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Our 3-year-old daughter Gabriela is playing with our 5-year-old chocolate lab Oso. We were in Stockholm, Sweden this past November playing in some wonderful snow. Our chocolate lab loves playing in the snow, especially when his best friend Gabriela is there with him. They are like two peas in a pod, best buds and pals. He cannot wait for her to wake in the mornings so that their play time can begin.

— LOREAN Y. NEWBY, CENTREVILLE

‘All about Our Children’

Parents discuss three school-boundary scenarios.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The goal of the Fairfax High/Lanier Middle School boundary study is to remove 300 students from Fairfax and 150 from Lanier and send them elsewhere to relieve overcrowding at those two schools. But how best to do it has not yet been decided.

So more than 200 people came to Lanier’s cafeteria last Wednesday, Feb. 20, to learn more about the three boundary scenarios proposed and express their opinions about them. Centreville and Chantilly residents also attended, because the changes will affect many of their children, too.

High schools in the boundary study are Chantilly, Fairfax, Falls Church, Oakton and Woodson, plus Robinson and Lake Braddock Secondary. Middle schools in the mix are Franklin, Frost, Jackson, Lanier, Robinson and Rocky Run. No elementary-school boundary



Gary Chevalier (on left) responds to parent Cleve Davis.

changes are planned.

At boundary meetings held Feb. 19, 20 and 26, parents received maps showing the three, proposed boundary-change scenarios involving schools with attendance areas contiguous to Fairfax High and Lanier. They also received charts listing the high schools and middle schools. **BOUNDARIES, PAGE 4**

Why Change Is Needed

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax High has a building capacity of 2,412 students and a current enrollment of 2,659 — meaning a 110-percent building utilization. But if nothing changes, it’s projected to have 3,011 student bodies by the 2017-18 school year and a 125-percent building utilization.

Lanier’s capacity is 1,307 students, and it presently has a 1,239 student population using 95 percent of its building. But if left as is, it’s projected to have an enrollment of 1,421 by 2017-18 for a

109-percent building utilization.

Fairfax and Lanier are owned and operated by the City of Fairfax. But 65 percent of the students currently attending Fairfax High are county residents. So it’s not surprising that the focus is on eliminating many of the students who aren’t city residents.

Besides receiving all the students from the four, City of Fairfax elementary schools — Daniels Run, Eagle View, Fairfax Villa and Providence — Lanier Middle and Fairfax High also receive all of Willow Springs Elementary’s students. That translates into 157 stu-

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The post office in the Kid Junction "town" in New Jersey.



The climbing area is for older children.

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BZA Approves Play-and-Party Site for Chantilly

Kid Junction is coming to town.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

If all goes well, sometime in May, local children will have a place to go where they can climb, play dress up, use their imaginations in a pretend town setting and even celebrate their birthdays. That place is Kid Junction and it will open in Chantilly.

It'll be a 9,300-square-foot facility within an existing building at Route 50 and Pleasant Valley Road in the Lafayette Center. Kreative Minds LLC, Kid Junction's franchise owners, needed to obtain a special permit from Fairfax County to have a commercial-recreation use there. On Feb. 13, the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) approved the plan unanimously.

"We all are very excited," said co-owner Parag Pujara. "The special-permit approval will allow us to proceed further in constructing the

cleanest and safest, indoor-amusement, family fun center to provide state-of-the-art children's entertainment in Fairfax County."

Kid Junction currently has two facilities in New Jersey, but this one will be its first franchise in Virginia. The owners chose Chantilly because of its large number of families with children, and the location is expected to draw customers from both Fairfax and Loudoun counties.

It offers recreational entertainment, customized children's parties, plus general-admission open play for children ages 18 months to 9 years. There's a fully enclosed toddler play area, plus a children's arcade including coin-operated ride-ons.

But what makes it different from other such places are its interactive areas encouraging children to engage in creative play. Its Kid Junction Village is a role-playing area with a country-town feel where children can pretend to do real-life activities.

Planned are a grocery store, pizzeria, animal hospital, post office, zoo and a costume shop where children can dress up. The zoo has felt-covered, robotic animals that chil-

dren can ride, and there'll also be video karaoke, arcade games and a soft-play area with places for climbing and sliding.

The cost is \$8.99/child for walk-in play, with discounts for siblings. Safety is also a top priority. Seven employees will be on the scene at all times, and children will always be supervised by their parents. "Parents are free, but children can't just walk in there alone," said Pujara. "And children and parents will be given the same hand stamp."

The New Jersey sites have won awards for cleanliness, and the one in Chantilly will be sanitized regularly and between parties. Hours of operation are expected to be Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Birthday parties will be held on the weekends, and party prices will vary according to the particular birthday-party package selected. The party room will hold 12-18 children, depending on their age. Parties last two hours and include free tokens for the games; 90 minutes is planned for play and 30 minutes for birthday cake and presents.

Pujara says the building's interior con-

struction will start, the end of this month, and take about 8-10 weeks to finish. During this time, Kid Junction will be hiring for all the positions. "The staff will be highly-trained, with many of them CPR-certified," said Pujara. "We'll also be working with various vendors to design the facility to encourage role playing, socializing and the use of imagination."

In addition, he said, "We're trying to design a price plan for groups, military, police and firefighters. Family and summer memberships will also be on the table to make it easier for returning families. We plan to open in May and, if all goes according to the project plan, we may be booking birthday parties as early as April."

Pujara said the idea behind Kid Junction is to allow children a way to make their dreams come to life. "For children it's all about playing," he said. "But parents will quickly recognize and appreciate how our well-planned facility design continually encourages plenty of exercise, cooperative socialization, and positive and creative learning experiences."

Turner Is Sully's Officer of Month

Police Det. John Turner is the Sully District Station's Officer of the Month for February. He was honored at the station's Feb. 13 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting for his accomplishments in January.

Lt. Rich Morvillo, the station's assistant commander, presented Turner with a framed certificate while describing his deeds. Turner came to this station in 2004, starting on patrol. He became a detective with the Criminal Investigations Section in 2008.

"In 2012, he investigated 66 cases and closed more than half of them," said Morvillo. "Then early on Jan. 10, we had a rash of larcenies from vehicles in the Bent Tree area of Centreville. About

47 cars were broken into that morning."

Vandals smashed passenger-side windows of parked vehicles, then rummaged through their glove compartments and stole everything from GPS units to iPods, sunglasses and cash.

"But Det. Turner and other patrol units followed a tip on a lead and discovered incriminating evidence," said Morvillo. "He executed search warrants and three suspects were arrested with 19 felony charges. This also closed 58 vehicle tamperings."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Det. John Turner (left) receives the Officer of the Month award from Lt. Rich Morvillo.



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Felony Hit-Run Charged

Fairfax County police charged a Centreville man with several offenses – including felony hit-and-run – after he allegedly tailgated and struck another vehicle and then fled. He is 25-year-old Juan Carlos Gudiel.

The incident occurred early Sunday, Feb. 24, just after midnight, on the Fairfax County Parkway. According to police, Gudiel reportedly rear-ended a 2003 Honda in his 2000 Ford Explorer. They say he pulled alongside the car and then turned into the vehicle, side-swiping it.

Then, say police, Gudiel reportedly drove away “at a high rate of speed.” However, the victim, a 24-year-old Lorton man, was able to copy the license plate of the suspect vehicle and called 911.

Police say Gudiel continued onto I-66 west, where Virginia State Police became involved. They say the Centreville man exited onto Lee Highway, where he reportedly ran a red light and turned onto Stone Road where troopers were able to stop his vehicle.

Fairfax County police charged Gudiel with attempted malicious wounding, felony hit-and-run, and driving on a suspended license. Virginia State Police charged him with reckless driving, speeding to elude, disregarding a red light, resisting arrest and driving under the influence. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Donate Old Cars to Police

The Fairfax County Police Department is looking for vehicles in working condition that people no longer want or need and would be willing to donate. They could help their public safety community and receive a tax deduction at the same time.

Every year, the department uses about 20 cars to help train and prepare officers for the rigors of police work. Donated cars could be used as a faux suspect’s get-away car, helping officers with their precision pursuit driving techniques. Later, when the car is no longer in driving condition, it will be cut up (for training on how to cut into crashed cars), blown up (providing training for Explosive Ordinance officers) or shot (used as a prop in an active shooter scenario).

For more information on how to donate vehicles or to ask questions, contact MPO Tom Beckman at the Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, 703-818-1924.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Feb. 28, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

County, FCPS Budget Meeting

A Sully District Town Hall meeting with Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and Sully District School Board representative Kathy Smith is set for Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m. The topics are the Fairfax County and FCPS 2014 budgets. The meeting will be held in the little theater of Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly.

Co-hosts are the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association and the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations. On hand will be budget staff from both the county and the school system.

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries’ food pantry urgently needs donations of spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), canned pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna and meat, hot and cold cereal, fruit juice, and pancake mix and syrup. Bring all items to WFCM’s new food-pantry location at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John’s Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly’s Sully Place Shopping Center.



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The winning team members of “Hothouse” (from left) are Westfield Theater Director Susie Pike, Aidan Quartana, Abby Picard, Madeleine Bloxam, Stage Manager Estella Massey, Student Director Alex Mann, Tech Robert Palack, Mitchell Buckley, Julian Sanchez and Brandon Sanchez. (Not pictured, tech Ariana Willis).

Westfield Presents One-Act Plays

School offers ‘The Hothouse’ and ‘Love, Loss and What I Wore.’

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Area residents will get a chance to see the play that took first place in the recent Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) competition when Westfield High presents “The Hothouse,” this Friday evening.

On March 1, at 7:30 p.m., the young thespians will perform their award-winner, as well as “Love, Loss and What I Wore.” Dessert will be served and admission is free, but donations will be accepted.

“We are presenting our two one-acts as a showcase for parents and the community,” said Westfield Theater Director Susie Pike. “We won first place in the VTA over 44 other schools with ‘The Hothouse.’ As a result, we are traveling to Louisville, Ky., to compete against other winners in the southeastern states. So this showcase is a fundraiser to help us with the cost of the trip. It is the first time Westfield has won this competition and we’re very honored to attend.”

Written by Harold Pinter, “The Hothouse” is about a corrupt 1950s mental institution with dark secrets. The murder of one patient and the rape of another create conflict in the staff and leave many characters wondering who’s really in power there. Alex Mann is the student director; his cast features Aidan Quartana, Brandon Sanchez, Madeleine Bloxam, Julian Sanchez, Mitchell Buckley and Abby Picard.

“Love, Loss and What I Wore” was Westfield’s VHSL (Virginia High School League) competition piece. “We got excellent ratings, and I was very proud of the work these young women did,” said Pike. “Both one-acts are student directed, which is one of my missions here at Westfield. I think it is important for seniors to have an opportunity to direct.”

“Love, Loss, and What I Wore” is comprised of monologues and ensemble pieces about women, clothes and memory covering subjects, such as mothers, prom dresses, mothers, buying bras, mothers, hating purses and why so many women only wear black. It’s based on the bestselling book by Ilene Beckerman.

This piece is directed by Allie Koenigsberg and Madeleine Bloxam. The cast features Allie Koenigsberg, Sarah Dickenson, Estella Massey, Selena Clyne-Galindo, Shannon Douglass, Emily Tobin, Olivia Witt and Rachel Moser.



“Love, Loss and What I Wore:” From left are student director Allie Koenigsberg, Danielle LaBar, Sarah Dickenson, Estella Massey, Selena Clyne-Galindo, Shannon Douglass, Emily Tobin, Olivia Witt, Rachel Moser and student director Madeleine Bloxam.



Parents Bernie Feord and Jennifer Willey examine one of the boundary-change maps.



From left: Parents Bernie Feord, Jennifer Willey and Cleve Davis examine one of the boundary-change maps.

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Boundary Proposals

Option A: Minimum movement of students. This plan:

- ❖ Reassigns the Greenbriar West Elementary attendance area east of Stringfellow Road from Lanier Middle to Rocky Run Middle and from Fairfax High to Chantilly High. It eliminates the split-feeder assignment for GBW.

- ❖ Reassigns the portion of Fairfax Villa Elementary's attendance area south of Route 29 from Lanier to Frost Middle and from Fairfax High to Woodson High. It creates a split-feeder assignment for Fairfax Villa Elementary. The AP assignment for these students would change from Rocky Run to Frost.

- ❖ This option reassigns 224 high-school students in 2014-15 and 290 in 2017-18. In those same years, it reassigns 48 and 128 middle-schoolers, respectively.

Option B: Balances school capacities. This plan:

- ❖ Reassigns all Fairfax Villa students from Lanier to Frost and from Fairfax High to Woodson. These AP students would switch from Rocky Run to Frost.

- ❖ Reassigns the Fairfax Station, Fairview Woods and Fairfax Manor portions of Oak View Elementary from Frost and Woodson to Robinson Secondary. This change would eliminate a middle- and high-school attendance island in the middle of Robinson's boundary area. These middle-school AP students would shift from Frost to Lake Braddock Secondary.

- ❖ This option reassigns 367 high-school students (253 from Fairfax High) in 2014-15 and 485 students (332 from Fairfax High) in 2017-18. In those same years, it also reassigns 72 and 194 middle-schoolers (55 and 156 from Lanier), respectively.

Option C: Maximum relief for Fairfax/Lanier; maximum movement of students. This plan:

- ❖ Reassigns the Penderbrook and Fairfax Farms areas of Waples Mill Elementary from Lanier to Franklin Middle and from Fairfax to Oakton High. This change eliminates a Waples Mill split-feed.

- ❖ Reassigns GBW students east of Stringfellow Road from Lanier to Rocky Run and from Fairfax High to Chantilly. This change eliminates a split-feed for GBW.

- ❖ Reassigns Fairfax Villa students south of Route 29 from Lanier to Frost and from Fairfax High to Woodson. This change creates a Fairfax Villa split feed. These AP middle-schools would shift from Rocky Run to Frost.

- ❖ Reassigns the Fairfax Station, Fairview Woods and Fairfax Manor portions of Oak View Elementary from Frost and Woodson to Robinson Secondary. This change would eliminate a middle- and high-school attendance island in the middle of Robinson's boundary area. These middle-school AP students would shift from Frost to Lake Braddock Secondary.

- ❖ This option reassigns 456 high-school students (326 from Fairfax High) in 2014-15 and 712 (458 from Fairfax High) in 2017-18. In those same years, it also reassigns 93 and 233 middle-schoolers (76 and 195 from Lanier), respectively.

Parents Discuss School Boundaries

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schools in the boundary study, plus information about their building capacities, current enrollments and 2014-15 and 2017-18 projections.

They then discussed each scenario in small groups at their tables and rated each one according to how well it reduced overcrowding at Fairfax and Lanier and improved the enrollment balance in the region. They also got to tell what factors influenced their decision.

"It's all about our children," said parent Bernie Feord at his table, Feb. 20. A Penderbrook resident and parent of a son at Fairfax High, he added, "It's also about all of us as Fairfax County taxpayers."

Parent Cleve Davis said both Options A and C get rid of Greenbriar West Elementary's split feeder system, sending all its grads to nearby Rocky Run Middle, instead of some there and some at Lanier. His daughter's a Chantilly High freshman and his son's a GBW sixth-grader, but the Davises' own boundary change may affect them more than the FCPS changes.

"We're moving from Greenbriar to the Monument Drive area in Fair Lakes," said Davis. "We were hoping our son would go

to Lanier, but he'll be in middle school for the first time, so it should be OK. We have three older kids who went to Rocky Run and loved the school, so we wanted to stick with what we know."

"Our daughter would go to Fairfax High according to the boundaries, but we'd love her to be able to stay in Chantilly and graduate with her friends," he continued. "It's tough to move a kid in high school."

Neither Feord nor Fairfax Villa parent Jennifer Willey liked Option C. Under this scenario, the Penderbrook and Fairfax Farms areas of the Waples Mill Elementary attendance area would shift from Lanier to Franklin Middle and from Fairfax High to Oakton High.

"So people who live next to Lanier would have to drive in rush hour to Franklin," said Feord. "Option C exceeds the 300 [students to remove from Fairfax High], but affects a lot more families."

Agreeing, Willey said, "Option C seems more disruptive and is just not fair. I feel like [the school system] put two oddballs, A and C, out there so we'd all choose B."

"We all think Option B makes the most sense," added Feord. "It lowers the overcrowding by moving more kids from Fairfax and Lanier and seems to affect the least

amount of kids."

Diane Birch of Fair Lakes Glen has two daughters, one's in eighth grade at Lanier and one's a Fairfax High sophomore. "I just want to keep them where they are," she said. "We always knew they were going to Fairfax High and, no matter what plan is picked — [by the time it goes into effect] — it doesn't look like they'll change."

But Birch also has a son in sixth grade at St. Timothy Catholic School in Chantilly and he could be affected by a boundary change. "If he's going to Lanier for two years and then to Fairfax, I'd be happy," she said. "But if they said he was going to Rocky Run and then to Chantilly High, I'd keep him in St. Tim through eighth grade so he wouldn't have to go to two middle schools [Lanier and then Rocky Run]."

Gary Chevalier is the retired, former director of FCPS Facilities Planning Services, and is consulting with staff on the new boundary proposals. At last week's meeting, he told parents, "I don't think this is set in stone. If you want this phased differently, tell them."

Meanwhile, at another table, parents

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Why a Change Is Needed

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currently at Lanier and 364 students at Fairfax just from Willow Springs.

Additionally, some of Greenbriar East, Greenbriar West, Colin Powell and Waples Mill elementary-school graduates also feed into Lanier and Fairfax. Consequently, the total number of these Fairfax County students currently attending Lanier and Fairfax High — just from these four schools alone — is 250 at Lanier and 512 at Fairfax.

Based on parents' comments from boundary meetings held Feb. 19, 20 and 26, FCPS will make a recommendation to the School Board on April 4. A public hearing on the most-favored scenario will be held April 17, followed by a School Board work session April 29, with a decision being made May 9.

The boundary changes won't go into effect until September 2014, but students wishing to move to their new schools a year earlier may be able to do so. That's the reason for the May 9 decision, said A.J. Rawat, FCPS coordinator of Facilities Planning Services. "It will allow principals to get the extra staffing they'll need if some students want to move in September 2013," he explained.

"The changes will not impact people living in the City of Fairfax city limits," said Rawat. "Regarding Fairfax High's AP program and Robinson's IB, Robinson offers seven AP classes." He also noted that middle-school students being moved "may ask to attend AP classes at the schools nearest their homes."



Parent Bernie Feord (on left) discusses the proposed boundary changes with FCPS consultant Gary Chevalier.

\$7 Billion Budget Proposal Unveiled

Typical county household would see real estate tax bill increase by \$260 annually.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
CENTRE VIEW

A slow economic recovery marked by the unknown impact of federal sequestration cuts were dominant factors in the restrained first draft of Fairfax County's \$7 billion budget for fiscal year 2014.

Fairfax County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. unveiled his \$7 billion budget proposal Tuesday, Feb. 26, calling for a two-cent increase in the real estate tax rate, which would raise taxes by \$260 for the typical household. Each one-cent increase in the real estate tax rate equals \$20.65 million in county revenue.

For Fairfax County Public Schools — which receive nearly 75 percent of its funding from the county — Long recommended a total transfer, which includes school debt service, of \$1.89 billion, an increase of \$33.7 million or 2 percent over this year.

THE PROPOSED COUNTY BUDGET also includes \$67.9 million in additional support to FCPS for services including Head Start, school resource officers, crossing guards and recreational programs, among others.

"We have heard from residents that we should continue with current service levels and program delivery, which we maintained through the last few years of the recession by downsizing effectively and responsibly," Long said during a news conference Tuesday.

"Moving forward, we must put in place a longer-term focus on investment in the county's future, which requires constrained spending and strategic funding priorities. We are also forced to recognize the significant yet unknown impact that is expected from federal sequestration and the continuing challenges of a slowly recovering economy," Long added.

Long noted that the residential equalization — or change in assessments of existing residential property — increased 3.5 percent from last year. Residential real estate revenue accounts for approximately 74.4 percent of the county's tax base. Non-residential values remained flat, increasing only 0.14 percent in FY 2013.

"Despite growth in residential real estate revenue, funding decisions made last year

Budget Public Hearings

Public hearings on the proposed FY 2014 budget are scheduled:

- ❖ Tuesday, April 9, at 6 p.m.
- ❖ Wednesday, April 10, at 3 p.m.
- ❖ Thursday, April 11, at 3 p.m.

Those wishing to speak at a public hearing can sign up online to place their name on the speakers list, or contact the Office of the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903. The public hearings will be held in the Board Auditorium, Fairfax County Government Center and will be televised live on Fairfax County Government Channel 16. The Board of Supervisors will adopt the county's FY 2014 budget on April 30. For the schedule of the Board of Supervisors town hall meetings on the budget, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2014/advised/fy2014-town-hall-meetings.

make it critical for us to be constrained in our spending," Long said.

Long's budget also included proposed county agency reductions of \$20.52 million, including the elimination of 91 merit positions, as well as no increases in employee compensation for FY 2014. Funding for major human services and public safety would remain steady.

Long said his plan includes targeted "surgical" reductions rather than radical cuts that would eliminate programs and close facilities.

"We spent a lot of time going through each and every agency," he said Tuesday. "If you

look at the 500 positions we've eliminated over the past five years, I think the heavy lifting on cuts has been done."

"We are not yet out of the woods as we recover more slowly than we would like from the great recession," Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) said in a statement. "County revenue projections are essentially flat and contributing to our challenge is the effect that sequestration will have on our economy. Already our commercial tax base is negatively affected by inaction on the part of Congress."

THE PROPOSED BUDGET includes a \$2.4 million balance for the board's consideration to address "high priority" requirements in FY 2014 or to be held in reserve for FY 2015. The county executive's budget also includes a multi-year budget framework for FY 2015, which currently has a projected budget shortfall of \$39.7 million. The multi-year budget approach, according to Long, allows the county to address challenges on a longer-term basis, even though the Board of Supervisors is still required to make budget and appropriation decisions on an annual basis.

"There's some optimism out there, we just need a little more clarity from federal government," Long said.

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Review project information at www.virginiadot.org or at VDOT's District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please call ahead at 703-259-2918, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

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Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and 23 CFR 771, an environmental document in the form of a Categorical Exclusion was prepared and will be available for review. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also available.

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OPINION

In the Right Direction

The Transportation Bill fulfills the call for new, sustainable funding

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS

This is a great step toward addressing the transportation challenges we face in Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region.

The Transportation Bill passed yesterday fulfills the call made by mayors and chairs of the Urban Crescent (the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas) for new, sustainable funding to address our critically under-funded transportation needs.

I applaud the efforts of Sen. Richard Saslaw, Sen. Janet Howell, Del. David Albo, Del. Vivian Watts

and others for reaching agreement on a funding strategy that moves us in the right direction. I am especially pleased with the commitment of \$300 million for the Silver Line, which will help to keep tolls in the Dulles Toll Road affordable for Northern Virginia motorists.

I appreciate Gov. McDonnell's leadership in making transportation funding the focus of this General Assembly Session. The successful result required compromise on both sides of the political aisle. The stars were aligned this session to make something happen but political courage and leadership were required on many fronts to pull it off.



Pet Centre View

Caroline Harley of Centreville and her dog Harriett.

Creating Safer Environment, Preventing Another Tragedy

BY TIMOTHY D. HUGO
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

After the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, I became committed to addressing mental health issues so that many of our young people could receive the help they need in the hopes of preventing another tragedy. Working with my colleagues in 2008, the Virginia General Assembly enacted comprehensive mental health legislation including several pieces of legislation that I co-sponsored. Last year, the Governor signed my legislation, HB 1075, which requires community service boards to provide hospitals with informational materials on substance and alcohol abuse services to minors.



During this year's General Assembly session, I introduced HB 1609 which strives to improve the coordination between public four-year higher education institutions, mental health facilities, and local hospitals. I introduced this legislation at the request of Centreville residents, Angel Fund President Lu Ann McNabb and Board Member Greg Richter. Angel Fund (www.angelfundva.org) was established in honor of one of the Virginia Tech victims, Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha.

The Fund seeks to create an atmosphere of acceptance where schools and communities have a caring, supportive, and inclusive environment to help young people.

HB 1609 ensures that all four-year public colleges and universities have mechanisms in place in order to expand services available to students seeking treatment. Specifically it allows universities and community services

boards to work together so that there is notification when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and he consents to such notification.

During the bill's hearings, Virginia's universities unanimously testified in support for HB 1609. As this article goes to print, my legislation, along with Senator Chap Petersen's identical legislation, is before the Governor for his signature.

I believe that ensuring the mental health of our children is of the utmost importance. This year's legislation is important as it will strengthen the connection between higher education institutions and mental health facilities. It will also create a safer and more supportive environment for students and may help to prevent future tragedies.

If you would like additional information on this issue, please contact me at 703.815.1201 or delthugo@house.virginia.gov

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THURSDAY/FEB. 28

Parent Workshops. Food will be served at 6 p.m. with the workshop start at 7 p.m. at Centreville Elementary, 14330 Green Trails Blvd. Multiple workshops will be held including "Raising Responsible Children," "Practicing Positive Discipline" and more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 7

NCAA Night. 7 p.m. in the Westfield Cafeteria. College athletes can learn how to get noticed, recruited and more. Free.

FRIDAY/MARCH 8

Scholarship Deadline. High school seniors must submit their application form online to be eligible for a scholarship from the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives Educational

Scholarship Foundation. Detailed information is available at www.vmdaec.com or 804-968-7153.

TUESDAY/MARCH 12

Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Cabell's Mill in Centreville. Lt. Col. Bill Hewitt will discuss the Gettysburg Campaign and July 1 battle. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 13

Kindergarten Registration. 6:30-8 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School. Visit www.fcps.edu/start/kindergarten.htm for forms and information.

SATURDAY/MARCH 16

Carnival. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Poplar Tree Elementary School, 13440 Melville Lane. Enjoy beach and boardwalk themed games, cake walks, raffle and more. Tickets available at the door.

Proceeds benefit the school's programs and activities.

Volunteer Information Session. 11 a.m.-noon at John Marshall Library. Learn about becoming a volunteer to help a child who enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations Court system. For reservations visit www.fairfaxcasa.org or 703-273-3526.

Event. Donate to The Josh Anderson Foundation, which helps prevent teenage suicide. The Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon/Marathon run is the largest fundraising event. Visit www.active.com/donate/joshafoundation2013 for more.

MONDAY/MARCH 18

Scholarship Application Deadline. High school seniors can apply for \$1,500 scholarship from Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative. Visit www.novec.com/community/index.cfm and select "scholarships" or contact Donna Snellings at dsnellings@novec.com or 703-392-

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SATURDAY/MARCH 23

Art and Silent Auction. 7 p.m. at Westfields Marriott, 14750 Conference Center Drive. Tickets are \$25 online or \$30 at the door, with discounts for multiple tickets. Held by Homeless Animals Rescue Team. Visit www.hart90.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 5-7

Weekend Conference. General sessions aimed at people in grade 7 through adult; student sessions and more at Centreville Baptist Church. Nursery for ages 0-4 available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.cbcva.org/aig for more information.

TUESDAY/APRIL 9

Civil War Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Angie Atkinson will

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CSI Sully District Station

Detective discusses fingerprint forensics.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Forensics can be a fascinating field, and members of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee recently got a glimpse into the world of fingerprint analysis from Det. Derek Hardy.

A 20-year police officer, he's spent 14 years in forensics and is a member of the station's Crime Scene Section.

"Prior to 2008, we couldn't do one-tenth of what we can do now, because of the technology," he said. "And the public's financial support of the new crime lab [at the public-safety building on West Ox Road] helps us put away rapists and murderers."

Discussing these forensic-technology advances, Hardy said fingerprint methodology consists of analysis, comparison, evaluation and verification.

"We do verification because I have to verify the validity of my results," he said. "Fingerprints are the best evidence — better than DNA — because DNA will say the suspect can't be eliminated. But a suspect's fingerprint is only his. Even identical twins have different fingerprints because they have different ridge patterns."

Hardy goes through several steps in doing his analysis. He sees if the fingerprint was deposited on a porous or nonporous substance. He also determines the composition of the fingerprint residue.

"Are there oils, dirt, grease, grime or sweat?" he asked. "And are there any foreign materials in it — blood, ink, paint, etc.? The most common is a mix of these substances."

Then Hardy decides whether to use a chemical or dry process to develop the fingerprint impression to make it glow in the dark and be better visible. "We're looking at the evidence before it's processed," he said. "And sometimes, we have to use more than one process to bring out a fingerprint."

Crime-scene detectives also have to be able to take photographs to uncover fingerprints, said Hardy. "A coherent tracer is a green, forensic laser system," he said. "It's like a magic flashlight specifically for forensics, and we can see fingerprints, fibers, body fluids and narcotics residue with it."

"The more fingerprints we can find, the more bad guys we can find," he continued. "So it pays to have this technology. The fingerprints will also show the position of the sweat pores, which are also different on everyone."

Hardy discussed the Reflected Ultraviolet Imaging System (RUVIS), as well. On objects, it helps police find fingerprints that, otherwise, they wouldn't be able to see — even with the laser and chemicals.

"But RUVIS can degrade DMA, so I'd try to capture the fingerprint's DNA first, before using RUVIS," said Hardy. Currently, Fairfax County doesn't have this system, but he hopes one day it will. In this county, he



Det. Derek Hardy explains how police obtain and analyze fingerprints for evidence in criminal cases.

same thing at different exposure settings to see the whole spectrum. I capture all the details of fingerprints and sweat pores put together."

Proud of what this county offers, he said, "We continue to lead this region in forensic technology. We're one of only nine police departments in the nation using HDR photography. We're the only one in this region using a laser, and we're hoping to get a RUVIS. We have new equipment and our new crime lab is about 12 times larger than what we used to have."

Sully District Station Commander Ed O'Carroll said the work Hardy does at the crime-scene level and the work done by Officer Mike Roberts at the station to connect fingerprints to crimes and suspects is "one spoke of the wheel."

"Det. Hardy is one detective of many who respond to major crimes — rapes, robberies and homicides," said O'Carroll. "The uniformed officers respond first and then

said, "We have to lead the charge and keep up with this technology."

He also noted the huge advances in forensic photography, which police here do employ. "It's HDR photography, which provides more detail on fingerprint photos," said Hardy. "I take multiple photos of the

the detectives; we have four Sully detectives assigned to our Criminal Investigations Section. So it's a layered approach when it comes to investigating. Even if we catch the bank robber with a bag of money, we'll get a fingerprint or footprint because we've got to make that case in court."

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discuss the second day of the battle at Gettysburg, including Little Round Top and Devil's Den. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

MONDAY/APRIL 22

Kindergarten Registration. 2-4 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School. Visit www.fcps.edu/start/kindergarten.htm for forms and information.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

Civil War Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Matt Atkinson will discuss the final day of the battle at Gettysburg. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

TUESDAYS AND/OR THURSDAYS

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. At The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registrations are required. Call 703-667-9800 to register as space is limited. Cost is \$10 per class.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Respite Care Volunteers. Give a family caregiver of a frail, older adult a break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and

oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods in Fairfax County. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Advocates. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities throughout the area. Training is provided. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/vol_ombud_program.htm.

The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum at 13938 Braddock Road. is now open, Saturdays and Mondays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Docents and additional volunteers needed, plus people willing to donate or loan artifacts. Call Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984.

ONGOING

Pleasant Valley Preschool. 4615 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly is now accepting registrations for the 2013-14 school year. The goal is to provide a learning environment that promotes social development and a nurturing preschool education. Visit www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com or call 703-378-6911.

NAMI Northern Virginia Connections a free education and support program for individuals living with mental illness at the Chantilly Library 4000 Stringfellow Road Chantilly, every Tuesday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the

conference room. Visit www.NAMINorthernVirginia.org for more.

ReStore Anniversary Event. The main goal of the ReStore (4262 Entre Court, Chantilly) is to fund Habitat for Humanity in the mission of building simple, decent, and affordable housing for low-income, hard-working partner families. Donations are accepted and can be made by individuals as well as companies. In many cases, if the items were not donated, they would go straight to landfills. To donate, call 703-360-6700 or visit www.restorenova.org. Regular store hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Pleasant Valley Preschool. a non-profit cooperative preschool located in the Greenbriar Community Center, currently has limited openings in its program for 4 and 5 year olds that meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. 4615 Stringfellow Road. Visit www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com or call 703-378-6911.

Congregation Yad Shalom in Centreville provides a variety of activities in a traditional format with a modern flair. We welcome interfaith couples who wish to participate, and openly invite inquiries about a range of programs offered for the entire family. Contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

The Chantilly Academy Auto Technology and Auto Collision Repair classes are looking for used cars as donations to the program. Contact Ann Booker at 703-227-3041 or Kenny Brown at 703-222-7466.

Northern Virginia Neighbors Club. A non-profit organization offering an opportunity to meet new friends. Activities include book clubs, card games, crafts, fitness, gardening, mah jong,

needleworks, rummoli, theater and more. Meet members at one of the monthly luncheons, coffees or mixers. Email nvn156@yahoo.com.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Northern Virginia Connections groups are free, bi-weekly recovery support groups for adults living with mental illness. Second and fourth Tuesdays 12-1:30 p.m. Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Contact Janette at 703-631-2410 or NAMINorthernVA@gmail.com

Senior Fall Prevention Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Classes are held Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m.; Mondays and/or Fridays from 2-3 p.m. at The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registration required. Call 703-667-9800 to register, space is limited. Cost is \$10 per class.

Fair Oaks Parkinson Support Group for people living with Parkinson's disease, caregivers and family, meets on the fourth Saturday, from 10 a.m.-noon at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Dr. Free. 703-378-7221. www.ParkinsonFoundation.org.

Parkinson Aquatic Exercise Classes for people living with Parkinson's disease and caregivers meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, The Woodlands, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. People living with Parkinson's \$10, caregivers \$5. Registration required. Sonia Gow 703-378-7221.

Colonial Dames. Are you a lineal descendant of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the Original 13 Colonies? If so, the John Witt chapter of the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century is looking for you. Email johnwittchapter@aol.com.

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Andie Modra, 2011 graduate of the Chantilly Academy Cosmology program and professional stylist provides Daniel Manik with a haircut at the program's annual Cut-A-Thon. In the background, 2006 graduate Allison Brown provides a cut to Caroline Manik. Brown has returned numerous times to the program's fundraisers and has her own business, Allison's Hair Design (www.abhairdesign.com).

CHS Hosts Cut-A-Thon

In an effort to raise money for Capital Caring, a regional palliative care provider, current and former students of the Chantilly Academy Cosmetology program held a Cut-A-Thon at Chantilly High School on Feb. 26.

Former students of the program, now professional stylists, provided the cut, while current students washed and dried, all for a \$20 donation. According to program director Wayne White, the fundraiser is a great way to both give students a sense of what it

is like to work in a professional salon and also teaches them the importance and value of giving back to the community.

Jessica Ford, of Capital Caring, says the organization appreciates the students' efforts and that funds go directly back to the community in the form of direct services and a summer grief camp for children. "We have provided services for 35 years through the efforts of amazing groups like this who put on great events like this," said Ford.



Caroline Manik gets her hair washed by Sammie Silvers. As a current student in Chantilly Academy, Silvers supports the event by washing and drying hair. Graduates of the program who are professional stylists provide the haircuts.



Nathan Robertson, held by his mother Alice, gets a cut from Chantilly Academy 2012 graduate Gulay Durukan. Says Alice Robertson of the program and the annual fundraisers, "I think they do great things here. It gives me great hope for the future." Durukan is a professional stylist at the Zoë Salon and Spa at Fair Oaks Mall. She was involved in previous Cut-A-Thons as a "washer" or "dryer," this is her first time as a "cutter."

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3-D Printing, Palliative Care Programs at Library

The Chantilly Regional Library is holding two, upcoming programs of interest to the local community. This Saturday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m., NovaLabs Makerspace is doing a program on 3-D Printing for ages 10 through adults.

There'll be a live demonstration of digital fabrication with personal 3-D printers. It's co-sponsored by NOVARRG (Northern Virginia RepRap Group) and NovaLabs and will be held in the library's meeting room. Then on Thursday, March 7, at 11 a.m., also in the meeting room, the library will host a program called, "How Can Palliative Care Help Me and My

Family?" The speaker is Dr. Thomas Sullivan, director of Palliative Care at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.

Family medicine is the medical specialty concerned with the total health care of the individual and the family. Palliative Care frequently occurs from the time of diagnosis of a serious illness and continues for many years. Caregivers advocate for aggressive goals, when appropriate, and help families with difficult discussions and decisions throughout the process of the illness. The Chantilly Regional Library is at 4000 Stringfellow Road. For more information, call 703-502-3883.

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Training a Guiding Eyes Dog

Mixed emotions of raising and letting go.

BY ANAGHA SRIKANTH
CENTRE VIEW

When Guiding Eyes for the Blind dropped off Saki at Bridget Kennerley's house, they made sure to tell her what to expect from the young golden retriever on that first night. What they couldn't tell her, however, was how different her life would be every night after.

"It was interesting at first, especially before she was trained," said Bridget. "I would have to hold her up and sprint downstairs before she had an accident at three in the morning."

After attending foundation training classes every week for the first few months, Bridget and Saki now attend the next level of classes every other week. This past December, Saki was one of the youngest dogs in the region to become a jacketed guide dog, meaning Bridget can now take Saki with her into public buildings, restaurants, church and even out on the family boat.

"We want to expose her to every possible situation a blind person could take her into," said Anne Kennerley, Bridget's mother.

The Kennerleys' ultimate goal is to have Saki get through the formal training and pass the test this August to become an official guide dog for people with visual disabilities. Anne said the reason they chose to work with Guiding Eyes for the Blind was that the non-profit organization gives the guide dogs up for free to those in need.

"It's amazing how many people are involved in this," Bridget said. "We met a referee at an ice hockey game, a couple at the ski lodge, a lady on the metro ... it's an experience you can bond over with people from all over the area."



PHOTO BY ANAGHA SRIKANTH/CENTRE VIEW

Bridget Kennerley walks with her dog Saki, who now accompanies her to most places and is always by her side when she is at home. Bridget said, "She sleeps next to my bed, sits there when I'm brushing my teeth and cleaning my room ... saying goodbye to her this August is going to be horrible."

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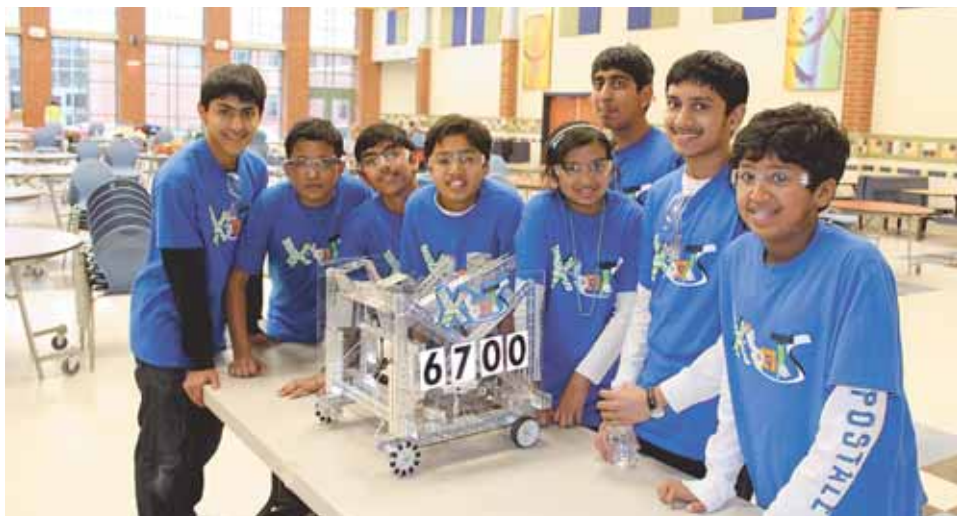
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From left are X-BOTS team members Rishab Negi, Rishabh Venketesh, Nandin Padheriya, Ahan Shah, Anoushka Chintada, Satish Venkatesan, Nikhil Chintada and Sidharth Rampally at regionals.



At regionals with their robot are (from left) Sidharth Rampally, Rishab Negi, Sarah Maxseiner, Anoushka Chintada and Nandin Padheriya with coach Nagesh Chintada (on right).

Heading to the State Championships

Rocky Run's X-BOTS team vies Saturday with its robot.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Take seven Rocky Run Middle students, add one each from Greenbriar West (GBW) Elementary and Thomas Jefferson High, mix in a robot and you get the X-BOTS. And this Saturday, March 2, they'll be in Richmond competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) State Championships.

They participated Jan. 26 in the regional qualifier, where they captured second place in the Inspire Award. Now they'll vie against 48 teams for the state title.

The team includes Rocky Run eighth-graders Nikhil Chintada, Satish Venkatesan, Rishabh Venketesh, Ahan Shah and Sarah Maxseiner; Rocky Run seventh-graders Sidharth Rampally and Nandin Padheriya; GBW fifth-grader Anoushka Chintada and T.J. freshman Rishab Negi.

"There were 22 teams in the qualifying round," said Satish. "The Inspire Award was for our total performance — how well our robot performed and if we used CAD drawing in its design, our engineering notebook

and our community outreach."

This year's challenge was Ring it Up, where the robot must dispense rings onto pegs on three levels of a 3D tic-tac-toe. Teams received extra points for getting three rings in a row. They also worked with partners on other teams. "Two players per team drive the robot and we all take turns," said Sarah.

"You change alliance partners so you don't have the same team for every match," added Anoushka. "And you play with both defensive and offensive moves [because opponents try to prevent each other from scoring]."

There are six rounds, each 2 minutes, 30 seconds. Both teams receive points and, said Sarah, "You get qualifying points that go toward your rank."

"We wanted to make our robot strong and sturdy, so we used Plexiglas and TETRIX pieces from a kit," said Sidharth. "It was 18x18x18 inches and had four wheels and a moveable arm."

For their community outreach, said Anoushka, the team made a presentation about their efforts at Rocky Run and at Colin Powell and Bull Run elementaries. "We explained what FLL [FIRST Lego League] robots were and told them about robot designs and programming," she said. "We use NXT Mindstorms programming built by Lego, and it's the electronic heart of everything we do."

Here's the 411 on FLL and FIRST

After six years in FIRST Lego League (FLL), which ended Nov. 10, 2012, Rocky Run's FLL team X-BOTS graduated this year to FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC). It received grants channeled through the school PTA, plus sponsorship, to help fund its robot kit.

"FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) is the fastest-growing STEM program around the world, aimed at high-school students and extended to middle schools this year," said X-BOTS coach Nagesh Chintada. Students design, build and program robots which then compete against other robots.

FIRST's mission is "to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting, mentor-based programs. These programs, said Chintada, "build science, engineering and technology skills, inspire innovation" and foster well-rounded, confident citizens able to lead and communicate with others.

In January, the X-BOTS won second place in the Inspire Award competition. The honor goes to the

team that "truly embodies the challenge of the FTC program," said Chintada. "This team is a top contender for all other judging categories and is a strong competitor on the field. The Inspire Award winner is an inspiration to other teams, acting with Gracious Professionalism™ both on and off the playing field. This team understands how to communicate its experiences and knowledge to other teams, sponsors and the judges. Team X-BOTS is thrilled and proud to receive such a huge honor."

The team was also a finalist for the Connect Award, given to the team connecting the most with its local community and the engineering community. Team X-BOTS has been helping form new FLL and Junior FLL teams at GBW, the past two years, and is also educating young teams in the intricacies of FLL robot design and programming through a series of workshops.

— BONNIE HOBBS

"It's actually the brain of the robot," added her brother, Nikhil.

The X-BOTS and their coach, Nagesh Chintada, also mentored FLL teams at GBW, and their coach, last summer.

"It's good mentoring the GBW kids," said Rishabh. "We'll leave a strong impact on Rocky Run because these kids will go here."

Satish said they started building their robot in mid-December. "We separated the design into three, main aspects — the chassis, arm and claw," said Rishabh.

Using TETRIX, they first built a practice robot, said Nikhil, "because we were going from FLL, where we connected little Lego pieces, to FTC where we were cutting and shaping metal, then bolting and screwing the pieces together. Then we tweaked and expanded our design."

"We wanted to get the hang of FTC, and we only had six weeks to build our robot — because we'd just finished competing in FLL — compared to other FTC teams that started work in August and September," said Ahan.

Since building robots was new to them, said Sarah, "We reached out to my brother's FTC team, Nuts & Bolts, in Chantilly. My dad helps coach that team, and that's when I joined X-Bots."

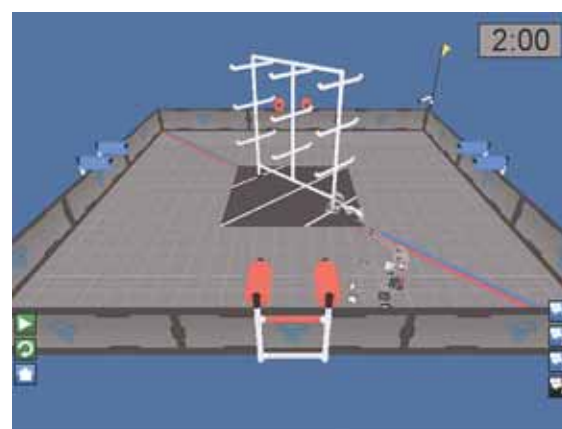
"They gave us valuable information about the FTC competition and how other robots' performances would affect our robot," said Rishabh. "They also told us simplicity was key because lots of robots with complex designs don't always work."

Sidharth said their main focus was the arm. "We wanted it to reach the middle row of the pegs," he said. "We built it out of TETRIX u-channels [u-shaped, metal pieces]."

Anoushka and Sarah worked on the claw together. "We came up with six different designs and narrowed them to three," said Anoushka.

"We prototyped each, creating a visual representation, and narrowed it down to one," said Ahan.

Sarah described it as similar to "a four-sided box with a half-circle cut out of it so



A diagram of the 3D tic-tac-toe Ring it Up game that the robots play.

the rings could fit inside." And, added Rishabh, "Ours held two rings, which saved us time [during the competition] and got us two points."

There are three parts to a robot game: the pre-programmed, autonomous period; the tele-op section where two drivers on each team control the robot via joysticks; and the final portion where robots lift up each other by at least an inch. "Coming up with ideas from nothing is both the hardest and best part," said Sarah. "I also liked the teamwork. One part giving us grief was the wireless connection between joystick and robot."

"But once we got the hang of it, it was pretty awesome controlling our own robot because we didn't get to do that in FLL," said Rishabh.

"I'm a programmer for the autonomous and tele-op parts, so it was really fun for me learning a new programming language," said Nikhil.

Also a programmer, Satish said he "learned so much from beginning to end of the season. And when your robot runs, it's pretty amazing."

"I liked the new things we could do in FTC, and making the robot was fun," said Ahan.

"It's a whole, new level of design because we added the engineering notebook and we're working with metal pieces, so the prototyping is especially important," said Rishabh. "At the competition, we all got really excited and performed our X-BOT song behind the judges' table. We were motivated and just let our spirit out. And we were

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NEWS

'It's All about Our Children'

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there favored Option C. Christina McDonald has a fifth-grade daughter at Willow Springs Elementary, a seventh-grade son at Lanier and a daughter who's a freshman at Fairfax.

"We're happy because all three options keep my kids at Lanier and Fairfax," she said. "We just don't want some last-minute option coming in and changing things. Option C gives the most relief to the schools and eliminates split feeds at Waples Mill and GBW. And from the comments at our table, people at GBW want to change to Rocky Run and Chantilly; they don't want to drive to Fairfax."

Ayla Wells, who has children in first, fifth and sixth grade at Willow Springs, asked Chevalier when the new high school would be built. He said there's some money for it but, "Right now, we can't find a [building] site."

Wells said her primary boundary worry was that her neighborhood, Fairfax's Brentwood Farm community, would get split up by Braddock Road or the Fairfax County Parkway. "If we had to move, we wanted our kids to move through all three schools together," she said. "We think Option C is best because it alleviates the most overcrowding."

Eric Kravchick of Fairfax's Ashton Wells community was happy, but concerned that things could change, "Because we've seen it happen." He has a fifth-grader at Colin Powell Elementary, a seventh-grader at Lanier and a junior at Fairfax High.

"Colin Powell goes to Lanier and Fairfax, and we



From left: Bernie Feord, Gary Chevalier, Sherry Witsman, Jennifer Willey and Cleve Davis pore over a boundary-change scenario.

think our children who started in that program should finish in it," he said. "Otherwise, they'd have to leave their friends. We thought C would be best because it made the most change and then FCPS wouldn't have to do it again — at least, for awhile."

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Respite Volunteers Needed to Offer Caregivers a Break

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Police Offer Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

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SCHOOLS



Holding their robot and trophy are Rocky Run's Robowiz team members (back row, from left) Adarsh Kulkarni, Shomik Ghose, Jami Park and Adithya Varadan, and (front row, from left) sisters Nitya and Abha Agarwal, Akshay Balaji and Vinh Nguyen. (Not pictured are Neeraj Prasad and Trisha Deshmukh).



From left: Akshay Balaji, Adarsh Kulkarni and Abha Agarwal demonstrate the robot's cascade lift.

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On to States for Team Robowiz

Rocky Run students compete Sunday in FIRST Tech Challenge finals.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

On Jan. 12 at UVA, Rocky Run Middle School's Robowiz team was a finalist in three FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) categories and triumphed in one of them. And this Sunday, March 3, the team will participate in the state finals at VCU.

Comprising the team are eighth-graders Adarsh Kulkarni, Adithya Varadan, Akshay Balaji, Shomik Ghose and Jami Park; seventh-graders Nitya Agarwal and Vinh Nguyen; Rocky Run grad Abha Agarwal, now a Thomas Jefferson freshman; Longfellow Middle eighth-grader Neeraj Prasad and Fairfax High freshman Trisha Deshmukh. (Nitya and Abha are sisters).

"FTC focuses on the robotic aspect of technology," said Akshay. "You're given a new game each year to compete in. This year's was Ring it Up; our robot had to place rings on a three-peg-by-three-peg rack in the center of a mat."

So, said Shomik, "It was essentially 3D tic-tac-toe."

"The majority of each round was remote-controlled," said Abha. "So two team members with video-game controllers controlled the robot's movements."

Because the pegs are on three, different

levels, said Adarsh, their robot was geared to score on all of them. "Four teams play at the same time," he said. "And when you're trying to put on your rings, other teams are trying to prevent you from doing so."

"You form an alliance with another team, so it's two teams against two teams," added Shomik. "The winner is the one who earns the most points in 2 minutes, 30 seconds."

"You can also get bonus points for scoring a tic-tac-toe," said Jami. "And if your alliance teams pick up your robot, you'll get points based on how many inches off the ground it is. There's also an autonomous round where you don't control the robot."

"You're running a program on the robot," said Abha. "And there's an autonomous ring that lets you override someone else's peg, but only one time."

Besides that, said Nitya, "There are weighted rings and, if you can lift up one of them and take it to a corner peg, you'll

get bonus points."

Abha said the team started meeting last June and held four FTC workshops. "We met in the library and taught other FLL [FIRST Lego League] teams what we knew," she said. "About 150 kids came, so we did community outreach. And there are another 150 on a waiting list, so we plan to continue our outreach after our competition."

"We also hosted a junior FLL tournament for K-third-graders, where they built their own design and won awards," said Nitya. "The community outreach was part of our competition, and so were the workshops."

In addition, said Abha, "We also organized an FLL tournament at GMU and were the referees, judges, scorekeepers and Web masters."

Akshay said their robot is made of aluminum pieces from a kit they ordered online from TETRIX by Pitsco. "This robot is expensive, so we also discussed marketing and

came up with a plan to contact companies for sponsorships," said Jami. As a result, sponsors and grants helped the students with the cost of building materials and software.

They also did fundraising. "We sold FIRST, e-watt lightbulbs," said Jami. "They're energy-efficient, green and long-lasting, and we sold them at the Rocky Run school fair. And for marketing, we also set up Twitter and Facebook accounts and a Web site, www.teamrobowiz.us." (Team 6029).

Then, said Nitya, "We designed everything on the computer using SolidWorks. We decided how high our robot would be and then we built it with the TETRIX pieces. Counting the pieces, wires, screws, nuts and bolts, it has about 1,000 pieces."

Each team is also required to compile an engineering notebook detailing its progress along the way. It's 8x10, with more than 150 pages so far, and contains painstaking, handwritten notes, diagrams and photos. Said Akshay: "At every meeting, we wrote down our goals, problems and solutions."

"We told what we accomplished that day and wanted to do later, including mistakes we made and how we corrected them," said Abha. "So it's basically our journey in a book."

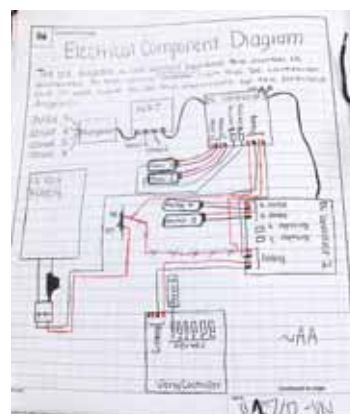
The team got the challenge in September and the members spent a couple months designing, testing and refiguring their robot's design. Then, with guidance from coaches Suprotik Ghose and Seema Prasad, they built it, plus a practice model of the tic-tac-toe game.

"It took about three months to build our robot," said Adithya. "But we only met twice

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Notes and photos in the team's prizewinning engineering notebook.



A page from Team Robowiz's engineering notebook.

SPORTS

Centreville Girls' Basketball Reaches Region Semifinals

Wildcats win first district title since 1993

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

Members of the Centreville girls' basketball team seemed in relatively good spirits as they exited the locker room after a season-ending 58-53 loss to Edison in the Northern Region tournament semifinals on Feb. 22 at Robinson Secondary School.

After a season of accomplishments, the Wildcats weren't hanging their heads.

Centreville finished the season 24-3, matched the deepest region tournament run in program history and captured its first district title since 1993.

"We had a great season," junior all-region guard Jenna Green said. "Nobody in Centreville has really done what we've done, so we've just got to keep our heads up."

The last Centreville team this successful was the 1992-93 group that won its first 26 games before losing by one point to Madison, 50-49, in the region semifinals. The Wildcats defeated Woodson for the Northern District championship that year and beat Oakton during the regular season, 102-31.

This year, Centreville lost its first meeting with Oakton 65-48, but won the next two, including beating the Cougars 44-41 on Feb. 15 to win the Concorde District title. Oakton had won the previous eight dis-

trict championships.

After beating Fairfax 48-32 in the opening round of regionals on Feb. 18 and edging West Springfield 54-52 in the quarterfinals on Feb. 19, Centreville trailed Edison 30-20 at halftime of the semifinals. The Wildcats pulled to within one when an Ashley Brusick 3-pointer cut the Edison lead to 39-38 entering the fourth quarter, but the Wildcats were unable to take the lead. A 3-pointer by Elizabeth Richards cut the Edison lead to 56-53 late in the fourth, but Edison's Megan Hendrick sealed the win with a pair of free throws with 4.4 seconds remaining.

"We equaled the best that Centreville's ever done. How can you be upset about that?"

— Centreville girls' basketball coach Tom Watson

"This year, we never gave up," Green said. "We were down 10 points this game, we've been down 15 points against Oakton ... and we just don't give up. We're relentless and that's what's great about this team and hopefully next year we can be the same way."

Green led Centreville with 12 points in the semifinals. Ailyn Kelly and Caroline Wakefield each had nine points.

First-year head coach Tom Watson, who was named Concorde District Coach of the Year, said the Wildcats "oozed" team chemistry.

"When things get hard we have to stick together more," senior Tori Collar said. "A lot of people tend to get frustrated and mad at each other — they turn on each other — but we know how to stay together and when things get rough, we know how to come together more instead of turn away from each other." Collar was named to the all-tournament team.

"We equaled the best that Centreville's ever done," Watson said. "How can you be upset about that?"

SPORTS BRIEFS

Spring Break Basketball Camp

There will be a spring break basketball camp March 25-28 at Accotink Academy and Wayneswood Elementary School for boys and girls ages 7-15. For more information, visit markvincentbasketcamps.com or contact Mark Vincent at MarkVincentBasketballCamps@gmail.com.

Centreville Track and Field

Chase Heiner set a Centreville school record in the 1000-meter run on his way to a third-place finish Virginia's state championships. He also anchored the 4x400 meter relay (Calvin Jones, Young Bin Jin, Mike Wright, Heiner) and 4x800 relay (Jones, Bobby Dunn, Chan Young Lee, Heiner).

X-BOTS Battle for Championship

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cheering for both our team and our alliance's team."

Sidharth liked perfecting the claw until it was just right and "looked really cool, too. We started with cardboard and developed it until it was sturdy and made of Plexiglas and metal."

"We tweak things on the robot every week," said Ahan. "There's always some way to better it," added Satish.

Anoushka enjoyed building the robot and "taking out my frustration on the Plexiglas by drilling holes in it. I also managed the engineering notebook, so I made sure people wrote down their reflections in it, and I wrote down our accomplishments and goals."

Nikhil didn't expect they'd make states because they're a new team and had to create their robot so quickly. But, he said, "We're honored; it's really exciting."

"I saw how all our hard work paid off, plus our potential," said Satish. And Rishabh was happy that preparing for states gave the teammates more time to interact together.

"I'm very proud of them," said Coach Chintada. "They worked hard, understood the engineering process and worked really well as a team."

"I think we have a good chance of going to nationals," added Ahan. "Our expectations are high; we want to do the best we can."

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To Buy Or Not To Buy



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That is my question. And though I can't quite quote Shakespeare the way I can quote The Three Stooges: "Moe, Larry, the cheese. Moe, Larry, the cheese," "'tis nobler" to ask it nonetheless. Still, if Hamlet had been diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer, as I have, perhaps he wouldn't have been contemplating suicide but rather allocating his monthly budget – as I do every day, with nearly every purchase. That's my dream, "perchance" or otherwise.

Given that I'm not heir to a fortune, but rather fortunate to still be here, what dollars I earn – and in turn spend, are dollars whose expenditure has to make sense (at least add up, anyway). As a result, I'm always thinking "what if," as in "what if" I'm spending money now on relative incidentals, money that I might need later for more important health and welfare-type costs? And I'm not discussing comfort foods, either. I'm discussing in-home care and/or miscellaneous other cancer-related expenses that can't exactly be paid out of petty cash. Expenses that generally don't take care of themselves any more than cancer takes care of itself. Moreover, though little I know about health and fitness and subsequent complications, I do know my medical ABCs: Anything But Cancer.

However, cancer has become the name of my game and living with it the greatest challenge of my life. Do I ignore it? Do I give in to it? Do I adjust to it? As much as I want to "live long and prosper," and live as normally with my diagnosis as I would live without it, that compromised life expectancy/mortality thing tends to rear its ugly, uncontrollable head. The subconscious control it exerts over me is not so much scary as it is uncomfortable – and somewhat uncharacteristic of who I am and how I want to be. Unfortunately, I can't change the way I think now/how I'm influenced any more than this life-long member of Red Sox Nation can become a New York Yankee fan. It's almost as if your personality profile/tendencies are genetically transformed because of the mutations in your cells brought about by the cancer being triggered somehow. You know what you're doing. You think you know why you're doing it. But you still can't stop yourself from doing it. This preoccupation seems to manifest itself most when I am spending money. I always ask myself if I really need that item now. And if I do need it now, how long might I actually need it for. And how long I might need it for determines the level of financial commitment I'm willing to make. After all, are we talking days, weeks, months or years?

A few decisions that have consumed me of late, involving value versus actual need:

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Pills/supplements I buy. Do I supply myself with one-month, two-month, three-month, or longer? Yes, the unit cost goes down but my true cost may go up because my time might be up.

My AARP membership. One-, three- or five-year renewal. Again, the more years I prepay, the less the cost. But at what cost? Who's the beneficiary? Me or my beneficiary?

What to do? Live like having cancer matters or live like it doesn't? Either way, "I'm a victim of circumstance."

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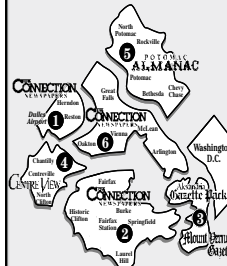
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SCHOOLS

Robowiz

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a week. Our toughest challenge was — being a rookie FTC team — we had to learn all the rules, plus some new skills, such as electric wiring and setting up Samantha WiFi. It's a module that lets the controllers communicate with the robot."

"Never having built a robot before, we made a smaller one first to learn how the pieces work and what would be the best design," said Abha.

Akshay said one of the biggest challenges was creating a robotic arm "that was not only stable, but would reach different heights. So we created a cascade lift that worked via ropes and pulleys to lift the arm."

"We also had to keep the whole robot no bigger than 18 inches by 18 inches," said Nitya.

"I enjoyed the tournament because it was a lot of fun," said Vinh. "We had to make a presentation, so we talked about what was in our engineering notebook, what we did to our robot from start to finish, and our community outreaches. And it was fun seeing all the other robots and teams competing. We learned a lot from the other teams about robot design and strategies."

Team Robowiz was the only team that was a finalist in three categories, and it won the Think Award. "It's given to the team with the most organized and precise engineering notebook reflecting the competition guidelines," said Adithya. "Ours also contained funny stories and jokes to show that we interacted and had fun doing this."

So the students were happy to win that award, said Vinh, because "We thought our engineering notebook and presentation were especially good."

Just six teams from the 26 in the UVA competition were chosen to advance to states and, said Abha, "We got the chance to go because of our overall performance, engineering notebook and community outreach."

Still, Jami called it "kind of a shock because we came as a rookie [FTC] team, not expecting too much, and many other teams were veterans with more experience than us. So we were surprised and happy just to qualify for a few things."

"And we were a middle-school team competing against high-school teams," said Abha.

"I thought, overall, we were strong," said Akshay. "When they announced our name, I was really happy."

"Now we'll fine-tune everything," said Adarsh. "The most fun for me is messing with the metal pieces because I love building and fixing things." Pleased that the team's graduated from FLL to FTC, he added, "There's so much more you can do with these pieces than with Legos because these are stronger."

Regarding states, said Abha, "I'm excited and a little nervous about how we'll do there, so I want to learn from the other teams so we'll be able to perform even better."

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AARP Tax Assistance. 1-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Preference given to older adults. Free. 703-830-2223.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville

Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can discuss "Doctor Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak. Free. 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/FEB. 28

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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Comedy Showcase. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. at Sully's Restaurant and Lounge, 14513 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Chantilly. Clay Miles headlines, with Sara Armour and Danny Charnley. Matt Mero hosts. \$5/cover includes DJ after. 703-818-9292.

English Conversation Group. 1 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library,

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SATURDAY/MARCH 2

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3-D Printers. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children and teens age 10 and up can see a live demonstration of digital fabrication with personal 3D printers. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

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Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 5

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Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ages 2-3 with adult. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

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Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

AARP Tax Assistance. 4-8 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Preference given to older adults. Free. 703-830-2223.

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 6

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Mystery Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can ask for title at 703-502-3883. Free.

THURSDAY/MARCH 7

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 13-23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Talk. 11 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get answers about palliative care and support. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Tax Assistance. 6 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get help from IRS-certified volunteers. Free. 703-502-3883.

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Book Group. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Teens in grades 7-8 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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