

WEEKEND

Where to go and what to do . . .

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Music in the Park

Celtic Circle will perform for Music in the Park from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Rose Hill Park in Berryville. The performance is free and open to the public.

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Douglass Park Family Day celebrates its 38th

By **STEPHANIE M. MANGINO**
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WINCHESTER — Douglass Park Family Day is older than Vivian Walker.

The Highland Avenue resident is 34, while the annual celebration of community held in Frederick Douglass Park will celebrate its 38th event.

It has been a part of her life almost as long as Walker can remember. Now she's part of the Douglass Park Club that organizes Family Day — scheduled for Sunday — and the two days of events leading into it.

"The joy of the children" keeps her involved, she said. But that's not all. "I shouldn't just say children, because adults enjoy it, too."

The Family Day weekend begins Friday with a 7-9 p.m. pool party in Jim Barnett Park, with free admission for children younger than 18.

On Saturday, a gospel sing will be held in Frederick Douglass Park from 5 to 8 p.m. The park is behind the Douglas Community Learning Center on North Kent Street.

Family Day will be held from noon to 8:30 p.m. Sunday in Frederick Douglass Park with a basketball tournament to begin at noon.

The tournament is a popular event, and one that might include the participation of Hakeem Long, 14, the son of Kevin and Stephanie Long.

As Walker spoke about Family Day from beneath the Douglass Park shelter, Hakeem was one of several children playing on its basketball courts. "I like playing basketball," he said, adding that he enjoys the music at Family Day, too.

While some things at Family Day remain the same — inflatables for part of the afternoon (they'll be in place from 2-6 p.m.), a 1-2:30 p.m. free hot dog lunch for the children, the tournament, and a dance contest — some new elements are in place this year.

Presti Entertainment will present a magic show, Walker said, "which will be a first for family day." Short Boz Ink, a tattoo and body-piercing parlor on Boscawen Street, will also create air-brushed tattoos and stencil art.

Family Day will be held from noon to 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Frederick Douglass Park in Winchester.

A variety of food vendors will be on hand, including those from some North End-favorite restaurants such as Happy Time Cafe, Island Delights, and Poppa's Place, Walker said.

The Salvation Army allows its summer feeding program trailer to be used for food distribution at Family Day, she noted.

A nonprofit showcase will also set up at the park, featuring 22 organizations ranging from L&R Baby, a coalition addressing teen pregnancy issues, to the Coalition for Racial Unity. Army recruiters will be there as well.

While Family Day began as a celebration primarily for the African-American community, it has changed over the years, and now includes people of all ethnicities and backgrounds. The events, Walker said, are designed to "promote community unity."

The committee, she said, is also trying to create a scrapbook that reflects Family Day's history. Walker has copies of all the newspaper articles written about the event and is seeking more photos, documenting the day as it occurred through the years.

The idea, she said, is to learn about activities in the past and to incorporate some of those ideas into current Family Day celebrations. One previous favorite — pony rides — will come back to Family Day this year, she said.

Information

All events are free and open to the public. The rain date is Aug. 8. For more information, call 540-327-3541.

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Vivian Walker is collecting photos of past Douglass Park Family Day events for a scrapbook. This year's event is set for Sunday in Winchester.

Where's Aubrey concert will benefit The Barns of Rose Hill

By **STEPHANIE M. MANGINO**
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BERRYVILLE — Where's Aubrey may have a band name in the form of a question, but it makes a statement with its music and performances.

The duo — Rhine Singleton of New Hampshire and Gary McGraw of Clarke County — does only a few shows a year, but they're always for charity.

The 7:30 p.m. Saturday show in Grace Episcopal Church at 110 N. Church St. will benefit The Barns of Rose Hill project to turn two early 20th-century dairy barns into a community and arts center. Ground was broken for the project this month.

The two can donate what they make because they have solid day jobs.

McGraw, 44, is a computer security professional and writer with a doctorate in computer science and cognitive science.

"I'm actually a pretty darn famous geek," he said cheerfully. He also helps to operate Cigital, a Dulles-based soft-



Where's Aubrey

ware security company.

Singleton teaches at Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire.

McGraw said he and Singleton met 25 years ago as undergraduates at the University of Virginia and have remained friends and bandmates ever since.

Singleton composes, while McGraw improvises on fiddle and mandolin.

Their sound ranges from old-timey to modern jazz. They have five albums of original music for sale on the band's website at wheresaubrey.com.

The pair usually give the money generated at their shows to the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, but this time they wanted to do something for the Barns, which should become a nexus for the Clarke County arts community.

McGraw, who lives with his family near the Shenandoah River, added that Clarke County has a "very strong music scene."

He noted that he plays with two local bands — Hot Club Millwood and Rogues Gallery.

The offer to play to benefit the Barns, said Diana Kincannon, the nonprofit organization's president, was "a very generous and wonderful thing to do."

The Barns is now raising money to outfit the facility, which it hopes to open in September 2011, she said. From \$50,000 to \$100,000 will be needed to

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Mystery on the mall

Chalk outlines were drawn on the Loudoun Street Mall in Winchester to prepare for the Handley Regional Library's fundraiser "Death of a Doornail" at 7 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Handley Library auditorium. The cost is \$75 and reservations are due today. Call 540-662-9041, ext. 28.

Bluemont presents Four Star Combo

Star Staff Report

WINCHESTER — The Bluemont Concert Series will present The Four Star Combo at 7:30 p.m. Friday outside the Old Court House Civil War Museum on the Loudoun Street Mall.

The Four Star Combo is the brainchild of bandleader and guitarist Ron Scott, who has a long resume in the East Coast roots music scene.

The sound of the band is billed as primitive, authentic rockabilly and honky-tonk music without any pretense of modernization or any "fusion" of styles. The songs range from well-known to obscure, with the addition of some Four Star originals

written in vintage styles.

The other band members are Eric Hurt on lead guitar, Donovan Stokes on bass, and Drake Sorey on drums.

The admission fee is \$5 per person, \$4 for Bluemont Friends and seniors, and \$2 for children under 12; proceeds benefit Bluemont's year-round Artist-in-Education program in area schools.

Spectators should bring a chair or blanket. Pets, alcohol, and smoking are not allowed. In case of bad weather, the concert will be moved indoors to First Presbyterian Church at 116 S. Loudoun St.

Bluemont relies on more than 1,000 volunteers each summer to ensure that performances go smoothly, and on the sup-

port of local businesses and community organizations. To volunteer, contact Claire Mitchell at 540-338-4640 or email claire@bluemont.org.

Presented by the Bluemont Concert Series, the program is made possible by a public/private partnership that includes the City of Winchester, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

This summer, Bluemont will present more than 50 concerts in eight communities.

On the Internet . . .
www.bluemont.org



The Four Star Combo

Weekend at a glance

MUSIC

• **Eastside Raw Bar & Grill**
1815 Millwood Pike, 540-662-2526
Friday — Karaoke with Senecawolf
Saturday — The Jokers

• **Blue Fox Billiards Bar & Grill**
160 Millwood Pike, 540-662-0011
Friday — Q-Stick
Saturday — 4Wamed

• **The Continental**
1361 North Frederick Pike, 540-667-9797
Wednesday — Karaoke with Chuck Carroll
Friday — BluesGate Jams

• **The Corners**
1429 S. Pifer Road, Star Tannery, 540-465-4050
Friday — The Shakedown
Saturday — The Suspect Band

• **Wayside Inn**
7783 Main St., Middletown, 540-869-1797
Saturday — Karaoke Joe and Starlight Entertainment

• **Village Square**
Friday and Saturday — Live piano

• **Brewbaker's**
168 N. Loudoun St., 540-535-0111
Friday — DJ Roberto
Saturday — Lagerhead

• **Sweet Caroline's**
29 W. Cork St., 540-723-8805
Friday — Cazmiere
Saturday — DJ Calibur

• **Cork Street Tavern**
8 W. Cork St., 540-667-3777
Friday — Boo Snider

• **Irish Isle**
7843 Main St. Middletown, 540-868-9877
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday — Brian Coughlan

• **Piccadilly's Public House**
125 E. Piccadilly St., 540-535-1899
Friday and Sunday — Karaoke with Cathy Kerns

• **Horseshoe Curve Restaurant**
Pine Grove, 540-554-8291
Friday — Annie and Mac
Saturday — Sarah Bennett Swanner

• **Backseat Bar and Grill**
104 Full House Drive, 540-665-9033
Friday — DJ Chuck Carroll
Saturday — The Diamondback Band

Apple Blossom 6

Apple Blossom Mall
540-665-0019
DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13)
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE 2D (PG)
RAMONA & BEEZUS (G)
SALT (PG-13)
INCEPTION (PG-13)
THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE (PG)
DESPICABLE ME 2D (PG)

Family Drive-In

U.S. 11 south of Stephens City, 540-665-6982
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE (PG)
INCEPTION (PG-13)
DESPICABLE ME (PG)
THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG)

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema

181 Kernstown Commons Blvd., 540-313-4060
DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13)
CHARLIE ST. CLOUD (PG-13)
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE 3D (PG)
SALT (PG-13)
INCEPTION (PG-13)
THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE (PG)
DESPICABLE ME (PG)
ECLIPSE (PG-13)
GROWN UPS (PG-13)
TOY STORY 3 3D (G)

Delco Cinemas

Delco Plaza, 540-662-6800
IRON MAN 2 (PG-13)
SHREK 4 (PG)

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