

ROUNDUPS

Watershed Management Plan Meetings

Fairfax County invites the public to participate in a series of open forums and assist in the development of seven draft watershed-management plans. The ultimate goal is the protection and restoration of county streams and other water resources. More information is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/announcements.htm.

The Springfield District's watershed forum dealing with Little Rocky Run/Johnny Moore Creek is this Thursday, Sept. 16, at Centreville High. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the program is from 7-9 p.m.

Sully District CAC Meeting

The Sully District Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet Tuesday, Sept. 21, from 7-8:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Meet the Candidates

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations will hold a Congressional Candidates Night on Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The four Democratic and Republican candidates from the 10th and 11th districts have been invited to speak and respond to questions.

Those invited from the 10th District are Jeff Barnett, challenger (D) and Rep. Frank Wolf, incumbent (R). Invited from the 11th District are Rep. Gerry Connolly, incumbent (D) and Keith Fimian, challenger (R). Each candidate will have 10 minutes for opening remarks and will then take questions from the audience. If the candidates can't attend, they may send surrogates to give their opening statements.

Park Authority To Meet

The next meeting of the Fairfax County Park Authority will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Sept. 23, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The Centreville Immigration Forum will meet Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7 p.m., in the chapel of Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. It's the CIF's official, organizational meeting as it moves into nonprofit status and finds new ways to carry out its mission. According to its mission statement, the CIF is "a group of neighbors working together to enhance the quality of life for immigrants in the Centreville community."

NEWS

Fund-raiser for Special Olympics

Australian guitarist Rick Caballo will perform at Red Rocks.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

For 20 years, Kevin Whalen of Centreville's Walney Glen community has raised money for Special Olympics by participating in the Law Enforcement Torch Run. Now, he's continuing to support both Special Olympics and Best Buddies (which pairs mentally challenged students with regular students for fun and friendships) with a rockin' fund-raiser.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, at 8:30 p.m., Australian country-rock singer Rick Caballo will sing and play guitar at Red Rocks Café & Tequila Bar. It's in the Old Centreville Crossing shopping center, off Braddock Road in Centreville.

The event is free and open to the public; donations of any amount will benefit the Eunice Kennedy Shriver Challenge – Special Olympics. The fun also includes prize drawings for restaurant gift certificates, Washington Capitals memorabilia and many other items.

Caballo blends southern rock, country and international flavor into his original music. His first album, "Love Retaliation," showcased both his musical and writing abilities. For more information, see www.rickcaballo.com/.

A grand finalist in this year's Toyota Star Maker contest in Tamworth – Australia's number-one country music festival – Caballo has been recording a new album with legendary Nashville musicians and producers and touring the U.S., Europe and Australia for most of 2010.

"The Red Rocks event is one of many Special Olympics events happening that day in honor of its founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver," said Whalen. "The Shriver family is kicking off the first annual "Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS) Day," Sept. 25, to honor her and celebrate her inspiration, impact and indomitable spirit."

Her son, Anthony K. Shriver, is the Special Olympics and Best Buddies leader of EKS Day nationwide. Another local event, the annual Airplane Pull at Dulles Airport, will raise money for Virginia Special Olympics.

"So the fund-raiser at Red Rocks is a great way for Centreville residents to celebrate EKS Day, support Special Olympics and enjoy great country music from the Land Down Under," said Whalen. "There are also events worldwide on this day, so it's pretty cool to have one in Centreville." For more information, contact him at kevwhalens@gmail.com.

In addition, Whalen is the captain of the Little Rascals EKS Challenge Team of bicyclists, runners and walkers who'll participate in the first annual EKS Challenge, also benefiting Special Olympics and Best Buddies. It'll be held Saturday, Oct. 23, at the Washington Monument and consists of either a 20-mile bike ride, a 5K run or a walk.

Participants pick their event and do it at their own pace. It's not a race, but is in memory of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and another way to raise funds to-



Australian singer Rick Caballo will perform Sept. 25 at Red Rocks in Centreville.

ward the cause. For more information, to join the team or to donate to it, go to www.ekschallenge2010.org/kevinwhalen.

"I met her at the White House, a few years ago, at a Law Enforcement Torch Run," said Whalen. "She had one vision – to show the world that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities could achieve and thrive in society. And her vision and legacy live on through Best Buddies and Special Olympics."

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Whalen will do the bike-riding portion of the Challenge, and each member of his team will raise \$1,000 to contribute. "It's a cool thing to do and it gets me more involved than just doing a Torch Run," he said.

Right now, though, he's focusing on Caballo's performance at Red Rocks and the

fund-raiser there. Dawn Sciarrino of Centreville is a friend of Whalen's through Scouting and is also friends with Caballo.

"She knew I do benefits for various causes, so she offered to have him perform for free while he's here on tour in America," said Whalen. "I asked Red Rocks owner Bob Evans if he'd let Rick play there for tips and donations to Special Olympics, and he said, sure, he'd help me out."

During the evening, the EKS Challenge organization will give away a poster signed by some Capitals players, as well as EKS T-shirts.

"I hope lots of people will come out and enjoy some good, country music from an up-and-coming artist and help raise funds for Special Olympics and Best Buddies," said Whalen. "Whatever anybody feels like giving – even if it's a dollar – makes a difference."

And for those wanting an encore, Caballo will also be performing Friday, Oct. 1, at the Main Street Pub in Clifton.