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Brian Schoeneman and Howie

Remembering Howie

A memorial of our cat Howie who passed away on Dec. 19, 2018 at the age of 17. My husband, Brian Schoeneman rescued Howie 16 years ago when he was a kitten in Staunton, Va. wandering around a trailer park looking for food. They were best friends and Howie grew up alongside Brian who fin-


ished law school, got married, had a family, lost his mother and everything in between. The loss of Howie was massive for our family, hence the massive sheepadoodle to fill the hole in our hearts.

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NEWS

WFCM Golf Tourney Proves Successful

New event raises more than \$13,000 for the nonprofit.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' inaugural Spring into Action Golf Tournament was a big success and raised more than \$13,000 for the nonprofit. The event was held June 17 at Chantilly National Golf and Country Club in Centreville. Some 72 people participated and then enjoyed a barbecue buffet lunch afterward.

Attendees included several WFCM board members, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce President John Boylan, Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully), Mike Coyle from Smith's office, representatives from local businesses and churches, plus other supporters. Prizes were gift certificates for rounds of golf donated by Chantilly National.

"The work that WFCM does for the community is invaluable," said Phil Hicks of Sandy Spring Bank (part of the Northern Virginia Business Outreach Group). "Their food pantry is immaculate and allows for those in need to shop with dignity."

According to WFCM Executive Director Harmonie Taddeo, in the fiscal year that ran from July 2018 to the end of this June, WFCM served more than 2,600 people who are struggling to make ends meet.

"We provided over \$250,000 in rent and utility assistance to nearly 500 families facing eviction or disconnection of services," she explained. "And in addition to giv-



Many of the golfers, sponsors, volunteers and WFCM board members who attended the fundraiser.



From left, WFCM's Harmonie Taddeo and the Rev. Lynn Miller of King of Kings Lutheran Church. Miller golfed and gave the blessing at the event.

ing support, comfort and funds, we provided more than 300,000 pounds of food to our clients."

She said 94 percent of the families served by WFCM have low or extremely low incomes – earning



Harmonie Taddeo with Dominion Energy's Brendon Shaw, who won the Longest Drive.

only as high as \$32,000 for a family of four. "These resources of food and funds are making a difference

in their lives during times of crisis," said Taddeo. "We thank all those in the community whose support and generosity help us to serve those at risk of hunger and homelessness in western Fairfax County."

The funds raised during the golf tournament will be used toward WFCM's new services, including a text-message, appointment-reminder service for clients, additional appointment hours on weekdays and weekends, plus cleaning services for the pantry. "As more clients seek our assistance, these services will help us to serve them in a timely, efficient and healthy manner," said Taddeo.

Furthermore, added WFCM Board President Andrew Casteel. "We welcome the opportunity to provide a tour of WFCM's offices and food pantry for anyone who's interested. We know that, once you see what we do, you will share our passion and want to get involved."

Golf teams and golfers participating in WFCM's tournament were from: Pender United Methodist Church, Ox Hill Baptist Church, King of Kings Lutheran Church, Fairfax Church of Christ, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Northwest Federal Credit Union, the office of Kathy Smith, the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, TIAA, Dominion Energy, Acorn Financial, MarketPlace Development and Northern Virginia Business Outreach Group. Event sponsors were Atlantic Union Bank, Bloom Brand Strategies LLC, Keener Insurance Agency, The Dickens Family and Yates Campbell & Hoeg LLP.

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Westfield Grad Schlatter Is Naval Academy Plebe

Westfield High 2019 grad Harry Schlatter has been inducted into the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2023 in Annapolis. On June 27, he began six grueling weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer. He's the son of Wini and Richard "Cub" Schlatter of Centreville's Virginia Run community.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy's "plebe" (freshman) class, and each student participates in Plebe Summer. Harry Schlatter was chosen out of more than 16,000 people who applied for the Naval Academy's Class of 2022.

During this time, plebes have no access

to television, movies, the Internet or music, and restricted access to cell phones. The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Academy and the four years of challenge awaiting them.

Schlatter and the other, new midshipmen are rapidly assimilating basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing and handling yard-patrol craft. Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9 mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, plus obstacle, endurance and

confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Plebes also receive instruction in infantry drill and formal parades.

Founded in 1845, the Naval Academy prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers. More than 4,400 men and women comprise the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

They participate in intercollegiate, varsity sports and extracurricular activities. And they study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science



Harry Schlatter

degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and then serve at least five years as commissioned officers in the Navy or Marine Corps.

Back-to-School Rituals Cause Stress

BY JOE FAY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FACETS

As summer nears the end, we are getting ready to say goodbye to 21 teens that are headed off to college. These young people have been involved in our summer youth programs for many years. They have experienced — like the other children in our programs and all kids — the excitement and anxiety around back to school preparation. These rituals include buying clothes and school supplies, getting a haircut, and finding out what teachers you have.

For the nearly 23,000 kids that live in poverty in Fairfax County, back to school rituals can cause stress. In a region of so much wealth, it's hard to remember that many children do not share the same levels of preparation. They want to but simply cannot.

FACETS serves many impoverished youth through our Education and Community Development Program. The program operates year-round in four low-income, subsidized communities offering a continuum of supportive services to break the cycle of poverty. People living in these affordable housing communities have limited financial resources, with the average annual income for a family of four less than \$24,000.

At Robinson Square, Ragan Oaks, Barros Circle and Wedgewood, staff and volunteers offer an array of educational, preventative and enrichment programs to help youth, including mentoring and tutoring, and a variety of classes such as literacy, art, and computers. Participation provides many benefits, including ensuring a safe after-school and weekend environment, interaction with caring adults, award winning programs, and access to resources and case management.

We also work with these youth to help them get ready to go back to school. Like many nonprofits, we conduct supply drives that help make sure they have backpacks, pencils, and a myriad of other supplies that come on the lengthy lists provided by the schools. In many of the 400 backpacks, we also supply kids with a voucher for a haircut from the Hair Cuttery.

These school supply drives really do make a difference, and we hope you will consider contributing to ours or other organizations. If your means permit, perhaps consider donating a gift card to a clothing store or a hair salon. Helping a child feel confident and fit in during those first weeks of school goes a long way in making the school year productive. And if the youth we are helping prepare for college are an indicator, then we know it works.

Learn more about how you can help at www.FACETSCares.org.

Diversity and Inclusion As a Strength

BY HUBERT C. GRAVES

In light of the division which continues to deepen in our country and our society, the Board of Directors of the Centreville Immigration Forum wants to reaffirm the mission and values central to our organization. The current political and social climate appears to become more divisive with each passing day. The Centreville Immigration Forum calls upon our local community to be a model for the nation by respecting people who offer differing solutions to the problems we face, rather than falling into political arguments which are detrimental to all of us.

Part of the mission of the Centreville Immi-

gration Forum is to “build community recognition of our strength in diversity.” We embrace this principle and will continue to champion diversity and inclusion as a strength for our local community and the nation as a whole. This community and nation have demonstrated so much progress in the last half-century. We have come too far to turn back the clock, especially when there is more to accomplish. Freedom of Speech is what defines our democracy. Where would we be without courageous leaders such as Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez — among thousands of others — who demonstrated such courage in speaking out for what is right and just, challenging our

country to live up to the ideals upon which it was founded?

We steadfastly believe that the diversity of our community and nation will be one of the defining characteristics which will continue to make us the envy of the world. The voices of immigrants belong in public discourse, whether they are the voices of day laborers, business entrepreneurs, or members of Congress. We hope that the local community shares our vision, dreams, and aspirations, where diversity and inclusion are valued and where we work together for the benefit of us all.

The author is President of the Board of Directors of Centreville Immigration Forum.

Beginning of Representative Government in America

BY KENNETH R. “KEN” PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Four hundred years ago yesterday, July 30, 1619, a group of 22 colonists met in the wooden and mud church on Jamestown Island as instructed by the investors of the colony “to establish one equal and uniform government over all Virginia” and to provide “just laws for the happy guiding and governing of the people there inhabiting.” They adjourned on Aug. 4. That event is variously described as the beginning of representative government in America and as the beginning of the oldest continuous law-making body in the western hemisphere. It merits the commemoration it is receiving.

In order to fully understand the importance of a signature event as this one, I believe it is important to put it into perspective as our knowledge of what happened afterwards allows us to do. While termed the beginning of representative government, the first legislative meeting was anything but representative. Only white males could vote or serve in the Assem-

bly. The indigenous people — called Indians because one of the purposes of sailing to this new world was to find a shorter route to India — were not able to participate even though they had inhabited the land for at least 15,000 years. Not only were they kept out of the Assembly, they were forced off their lands where they had their homes, governance, religion, and farms. In less than a half century the immigrants had taken over the land and displaced the indigenous people.

Nor could women take part in that first Assembly because they did not arrive in Virginia until 1619 and did not secure the vote until three centuries later!

Enslaved people from Africa did not arrive in the colony until 1619 and not only were they not in the First Assembly but they were the subject of laws in subsequent sessions of oppressive slave codes that denied them basic human rights. It was necessary in the beginnings of the Assembly to belong to and pay taxes to the established church.

The history of Virginia and of America has been to move from this humble beginning and

through decades and centuries of events to evolve into what is more closely a representative government. The planners of the events surrounding 1619 have correctly I believe termed it “evolution.” Contrary to what some may have us believe, our state and our country did not start out meeting the ideals and vision that we have. We have built on a humble beginning to evolve into the country we are today.

I trust that this important celebration will not be allowed to be taken over by an ignorance of what happened at Jamestowne and turned into a biased partisan view to justify the terrible actions of government today against people of color, people from other lands, and people in the LGBTQ communities. We do not need to try to return to a past that was much more imperfect than we sometimes care to admit. I am attending the Commemorative Session of the General Assembly to learn more about the past and how we can learn from our experiences and evolve further into a more perfect union. I will not be attending the session with POTUS.

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KayAnn, Tripp and Nicholas Schoeneman.



Nicholas, 9, and Tripp Schoeneman. Tripp is a 7 month old sheepadoodle puppy.



Tripp the Sheepadoodle and Nicholas Schoeneman

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Tripp of Centreville: Full of Love, Perfect Buddy

We've had quite a few months with our new sheepadoodle (half old english sheepdog half standard poodle) Tripp. He's a big (70 lbs at almost 7 months) teddy bear who is full of love and the perfect buddy for Nicholas, our 9 year old son. Tripp loves belly rubs, treats, sticks, soccer balls and long

naps on cold tile. Nicknames include "Triple" and "Rippy". We love him with all our hearts. Tripp also has an instagram handle with 800+ followers (where Nicholas submits photos and caption ideas to his mom/me and she manages the page)
—KAYANN P. SCHOENEMAN, CENTREVILLE

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SPORTS



PHOTOS BY CHRIS DO/VIRGINIA RUN RIPTIDE

Riptide seniors are honored at the last meet of the season.

Another Win, Another Record

Emotional Riptide send off for the seniors.

BY SARAH BLANSETT

The Virginia Run Riptide ended its regular season with a home meet against the Oakton Otters on Saturday. The meet was close, forty-four personal bests were achieved, Charis Roundtree lowered her 9-10 girls butterfly record to 15.36, and the team honored their senior swimmers. In freestyle, Matthew Kelliher placed first for the boys 8 and under group, as did Caitlin Do for the girls. Ethan O'Connor and Charis Roundtree both finished first for the 9-10s, William Whitton placed first for the 13-14s, while Sarah Boyle, Allison Hickey, and Maddy Whitton dominated with a 1-2-3 sweep for the girls 15-18 group. The score after freestyle was a close 48-42 in favor of the Riptide. In backstroke the 8 and under had Nathan Tonthat taking first, Nicholas Harris took first place for the 9-10s while the 9-10 girls brought home another sweep with Anna Kelliher, Carson Coughlin, and Caroline Friess. Davis Collinsworth took first as did Montse Garduno Estrada in the 11-12s. Chelsea Nguyen placed first for the 15-18 group.

Heading into breaststroke, the score was 100 to 80 in favor of the Riptide. Angela Thomson earned first for the 11-12s. The 13-14 boys dominated with a sweep by Jackson Blansett, Nathan Ryman, and Sam Roundtree and Allison Hickey placed first for the 15-18 group.

The Otters pulled ahead after breaststroke with a score of 137 to 133. The fly round saw Caitlin Do placed first for the 8-and-



Chelsea Nguyen placed first in the backstroke.



Allison Hickey placed first in the breaststroke.

unders, with Charis Roundtree, Caroline Friess, and Anna Kelliher sweeping the 9-10 race, Jackson Blansett took home first for the 13-14s and Sarah Boyle earned first for the 15-18 group.

After butterfly, the score was 179 to 181 with Oakton in the lead. The boys 8-and-under relay won, as did both the boys and girls 9-10 medley relay teams. The 11-12 teams both won their medley relays, and the 13-14 boys medley relay won, as did the girls 15-18

200 medley relay. The boys mixed age relay won as did the girls mixed age relay, clinching the win.

The Riptide ends the regular season with three wins and two losses. They placed third at the Division 4 Relay Carnival and eleventh overall at the All Star Relay Carnival and said an emotional goodbye to senior swimmers Sarah Boyle, Christina Nguyen, Harry Schlatter, Jack Tweddle, Joel Cheifetz, Rebecca Matthews, and Jack Metcalf.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 1

DiabetesSisters PODS Meetup. 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Join the first meeting of this brand new PODS Meetup for an evening of sisterhood, encouragement, and peer support. Women living with any type of diabetes are warmly welcome. Free. Email sara@diabetessisters.org or visit diabetessisters.org/pods-part-diabetessisters-meetups for more.

TUESDAY/AUG. 6

Car Seat Safety Check. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sully district police station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. In preparation for inspection, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 7

Setting the Stage for School Success: Preparing for a New School Year. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 – Room 100, Dunn Loring. Transitioning to a new school year can be overwhelming. Join us to learn important strategies to help kick-start a child's school year in elementary, middle, or high school. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more or to register.

TUESDAY/AUG. 13

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's focus is an open discussion on caregiver stress. Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

TUESDAY/AUG. 20

Car Seat Safety Check. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sully district police station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Fairfax County Police Department offers free safety check and install events throughout the year to ensure children travel safely. In preparation for inspection, install the seat using the instructions that came with the car seat. Trained officers will review the car seat instructions and car owner's manual to be certain that they are being followed as they should.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

Public Comment Sought. The Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, under the leadership of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), are developing a plan to study Virginia's 179 miles of the Interstate 95 corridor between the Woodrow Wilson Bridge in Alexandria, Virginia and the North Carolina border. The first comment period will end Aug. 21, 2019. Additional comment opportunities will be available throughout the study period. For more information about the study, or to view meeting materials and access the online engagement tool, visit VA95Corridor.org.

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Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc.

Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal.

In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, on this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess, I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand?

There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home?

What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers.

I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket.

Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process.

Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there.

Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer, Shakespeare notwithstanding.

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode).

I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error – or humor.

"Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand.

After all, money really isn't the issue.

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CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Junior Golf Fairfax Camps, Clinics and Competition. Burke Lake Golf Center is located at 6915 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Pinecrest Golf Course is located at 6600 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. Twin Lakes Golf Course is located at 6201 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Oak Marr Golf Complex is located at 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/junior.

Registration Open: Northern Virginia Senior Olympics features more than 60 events that challenge the mind as well as the body. New games this year: jigsaw puzzle and line-dancing. The games run Sept. 14-28. There will be no on-site registration. Paper registrations, available at most local recreation and senior centers, must be postmarked by Aug. 24. Online registrations must be completed by Aug. 31 at www.nvso.us.

Chantilly Farmers Market. Thursdays, 3:30-7 p.m., through Nov. 11 in the parking lot at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. The farmers market is a family-friendly weekly event where everyone can access local foods around, and build connections with local farmers, small business owners, and their neighbors. Farmers and vendors bring locally raised fruits, vegetables, breads and baked goods, meats and eggs, local honey, wine, soaps, prepared foods, and more each week. Free admission. Visit www.community-foodworks.org/chantilly for more.

THURSDAY/AUG. 1

Hunter Mill Nights: Incendio (Latin). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. With a mix of performances through for the whole family, Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22 with performances by entertainers from across the United States and around the world. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/hunter-mill-nights for more.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 1-4

4-H Fair and Carnival. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Enjoy some old-fashioned family fun at the 71st Annual Fairfax County 4-H Fair and Carnival at Frying Pan Farm Park. There will be carnival games, rides and tempting foods. Stretch the budget on Thursday or Friday with free parking and discount tickets for unlimited rides. Friday also features the free Big Truck Night event, 5-8 p.m. Carnival rides run 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday with a Tractor Pull at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Stop by the 4-H Fair throughout the weekend as exhibitors display their winning entries and get their farm animals ready to show. Try a hand at farm chores, watch stage entertainment and enjoy dog and horse shows. Admission is free; \$10 per car parking fee on Saturday and Sunday. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park/4-h-fair.

SATURDAY/AUG. 3

Kiddie Academy Event. 10 a.m. at Kiddie Academy of Centreville, 14275 Braddock Road, Centreville. Kiddie Academy of Centreville, a local educational child care provider,

African-American Genealogy

An African-American Genealogy study group meets the first Monday of the month (except September and November). Participation in the study group is free but registration is requested. Mondays: Aug. 5, Oct. 7, and Dec. 2; 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. To register, or for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/events or call 703-830-2223.

invites local children and their families to Storytime LIVE!, a free community reading event. Attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a story reading and classroom visit with Curious George and Pinkalicious. Free and open to all. Call 703-349-3419 or visit kiddieacademy.com/academies/centreville/.

Dairy Days. 1-4 p.m. (on the hour) at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Get a taste of the county's dairy history at Sully Historic Site. Churn butter, crank ice cream, milk a fake cow, play 18th century games, and experience a slice of life from decades ago. Designed for participants 5- adult. \$8 per person. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is recommended. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tour the historic house for an additional fee. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 3-4

Book Discussion. At Civil War Days at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Authors discuss their new book on Col. John S. Mosby's combat operations in Fauquier County, following volumes on other area battles. Visit www.hmshistory.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 4

Reading Circle Activities. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Join for a fun afternoon discussing a book on railroads, everything from the history of railroading to different types of railroad cars. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Day of Discovery. 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Discover Ellanor C. Lawrence Park with historians or naturalists during the "Discovery Days" program. During this hands-on interpretive hour participants may search for animals, make biscuits and butter, explore a stream or more. Designed for participants age 3-adult. \$7 per person. In the evening, see turtles close-up while taking part in a "Turtle Survey" program at the park. Learn how to identify different turtle species and then assist a naturalist in



a search for them at the pond. This program is for family members age 2-adult and runs from 6-7 p.m. \$6 per person. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

MONDAY/AUG. 6

African-American Genealogy. 7-8:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. An African-American Genealogy study group meets the first Monday of the month (except September and November). Participation in the study group is free but registration is requested. To register, or for more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/events or call 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/AUG. 8

Hunter Mill Nights: Chopsteeth (Afrofunk). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. With a mix of performances through for the whole family, Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22 with performances by entertainers from across the United States and around the world. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/hunter-mill-nights for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 11

TTRAK Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia TTRAK members will hold a N gauge Model Train Display. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

THURSDAY/AUG. 15

Hunter Mill Nights: Veronneau (world jazz). 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. With a mix of performances through for the whole family, Hunter Mill Nights returns through Aug. 22 with performances by entertainers from across the United States and around the world. Allow time for a picnic in the park, a visit with the farm animals and a wagon ride, along with the show. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/hunter-mill-nights for more.

Fatal Motorcycle Crash in Franklin Farm

Detectives from Crash Reconstruction Unit are investigating a fatal crash believed to have occurred around 1 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 24. Officers responded to the area of Fairfax County Parkway and Franklin Farm Road shortly before 6 a.m. for a report of a single motorcycle crash.

Preliminarily, detectives have determined that Antonio Gray, 35, of Manassas, was driving a 2003 Yamaha motorcycle northbound on Fairfax County Parkway near Franklin Farm

Road when he failed to negotiate a curve, lost control and hit a guardrail. Gray was found down a slight embankment, out of sight of passing motorists and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Speed and alcohol appear to be factors which led to the crash. Next of kin have been notified. Gray was wearing a helmet and full protective attire.

Anyone with information about this crash is asked to contact our Crash Reconstruction Unit at 703-280-0543.

ROUNDUPS

Learn about Neighborhood Watch

Those interested in learning about the Neighborhood Watch program are invited to the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly, this Wednesday, July 31, at 6:30 p.m., for a one-hour workshop. Neighborhood Watch is a cooperative effort between police and the community. It reduces the opportunity for local crime and gives residents a greater feeling of ownership and active participation in preventing and solving crime in the community, while getting to know their neighbors.

Coffee with a Cop is Aug. 11

Residents are invited to grab a cup of coffee with police officers from the Sully District Station at the Peet's Coffee at 14383 Newbrook Drive in Chantilly (near Wegmans) on Sunday, Aug. 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It's a chance for people to join their neighbors and local police for coffee and conversation, ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in their neighborhood.

Kiddie Academy of Centreville Celebrates Storytime

Kiddie Academy of Centreville, a local educational child care provider, invites local children and their families to Storytime Live!, a free community reading event on Saturday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy a story reading and classroom visit with Curious George and Pinkalicious. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the excitement.

Storytime Live! is free and open to everyone: current students, new friends interested in learning more about Kiddie Academy of Centreville, and anyone looking to share a special experience with their child.

Kiddie Academy of Centreville is located at 14275 Braddock Road in Centreville. Register online at www.kastorytime.com

Partake in a Peach of a Program at Sully Historic Site

In the 18th century, Sully historic site was home to more than 1,000 peach trees. Learn about the history of peaches and their uses in the "Peaches and Cream" program at Sully on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019. Participants will have the chance to cook in the historic kitchen using peaches and hand-crank peach ice cream. The program is designed for peach lovers age six to adult and runs from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.