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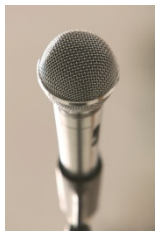
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What's Happening in Suffolk This Weekend...

SUFFOLK, VA (May 6, 2011)

FRIDAY, May 6

- *F.A.M.E Showcase*



Suffolk Parks and Recreation proudly presents its 9th annual F.A.M.E. Showcase (Future Artists, Musicians and Entertainers) on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, 2011, at Lakeland High School, located at 214 Kenyon Road. Both shows will start at 6 p.m. Doors will open to the public at 5 p.m.

This program promotes local talent who are 5-19 years old and currently enrolled in school. Featured talent will include vocal and instrumental music, dance, step, and visual arts. Twenty acts are scheduled. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. All proceeds will benefit the F.A.M.E. Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to high school seniors based on the student's academic performance, need and community service. Last year's proceeds were over \$4,750, resulting in two scholarships of \$2,382 each.

For more information, please contact Suffolk Parks & Recreation at 514-7250 or visit www.suffolk.va.us/parks.

• *Be Kind to Animals Art Contest*

To recognize and celebrate the student winners of the second annual Be Kind to Animals Art



Contest, a contest co-sponsored by Suffolk Humane and Suffolk Public Schools, the Suffolk Humane Society will host a reception on Friday, May 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Suffolk campus of Paul D. Camp Community College, 271 Kenyon Road. The art contest is held in honor of Be Kind to Animals Week, celebrated May 2-8, a nationally recognized week begun in 1914 by the American Humane Association.

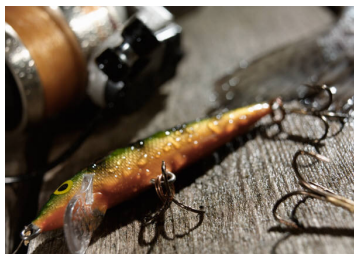
Open to Suffolk Public School children from kindergarten through 12th grade, students were asked to create an original two-dimensional or three-dimensional artwork or digital photograph that illustrates how to be kind to animals. The winners will be announced at the reception, and the art will be displayed at the college campus during regular business hours from May 1 through the evening of May 6. Winners will also receive savings bonds as well as gift bags filled with Suffolk Humane Society goodies.

“We want to provide students the opportunity to express themselves creatively, receive positive recognition for original works, and increase community awareness of the importance of caring for animals,” said Michele Thames, director of humane education for Suffolk Humane. “The art show was a huge success last year with over 70 participants and we hope this year is bigger and better than the last!”

Contact Michele Thames at (757) 538-3030 ext. 4 or at michelethames@suffolkhumanesociety.com for more information about the contest or reception.

SATURDAY, May 7

• *March of Dimes Bass Fishing Tournament*



Cast for a cause on Saturday, May 7, 2011, and join Suffolk Parks & Recreation for the 2011 March of Dimes Bass Fishing

Tournament. From 6:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., cast to reel in the winning catch, help children and support the March of Dimes, all while enjoying a day on the water. All participants over 16 years of age must have a valid Virginia Freshwater Fishing license and must have a parent or guardian present in the boat at all times. The fee is \$25 per boat. Half of the proceeds raised will go to the March of Dimes of South Hampton Roads. To register, or for more information, call (757) 255-4032.

Lone Star Lakes Park is located at Bob House Parkway, Suffolk, VA 23434.

- *Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department Fish Fry*



Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department will hold a Fish Fry on Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for a Filet of Trout, Boiled Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Hush Puppies dinner. Tickets are available from any WVFD member, at the door, Aswells Garage, or Schadel Sheet Metal. A Bake Sale will be sponsored by the Women of Great Fork Baptist Church.

Whaleyville Volunteer Fire Department is located at 6235 Whaleyville Blvd., Suffolk, VA 23438

- *Spring Fling Festival*



Join Suffolk Parks & Recreation on Saturday, May 7, 2011, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at Mack Benn Jr. Recreation Center for the Spring Fling Festival! Enjoy a day of fun, crafts, games, face-painting, music, and family

fun entertainment. Mack Benn Jr. Recreation Center, Suffolk Parks & Recreation staff and Mack Benn Jr. Elementary School have collaborated to create a fun-filled experience for the community. This event is free and open to the public.

Mack Benn Jr. Recreation Center is located at 1253 Nansemond Parkway. For more information, please contact Lee Wilson at (757) 514-7248.

UPCOMING

MONDAY, May 16

- *Law Enforcement Memorial Day Service*



Please join the Suffolk Police Department and Fraternal Order of Police for a Memorial Service in honor of National Police Week. The service is scheduled for Monday, May 16th at 2 p.m. in the City Council Chamber.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as *Police Week*. This year, the names of 317 officers killed in the line of duty are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC. These 317 officers include 153 officers who were killed during 2010, plus 164 officers who died in previous years.

We thank you for taking the time to honor the men and women, both locally and nationwide, who have sacrificed their lives in the preservation of peace and order.

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