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## 2019 Arlington County Fair kicks off August 14 Free annual event includes food, entertainment and midway rides

Arlington, VA – The 2019 Arlington County Fair, one of the area's largest free summer events, takes place August 14 to 18, 2019 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center. Providing family-friendly entertainment for over 40 years, the non-profit Fair showcases the best of Arlington with music, food, games, exhibits and educational attractions for all ages.

"Each August, thousands of people of all ages come to the Thomas Jefferson Community Center to enjoy food, midway rides and entertainment," said Arlington County Fair Board President Kyle Thornhill. "This year, we'll combine our annual traditions with new activities like Goat Yoga, a Butterfly Encounter and a Beer Garden with New District Brewery. We're also delighted to host the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Artmobile, a state-of-the-art museum on wheels."

This year's Fair will feature free admission and free events including face painting, bounce houses, performances by Magician Drew Blue Shoes, a Pie Eating Championship, and an outdoor showing of "Spiderman: Into the Spiderverse." The Arlington Jaycees will sponsor Cornhole, Bingo and Giant Jenga games, while Inova Fairfax Hospital will host a blood drive.

The annual community Competitive Exhibit contest features handmade or homegrown entries in seven food, arts and plant categories. Entries, such as baked goods, photography and potted plants, will be publicly displayed throughout the fair.

Cole Shows Amusement Company will provide midway games and amusement rides for thrill-seekers of all ages.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place August 14 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete schedule of events, go to the Arlington County Fair website at <a href="http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/schedule/">http://arlingtoncountyfair.us/schedule/</a>

**About the Arlington County Fair:** The Arlington County Fair is a non-profit volunteer-driven event that embraces a diverse community by educating, entertaining and showcasing the best of Arlington. For the past 43 years, the fair has been one of the largest free events on the East Coast with over 84,000 attendees from Northern Virginia and the Washington metro area.