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COVID-19 IN PRINCE WILLIAM

All numbers through Wednesday, May 12, and show changes since May 5.

50,606 (+296)
Total confirmed and probable cases
Prince William: **45,094 (+288)**
Manassas: **4,295 (+6)**
Manassas Park: **1,217 (+2)**
Statewide: **668,147 (+4,609)**

547 (+4)
Deaths
Prince William: **489 (+5)**
Manassas: **47 (0)**
Manassas Park: **11 (-1)**
Statewide: **10,934 (+90)**

4.6%
(down from 5.3%)
Average test positivity rate*
Statewide: **3.9%**

378,763 (+5,550)
Tests conducted*
Statewide: **7.21 million**

78 (+8)
Outbreaks*
Statewide: **3,490 (+371)**

358,981 (+22,111)
Vaccine doses administered
Statewide: **6,876,455 (+416,079)**

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SOURCE: Virginia Department of Health.

* -- Outbreaks and diagnostic test data are reported for the Prince William Health District, which consists of the county and the cities of Manassas and Manassas Park. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases in one setting. Outbreak data was expanded last week to include outbreaks identified through antigen testing since Jan. 1, as well as those previously identified through PCR tests.

'Ghost town' no more As restrictions ease, events return to Manassas

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At this time last year, the events that Manassas partly relies on to bring money and tourists into its Old Town were being called off. First it was St. Patrick's Day, then First Fridays and finally the annual July 4 festivities.

"It was such a ghost town for so long," said Debbie Haight, executive director of Historic

Manassas Inc., the city's tourism arm. "It was really scary."

Fast forward a year, and city officials and business owners are expecting a boon from the return of these events, along with the full

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Occoquan debuts Artisan Markets, Page 15.

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ON TAP IN OLD TOWN

Historic Manassas plans to bring back the following annual events this summer and fall, in addition to the monthly "First Fridays:"

- » **Manassas Heritage Railway Festival**, Saturday, June 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- » **Manassas Jazz Festival**, Saturday, June 19, noon-7 p.m.
- » **Celebrate America**, Sunday, July 4, 3-10 p.m.
- » **Bands, Brews & Barbecue**, Saturday, Sept. 4, noon-6 p.m.
- » **Manassas Fall Jubilee**, Saturday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Oh, My!

Bees



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A Lobster



» Rare find at local restaurant saved from the pot. Page 5

Dinosaurs



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And...



Cicadas begin to emerge here

» BY KARI PUGH
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They're here! The 17-year cicada brood is clawing to the surface from its long underground slumber. And while their numbers are small right now, the presence of the red-eyed, noisy, klutzy bugs is about to explode.

The Brood X cicadas started to emerge early this week around Alexandria, Loudoun County, western Fairfax County and parts of Prince William County, according to sightings from area residents, but they're still a bit drowsy and don't like the colder temperatures so much, experts say.

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That's the Ticket

Prince William's Ayala wins lieutenant governor nod

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Prince William County Del. Hala Ayala will be on the Democratic statewide ticket for the fall election after winning Tuesday's primary for lieutenant governor.

Ayala will be joined by former Gov. Terry McAuliffe, seeking the state's top position again, and Attorney General Mark Herring, who is seeking a third term in that role, in an all-Northern Virginia ticket. McAuliffe lives in McLean, and Herring is from Loudoun County.

Ayala, who has served two terms in the General Assembly, won the lieutenant governor nomination with 37.4% of the vote in the seven-way primary, according to unofficial results from the

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King wins \$1 million primary in 2nd

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McAuliffe cruises to victory

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Del. Hala Ayala, who won the Democratic nomination to run for lieutenant governor, greets a primary voter at Beville Middle School in Woodbridge.

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SALUTE TO CLASS OF 2021



INSIDE:

A special eight-page pullout section honors many of the graduating high school seniors in the Class of 2021.



A Promise Kept

When their dad died last year, Donn Pierre Langley asked his brother to promise to attend his graduation from Colgan High School in place of their father.

But as graduation day approached, Malik Langley was in training at the U.S. Army's Airborne School at Fort Bragg, N.C., and it didn't look like he would be able to come.

Donn walked across the stage to receive his diploma Saturday, without his dad or older brother – or so he thought. Malik was waiting at the bottom of the stairs in uniform. The emotional reunion sent a round of applause through the

VIDEO ONLINE

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audience.

"He wanted me to be here for him because my father wasn't going to be able to," Malik Langley said in a video posted on the Prince William County Public Schools Facebook page.

Malik told school officials he had to fight hard to get the proper permissions to get away for the afternoon to surprise his brother, and he was required to return



Malik Langley, right, surprised his younger brother, Donn, at Saturday's Colgan High School graduation.

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to Fort Bragg by the next morning.

"I just wanted to keep my promise up to him," he said.

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From Woodbridge to Brentsville...

Our Community Mourns

'Remember his smile'

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When Jimmy Longersbeam interviewed Fred Moore in May for a spot on Woodbridge's coaching staff, the two never talked football.



FRED MOORE

There was no reason to. Longersbeam recognized right away that Moore's value transcended X's and O's. Moore's personality stood out to Longersbeam, especially the way Moore related to kids. Within five minutes of their conversation, Longersbeam knew he planned to make Moore his first hire.

"Those are the type of guys you want to keep around," Longersbeam said.

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Woodbridge High School football players and coaches gathered with students on the football field before practice Monday to remember defensive coordinator Fred Moore (top photo). During the ceremony, head coach Jimmy Longersbeam gave Moore's family a game ball signed by the players and a helmet signed by the coaches. Moore died after collapsing during the team's Sept. 17 game. PHOTOS BY PAUL LARA | INSIDENOVA

'To know him is to love him'

» BY KARI PUGH
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A memorial service was scheduled Thursday evening at Brentsville District High School for senior Ryland Harris, who died Sept. 15 after a battle with brain cancer.

Ryland, a 17-year-old Brentsville student who wrestled and played football and baseball, was diagnosed in spring 2020 with grade 4 glioblastoma, an aggressive form of brain cancer. The teen underwent brain surgery, radiation, chemotherapy and immunotherapy.



RYLAND HARRIS

In late August, his family posted on the "Ryland Strong" Facebook group that treatment

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