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Festival Favorites Cherryholmes and The Tom Cunningham Orchestra To Close Out Summer Season

The B's are buzzing in Orkney Springs on the final weekend of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival season on September 4 and 5.

The B's as in Bluegrass on Saturday September 4 with the family band Cherryholmes, with local band Drymill Road as a special guest and the Big Band sound of the Tom Cunningham Orchestra on Sunday, September 5. Both concerts start at 7 p.m.

Jere and Sandy Cherryholmes started a bluegrass group with the members of their family after vowing to spend more time with their kids in 1999. By 2003, Cherryholmes had made its first appearance on the Grand Ole Opry and today the band dubbed for playing "bluegrass on steroids" has changed the game altogether. Signed to Skaggs Family Records in 2005, the band has just released its fourth studio album entitled Cherryholmes IV: Common Threads. After performing at the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival last year, Festival fans begged for their return.

The Tom Cunningham Orchestra is a Washington D.C. swing band that has a regular gig at Glen Echo Park in Maryland, but the rest of its resume is just as impressive. The band has performed at the Smithsonian Institution, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Blues Alley, and for several years on the stage at Orkney Springs as part of the Shenandoah Valley Music Festival. The Washington Post says the band is "...bound to please!" As always, their SVMF performance will feature dancing on the blacktop dance floor. And a special bonus! The band's Orkney Springs concert in September will be the release of its newest album, "Swingin' and Singin'."

The Festival venue is a rustic pavilion on the grounds of the old Orkney Springs Hotel, now part of the Shrine Mont Camp and Conference Center in Orkney Springs, VA., about 13 miles west of Mount Jackson. The hotel is a National Historic Landmark. Reserved Pavilion tickets for the Cherryholmes show are \$27

and general admission lawn tickets are \$22. For The Tom Cunningham Orchestra show, Reserved Pavilion tickets are \$25 and general admission lawn tickets are \$20. The concerts go on rain or shine. Visit www.musicfest.org or call (800) 459-3396 for tickets or more information.

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