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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

Public invited to student film fest at Annandale HS Saturday



From the left: Annandale High School student Rahel Tecle, Martha Barnes of the American History Film Project, and former Annandale student Nikki McDonald.

History-related films featuring the work of students from [Annandale High School](#) and two schools in the Midwest will be screened for the public Saturday, June 6, 4 p.m., at Annandale High School.

The film fest was organized by the [American History Film Project](#), a grassroots initiative founded by Martha Barnes, a student information assistant at [Columbia Elementary School](#) in Annandale.

The film by Rahel Tecle, an Annandale High School senior, features an interview with Nikki McDonald of Pittsville, Va., who was one of the first students to attend AHS when it opened Sept. 1, 1954, at a time Annandale was a rural small town. [McDonald was interviewed by the [Annandale Blog](#) in February 2014.] Tecle's film was edited by AHS student Bailey Oliver.

The film by Ty Kvanvig and Teven Marshall of Mullen, Neb., is a how-to guide about constructing a sod house like those built by the pioneers who settled on the Plains. They are students in teacher Kelly Garcia's seventh-grade world history class in [Mullen Public Schools](#).

Lexi Rice, who's also in that class, made a film about an infamous local crime that spurred a national investigation. The AHFS raised \$400 to cover Garcia's airfare so she could attend the film fest at Annandale High School. Even so, Garcia is driving over 300 miles to Denver to get a cheaper flight. "She's coming here just to be with us," Barnes says.

Mary Hilbrink of Cary, Ill., will participate in the film fest via Skype. Her film is about the origin of the Baby Ruth candy bar and the chocolate factory in her town.

According to Barnes, who founded AHFP eight years ago, the goal of the project is to teach students that they are an integral part of their community and its history by researching, writing, planning, and directing a 10-minute video documenting an aspect of history in their town.

"It's really been a struggle" getting the project off the ground, Barnes says. The first school she approached, which was in Missouri and

MEGA TAX HOLIDAY AUG. 7-9

If you're thinking about back-to-school shopping, this weekend would be a good time to get started. Virginia's annual [sales tax holiday](#) for school supplies and clothes is Aug. 7-9.

Eligible clothing – including gym clothes, uniforms, lab coats, and much more – must be priced at \$100 or less to qualify for the tax exemption. School supplies must be \$20 or less.

This year, Virginia's three separate tax holidays – for emergency preparedness items and energy and water-saving appliances, as well as items for school – have been combined into one weekend, Aug. 7-9.

Tax-free hurricane and emergency items include portable generators priced at \$1,000 or less, gas-powered chainsaws that are \$350 or less, and many more items that are \$60 or less. Appliances carrying the Energy Star or WaterSense label that cost \$2,500 or less can also be purchased tax-free this weekend.

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- Aug. 5 - Blue Sky Puppet Theatre, Green Spring Gardens, 10-11 a.m. Ages 3 and up. \$4. Register online or call 703-642-5173. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.
- Aug. 5 - Spotlight by Starlight free

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was interested in making a film about rural poverty, was closed before they even started.

"We want kids to take pride in where they live," she says. "We want them to learn about and appreciate their local community's history."

Posted by Ellie Ashford at 3:42 PM



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Admission is free to the film fest 4 p.m. Saturday at AHS

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j-kv6wws53o>

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Kelly Garcia 6/3/15, 11:12 PM

I can't wait to meet everyone in Annandale this weekend!

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Nikki was a student when the school opened but not a member of the first graduating class in 1956. You need to check school records/yearbooks.

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concert, the Lovejoy Group, (jazz), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.

- Aug. 6 - American Indian Stories Campfire, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7:30:30 p.m. Ages 3 and up. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Aug. 7 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, Alt Washingtonia, (American roots), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 8 - Free children's show, Blue Sky Puppet Theater, 10 a.m.
- Aug. 8 - Teddy Bear Picnic, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 1-2 p.m. Ages 3-9. \$10. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Aug. 8 - European Polka and Waltz, the Continentals, Ossian Hall Park, 7:30 p.m. Free,
- Aug. 9 - My Sky Tonight, Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$6. Register online or call 703-222-4664.
- Aug. 9 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, Ruthie & the Wranglers (American roots), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 12 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, the U.S. Air Force Celtic Aire, Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 14 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, Wayne Henderson with Jeff Little and Helen White (bluegrass), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 15 - Raiders of the Lost Trash: Join Friends of Lake Accotink Park to clean up hard-to-reach areas along the coastline via canoe, meet at the marina, 8:30 a.m.
- Aug. 15 - Free comedy show for children, the YOJO Show, Mason District Park amphitheatre, 10 a.m.
- Aug.15 - Workshop: Enchanted Miniature Dish Garden, Green Spring Gardens, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 13 and up. \$45. supply fee \$20. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Aug.15 - Family Fun: Wildlife Habitat Workshop, Green Spring Gardens, 1-2 p.m. Ages 5 and up. \$6. Register online or call 703-642-5173.
- Aug.15 - Korean Cultural Heritage Night (music and dance), Ossian Hall Park, 7:30 p.m. Free,
- Aug. 16 - A History of Sugar and Dessert, Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 1-3:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up. \$45, includes traditional English tea; \$22 for program only. To register, call 703-941-7987.
- Aug. 16 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, the Justin Trawick Group (urban rock), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 17 - Workshop for Job Seekers Age 50+, Resume Writing and Preparation Techniques, Goodwill Annandale Career Center, 7031 Columbia Pike, 10:30 a.m. Call 703-286-5176 x2 to register.
- Aug. 18 - Bailey's Crossroads Revitalization Committee, Mason Government Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 19 - Stuart Pyramid Back to School Resource Fair, Stuart High School, 2-7 p.m.
- Aug.19 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, Junkyard Saints (New Orleans/blues), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21 - Spotlight by Starlight free concert, the Hot Seats (bluegrass), Mason District Park amphitheatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 22-23 - 30th Annual Begonia Show and Sale, Green Spring Gardens, Saturday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday noon-3:30 p.m. Free admission.
- Aug. 22 - Garden Highlights Tour, Green Spring Gardens, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Ages 14 and up. \$12. Register online or call 703-