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**May 16**

**9am-2pm**

# **Nokesville Day**

**Come join us on Fitzwater Drive!**

**Parade starts at 11am** plus enjoy the vendors, crafts, food, moon bounces, kid activities, antique cars & tractors and more!

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# Nokesville Day

May 16 from 9am-2pm



## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM EVENT BEGINS

9:15 AM BULL RUN CLOGGERS

9:45 AM BULL RUN CLOGGERS

10:00 AM SHORT TERM MEMORY BAND

11:00 AM PARADE BEGINS

11:45 AM SHORT TERM MEMORY BAND

2:00 PM EVENT ENDS

3:00 PM SHUTTLE ENDS

WE HOPE YOU WILL RETURN AT A LATER TIME TO ENJOY  
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# 2026 Nokesville's Citizens of the Year

## Charlotte Bear and Suzie Evans

Charlotte Bear and Suzie Evans grew up in Nokesville as friends attending the Nokesville Church of the Brethren. After being away from this community for college, both were married and lived elsewhere in Virginia, then returned to Nokesville in the early 1980s with young families.

With degrees in education and early childhood, and desiring an early childhood program for their own children, Suzie and Charlotte approached their home church about beginning a weekday program. After researching state requirements and visiting other programs in the area, and with the support of the pastor and church leaders, Rainbow Preschool opened in September 1986 with one classroom. Including their own two children, twelve students enrolled that first year, with Charlotte and Suzie alternating turns as teacher and teaching assistant and working together as co-directors. They continued in these roles, known as "Ms. Suzie" and "Mrs. Bear," working together for 35 years as Rainbow's program eventually grew to include both morning and afternoon classes and a staff of five.

Though the program has grown over the years, Rainbow Preschool has remained a small hometown school.

This year Rainbow Preschool celebrates 40 years in the Nokesville Community, with over 1,000 children having participated in its program through the years. We are happy that many of the children of our former students are included in that number, and that two of our former students are currently serving on the preschool staff.

In addition to serving the community through their work at Rainbow Preschool and volunteering at the Nokesville Church of the Brethren, through the years Suzie and Charlotte have both served our community in other capacities. Charlotte worked many years with community programs and managing volunteers at the Prince William County Fair and, since 2012, has been in part-time pastoral ministry. Suzie has spent many years as a volunteer for food insecurity programs in both Manassas and Nokesville.

Both ladies say they feel blessed to know, and to have served, so many families in and around Nokesville through their work with young children. They are glad to be part of such a warm and friendly community.





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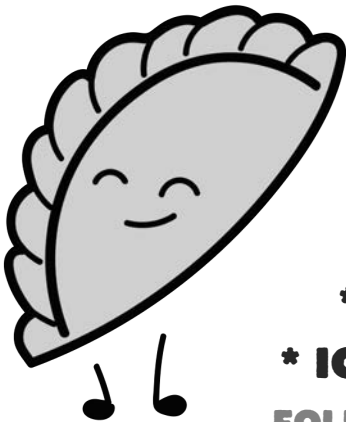


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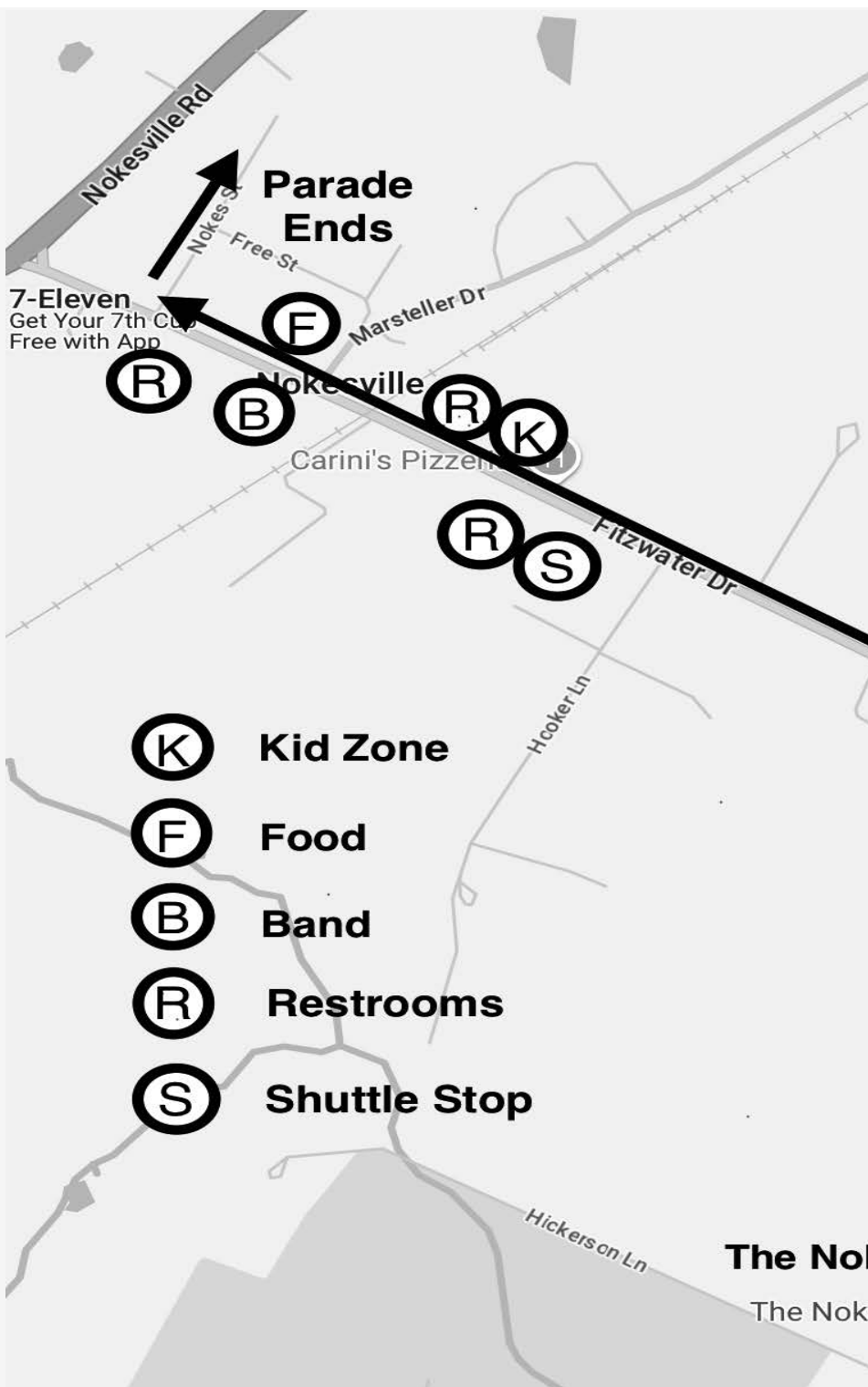
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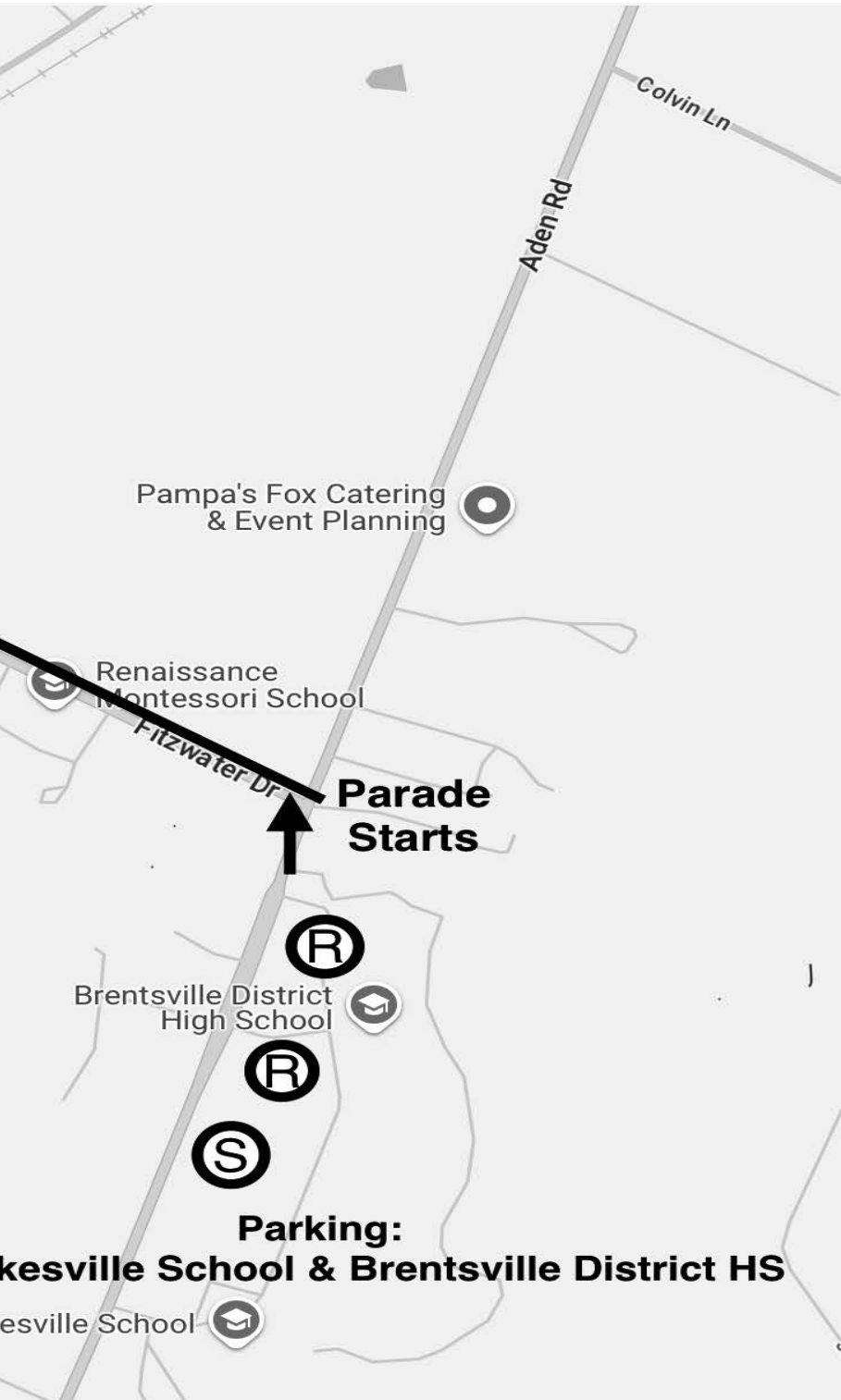
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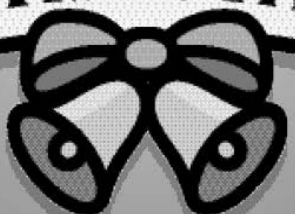
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Nokesville loves parades! This photo is believed to be taken in the mid-1920's with MJ Shepherd driving the float! Photo courtesy of Rod Shepherd We'd love to see your old photos! You can share them on the facebook or send them to us and we can post for you!

**We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the residents of Fitzwater Drive for their kindness and continuing cooperation on Nokesville Day. For many years these good people have worked with us to ensure a festive occasion.**

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## Nokesville, Virginia

**W**ith the establishment of its Post Office on August 28, 1865, Nokesville's birth became official. As with many of our nation's early towns, the railroad played an integral part of its early development. In 1859 James Nokes had acquired a large parcel of land west of the railroad tracks. In this same period his half-brother, Captain Norvel Nokes, bought White Hall Farm, on the other side of the tracks, north of the main road (originally known as Main Street, now Fitzwater Drive).

In July 1898 W. R. Free, Jr. purchased the farm from the Norvel Nokes estate, but by 1910 his family had moved off the farm. In the 1920s the large barn there was the location of a successful Nokesville Fair, which was attended by school children who were released from their studies across the street.

Nokesville's early economy centered around the area farms, with retail establishments supporting them. Churches and schools met not only the religious and educational needs of the residents, but the social as well.

### Churches

In the late 1800s St. Anne's Chapel (Episcopal) was built and had an active congregation. About 1922 the church burned but was rebuilt almost exactly the same; but by the late 1920s membership had dwindled and services were discontinued. In 1941 the local Methodist congregation purchased it, occupying it until 1981 when it moved to its present location on Aden Road.

The Church of the Brethren has been a presence here since 1883. Within several years it had seen a sizeable increase with many church members moving to Nokesville from the Shenandoah Valley, and by 1917 the membership here was about 200.

In the 1930s a group of people started a New Testament congregation in Nokesville. At first meeting at various sites throughout the community, they later built a small chapel on a lot donated by J. A. Hooker. Known now as the Gospel Chapel, it is located at 12809 Fitzwater Drive.

## Schools

Education has been an important aspect of Nokesville's history. In 1909 the Hebron Seminary was opened by leaders of the Church of the Brethren. It occupied a large three-story frame building with dormitory space on the top floor, located where the present church is today. A co-educational school, it had a peak enrollment of about 90.

Although numerous small schoolhouses were located at various sites around Nokesville, it wasn't until 1929 that a substantial brick edifice was opened, housing grades 1-11, at 12625 Fitzwater Drive. (The 12th grade was added later.) In 1931 a community built gymnasium was added, and by 1941 a vocational agricultural building and home economics cottage had joined the complex. In 1953 a west wing was added for high school classrooms and a cafeteria. In 1964



the high school moved to its present location, and these buildings were used for the elementary school. When The Nokesville School (middle and elementary schools) opened in 2015, the property was sold and is now occupied by Renaissance Montessori School.



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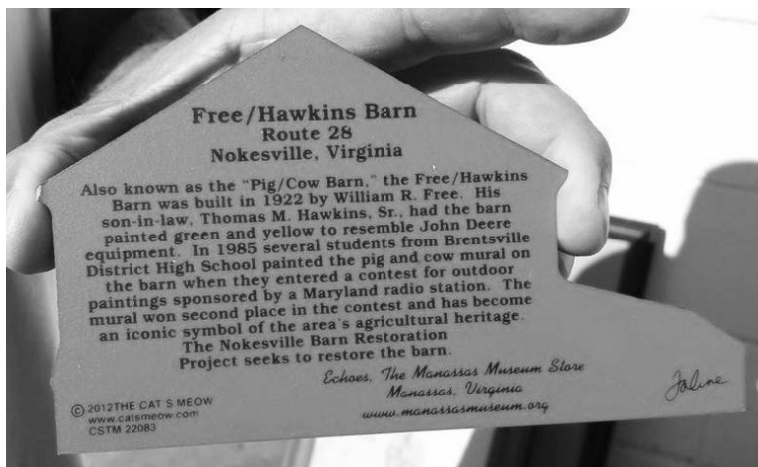


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