identify effective teachers.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A**s a new school year got underway this month, Sebla Tobin, a family therapist in Rockville, Md., noticed an uptick in the number of her patients who are parents, expressing concern about the teachers their children had been assigned.

"So many parents are leery of new teachers or teachers who are young," she said. "I encourage them to give the teacher a chance before passing judgment and marching into the principal's office to ask for a different teacher. Just because a teacher graduated from college last spring doesn't mean that they won't be effective. And a teacher who's been in the classroom for 20 years may be jaded and grumpy."

Teacher effectiveness is a concern among parents as the school year gets underway, says Tobin, and she points to research which shows how teachers can affect

student achievement. A 2011 study from Harvard and Columbia universities showed a link between effective teachers and stu-

dents who were more likely to attend college, have lower teenage pregnancy rates and other positive outcomes. So what qualities constitute an effective teacher?

Effective teachers are knowledgeable of the subjects they are teaching, says Pamela Garner, Ph.D. professor of Childhood Studies at George Mason University. "Effective teachers are able to transfer that knowledge to students who have different comprehension levels," she said.

Creating a classroom environment that is safe for student learning is also important, adds Garner. "Overall, effective teachers work hard to create a positive classroom climate which is characterized by providing opportunities for student input in decision making and support for individual differences," she said.

Setting high expectations for all students, but realizing that students have a variety of abilities, is an important factor, believes Jessica Lewis, Ed.D., professor of education at Marymount University. "For some students getting a C is like a medal of

**"An effective teacher motivates students to want to learn."**

— Jessica Lewis, Ed.D.,  
Marymount University



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A positive classroom helps welcome students back to school is an important factor in student learning, says Pamela Garner, Ph.D. of George Mason University.**

honor and that's OK," said Lewis. "Students want to do well and be pushed, but pushed with support. Knowing that a teacher un-

derstands the student and their abilities sends a positive message that the teacher is on their side when it comes to learning."


A teacher who is able to demonstrate genuine concern for students is necessary to create an effective learning environment, adds Lewis. "Parents often say 'I want a teacher who knows their content,' but I always go back to 'does the teacher care?' If a teacher doesn't care, then they're not going to be effective. An effective teacher motivates students to want to learn."

An ability to form a strong relationship with students is another characteristic that Lewis believes is important. "The more rapidly the teachers can get to know the individual students and things they enjoy like their hobbies, the sports they like, the sooner that teacher can see that students are real little people behind those names," she said. "As a teacher you have to put the heart first and policy second. What factors are going on at home that can throw the student for a loop. If you have a caring adult to say, 'Hey do you want to talk about it?' that can make a big difference."

An effective teacher accepts students for and where they are, adds Lewis. "Students can learn more from a teacher when the teacher shows that they care," she said.



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## Cox Farms

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### SLIDES, FOOD, FIRE ENGINE

Festival visitors always enjoy the six giant slides. "Each slide is themed differently, so you'll fly out of castles, barns and volcanos, exploring everything from dinosaur digs to mining towns to giant beanstalks," said Cox-Galhotra.

The fun also includes straw tunnels, plus the Cornndrum Cornfield Adventure. The latter features funhouse mirrors, a hall of doors, giant vortex and a pirate ship. Also on hand is the Great Pyramid with hieroglyphics and some surprises inside.

Another hit with children is a red, 1961 fire engine, near the volcano slide. It has two slides coming out of the back so children may climb up, go across and slide down.

Food is available for purchase throughout the farm. The selection includes hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos, Dominion root beer and root-beer floats. Home-smoked, pulled-pork, barbecue sandwiches are also on the menu, as are chocolate-chip and sugar cookies.

Kettle corn is offered, too, plus homemade caramel apples and apple-cider doughnuts. Cox Farms also has a milk-and-cookies stand and, this year, it also features nitro, cold-brew coffee.

Fresh cider and apples are free. And if desired, visitors may bring their own lunches (no alcohol) for picnics on the grounds. They may also buy a wide variety of treats in the farm's market. The goodies include freshly baked apple pies, local apples, kettle corn, apple cider, dessert breads, jams, local honey, Indian corn, squash, gourds and fall decorations. Visitors even get to choose a free, patch pumpkin to take home.

### FIELDS OF FEAR

Once night falls, scary creatures arise and roam free, so the 20-acre Fields of Fear isn't recommended for children under 12; and anyone under 14 must be accompanied by an adult, 18 or older.

Those brave enough to enter the Fields of Fear are led to the Cornnightmare to experience cornfield horrors in the dark. There, they walk through the Hall of Whispers, Bug Room and Claustrophobia, secluded in tall corn with creatures that aren't human. There are also crazed clowns, illusions and a secret finale.

The Dark Side Hayride is all new for 2017 and now boasts The Lost

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# News Cox Farms

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Circus. Abandoned in the early 1900s, it comes to life when the living approach. It includes Sideshow Alley and magicians. Said Cox-Galhotra: “We built a brand-new barn for it, and it ends with the scary Clown Chaos.”

In the Fields of Fear, the normally friendly Imaginature Trail takes a dark turn, too, transforming into The Forest: Back 40 – a half-mile of fright. But not everything is scary at night. Foamhenge is also part of the after-dark fun, as are a big, six-lane slide and karaoke. People can hang out at giant bonfires, listen to music and roast marshmallows while watching live entertainment.

For Cox Farms, said Cox-Galhotra, “Hosting friends and families in Northern Virginia every fall is more than a tradition — it’s a passion. The weather’s beautiful, and there’s nothing better to do with your time than to come and have fun on a farm.”

His favorite part is the hayride. “We bill it as ‘The world’s best hayride,’ and there’s something for everybody,” he said. “No matter how many times you take it, you’ll always see something new. And that goes for me, too — and I helped set it up.”

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In-person forums:

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## Talking the Walk



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Our long, local, overnight nightmare is almost over. By the date this column publishes: Sept. 20, 2017, I will, for the first time in nearly nine weeks, not had to have snaked down in the dark, our “turny-twisty” and narrow 150-year-old staircase to walk from the upstairs master bedroom to the downstairs and only usable commode. Though the renovation of this upstairs bathroom is not entirely complete nor ready for primetime (it is mostly usable as the water is now running and flushing), the demolition/renovation process apparently must go on/adhere to a schedule so, on Tuesday, Sept. 19 the downstairs bathroom, with all its fully functioning amenities will come under the sledge hammer – among other tools, and provide no further use until on or about Oct. 24.

This heretofore (“Good Will Hunting”) logistical challenge has not presented too many difficulties for my wife, Dina. But given that I’m a male of a certain age, quite the opposite has been true for me. Once or twice and occasionally even more per overnight depending upon how late and how much I’ve had to eat or drink before bedtime, I’ll need to visit the bathroom to attend to some very personal business. To be clear, the ‘challenge’ to which I refer is getting to the bathroom, not starting and/or finishing what I intended once I get there.

Moreover, when the task at hand has been completed, of course I need to retrace my steps – usually in the dark, and walk back upstairs. Though not nearly as difficult as walking downstairs; nevertheless, at the time I am going down and back up, in the middle of the night, my vision might not so readily acclimate and my balance is, let’s just say: inconsistent, especially when trying to avoid the miscellaneous bathroom-remodeling boxes staged in the living room on the very route I must travel.

Needless to say, having this nightly nonsense come to an end is most definitely a column worth writing. Not necessarily to self-indulge anymore than usual but more so to amuse you regular readers and possibly even prepare you for your own in-home renovation. And considering that this renovation is our first – and we have minimal experience with these matters, I thought it useful to write it forward and perhaps share a less-than-obvious impact of taking the one-and-only-on-the-same-floor bathroom out of service. Sinks, mirrors and shower/tub issues notwithstanding, all of which can be withstood and endured with the reorientation to the downstairs bathroom, the commode issue, considering its unpredictability, naturally trumps all other real or imagined difficulties.

Though the upstairs bathroom is incomplete and lacking multiple finishing elements, its transformation so far is incredible – to our eyes. I’ll spare you any details because that really would be self-indulgent and not at all the point of this column. But the two months or so it will have taken for the upstairs bathroom to become operational again and the nightly effect it’s had on me appears to have been worth the wait.

As concerns the downstairs bathroom, we are now ready, willing and able to integrate its destruction into our routine. Given that it is more of a powder room than a master-type bathroom – though it will include a shower-only enclosure, no longer will it be my twice-nightly destination. In addition, I am looking forward to its transformation because the interim process will not prevent me from going anywhere I regularly go nor inconveniencing my wife, Dina, when she readies for work in the morning.

Monitoring its progress will be more of a curiosity than a calamity, since, in my mind, there will be no sense of urgency about the pace of this project as there had been with the upstairs bathroom because my bathroom access will not be affected in the least. And in the most, I am extraordinarily grateful – and relieved.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 21

**Food for Kids Community Packing Event.** 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 6 at Dominion Energy, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. Email [LynnB517@verizon.net](mailto:LynnB517@verizon.net) or visit [northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 22

**Live Music with Wild the Waters.** 6-9 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Call 703-815-2233 or visit [wineryatbullrun.com](http://wineryatbullrun.com).

**Lullabye a Lamb.** 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Come to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park to see the bedtime routine for the park's farm animals. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour of the park. \$8. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/).

**Around the Campfire.** 7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Interpreters dressed in period attire demonstrate cooking a peach cobbler using a Dutch oven. Call 703-631-0013 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

## SEPT. 22-31

**Fall Festival.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Featuring Foamhenge and more. Visit [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com).

## SEPT. 22-24

**Capital Home Show.** 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

at Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Featuring HGTV's "Masters Of Flip" stars Kortney and Dave Wilson, and Kevin O'Connor of the PBS series "This Old House." \$10. Visit [www.capitalhomeshow.com](http://www.capitalhomeshow.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

**Lullabye a Lamb.** 7-8 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Come to Kidwell Farm at Frying Pan Farm Park to see the bedtime routine for the park's farm animals. Bring a flashlight or lantern for this twilight tour of the park and see how animals on a farm settle down for the night. \$8. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

**Building a Train Set.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Activities include making a sample train layout as well as involvement in demonstrations of railroad artifacts. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Craft supplies included in admission. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), or call 703-425-9225.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 25

**Tai Chi Easy.** 2-3 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kingsway, Fairfax. Pauline Reid, teaches Tai Chi, a form of the Chinese self-care practices known as Qigong. This class is suitable for beginners through advanced practitioners. \$90 for Monday nights through Nov. 6. Email Pauline at [reidpr@hotmail.com](mailto:reidpr@hotmail.com) or

contact the church office 703-378-7272 at extension 221.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 26

**Youth Choral Auditions.** 5-7:30 p.m. at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Hwy., Centreville. Visit [www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org](http://www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org) or contact the FCS office at 703-642-3277 or [auditions@fairfaxchoralsociety.org](mailto:auditions@fairfaxchoralsociety.org).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 27

**Uniform and Shoe Sale.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is hosting the sale in the Hospital Atrium. Visit [INOVA.org](http://INOVA.org) or call 703-776-4001.

**Meet the Civil War Author.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Local historian, lecturer and author, Arthur Candanquist will look at a Confederate military railroad that ran between Centreville and Manassas Junction. Free, open to public. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or call 703-425-9225.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

**Uniform and Shoe Sale.** 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary is hosting the sale in the Hospital Atrium. Visit [INOVA.org](http://INOVA.org) or call 703-776-4001.

**Benefit Golf Tournament.** Support the Erin Peterson Fund for young men and women at Westfield High School and Stone Middle School. Put together a team for the tournament. Visit [www.erinpetersonfund.org](http://www.erinpetersonfund.org).



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**Cox Farms Fall Fest, Sept. 16-17 and 22-31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Cox Farms, 15621 Braddock Road, Centreville. Featuring Foamhenge and more. Visit [www.coxfarms.com](http://www.coxfarms.com).**

## SEPT. 28-OCT. 1

**Centreville Library Used Book Sale.** Various times at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St Germain Drive. Sale includes children's books, cookbooks, mysteries, romance, thrillers, lots of fiction paperbacks and hardcover books, literature, biographies, history, foreign language, and more, plus movie DVDs and music and book CDs. Proceeds benefit the library and its patrons. Call 703-830-2223 or visit [www.friendsofcentrevillelibrary.org](http://www.friendsofcentrevillelibrary.org).

## SEPT. 29-OCT. 1

**ValeArts Fall Art Show.** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. The nine artists of ValeArts will present "Transformations," an exhibit of more than 150 works of local art. Call 703-860-1888.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 30

**International Festival.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St Timothy Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. Email [tmiller@sttimothyparish.org](mailto:tmiller@sttimothyparish.org) or call 703-378-7646.

**Walk for Poor.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13809 Poplar Tree Road, Chantilly. Event supports St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry. Three-mile walk starts at St. Timothy's then proceeds through Ellanor Lawrence Park. Register or donate at [www.fopwalk.org](http://www.fopwalk.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 1

**Rare Artifacts on Display.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Some of the rarely seen 19<sup>th</sup> century artifacts on display at Sully Historic Site now through Nov. 20. Call 703-437-1794 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/).

## MONDAY/OCT. 2

**"Fore" the Kids Golf Tournament.** 8:30 a.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Benefiting The Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax County. Visit [www.bcgwv.org](http://www.bcgwv.org).

## SUNDAY/OCT. 8

**Family Golf Festival.** 1 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. An afternoon of free golf instruction, clinics, fun activities, interactive golf games, family programs, a chance to win a variety of prizes. After 5 p.m., families and children can play for free as part of Marriott Golf's Kids-Golf-4-Free program. Email [westfieldsgolfclub@cybergolfcentral.com](mailto:westfieldsgolfclub@cybergolfcentral.com).

**Table Top N Gauge Model Trains.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Children 4 and under and Museum members, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), or call 703-425-9225.

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