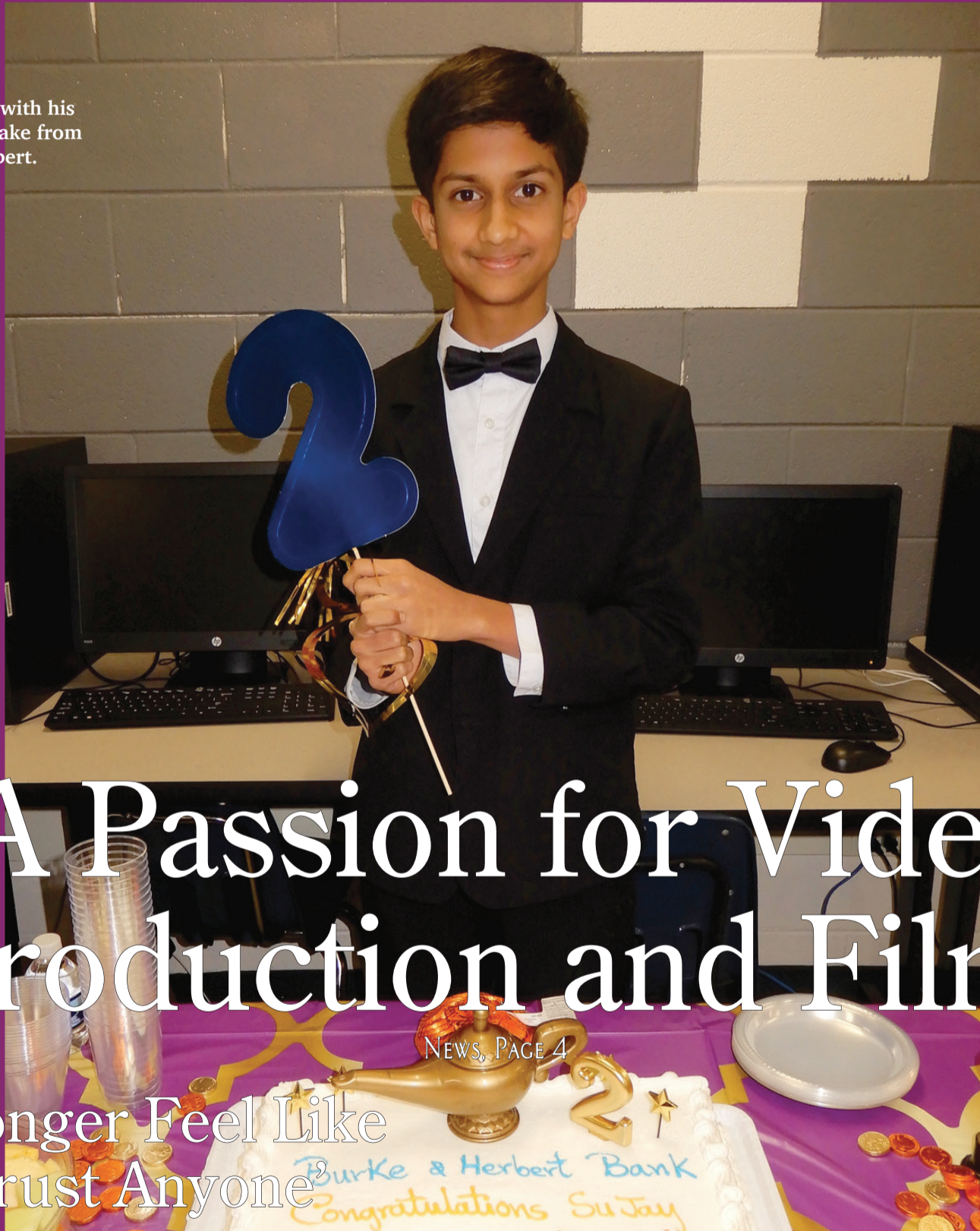


Sujay Khona with his celebration cake from Burke & Herbert.



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ONGOING

Beginning English Conversation. Fridays 10:30-12:30 p.m. At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Drop-in conversation group for ESL speakers who want to improve their skills. Adults. No registration required. Fridays 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free. Call 703-830-2223. Visit the website: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/6119888>

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Learn Photography. 7-8:30 p.m. At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. This class will focus on exposure and obtaining properly exposed images. Teens and adults.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Travel the Forgotten Road. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. These one-hour, outdoor walking tours cover the original outbuildings and slave quarter at Sully that were used during the late 18th century. Tours take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily, except on Tuesdays, during special events, or when there is severe weather. Call the site to confirm the tour status. The tour cost is \$8 for adults; \$7 for students age 16 and older with ID; \$6 for children age 5-15; and \$6 for seniors age 65 and older. Tours of the historic house will not be available through May because of ongoing structural repair and maintenance work. The rest of the historic site is open. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

Celebrate Pi Day with Pie. 3:14 to 5 p.m. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Sully Historic Site is hosting a "Pi Day Pie Celebration" for visitors of all ages to mark the return of 3.14 day. See historical interpreters in 18th-century clothing bake over an open hearth with pie recipes dating from the Lee time period through the 19th century. The cost, of course, is \$3.14 per person. Call 703-437-1794.

Following Mosby Thru Fauquier County. 4-6 p.m. At the Sully District Government Center, Frank Room, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Join authors Don Hackenson and Chuck Mauro as they describe the exploits of Colonel John S. Mosby in Fauquier County during the Civil War and discover sites that still remain today. Mosby is among the more complex historical figures of the Civil War. Known as the "Grey Ghost" the romantic lore surrounding him is consistent with the "Lost Cause" interpretations of the war. Yet

Mosby himself denied this view of the war and suffered for it. Presented by the Historic Centreville Society. Light refreshments will be served. Free. Email CentrevilleFHC@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day/St. Joseph's Day Party. 6-9 p.m. At St. Veronica's Church parish hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. This is a family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$8, Children \$6, drinks extra. Visit the website: <http://www.stveronica.net/> or 703-773-2000.

MONDAY/MARCH 16

Centreville Garden Club Meets. 7-9 p.m. At Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Guest speaker Ginger Piper will discuss "Mason Bees and Worm Castings". Meeting generally 3rd Monday each month. Learn more at CentrevilleGardenClub.blogspot.com, the Facebook page or email: centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com. Visitors and new members Welcome. Free.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

Climate Change Forum. 7:30-9:30 p.m. At Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Sully District Democratic Committee sponsoring a Hot Topic Forum on Climate Change - A Message of Urgency and Hope featuring Molly Bakal, Earth Rise Indivisible/Climate Reality Project, and Karen T. Campblin, Green New Deal Virginia. For details, email: LizWalker2@iCloud.com.

MARCH 20-22

Super Pet Expo. At Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Fri., Mar 20 - 3-8 p.m.; Sat. Mar. 21 - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sun. March 22 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$13; Children age 4-12 \$8, age 3 and under - Free. The family-friendly event will feature more than 200 pet-related exhibits along with entertainment and educational activities. Dogs, cats, Champion Trainer, hermit crabs and reptiles will highlight this show. Tickets: www.superpetexpo.com



Second Berlin Airlift

Col. Hork Dimon (USAF, ret.), who was there on the ground.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Second Berlin Airlift. 2-4 p.m. At Old Bust Head Craft Brewery, 7134 Farm Station Road, Warrenton. You know about the Berlin Airlift of 1948. There was a secret Second Berlin Airlift in 1961. An eyewitness describes the second one, with serious Sov opposition. Cost is \$35. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-the-shadows-the-secret-struggle-to-mount-a-second-berlin-airlift-tickets-95959243681>

FRIDAY/MARCH 27

Bake Old-fashioned Biscuits. 5:30-7 p.m. At Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Fairfax County parks preserve history, as well as nature. Get a taste of that history at the "Cooking Biscuits" program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Come to the park and learn to cook the old-fashioned way — over a fire — the way Virginians did for generations before us. Cook biscuits and top them with fresh-made butter and jelly. Discover the kinds of tools that were once used in the kitchen and the safety measures required when cooking with open flames. This program is designed for participants age four to adult. Call 703-631-0013.

Daffodil Shabbat. 7:30 p.m. At Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. At this special Shabbat service, recognize people both in and outside of the congregation who are "survivors" of cancer. The term "survivor" encompasses person, family member, or friend whose life has been touched by cancer. The daffodil is one of the first flowers of spring and a worldwide symbol of hope. Named accordingly, Daffodil Days— is an annual American Cancer Society program—which has helped spread cancer awareness and raise money towards a cure for more than 40 years. Come on your own or bring friends and caregivers — anyone whose presence gives you support. Contact rabbiblock@hotmail.com.

ONGOING

Diabetes Sisters PODS Meetup. Meets the first Monday from 7-9 p.m. At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. An evening of sisterhood, encouragement, and peer support. Opportunities to share experiences, peer support, and lived expertise with others who have been there too. Meet with other women living with diabetes for encouragement, education, and empowerment. Women age 18+ living with any type of diabetes or prediabetes are welcome, regardless of whether they were diagnosed yesterday or 40-plus years ago. They strive to create an open, respectful environment for women with diabetes or prediabetes to truly focus on their health. Free. Visit the website: <https://diabetessisters.org/pods-meetups>

Fitness for 50+. Daytime hours, Monday-Friday at Sully Senior Center, 14426 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly. Jazzercise Lite, Zumba Gold, Hot Hula Fitness (dancing Polynesian style), Strength Training, Qi Gong, Tai Chi and

more. Membership is \$48 a year, and waivers are available. Email lynne.lott@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-322-4475 for more.

History Volunteers Needed. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email volunteers@fairfaxstation.org or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

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 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 for more.

Ethiopian Temptations in Centreville

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE CONNECTION

DINING

Growing in popularity it seems, Ethiopian cuisine is now available in about 20 Northern Virginia restaurants. That reflects that locals are discovering this seemingly exotic and very non-Western style of cooking: each entrée comes with a flat, grayish bread called injera, and pieces of that are used to scoop up the meal—assuming one eats like a native. (Note: Be sure to order a side of injera, even if you only tear off pieces to eat...it is slightly tart and delicious.)

For a tempting meal, patrons should head to Centreville, and drive into a shopping center to find Manna Bistro & Bakery. Management serves up truly au-

thentic Ethiopian food, since the staff is Ethiopian. But they also serve a typical Western-style breakfast of eggs, eggs with cheese, eggs on bread, bagels with cream cheese, waffles, and surprisingly, tacos.

In fact, the restaurant seems to have a steady flow of Latinos who look for their native cuisine. That part of their menu includes an extensive collection of offerings, such as pupusas, carne asada, tamales, tostadas, fajitas, and quesadillas. Surely the cook turns out tasty Latino fare, but if you are in the mood for authentic Ethiopian, scroll down the menu.

Starters include sambusas (fried dough triangles stuffed with lentils and veggies), sinig (jalapeño stuffed with cooked tomato

and onion), and qategna (lightly toasted Ethiopian injera bread basted with butter and berbere).

While these are tempting, save your appetite for one of the vegetarian- or meat/poultry/seafood-based entrées. Perhaps the most well-known dish is called doro wat, usually a drumstick, breast, or thigh simmered in berbere sauce. That is delicious but step up to other choices too. For example lamb lovers should select one of their two options, the begue tibs (cubed lamb sautéed with onion, jalapeños and green pepper or the outstanding (but not always available) lamb keay, or diced lamb cooked in a slightly spicy tomato-based sauce.

Seafood options include sautéed shrimp with lemon juice, onion, and jalapeño pepper, a whole fried fish, fried whiting filets, or ground fish cakes. Beef is also prepared

Restaurant Review: Manna Bistro

in numerous ways, including steak tartare kitfo, which is freshly minced lean beef seasoned with chili powder, and may be served raw or lightly cooked.

But vegetarians also have plenty of options: miser watt (red lentils simmered in berbere sauce), gomen (cooked collard greens stirred with onions and garlic), defin mier alcha watt (green lentils simmered with garlic, onions, and turmeric) and other vegetable or other legume-based dishes.

In the end, consider ordering a cup of their dazzling chai latte with a swirl of whipped cream on top and one of their French desserts, including a rum-soaked tiramisu.

Manna Bistro & Bakery, 1415x Centreville Square, Centreville. 703-534-6990. Hours: Mon.- Sat., 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 8:30 p.m. www.mannabistro.com