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**Spotsylvania, VA:** The County of Spotsylvania, The Spotsylvania County Courthouse Tourism and Special Events Commission and B101.5 and NewsTalk 1230 are pleased to announce the overwhelming success of the 2004 Spotsylvania Film Festival. Four clear and sunny days in the beginning of July in Spotsylvania, Virginia brought out 20% more attendees than at the 2003 Spotsylvania Film Festival. Bob Kurtinitis, Chair of the Tourism Commission states, "The commission is very pleased to have had another successful event. As part of our mission to create community uniqueness, the film fest has become identified with Spotsylvania County."

The OshKosh B'gosh Kid's area was a huge success. There was a three story tall wave slide, a moon bounce, board games, jump roping, Frisbee tossing and the Spotsylvania Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department provided the Fire Safety House each night of the Festival for the children. Also offered were many unique and creative arts and crafts opportunities by the Minnieland staff and the Spotsylvania Parks and Recreation Art teacher, Karen Jordan. The kids made good witch crowns, magic wands, and witches hat on Thursday, molded play dough, did shaving cream sculpture, created family pictures with frames and constructed toilet paper roll people on Saturday, digging for dinosaur bones, planting seeds and bubble painting on Sunday.

On Saturday, July 10, 2004 the Spotsylvania Film Festival assisted the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank by providing a collection location for attendees to drop off donations. The food bank, currently in desperate need of emergency provisions, was provided with 361 pounds of food by this effort. Discussions are underway to offer the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank this opportunity each year at the festival.

The following sponsors are to be commended for their financial support, vision and community commitment to provide this special family event for our region: Oshkosh B'Gosh, Cox Communications, Adelpia, Val Pak of Fredericksburg, Fredericksburg Guide Book, Beazer Homes, Wawa, Pepsi Bottling Company, Brauning Automotive, Potomac Creek RV, and Morton's Power Equipment. Planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Spotsylvania Film Festival is already underway. For additional information or if you would like to offer your comments regarding this year's event please contact the Spotsylvania Tourism Office at 540-891-TOUR or on the internet at [www.spotsylvania.va.us](http://www.spotsylvania.va.us), click on the Tourism link.

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