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Jaycen Armstrong on location in India to make a video. He's second from left in photo.

## 'You Can Accomplish Anything'

Centreville High grad wins second Emmy in two years.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**M**ost people never even win one Emmy award; but 1996 Centreville High grad Jaycen Armstrong just won his second

Emmy in two years. A producer with Riverstreet Productions in West Hollywood, his first Daytime Emmy was in June 2012 for Outstanding Special Class Short Format Daytime Program. His second award came this June for a public-service announcement on bullying.

"I've always wanted to work in this medium, as far back as I can remember," said Armstrong. "It's great being able to communicate with people on a larger level, see your work on TV and get a reaction."

Actually, he got steered in the right direction when he was a theater student under Centreville High's director Skip Maiden — for whom the school later named its theater.

"He was an amazing teacher; he'd cultivate our talents," said Armstrong. "I initially wanted to be an actor, but Maiden transitioned me to stage manager and tech crew. He thought I'd be better at those positions, and he was right."

After graduation, Armstrong attended film school in Orlando, Fla., to learn the technical side of film and video production. He then got an internship with Nickelodeon, working



Centreville High grad Jaycen Armstrong at his desk in L.A. with his second Emmy award.

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## Jobs Increasing for Local Immigrants

CLRC is making a difference in their lives.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**B**efore the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) opened in the Centreville Square Shopping Center, local day laborers stood on the street corners and employers hired them from there. But many didn't get work, and some that did were often cheated out of their wages by employers refusing to pay after the job was done.

Things have vastly improved since then. When the center began operating in December 2011, it had some 100 day laborers. Now it has nearly 500 registered workers, including about 60 local residents, who've also sought jobs there in this tough economy.

CLRC Director Roberto Fernández said some of the laborers come from Herndon and other areas around Centreville, and many are recent immigrants. "We've made progress in registering both workers and employers," he said. "Now, the workers, themselves, are bringing employers to the center. We've also improved our maps on our Web site, [www.centrevilleLRC.org](http://www.centrevilleLRC.org), showing people where we are."

So an increasing number of job connections are being made at the CLRC. "[Coordinator] Molly Maddra and I have made good relationships with the guys," said Fernández. "Now they're our biggest advocates for the center. And we've had a 22-percent increase in



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From left are CLRC Director Roberto Fernández and CIF President Alice Foltz at the center's one-year anniversary, last December.

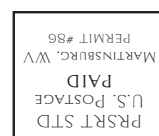
jobs, compared to last year at this time."

CLRC data also shows a 30-percent increase in the total number of workers employed. In July, 98 laborers worked on 68 jobs at a median salary of \$15/hour.

"The center's a great resource for them because it's building community," said Fernández. "And at the same time, it's empowering them to make a difference in their lives. We offer daily ESL classes and a women's ESL group meets on Saturdays. We've also held workshops in, for example, drywall, tiling, electricity, etc., so they'll have more marketable skills."

Since he's been director, he said, "I've focused on empowering the workers. We've had classes teaching them personal finance and budgeting and especially encouraged some of the younger guys to take the longer, more formal ESL classes offered at Centreville

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# 'If You Work Hard, You Can Accomplish Anything'

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his way up to production assistant for various TV productions.

He moved to Los Angeles on Sept. 10, 2011, armed with the names and phone number of friends of friends who worked in the business there. Again, he started at the bottom, but was happy to be in the field, learning all he could. Armstrong was a production assistant, mainly on music videos and commercials; he also did research as an office assistant to the producer and production team.

"After about two years, I worked my way up to production coordinator, doing all the paperwork and giving call times to the crew," he said. "After a few more years, I became a production manager, dealing with the budget, doing salary negotiations with the crew and negotiating what we'd pay for cameras and lighting, etc."

Armstrong loved this job, too. "It's different from TV and film because we're focusing on smaller promos for TV broadcast," he said. "We can go from zero to the actual shoot in a week or so, whereas a TV program or feature film can take months to set up."

Finally, he transitioned into producing in 2008. "As a producer, I'm actually responsible for the entire project," he said. "I work with directors and clients all the way on the concept and how it's going to be accom-



Jaycen Armstrong

plished. I've been working primarily with one production company out here, Riverstreet Productions, specializing in promos for TV networks."

"Disney/ABC — the Disney Channel, ABC Family, ABC, etc. — is who we work with

the most," continued Armstrong. "There are about a dozen channels under that umbrella. We do promos for the shows, plus shorts — mini-programs telling short stories in 90 seconds to 2 minutes."

For example, he said, Disney Junior doesn't have commercials. It has 22-and-a-half-minute shows, but still needs to fill the rest of its 30-minute space with original content. "One week, we shot 100 shorts showing kids in their daily lives."

Toward that end, Armstrong did a campaign called "The Time I ..." in which children talked about a significant event in their lives. And one of his pieces for it, called "The Time I ... Got 322 Pairs of Shoes for my Birthday," was nominated for and won a 2012 Daytime Emmy.

"It was about an 8-year-old girl in Texas

who heard about orphans in Guatemala who didn't have shoes," he said. "So she took it upon herself to get 322 pair of shoes and send them to a village there. She collected them through her church, but she spearheaded it."

Still, said Armstrong, "We were all shocked when we got the nomination, because it was our first, and it's incredibly rare for Disney Channel shorts to get nominated. Cable networks — and especially their shorts — tended to get ignored. Our nomination was in the Creative Arts category, and it was amazing to win and surprising to all of us. I think we won because our story was the most interesting and was real."

This year's victory was for an anti-bullying PSA (public service announcement). Disney rebranded "The Time I ..." into "Make Your Mark," expanding it to show more real-youth topics.

"The production company wanted nine of these stories, and our writers and creatives pored through newspapers online to find something interesting," said Armstrong. "Then we read about Ben Horowitz, a 14-year-old filmmaker from Pennsylvania. And it wasn't just that he was bullied, but what he did about it — he co-wrote and co-directed an anti-bullying PSA."

So Armstrong's group contacted him and asked to do a story about him. "We went to

Philadelphia, interviewed him and recreated events in his life," said Armstrong. "And our PSA was a favorite of the Disney Channel."

In the video, Ben says, "I wanted the kids who watched it to see what it's like to get bullied. Maybe they'll see it and stand up for the next kid they see getting teased." View it at <http://www.bing.com/videos/watch/video/make-your-mark/5tcm546>.

Armstrong was also nominated for a short he and his crew did about efforts to build water wells and schools in a small, tribal village in a hot, arid part of India. They went there, interviewed the local elders and told their story.

He was surprised to get two nominations this year and was thrilled with the win because "Ben's a great kid with a fantastic story. The video made all those people in Philadelphia who helped him feel good that what they did was important. And maybe it'll make a difference."

Armstrong said the toughest part of his job is the pressure. "The producer is the linchpin; everything hinges on getting things done within deadlines and budget," he said. "I even handle technical problems like getting travel visas and knowing child-labor laws when we work with kids."

A newlywed, he's happy both personally

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## ROUNDUPS

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Aug. 15 and Aug. 29, 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.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

### Backpack Donations are Needed

From now through Aug. 16, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is collecting new backpacks, without wheels, to donate to local students receiving free or reduced-cost lunches. Larger sizes with multiple compartments are needed most. See [www.wfcmva.org](http://www.wfcmva.org).

All backpack donations are tax-deductible and WFCM will furnish receipts. Backpacks may be dropped off from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the WFCM Thrift Store, 13939 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly.

### Eat Pizza, Help Children

Paisano's Pizza is going to "Share the Pie" with the Boys and Girls Clubs of greater Washington. For all customers who mention "BGC" when placing an order, Paisano's will donate 10 percent of their purchase price to help support that organization. The fundraiser goes until Sept. 15.

Locally, Paisano's has locations at 4078 Airline Parkway in Chantilly and 12715 Shoppes Lane in Fair Lakes. Also participating is Paisano's Bella Pizza at 5740 Pickwick Road in Centreville. For phone numbers, go to [www.pizzapaisanos.com](http://www.pizzapaisanos.com).

### Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Aug. 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

### WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. The panel will review and make a recommendation on the changes proposed for the Sunoco gas station near the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Sunoco wants to add four more gas pumps, build a larger convenience store and move its car wash to the back of the site.

### Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

### Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is giving residents a chance to learn what firefighters and paramedics do every day. They may apply to attend the Citizens Fire & Rescue Academy. Applications will be accepted until Aug. 23 or until the class of 25 is filled.

The free classes will begin Sept. 19 and run nine consecutive weeks, from 6-9 p.m., at various locations in and outside the department. Each session will cover different aspects of the organization. Topics include fire suppression, emergency medical

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## NEWS



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**Gathering together during the Aug. 6 National Night Out celebration in Franklin Farm are (from left) Police Capt. John Naylor, commander of the Fair Oaks District Station; PFC Mark Mills; PFC Bill Fisher; event co-organizer Mary Douglas; APO Ruta Bailey and Franklin Farm Board of Trustees President Paul Dykeman**

## Officers Mingle with Residents

### Franklin Farm community celebrates National Night Out.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**P**olice officers ate ice cream, firefighters showed off their ladder truck, children played and residents and public-safety personnel mingled together. It was all part of last week's National Night Out in Chantilly.

The annual event celebrates and strengthens partnerships between the community and public-safety personnel. Locally, it was organized by residents Mary Douglas and Jill Odom and held Tuesday evening, Aug. 6, outside the Dairy Lou pool in the Franklin Farm community.

Participants enjoyed Milwaukee Frozen Custard with colorful toppings, and guests included police officers from the Fair Oaks District Station, firefighters from Frying Pan Station 36 and Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67), who lives in nearby Oak Hill.

"It's the second National Night Out I've attended  
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**Franklin Farm's Mike Ivancich lifts up son Joe, 2, for a peek inside a fire engine.**



**Telling local residents about their jobs and tower ladder truck 436 are Firefighter Steven Henry (on left) and Firefighter John Fleming (on right).**



# OPINION

## Library Mission

Further cuts to library budget must be analyzed for impacts on families in need.

**T**he current proposal to “streamline” services at Fairfax County Public Libraries comes on top of disproportionate, and some would say Draconian, cuts since 2009.

Here is a summary of those cuts from the library department’s own strategic plan:

“In FY 2010, ... the library’s budget was reduced by 15 percent. Drastic adjustments to staffing levels occurred. Virtually all of the library’s exempt part-time staff were lost and with them, the flexibility needed to operate libraries under existing hours of operation. Consequently, hours of operation were reduced 19 percent. ... In FY 2011, the library’s budget was reduced an additional 6 percent. Additional staff were lost and operating hours reduced again by 9 percent. ... With a more stable budget outlook, the focus has shifted from survival, to becoming as vital to the lives of Fairfax County residents as possible.”

In 2012, Fairfax County libraries welcomed 5,246,854 visitors to library branches, and loaned 13,034,816 items.

In Fairfax County, where nearly 20 percent of the households have annual income of under \$50,000, about 8 percent live below the poverty line and more than 47,000 public school students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals, the public libraries are indispensable. Access to library resources goes beyond books, and includes the very digital access that many people cite as a threat to libraries. Public access to computers and to the

Internet for those who do not have other access is a critical service.

According to a 2010 report, Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:

❖ 44 percent of people in households living below the federal poverty line (\$22,000 a year for a family of four) used public library computers and Internet access.

❖ Among young adults (14–24 years of age) in households below the federal poverty line, 61 percent used public library computers and Internet for educational purposes.

EDITORIALS

## On Federal Dollars in Virginia

We received some emails and phone calls about the expansion of Medicaid in response to last week’s editorial. Many asserted that Virginia should not accept federal dollars for its residents without health insurance in order to help control federal spending.

Virginia already receives more federal money per capita than any other state except Alaska. Virginia received \$136 billion in federal funds in 2010, more than \$17,000 from the feds per capita, and paid \$2,807 per capita in federal income taxes. (Data from Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2010 by State and County from the Census Bureau, analyzed

by 247wallst.com)

Two examples: \$1.3 billion in federal transportation money came to Virginia. Virginia was on the receiving end of more than \$5,000 per capita in defense spending. Do the people (who almost certainly have their own health insurance) who think that we should turn away federal money to expand Medicaid think we should lobby to reduce defense and transportation spending in Virginia to help control federal spending?

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Skeptical on Medicaid

To the Editor:

Judging by your editorial [“Issues That Matter: Mental health services discussion gives insight into real differences between candidates,” Centre View, August 8-14, 2013], gubernatorial candidate Ken Cuccinelli has a real problem with a key demographic: voters who believe in Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny. You fault Ken for being skeptical of what you see as Virginia’s opportunity to expand health care for poor residents, with the bill paid by the federal government. Would that it were so.

Ken is trained as an engineer and given the opportunity will be Virginia’s Innovation Governor. By training and experience he knows what works and what doesn’t in the real world.

Yes, the federal government is supposed to pay the full cost for Medicaid expansion during the first three years (2014-16) but the costsharing rate would be reduced from 100 percent to 92.8 percent by 2019.

Medicaid is already the largest budget item for the states, accounting for

22 percent of their budget expenditures as of 2010, and recent studies such as that by Jagadeesh Gokhale of the Cato Institute suggest that for some states, even without any expansion, Medicaid expenditures are already unsustainable. Moreover, the unprecedented federal budget deficits projected through 2019 and beyond put Medicaid support for states and all other general revenue-supported federal programs at risk. Therefore, perhaps you will forgive Ken for looking forward a bit and being skeptical of what you apparently regard as free money.

With respect to mental health, Ken has an outstanding, demonstrated record of personal dedication. He has served on the Virginia Supreme Court Commission on Mental Health in the Justice System and has personally represented individuals in Virginia’s civil, involuntary commitment process.

Finally, perhaps we should be at least a little careful as to what we wish for. A University of Virginia study shows that surgical patients on Medicaid are 13 percent more likely to die than those without any health insurance at all.

**Burton Jay Rubin**  
Burke



“Sandstorm” by Beth Morris

**Image of the Year** Chantilly photographer **Beth Morris received the 2013 Northern Virginia Photographic Society Image of the Year Award for her photograph “Sandstorm.” The photograph was taken in Monument Valley, Utah. The award was announced at the NVPS Annual Year-End Awards event held at the Westpark Hotel, Tyson’s Corner, in June.**

### CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Sully District Police Station:

#### LARCENIES:

14600 block of Farming Way, cleaning equipment from vehicle  
12200 block of Fox Hunter Place, laptop computer from residence  
Lee Highway/Paddington Lane, tools from vehicle

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## Woman Charged with Fraudulent Tax Prep

**F**airfax County Police detectives have charged a Fair Oaks woman in connection with an investigation involving fraudulent preparation and submission of income tax return documents. She is Thuy Tien Le, 40, of Madeley Court.

The investigation began in early July when police received a report from a resident that Le, owner of T2 Advantage LLC, a tax preparation company, had prepared their income taxes. That person received the prepared documents, including a statement indicating exactly what federal and state refunds to expect.

Shortly thereafter, say police, the resident "was in the process of refinancing [his or her] mortgage and discovered that the tax documents the mortgage company obtained from the Internal Revenue Service were different than the ones Le provided to [him or her]."

Detectives, working with IRS special agents, de-

termined that Le was allegedly altering the tax documents prior to submitting them to the IRS. They say she reportedly increased the amount of the refunds and had those proceeds electronically deposited into an account other than the resident's.

Police arrested Le last Tuesday, Aug. 6, charging her with one count each of money laundering and obtaining money by false pretenses, plus two counts of identity theft with intent to defraud. She has an Oct. 30 court date. The investigation is continuing and additional charges are possible. Detectives want to hear from any other people who believe they might have been a victim of this type of fraud.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org), text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

— BONNIE HOBBS

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services, training, recruitment and special operations. Attendees must be at least 18; sign up at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/cfa).

## Hold Summer Food Drive

Summer is when WFCM is most in need of food donations. Children are home from school and need three meals a day, but many come from homes where both money and food are scarce. So WFCM is hoping local residents and businesses will hold summer food drives to help it restock its food pantry so it can provide food to local families in need. Anyone interested in doing so should contact Terry Kelly at [tkelly@wfcma.org](mailto:tkelly@wfcma.org).

## Need Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov) or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

## Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of oil, canned fruit, rice

(2-lb. bags), canned meat, canned white beans (garbanzo, northern, cannellini, navy), fruit juice, Hamburger Helper, dry pasta, sugar, dry beans, and canned vegetables. (Also needed are shampoo, feminine napkins and dish soap.)

Bring all items to WFCM's new food-pantry location, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include bathing suits and shorts for all ages, Bibles in English and Spanish, plus large black yard bags. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two-to four-hour shifts Fridays, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who'd like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-543-6272 or go to [www.centrevilleLRC.org](http://www.centrevilleLRC.org) and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers' skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.

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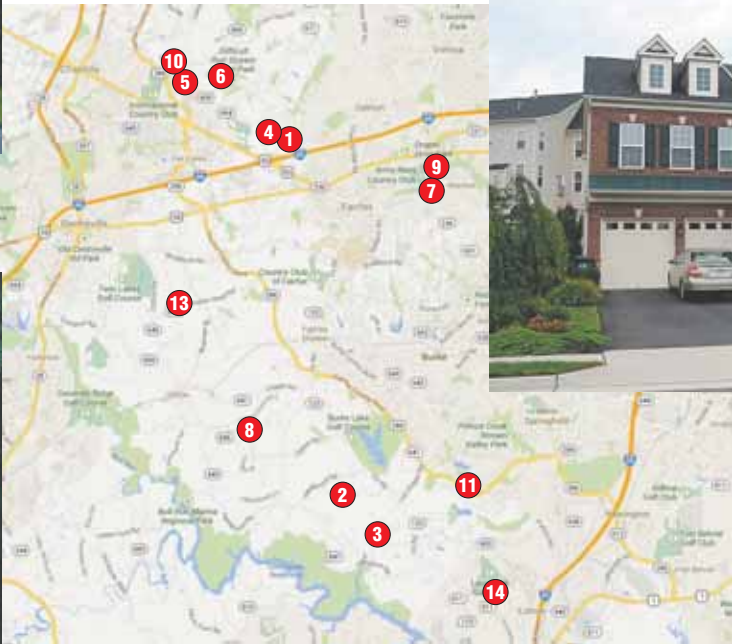
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# Ready for Back to School?

Local designers offer tips for creating functional and stylish homework spaces.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
CENTRE VIEW

Summer will soon come to an end, and children everywhere will be heading back to school and coming home with homework. To keep students engaged and excited, some local designers offer suggestions for creating a space so fun and inviting that your children will want to hang out there — even if that means doing homework.

When embarking on the task of creating a homework space, choosing a location is one of the first considerations.

Bill Millholland, executive vice president of Case Design/Remodeling, Inc. in Bethesda, Md., said, “There are two schools of thought: One is to have the ‘homework space’ in a public area, ... so that a parent can be involved in the activity. The other school places more emphasis on teaching personal responsibility.”

According to Jean P Freeman, associate professor of Interior Design at Marymount University in Arlington, homework space should be “away from television, but near an adult for any questions that need to be answered. It should be quiet for concentration, but having a window where the child can look up and out at the world is soothing.”

Potomac, Md. resident Susan Matus, a senior project designer with Case Design/Remodeling, adds that the location of the homework area is dependent upon a child’s age. “Elementary school kids seem to do quite well getting things done in a location that is close to parents,” she said. “Middle schoolers are more independent and seem to prefer more private locations with less distractions and less input from parents. A family office that can be closed off or even a bedroom work-space [work well]. High schoolers just need a comfortable space to get it done.”

Designers say the kitchen is one such popular public area for completing homework assignments.

“Often connected to the kitchen is a family area,” said Kai Tong, AIA, director of Potomac, Md., based Hopkins & Porter Inc.’s architecture department. “Parents want to have a line of sight to their kids, especially if they are going to be on the Internet. What adds to the kids’ experience is having a lot of counter space or layout space.”

Evelyn Nicely, president of Nicely Done Kitchens in Springfield, said, “A design option is the designated computer or desk area, typically found on the perimeter of the kitchen, so school work is kept out of the way. But the most popular homework space we design is at the island. This casual seating appeals to children and gives them a stylish, yet functional, open space to do their work without isolating them.”

Arlington resident Christie Doebel, lead designer at Sun Design Inc., which has offices in both Burke and McLean, says she gets frequent requests for a space that allows for multitasking. “Very often we are looking to create the kind of environment where a parent can make dinner while still rehearsing words for the spelling bee.”

**ONCE A SPACE IS CHOSEN**, it’s time to select the fixtures that will fill the space. Good indoor lighting with a window for sunlight is essential, said designers. Freeman said the most obvious components

PHOTO COURTESY OF NICELY DONE KITCHENS



Kitchens, such as this one in Fairfax Station designed by Nicely Done Kitchens, are popular areas for completing homework assignments.

of a homework space are electrical outlets, a Wi-Fi connection and a comfortable, adjustable chair.

Designers suggest investing in a chair that fits your child’s needs. “Don’t use dad’s old chair ... or pull a chair from the dining room table,” said Deborah Wiener, owner of Designing Solutions in Silver Spring, Md. “If the back of the chair hits the back of their head, it is too tall. If their feet are dangling, the chair is too big. One of the many reasons kids tire when doing homework is that they don’t get back support. ... It’s a mistake to skimp on a chair.”

“The chair should support the student’s back and posture, and adjust to the growing needs of the student,” added Freeman. “There should be an adequate work surface to accommodate books, computer, writing pad and task lighting, [as well as] storage.”

Centreville resident Liz Lee, a senior designer at Sun Design Inc., encourages parents to ensure that the homework area has “functional types of storage, [such as] file cabinets, baskets for crayons [and] scissors, so all of the supplies they need are right there.”

Bruce Wentworth, president of Wentworth, Inc. in Chevy Chase, Md., said, “A simple counter top with bookcases is very practical. A large work surface for laptops, printers and scanners is desirable, and grommets help hide the cords below the work surface.” Wentworth also suggests adding custom-built drawers and filing cabinets to homework spaces.

Arlington resident Allie Mann, project manager, Case Design/Remodeling, Inc., said “A fun or personalized calendar to teach time management,” she said. “Along those lines, have a clock nearby.”

Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda, Md., said, “One thing I always love to incorporate is a custom tack board. We choose a fun fabric that the children help pick out and then have [it] sized to fit specific workspace.”

**WHEN DESIGNING A SPACE** that is both functional and stylish, Moira Gannon Denson, an assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University, suggests using the elements and principles of design — color, shape, pattern and scale — to set the tone. This will allow the space to evolve as the child grows, she says: “Save the TV characters and cartoons for the stickers [for] their notebooks. ... Too much ‘trending’ can mean replacing in a year.”

When creating a space that is appealing to both children and their parents, Doebel does suggest teamwork, however. “It’s fun when a kid gets involved in the design process,” she said. “They are drawn to contrast and comfort [like] bold, bright colors [and] soft, warm surfaces. They are always honest about what they see and how they feel.”



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# Meet Roberto Fernández, Labor Center Director

**'We're Not Helping Immigrants, We're Helping People.'**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**L**ike the workers at the Centreville Labor Resource Center, Roberto Fernández's parents came to the U.S. from Central America. "My family emigrated from El Salvador in the early 1980s and my brother and I came in 1988," said Fernández, the CLRC's director.

He graduated from Herndon High in 1997 and went to a private college in Ohio on a soccer scholarship. But he missed his family here, and his mother had been ill so, after a year, he transferred to GMU. Originally planning to be an international journalist, he studied international policy and got a degree in communications.

Fernández began working full-time for Nextel Corp. (Sprint's predecessor) at the help desk while in college and stayed for three years afterward as a West Coast Region project manager. But he'd always wanted a job with an international focus where he could help others and use his Spanish.

"So I applied for the Peace Corps and went to the Dominican Republic as an education volunteer for two years," he said. "I helped a very rural community manage its technology center. It had six to eight desktop computers that complemented the primary school there. The teachers hadn't used computers in conjunction with books before, so I taught 25 elementary-school students the basics of computers. I loved working with



**Roberto Fernández at his desk at the Centreville Labor Resource Center.**

PHOTO BY  
BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

the children."

Fernández stayed a third year, partnering with a new pilot program between the Peace Corps and Fair Trade International. He learned about Fair Trade and how it helps small producers. "I worked with coffee and cacao organizations and told farmers about Fair Trade's benefits to the community, the organization and the environment," he said.

"They get a fair price for their product, plus money to improve the organization or something within the community," said Fernández. "For example, they could use the money to build a school or clinic. I really loved that job; it was a good experience for me."

Returning to the U.S. in July 2012, he had to readjust to life and modern technology here. "It was overwhelming to see iPods, iPads and smartphones everywhere," he said. He also looked for a new job, but not in the corporate world.

"I wanted to work with a marginalized population and involve myself in a project that would be beneficial to others," said

Fernández, 34. "I also wanted to give back some of the knowledge I got working in the 'third world.' Then, when the CLRC's first director, Shani Moser, left last fall to become a teacher, he heard about the position and applied.

"I'd be working with a largely Central American population; most of our workers are from Guatemala," he said. "I wanted to do something I was passionate about, and I was elated and ecstatic to get the job [in November 2012]." He'd met Centreville Immigration Forum President Alice Foltz and "thought she was so inspiring. It's amazing how the CIF got this center off the ground — it doesn't just happen anywhere."

"Personally, I see my face and my parents' faces reflected in the faces of the workers," continued Fernández. "My parents emigrated here from another country, faced hardships and worked different jobs. But eventually, they established themselves as a family contributing to America and providing educational opportunities to myself and my siblings. So my story is that of my

workers, as well."

He said they, too, want to contribute to the country in which they live. "Once you give someone an opportunity they've never had, they do something extraordinary with it," said Fernández.

"So I tell our workers to work hard, don't give up and seize every opportunity they get."

The toughest part of his job, he said, is getting people with opposing views to find common ground. Regarding the community, said Fernández, "It can be some people not wanting anything to do with something they don't understand. As for the workers, it can be challenging sometimes getting them to give up some of their free time to better their language or work skills."

But he also loves what he's doing. "My greatest satisfaction comes when employers come in to test us

out and then return, tell their friends and even become volunteers," he said. "They come to understand the center's and CIF's mission — that we're not helping 'immigrants,' we're helping people."

Delighted to be part of the CLRC, Fernández said, "It's such a great answer for the community to resolve an issue that's affecting everyone. And I think we can apply [this model] to any problem in the community."

**"I see my face and my parents' faces reflected in the faces of the workers."**

— Roberto Fernández, CLRC director

## CLRC: Making a Difference

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United Methodist Church."

The center's also held workshops explaining what's happening with national immigration reform. And it partnered with other Latino organizations, such as the League of United Latin American Citizens, to hold a recent town-hall meeting on this issue.

"We've discussed the process of the bill proposed in Congress and what they can do to encourage its passage — basic, civil engagement," said Fernández. He said the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF), which runs the center, might even advise other communities on how to start their own day-labor centers.

He's also pleased that the CLRC has "not only educated our workers, but also our community, about immigration. And we've tried to de-stigmatize the workers [in the residents' eyes]."

But, he added, "Molly and I are just a staff of two, so there's only so much we can do. We let the workers tell people why they're here and why they wanted to be here. They don't want to steal things. They just want a

job and to make a life for themselves and their families; and they want to live a better life than they had back home."

CIF President Alice Foltz says Fernández and Maddra make a great team, and she believes Fernández's business background and experience organizing workers during his Peace Corps years are great assets. "When he began at the center, his vision was to increase worker leadership, and this participation has strengthened community spirit and volunteerism among the workers," said Foltz. "Along with his passion for building a strong future for immigrants, Roberto also is a great soccer player and organized a local team."

Going forward, she said, the CLRC and CIF plan to focus on building strong skills, including through certification programs, that'll "help temporary workers move into the labor force, particularly if immigration reform becomes reality. Our whole center operation, with regular opportunities for leadership, is a kind of school for democracy — workers practice speaking up and participating in decision-making every day."

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#### SATURDAY/AUG. 17

**Registration Deadline.** Fairfax County NAACP Inaugural Golf Tournament takes place Friday, Aug. 23 with a 2 p.m. shotgun start at Ft. Belvoir Golf Course. \$100 per golfer. Visit [http://www.fairfaxnaacp.org/REGISTER\\_GOLF\\_TOURNEY\\_CA06.php](http://www.fairfaxnaacp.org/REGISTER_GOLF_TOURNEY_CA06.php).

#### FRIDAY/AUG. 23

**New Member Shabbat Service.** 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah, 4212 C-Technology Court, Chantilly. The service will be held in the new building. All community members

are welcome to attend. Call 703-217-8938 or visit [www.BethTorah.net](http://www.BethTorah.net).

#### SATURDAY/AUG. 24

**Pre-school Open House.** Happy Faces Daycare, 13923 Braddock Road. The event will include moon bounces, snow-cones, and balloon animals. Children can enjoy the events while parents are taken on a tour. All parents who register after the event will receive two free weeks enrollment. Visit [www.happyfacesdaycare.com](http://www.happyfacesdaycare.com) or call 703-830-1200.

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 5

**Board of Directors Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. The Southwestern Youth Association will be holding their annual meeting. The SYA executive board positions are for one year terms. Nominations are now being accepted. This meeting is open to the community. Call 703-815-3362 or contact the SYA office at [syaboard@verizon.net](mailto:syaboard@verizon.net).

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 7

**Meeting.** Lane's Mill Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members will

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Franklin Farm's Veronica Gutierrez checks out a police cruiser from the Fair Oaks District Station.



Enjoying Milwaukee Frozen Custard are Fair Oaks Police Officers Don Amos (left) and Jonathan Lowery.



Having fun together at Franklin Farm's National Night Out are (from left) sisters Kaitlin Lennox, 11, Keara Lennox, 9, and friend Stephanie Shraga, 9. Kaitlin's a rising sixth-grader at Oak Hill Elementary, and Keara and Stephanie will be in fourth grade there.

## Public Safety Officers Mingle with Residents

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here," said police PFC Mark Mills. "It's good to meet the people in my patrol area — especially the kids — and let them get to know me. We pass out toy police badges, whistles and coloring books and meet the families."

"It's a good opportunity for the community and police to get together as a group," he continued. "A lot of times, we're dealing with a citizen's complaint, but this is a social event."

Douglas said it's particularly good for the children to gather "in a spirit of family and see the helpers in our community. And the kids love to get in the fire truck and the back of a police car."

Fair Oaks police cover a large, geographic area, and Capt. John Naylor, the station commander, said 12 different neighborhoods in their jurisdiction were holding National Night Out events. "This is the third one I've been to tonight and it's probably the largest — it's just fabulous," he said. "It's a great night for the community and police officers to meet, get to know each other and work together to keep our communities safe."

He said it's important for the residents to familiarize themselves with the officers who serve their neighborhood. "It takes a collaboration between the police and community to keep them safe," said Naylor. "So

this is a fantastic opportunity to get out and interact with each other."

Meanwhile, Franklin Farm's Mike Ivancich hoisted up toddler son Joe, 2, so he could peek inside a fire engine. Daughter Emily, 6, was busy exploring the truck, too, with buddy Avery DeKoven, 5.

"The kids like the big trucks and seeing the community helpers," said wife and mom Katie Ivancich. "We also enjoyed eating Milwaukee Frozen Custard at the ice cream social and running into neighbors. This event is good because it makes the kids aware of the police and firemen and what they do for us."

Middle-schooler Veronica Gutierrez had fun sitting in the driver's side of a police cruiser. She said National Night Out enabled children to learn about "the security in our community, behind the scenes."

Nearby, Firefighters Steven Henry, John Fleming and J.J. Galvin talked with parents and children alike about their fire engine, which is more accurately called "Tower Ladder 436."

"Kids ask awesome questions," said Henry. "We've had a great time meeting everyone."

Actually, he said, "The [Fairfax County] fire chief has gotten us out in the community through a program called 'Safety in our Community.' We meet with people and hand

out smoke detectors and informational pamphlets. It's to make a presence in the community, meet the residents we serve and answer any questions they have. I love it when the kids come up and ask questions."

At National Night Out, said Galvin, "They wanted to know if we gave rides in our bucket."

But, added Henry, "That was a big, 'No.'"

Resident Kris Richmond said she enjoyed coming out and seeing her neighbors and friends, and the children really liked seeing the police cars and fire trucks. Friend Sandy Lennox called the event "a great way to meet neighbors you haven't met, yet, and don't normally get to see."

Besides that, said Lennox, "It's good for the kids to see the police and firefighters so they'll feel more comfortable approaching them. This also builds a relationship between the community, firefighters and police."

Daughter Kaitlin, 11, a rising sixth-grader at Oak Hill Elementary, was happy because she got to see lots of her friends, plus other students from her school.

Calling National Night Out an enjoyable social event, resident Nanette Shraga said, "We've been coming here eight years to see our friends. It's a nice way to keep the community of 'the Farm' together — and my husband never says no to ice cream."



Friends Avery DeKoven, 5, (left) and Emily Ivancich, 6, pose inside a fire engine from Frying Pan Station 36.

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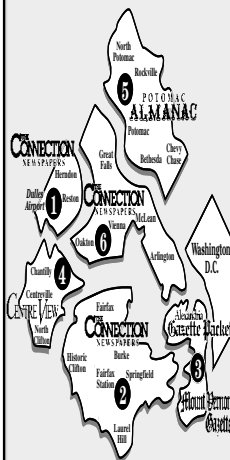
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 17, Section 3, Landbay 1-B, Centre Ridge, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 9068 at page 1861, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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## N.P.O.

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



"Nothing per orem." Which means no food after midnight — with a Latin derivation. And why would I have a clue about "no food after midnight" in Latin or in plain old English? I wouldn't normally, but normally I wouldn't have been admitted to a hospital awaiting surgery to help relieve the terrible difficulty I've had lately speaking/breathing a complete sentence and still having air after the final word had been spoken, catching my breath after walking only a few steps (exerting myself physically as well and/or walking up stairs or at any pace other than snail's has been a further challenge) and finally, and most disturbingly, not being able to perform some of my activities of daily living — without some degree of stress, anyway.

Nevertheless, Friday, Aug. 2 was scheduled to be a chemotherapy day so off my wife, Dina and I went, as usual. Having been infused multiple times over the past four and a half years, I attributed the breathing difficulties that I was experiencing as merely semi-expected side effects (necessary evils) of my lung cancer treatment. However, after I explained — and exhibited, some of these same difficulties to my regular oncology nurse, Ron, he decided to walk me around the unit attached to an oxygen-monitoring machine in order to measure my oxidation rate. It was not good. My number was way too low — and cause for concern.

Ron then returned me to the infusion center where he spent the next 30 minutes attempting to coordinate my next step. It was not to continue chemotherapy, that's for sure. It was to have me evaluated by my H.M.O.'s Clinical Decision Unit, a unit I learned, where serious-type assessments and decisions are made. After being assigned to a room, the process began. I soon had an EKG and a Chest X-Ray. The X-Ray indicated that my left lung was almost entirely filled with fluid; no wonder I couldn't breathe. It was confirmed then: health-wise, I was in a bit of trouble.

Given these results, before too long, a multi-person, multi-hour effort was put forth to get me admitted directly into a room at Holy Cross Hospital with the expectation that my condition warranted surgery that evening to alleviate my discomfort. After having initially arrived at 10:30 a.m. for my infusion (an appointment which typically lasts about two hours and then I'm free to go home), I was quite anxious as the early afternoon passed without any resolution and the late afternoon fast approached. Finally, at approximately 6 p.m., an ambulance arrived and I was transported to the hospital arriving in my room by gurney at 6:45. Since there was a presumption/expectation that surgery would indeed occur that night — to possibly include anesthesia/a narcotic, I was advised not to eat — in English. However, hours later it became obvious that I would not be operated on that evening, and thus was allowed to eat — at 9:30, but subsequently received my first official "NPO" for Saturday, beginning of course at midnight that Friday, the first day of my admission.

I remember seeing the initials NPO printed on the easel on the wall directly in front of my bed, along with the understanding that I wasn't to eat — or drink, anything after 12 o'clock, but I couldn't reconcile the letters (NPO) with the words: "no food or drink after midnight" advisory/direct order. They didn't sync up. It wasn't until Saturday afternoon that I received the medical jargon/Latin connection.

So here I sit/lay in my hospital bed, hungry for a second consecutive day. After the surgery and post-op. recovery, presumably I'll be able to eat. I just hope I'll be able to breathe as well.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for  
The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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meet at 5501 Sully Park Drive, Centreville.  
Prospective members are welcome to attend and should contact haynes2va@yahoo.com for more information.

### SEPT. 14

**Blood Drive.** 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13809 Poplar Tree Road. Donors are encouraged to give all summer long, but especially near key summer holidays when donations decline. From May, 23 to Sept. 9, donors, recipients and blood drive coordinators will be asked to share their inspirational videos and personal messages about how their lives have been touched. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

### SCHOOL OPENINGS

The **Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool** has openings in all classes for the fall. Schedules and classes have been adjusted for greater flexibility to meet the changing needs of the area. Visit [www.cliftonpc.org/cpcpreschool.html](http://www.cliftonpc.org/cpcpreschool.html) or call Gretchen at 703-830-3175.

**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](http://www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com) or call 703-378-6911.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Northern Virginia Family Service** is seeking volunteers to organize collection drives of toiletries products for clients in need. Requested items include such things as shampoo, soap, lotion, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Learn more about Northrn Virginia Family Service at [www.nvfs.org](http://www.nvfs.org) and contact Colleen Ross [cross@nvfs.org](mailto:cross@nvfs.org) if interested.

The **Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum** needs volunteers to work on Sundays at 13938 Braddock Road, Centreville. The museum is open from 1-4 p.m. on Sundays, when volunteer help is needed the most. Civil War buffs who want something worthwhile to do on Sundays are perfect candidates. Generally at least two volunteers are on duty for each day of coverage at the museum.

## Wins Second Emmy

FROM PAGE 2

and professionally. "I always wanted to be my own producer," he said. "I don't want to do anything else. At the end of the day, when it's all done and I see my work on TV and know it came out the way I wanted, it's really amazing. And it doesn't hurt when the national academy says, 'You deserve a gold statue for this, too.'"

Overall, said Armstrong, it's a difficult business to get into, but it can be done — and with success. He's a freelance producer, but has a "semi-permanent home" with Riverstreet and a bright future.

As for advice to others, he said, "I encourage people to get a college degree. So long as you love what you do, and can still pay your bills, that's enough," said Armstrong. "I took a leap of faith when I came to Los Angeles; but if you work hard, you can accomplish anything."



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## FRIDAY/AUG. 16

**Swing Dance Lesson and Dance.** 8:30 p.m. lesson and 9 p.m. dance at Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road. The Rockin Bones will perform. Beginners welcome. Class and dance are \$15.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 17

**Master Gardeners.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow

Road. Adults can get tips, information and advice on their home gardens. Free. 703-502-3883.  
**Civil War Day.** 11 a.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Features live music, food from Amphora Catering, civil war reenactments and more. Free and the entire family is welcome. Visit [www.thewineryatbullrun.com](http://www.thewineryatbullrun.com) or call 703-815-2233.

**Magic and Mayhem.** 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Starlight Cinema.** 6 p.m. at 5875 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Movie

begins at dark. "Kung Fu Panda 2: The Kaboom of Doom" is rated PG; 90 minutes; 2011. Free; bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic.

## MONDAY/AUG. 19

**Bouncin' Babies.** 10:30 a.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.** 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.

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 20

**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.

**Storytime.** 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

**Bouncin' Babies.** 11:30 a.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.

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

**Jazz Performance.** 2 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarinen Circle. Harry Appleman Duo will be performing their style of classical jazz. Visit [www.metwashairpots.com/dulles](http://www.metwashairpots.com/dulles).

**Pajama Storytime.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 1-6 can wear pjs and enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

**Toddlin' Twos.** 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**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.

## THURSDAY/AUGUST 22

**Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

**Jazz Performance.** 2 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, 1 Saarinen Circle. Two Smooth Duo will be performing their R&B style of jazz. [www.metwashairpots.com/dulles](http://www.metwashairpots.com/dulles).

**Lego Block Party.** 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades 3-6 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 24

**Master Gardeners.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Information and advice on home gardens. Free. 703-502-3883.

**Peaceful Paws.** 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

**Hidden Pond: Decomposers.** 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Grades K-6 can take a hands-on approach to find out what life lies in a rotting log. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

**Starlight Cinema.** 6 p.m. at 5875 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Movie begins at dark. "Rise of the Guardians" is rated PG; 97 minutes; 2012. Free; bring a blanket or chairs and a picnic.

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