

A Classic Comes to Life

Centreville High presents Disney musical, "Beauty and the Beast."

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A beloved children's story comes to life when Centreville High presents the Disney musical, "Beauty and the Beast." It's also the school's Cappies production, and Director Mike Hudson says it's going to be special.

"The actors have just blown me away," he said. "We had a pre-audition last May, and we had no idea we'd get this level of talent. About half the kids are choral students, but we're also blessed with theater students who can sing."

The curtain rises Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 7, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 via www.theatrecentreville.com or at the door (but people are advised to get them online or from a cast member for the Saturday matinee).

In addition, there'll be a meet-and-greet at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria before the Saturday matinee, and it's free to any ticket-holder. Children will be able to meet and talk with Belle, Gaston, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts and the Silly Girls and take photos with them.

The show features a cast of 58, crew of 16 and a 15-piece orchestra, and the actors have been rehearsing since early October. School Choral Director Lynne Babcock is the vocal director and former Centreville Orchestra Director Cheryl Cooley is leading the orchestra. "We wanted to make this a true, Performing Arts Department production," said Hudson.

Art students worked on the scenery, creating the village, Belle's house, the woods and the interior of the Beast's castle, complete with a central staircase. And the special effects will include lasers, two types of fog and smoke.

Besides that, added Hudson, "The costumes are beautiful and there'll be a custom-made Beast head. But our Beast isn't frightening – he actually has a charming personality. And we'll be selling light-up roses before each show, and there'll be a chance for the children to join in and wave them at the show's end."

Three students choreographed all the dance numbers and, said Hudson, "I cannot praise them



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Posing in character are (from left) Margot Vanyan, Kourtnei McNeil, Joshua Ewalt, Sam Ahmed and Zainab Barry.

enough – they've done an amazing job. Our choreography is second to none." Overall, he said the audience will appreciate the cast's "spontaneity and enthusiasm; everyone's worked so hard on this production. Since this is the Disney version, children will recognize the songs, especially 'Be Our Guest' and 'Human Again,' and we've got marvelous voices and musicians."

Portraying the Beast is Centreville senior Nick Ingargiola, who attends the Fairfax Academy for musical theater. Describing the Beast as a "complicated character," Ingargiola said he was a prince who was changed into a beast by an enchantress after refusing to buy a rose from her.

"He's angry and depressed and doesn't know how to love or care for anything," said Ingargiola. "He lives in a castle with his servants, but he has to learn to love or be doomed to be a beast forever. And when he encounters Belle, he eventually falls in love."

Ingargiola says it's challenging "to emote through a gigantic, beast costume and mask. So I have to be really expressive with my eyes. But I have a gorgeous song to sing, 'If I Can't Love Her.' It portrays the agony of his existence and is tragically beautiful and lets the audience understand him better."

Thrilled to have this role, he said, "It's cool evol-

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Growing a Ministry

With 25 years of experience, Lynn Miller leads King of Kings.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Lynn Miller, 51, of Chantilly is the new senior pastor of King of Kings Lutheran Church, a congregation with 220 worshipping members off Route 50 in Chantilly.

Miller was a parish pastor for 20 years with three calls in Pennsylvania and one call in North Carolina. For the past four and a half years, she was assistant to the bishop in the Allegheny Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Her goal is to continue the current outreach ministries by living faithfully and serving others. "My hope would be to continue to expand the ministries we have here," she said. Those include a preschool with 81 children, which has a ministry for children with special needs. "We're finding our outreach to children with special needs is where we have a unique opportunity. The congregational members are very accepting and welcoming to those families," she said.

"We already have a special needs worship service once a month, for families with children with special needs. My hope is we can add a healing service once a month as well," she said.

With their special needs Bible School, which started with one session, it was able to expand to a morning and evening session. "Little by little we are able to expand our ministries to help meet needs in the community," she said.

The congregation, which re-



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cently celebrated its 42nd anniversary, has a diversity of people of all different ages. The parishioners come from a variety of backgrounds — Indian, Asian, Hispanic and African American. "That's been one of the joys for me — to have folks of various ethnic traditions," she said.

She added: "We try to welcome all ages. We try to be a welcoming congregation through our Bible School. There's a waiting list."

With an \$800,000 per year operating budget, King of Kings consists of a worship center, classroom and administrative building, a dedicated preschool with its own building, and a playground. The preschool for ages 2 1/2 to 4 years operates five days a week, for a half day.

Miller, who started in November, said she has a big heart for the youth and helping them to have a strong faith foundation. "I'm very committed to faith formation for our children," said Miller, who also

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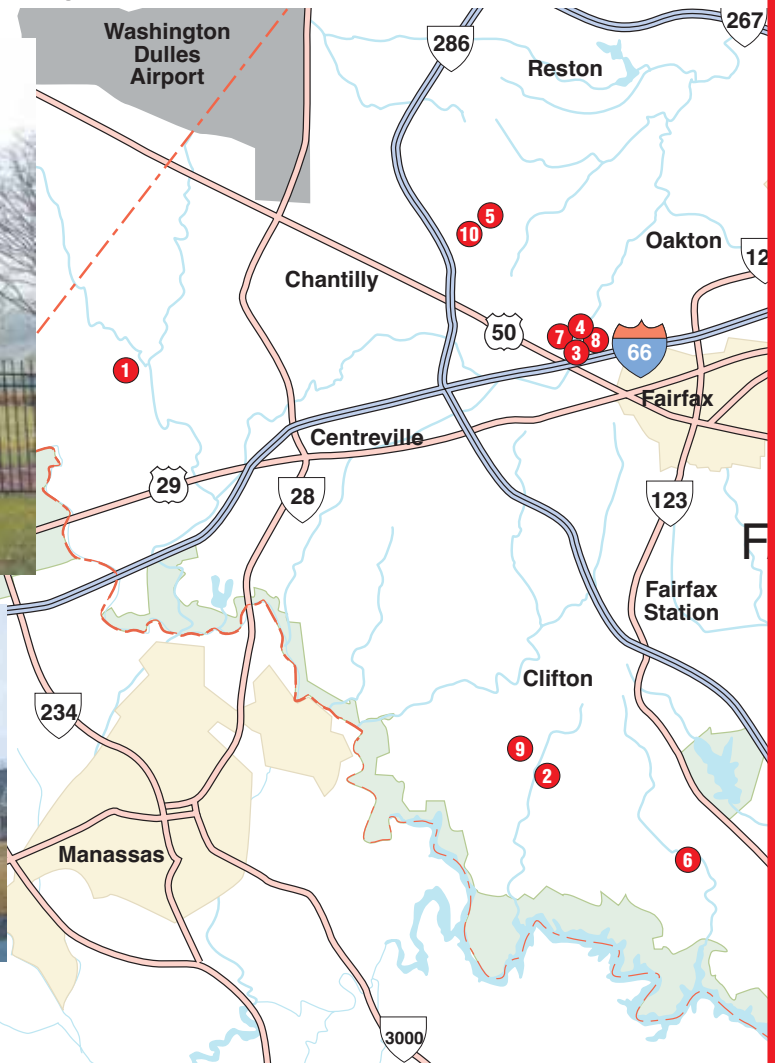
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OUTLOOK

‘It’ll Be Another Challenging Year’

Frey discusses the state of the Sully District.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Money — and the lack of enough of it to do everything needing to be done — is at the heart of Fairfax County’s problems. And Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) doesn’t expect the situation to change anytime soon.

“The economy still colors everything we do,” he said. “And this will be a particularly difficult year.” He was speaking before the Jan. 19 quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) and discussing the state of both the county and the Sully District.

“The schools eliminated early Monday closing and are changing high-school start times — and each will cost about \$5 million,” said Frey. “And they’re pushing for higher teacher salaries.”

Besides that, he said the county adopted a new method of dealing with county-employee salaries, and it’ll cost about \$42 million/year. “The old pay plan cost about \$55 million/year, so it’ll be a savings,” said Frey. “But since we haven’t given any raises, the past few years, we’re going to take quite a hit.”

In the revenue arena, he said the commercial real-estate market is still flat and “employers are using less space now. They’re doing what they

did before in about 70 percent of the space. And the office-vacancy rate is 17-18 percent, not including sublet space.”

Frey said what’s really “driving things” is the county’s dependence on the federal government. “And as sequestration begins to ripple through, it’s working down to contractors and having a big effect on our economy,” he said. “So it’ll be another challenging year.”

Basically, he said, “Property taxes are still our primary source of revenue. The Board [of Supervisors] made a meals-tax task force, which came back with no recommendation, so [the idea] just died. It never even got to go to the voters, and I was disappointed about that. A 4-percent meals tax would have generated \$80 million to \$90 million — and that’s real money.”

“But without a meals tax, there’s nothing else in sight to expand and diversify the economy,” continued Frey. “The private sector does that, but it’s hurting right now.”

He said the county library system is also “becoming a big issue. We asked [Director] Sam Clay to do more with less, and he did.” Yet the future direction of the



Michael Frey discusses what’s on the horizon for the Sully District.

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“Another major initiative for the county executive is reforming and expediting the review of development plans,” said Frey. “Taking 18 months to get a plan through the county isn’t development-friendly. So we’ve got to reform our development process, including site-plan, zoning and Comprehensive-Plan review.”

Part of the problem, he said, is that “because we got so specific with our Comprehensive Plan, almost every new development proposal needs not just a zoning amendment, but a Comprehensive-Plan amendment, as well. So the county is now working on changing this.”

“We’re bringing in a consultant to benchmark us with jurisdictions across the country to help us streamline the process,” continued Frey. “The goal is to put everyone on equal footing and get them all through the development process with the same speed.”

On the horizon are the World Police and Fire Games that Fairfax County will host, beginning June 25, and Frey can hardly wait. “We’re estimating 12,000 athletes from 72 different countries will

be here,” he said. “I’ve been to three of these games and they’re really a lot of fun. You see first responders from all over the world and get to meet them and learn, for example, what it’s like to be a firefighter in Australia.” He said 25,000 to 30,000 friends and family members are expected to accompany those athletes and patronize the local stores and restaurants, plus visit various tourist attractions while they’re here. “So this is our chance to show the world who we are as a county and as a people, and I’m excited about it,” said Frey. “And I have every confidence that we’re going to show them we’re a world-class community with friendly people.”

said Frey. “But find me a high-school senior that’s held a book in the last six months. So we need a strategic plan to prepare us for the next generation. We need to work hard to get the high-school students involved and represented on the Library Board. We could spend a lot of money foolishly, if we don’t do it right.”

He said Clay plans to leave his post in spring 2016, so the Board of Supervisors planned to kick off the search process for Clay’s successor immediately.

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— Michael Frey, Sully District Supervisor

area libraries is a puzzle that must be solved, and soon.

“People in their 50s and 60s love books,”

DEVELOPMENT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Submarket	Name	Acreage	Total Sq Ft	Office	Residential	Hotel	Retail	Where it is in development process
Chantilly	Dulles Discovery	123 acres	2.3 million sq ft	2.3 million sq ft				Three buildings delivered totaling 1.18 million s.f. of office. There is an additional 1.15 million in the pipeline
Chantilly	Preserve at Westfields	50 acres	1.2 million sq ft	280k sq ft	925k sq ft		15k sq ft	This plan is submitted and awaiting approval
Chantilly	Executive Plaza at Westfields	20 acres	390,000	390k sq ft				This plan is submitted and awaiting approval
Herndon	Arrowbrook Center	40 acres	2.2 million sq ft	800k sq ft	1M s.f.	240k sq ft	187k sq ft	Recreational facilities that were proffered to the county are complete.
Herndon	Dulles Station	37 acres	2.7 million sq ft	1.5 million sq ft	1,506 units	180k sq ft	73k sq ft	Phase one completed: 710k s.f. Office, 933k s.f. residential and 34k s.f. retail planned.
Herndon	Innovation Center/ Dulles Rocks (14.68 Including County Site)	11.65 acres	1.6 million sq ft	500k sq ft	1,005 multi family units	90k sq ft	104k sq ft	site approved
Mt.Vernon/Lee	Liberty View	11 acres	875k sq ft	750k sq ft		125k sq ft		Site plan approved, waiting on tenant. Will break ground 4-5 months after lease signed
Mt.Vernon/Lee	Patriot Ridge	15 acres	978k sq ft	978k sq ft				The first building is complete delivering 244,000 s.f. of space. There are 3 more office buildings planned on this site
Mt.Vernon/Lee	Loisdale Business Center	12 acres	144k sq ft	144k sq ft				2 buildings planned. Waiting on tenant to break ground
Reston	Reston Spectrum	24 acres	1.5 million sq ft	521k sq ft	1,422 units	2 250+ room hotels	246k sq ft	site approved
Reston	Reston Station	12.47 acres	1.3 million sq ft	550k sq ft	500k sq ft	125k sq ft	120k sq ft	390k s.f. Office Building (16 stories), 21-story BLVD apartments (6 Stories in place so far) current under construction
Reston	1760 Reston Parkway	2.4 acres	401k sq ft	390k sq ft			11k sq ft	plan approved, waiting on lead tenant to break ground
Springfield	Springfield Town Center	78.89 acres	5.7 million sq ft	1 million sq ft	2.4m sq ft	360k sq ft	1.95m sq ft	Existing: 1.78 million sq ft retail, mall delivered in october 2014
Springfield	Springfield Metro Center	16 acres	1.1 million sq ft	Phase I - 543k sq ft, Phase II - 517k sq ft				PCA approved, site and building permit approved
Springfield	Springfield Center	25 acres	550k sq ft	550k sq ft				waiting on market conditions to determine construction
Tysons Corner	Scotts Run	44 acres	8.5 million sq ft	5 million sq ft	3.1m sq ft	218k sq ft	169k sq ft	15 Story 425 Unit Residential tower by JLB. Expected to be completed 2016.
Tysons Corner	Capital One	26 acres	4.97 million sq ft	3.16 million sq ft	1.23m sq ft	407k sq ft	123k sq ft	940k sq ft HQ under construction
Tysons Corner	Tysons Corner Center	78.65 acres	4.7 million sq ft	1.6 million sq ft	2.4m sq ft	267k sq ft	408k sq ft	Tysons Tower delivered 525k s.f. of office space, Hotel and Residential delivery expected first quarter 2015

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ROUNDUPS

I-66 Corridor Improvements Meeting

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, will host public-information meetings on the plans to transform I-66 between U.S. Route 15 in Haymarket and the I-495/Capital Beltway.

It's set for Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6-8:30 p.m., at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, (first floor, Occoquan Room), 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. There'll be a brief presentation at 7 p.m.

The meeting at Bull Run Elementary School on Tuesday, Jan. 27 was rescheduled due to snow for Thursday, Feb. 5 and will now be held also at the VDOT Northern Virginia District Office in Fairfax at 7 p.m.

Preliminary plans and a tentative project schedule will be available for review and public comment at the meetings, as will right-of-way, environmental and civil-rights information.

More information can be found here: <http://transform66.org/meetings/default.asp>

Learn about Police Department

Interested in learning more about the Police Department's creation and evolution from a five-person organization to a nationally renowned department of more than 1,700? Throughout the year, the Police Department will host a series of lectures as part of the department's 75th anniversary.

❖ Feb. 20 – The FCPD Crime Scene Section, 1 p.m. at the DPSC Meeting Room followed by Crime Scene Facility tour. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/crime-scene-section-lecture-and-tour-tickets-15304580412>

❖ March 18 – FCPD Narcotics – Investigations, Trends, and Public Awareness, 1 p.m. at the Sully District community Room <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fcpd-narcotics-investigations-trends-and-public-awareness-tickets-15373711184>

❖ April 20 – Public Safety Communications – Call taking, Dispatching, and Technology, 2 p.m. at MPSTOC community room <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-safety-communications-call-taking-dispatching-and-technology-tickets-15373766349>

❖ May 22 – The Police Canine (K-9) Team, 1 p.m. at OSB <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-fcpd-canine-k-9-team-tickets-15373824523>

❖ May 25 – The Development of the FCPD Badge, noon at the Massey Building A Level small conference room <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-development-of-the-fcpd-badge-tickets-15373875676>

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 29, from 5 p.m. to 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.

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. Inspections may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm date and time.

Help Re-stock Food Pantries

Local food pantries need help restocking after the holidays. For many local, non-profit pantries this is the time of year when their shelves are minimally stocked. The only collection location within the Sully District will take place on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Clifton Giant, 5740 Union Mill Road, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and will benefit the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. For a list of all donation locations, collection dates and times go to: fairfaxcounty.gov/living/food/stuffthebus

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FAITH



Joshua Ewalt, as Gaston, holds his character's sidekick, LeFou, played by Sam Ahmed.



Rehearsing a scene (but not in costume) are Cameron Daly as Belle and Nick Ingargiola as the Beast.

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ing with the Beast; he's shy and not used to talking with people. And it's adorable to see him flounder about and try to make this girl like him, let alone love him. He has so many dimensions to his personality."

Besides the tender love story, Ingargiola said the audience will also be impressed with the show's special effects. And, he added, "The dance numbers are really spectacular. The choreographers have done a wonderful job – it looks like professionals did it."

Centreville senior Cameron Daly plays Belle. "She's very independent, but also kind and caring to everyone around her, especially her father," said Daly. "She takes his place in the Beast's dungeon so he can be free."

"It's incredible and a huge honor to play this role," she continued. "It's my first lead and makes me confident in my abilities as an actress and vocalist. I've known Nick since first grade, so it's great to have this chemistry together."

Daly's favorite number is her solo, "A Change in Me," because "it's a powerful song about Belle accepting what's happened to her and being happy about it." As for the show, she said the audience "will love our ensemble – the singing is fabulous and the dancing is phenomenal. And the whole cast has so much energy."

Portraying Gaston is senior Joshua Ewalt. "He's almost a satire of Disney princes – arrogant and full of himself – and the thought that he won't get what he wants never crosses his mind," said Ewalt. "It's fun to play such an off-the-wall character because I can be really zany. There are also fun songs and physical comedy, so it's enjoyable for me."

He likes the number, "Maison de Lune," the best. "I sing it with LeFou and others," he said. "It's the

villain's song and it's funny, has cool word play and is more complex to listen to and to sing."

Ewalt said people will love "revisiting this Disney story with its great music and seeing it live. It's something the whole family will enjoy, and we have really cool sets and costumes – especially the Beast, with prosthetics, a cape and fake fur – so it'll also be a treat for the eyes."

Seniors Jemma Stratton, Nora Winsler and Stephanie Rathjen – who've taken dance lessons since they were children – began choreographing this show in August, working on about a dozen numbers. "We worked together well, with very few conflicts," said Winsler.

They each did one dance, themselves; Winsler did "Beauty and the Beast, the Waltz," Rathjen did "Human Again" and Stratton did "Me." But they collaborated on everything else. "We took turns teaching different parts of the dances," said Rathjen.

And, said Winsler, "We could teach different dances to the actors at the same time. It was fun being creative with these two. Sometimes it took forever to get one part done, but it was so rewarding to see the dances on stage."

"It was great seeing it all come together," said Rathjen. "And the actors gave us good feedback, if something didn't work."

Stratton said it's "cool being part of the show in a different way – the production process."

"There's a lot of responsibility; Mr. Hudson and Mrs. Babcock had faith and trust in us and treated us as equals," said Winsler. "It's been great working with them."

Noting that all three choreographers are also in the show, Rathjen said it's nice performing to something they've created. "The centerpiece is the 'Be Our Guest' number – that's the wow factor," said Stratton. "But the whole show will be really impressive."

POLITICS

More Enter Sully Race

JOHN GUEVARA

John Guevara is seeking the Republican nomination for Sully District supervisor. The seat is being vacated by the retiring Michael Frey, a Republican and the only one to hold this seat since it was created in 1991.

Guevara works as a manager, professional service for a telecommunications service provider and has served his community in a variety of ways. Guevara was on the PTO Board at Navy Elementary for two terms, and was president of his HOA for several years. Recently, he was selected as vice president of the board for the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. He has also volunteered his time as a youth sports coach and Cub Scouts Den Leader. He is a war-time veteran of the U.S. Army.

Guevara has lived in Sully for the last 15 years with his high school sweetheart, Marilyn. They have two sons, Peter and Nathan, who both attend Fairfax County public schools.

KATHY SMITH

Fairfax County School Board member Kathy Smith (Sully) is running for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors seat from Sully District.

Smith has lived in Sully District for over 30 years and has served as the Sully School Board representative for the last 13 years. She has been elected thrice as chairman of the School Board by her fellow board members. She has also served as chairman of School Board's governance committee, the instruction committee and the Comprehensive Planning and Development Committee (CPDC).

Smith has held an annual Mardi Gras party since being elected to the School Board, and will kick off her campaign at that event on Feb. 28th at her home in Chantilly.

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OPINION

Outlook

Many bright spots will be overshadowed in the coming budget season in Northern Virginia.

Long awaited, the opening of the Silver Line promises to bring transformation to Tysons and around the current station in Reston, with another Reston station and Herndon to come.

The opening of Springfield Town Center has been greeted by enthusiastic shoppers, showing plenty of demand for retail and restaurants.

Housing prices are up, although so is the number of houses on the market, while the number of houses sold is down from last year.

But from local government, current economic conditions overall look more like this:

Job growth has slowed, and the jobs that are being created are lower paying. There is a decline in federal and business services employment, while the job growth that the region is experiencing is dominated by gains in hospitality and retail sectors. Slowing job growth and lower wages mean lower demand for home purchases and retail spending, while declines in federal jobs and government contractors mean lower demand for office space. The region is growing, but it is growing at a slower rate than projected one or two years ago.

Lower demand for office space translates into 19 million square feet of vacant office space in Fairfax County alone. Just for some sense of

scale, that is like having eight malls the size Tysons Corner Center (2.4 million square feet) completely empty. Arlington County has an office vacancy rate of more than 20 percent; in Rosslyn, the rate is approaching 30 percent (27.7). Overall, Northern Virginia has an office vacancy rate of more than 17 percent.

Not only are companies moving their offices from older office space to newer space, more transit-oriented space, but as they do so, they are downsizing the amount of space, leaving more less modern space vacant in the process.

The result will be a very difficult budget year in Northern Virginia. It's also a call to do things differently.

Critical to a successful economy will be to create housing that service and hospitality workers can afford. We have a massive shortage of affordable housing, and the opportunity transform some of the massive quantities of vacant office space into thoughtful, well-designed housing.

Be Part of the Pet Centre View

The Pet Centre View, a bi-annual themed edition, will publish Feb. 25, 2015.

We invite you to send us stories about your

pets, photos of you and/or your family with your cats, dogs, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your home or yard with you.

Tell us the story of a special bond between a child and a dog, the story of how you came to adopt your pet, or examples of amazing feats of your creatures. Can your dog catch a Frisbee 10 feet in the air, or devour an entire pizza when you turn your back for less than a minute?

Do you volunteer at an animal shelter or therapeutic riding center or take your pet to visit people in a nursing home? Tell us about your experience.

Have you helped to train an assistance dog? Do you or someone in your family depend on an assistance dog?

Or take this opportunity to memorialize a beloved pet you have lost.

Send photos and identify everyone in the photo including the pets (great preference for photos of pets and people), tell us what is happening in the photo, and include your address (we will only print the town name).

Submissions should arrive by Feb. 18.

Email editors@connectionnewspapers.com, or submit photos and stories directly on our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/contact/letter

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

WFCM Holiday Food Program 2014

To the Editor:

Thank you to everyone who has supported Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM's) Holiday Food Program this year by sponsoring families, purchasing grocery store gift cards, donating food, volunteering or providing assistance in so many ways.

With the tremendous support from churches, businesses, community groups, and individuals, 797 families received a Thanksgiving holiday meal and 948 families received food and/or grocery store gift cards for the Christmas holiday.

Hunger in our community is real, and the holidays can be filled with uncertainty for many who struggle to provide for their families or deal with an unexpected crisis. WFCM received many requests for assistance from current clients and families in schools with children on the free meal program. With our community's help, we were able to serve them all with a holiday food basket or gift card to purchase something special for their holiday meal.

Thanks to our generous supporters and sponsors, 1,745 households in western Fairfax County,

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Members of Antioch Baptist Church deliver 90 boxes of food and turkeys for WFCM clients

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Centreville United Methodist Church sponsored 150 families for Thanksgiving and 171 for Christmas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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who may have otherwise gone without, enjoyed a plentiful and festive holiday meal. This is an increase of over 450 households from last year. WFCM is humbled and thankful for your support which enabled us to serve everyone who requested help through WFCM's Holiday Food Program.

We often hear from the families that we help who tell us how much

they appreciate someone who they don't even know helping them in their time of need:

"Thank you for providing me food for my Thanksgiving meal. Money is so tight that I wasn't sure how I was going to buy a turkey or any of the other traditional food that we enjoy. Thank you for helping me get through this rough time." — Jessica, WFCM client

WFCM received this email from

a school counselor who needed to refer a family after the official deadline. Through sponsors, WFCM was able to serve the family with food for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. *"You are the best! Thank you so much. I was just on the phone with this mom, and she was so grateful for our help."*

— Jeanne McKinley, school counselor, Greenbriar West El-
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Westfield Gymnastics Finishes Runner-Up at West Po

Bulldogs, Centreville preparing for Conference 5 meet.

The Westfield gymnastics team placed second during a six-team meet on Jan. 22 at West Potomac High School.

The Bulldogs posted a score of 124.7, finishing behind meet winner T.C. Williams (134.475). West Potomac placed third (112.225), followed by Thomas Jefferson (104.725), Falls Church (81.025) and Centreville (80.75).

"I think the team performed pretty well," Westfield and Centreville head coach Kerry Giffuni wrote in an email. "We built off a strong meet the previous week and the coaches were happy with how it went."

Westfield produced the fourth- (Hannah Marker, 32.625), fifth- (Bridget Raymond, 31.225) and sixth-place (Lauren Anderson, 31.05) finishers in the all-around.

T.C. Williams' Cailyn Lager won the all-around (35.025).

"I would say that there are several girls who have been our top performers this year," Giffuni wrote. "Hannah Marker has done a nice job in the all-around for us

and then Kerri Lawlor has been a beam specialist who has also stepped up in the vault lineup this year. Our freshman, Lauren Anderson, has been a great addition to the team and working her way into the all-around."

Westfield shined on beam, producing four top-seven finishes. Lawlor placed third on beam (8.4), Marker took fifth (8.25), Raymond finished sixth (7.8) and Mikayla Sonnenfeld finished seventh (7.625).

"We had some mistakes on the beam in the previous meet so we went back to our gym and worked hard in practice leading up to the meet at West Potomac to make sure we could fix those mistakes, which we did," Giffuni wrote. "Beam is always a tough event and for this meet our hard work paid off."

Centreville's Uyen Truong placed 10th on floor with a score of 7.4. The Wildcats' top individual performance based on score was the 8.4 turned in on vault by Marie Brittain.

"Senior Marie Brittain has been



Westfield's Hannah Marker placed fifth on beam during a Jan. 22 meet at West Potomac High School.



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a consistent two even gymnast," Giffuni wrote, "and this year stepped up to help in the bar rotation."

The Conference 5 championship meet is scheduled for 6 p.m. on

Wednesday, Feb. 5 at Centreville High School.

— JON ROETMAN

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Email announcements to centreville@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SUPPORT NEEDED

Annual STEM-H Expo. The six high school academies in Fairfax County Public Schools are seeking sponsors, exhibitors, and presenters for their annual STEM-H (science, technology, engineering, math, and health and medical sciences) Expo, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 21, at Chantilly High School. Colleges, businesses, industries, and other organizations that educate for, do business in, or support the STEM-H fields are invited to submit proposals to present STEM-H focused breakout sessions, provide exhibits, and demonstrate STEM-H related business technologies to attract middle and high school students to careers in these fields. Exhibitor registration fees are \$25 for corporate organizations and \$15 for non-profit organizations to help cover event costs. There is no charge for FCPS groups. Donations of promotional items for student and parent participants and for give-away items for raffles are also being sought. Contact Cara Kirby at 571-423-4502 or ckkirby@fcps.edu.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children's Academy, 14315 Compton Road, Centreville. Clifton Children's Academy will be holding fall 2015/16 registration open house for morning, afternoon and full-day preschool classes. Tour the school with your child. RSVP at 703-968-

8455 or www.childrensacademy.com.
Volunteers Needed. 3:30-6 p.m. at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The Science department is looking for volunteers to judge the Centreville High School Science Fair. No experience or specific subject matter expertise is needed. The fair will be Wednesday, January 28, 3:30 - 6:00 pm. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Edie Rutz at eerutz@fcps.edu.

FEB. 1-APRIL 15

Free Tax Preparation. Tuesdays, 4-8:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. For taxpayers with low and middle income. All ages, with special attention to seniors. Federal and Virginia tax returns prepared and electronically filed by IRS-certified volunteers. Tax questions can be answered. Bring your photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), tax documents, and prior year tax return.

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

Kabbalat Service. 7:30 p.m. at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Come enjoy this mystical Shabbat Service and discussion led by physician members at Temple Beth Torah. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package call Jennifer Harding 703-217-8938 or visit www.BethTorah.net.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Preschool Open House. 9 a.m.-noon at Centreville Preschool, 13916 Braddock Road, Centreville. Currently enrolling children ages 2½ to 5 years old in 2, 3, and 4-day

classes for the 2015-2016 school year. Full cooperative classes as well as non-cooperative classes, and children are not required to be potty trained. CPI is a fully state licensed preschool. Call 703-830-5656, email register@centrevillepreschool.com or visit www.centrevillepreschool.com.

Scout Shabbat. 10:30 a.m. at Temple Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Calling all Girl and Boy Scouts to celebrate Shabbat at Temple Beth Torah. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package call Jennifer Harding 703-217-8938 or visit www.BethTorah.net.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/FEB. 9-13

Dare2Care Week. All Centreville Pyramid elementary schools. As part of an effort to foster a caring culture as outlined in the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate Initiative, the students at all Centreville Pyramid elementary schools will participate in Dare2Care week, focusing on promoting kindness. Staff will reinforce daily themes and provide students with opportunities to demonstrate kindness. Contact FCPS elementary school counselors, or call 703-502-3573.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone. Discuss caregiving and basic tax concerns. Guest speaker is an AARP Tax Aide Program Specialist. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711.



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Westfield Defeats Chantilly

The Westfield boys' basketball team improved to 15-1 and 5-0 in Conference 5 with a 70-33 win over Chantilly on Jan. 23. Westfield's Tyler Scanlon (pictured) had 20 points and Blake Francis added 15. Westfield's defense held Chantilly to single digits in each of the first three quarters. Westfield had 11 players score at least two points. The Bulldogs will travel to face Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30. Chantilly will host Herndon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday.

WINTER FUN

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Workbook on Display. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. The exhibit is open through January, in the park's visitor center and admission is free. The highlight of the exhibit is an original workbook created by Lewis H. Machen who purchased Walney in 1843 and lived there until his death in 1863. This is the first time the workbook has been shared publicly. Contact 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence for more.

The Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing movies including "Interstellar," "D-Day: Normandy 1944," "Hubble," "Fighter Pilot" and "Hidden Universe". Visit airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy or call 703-572-4118 for the movie schedule or to schedule an IMAX On Demand show for groups of 50 or more.

Sully Historic Site. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first Congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

Exhibit of Colorful Nutcrackers at Historic Sully. Through Jan. 31. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. See an array of nutcrackers, both old and new, in a colorful case exhibit. This holiday exhibit is included in a guided tour of the 1794 house. Sully, the home of Richard Bland Lee, northern Virginia's first congressman, will be decorated for the holiday season from Dec. 3-22. 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully

Singing. 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

PET ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Dog. Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 1-4 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.

Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit hart90.org for more.

Adopt a Dog. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit aforeverhome.org for more.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center Drive, Chantilly. Browse and buy items and fine art created by more than 250 jury-selected artists displaying one-of-a-kind items in sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, wood, metal, furniture, home accessories, leather, photography and fine art. Tickets valid all three days: \$8 online; \$10 at the door; free for children under 12. Free parking. Visit www.sugarloafcrafter.com or call 800-210-9900.

Swing Dance with The Cutaways, 8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-midnight dance at Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

For more information on swing dance classes, dances, and special events, call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

Growing Plants Indoors. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Escape the winter doldrums with colorful tropical plants. Select plants and get tips to keep them looking great. Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com or call 703-968-9600.

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/FEB. 4-5

Menopause The Musical. 8 p.m. at Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. GFour Productions bring this international hit show to Manassas for two shows only. Tickets are available at the Hylton Performing Arts Center box office, hyltoncenter.org, or by calling 703-993-7759. Now celebrating 13 years of female empowerment through hilarious musical comedy, *Menopause The Musical* has evolved as a "grassroots" movement of women who deal with life adjustments after 40 by embracing each other and the road ahead. Visit www.MenopauseTheMusical.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 5-8

"Beauty and the Beast." Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 5-7, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 8, 3 p.m. in the Skip A. Maiden Theatre, Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Theatre Centreville presents "Beauty and the Beast." \$15.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Evergreens For Every Garden. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Evergreens are a must-have in every garden. They provide year-round interest, structure, define spaces and serve as backdrop to other plants. Attend this seminar to discover the many varieties. Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com or call 703-968-9600

Children's Gardening Workshops. 2 p.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. These seminars are ideal for parents and grandparents who want to introduce children, ages 6-12, to gardening. Each child will learn and have fun while creating a dish garden to bring home. An adult must be present.

Space is limited. Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com or call 703-968-9600.

SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

Design with Roses. 2-4 p.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Arlington Rose Foundation hosts "Fun Designs with Roses," with floral arranger Carol Inskeep. Rose bouquets as door prizes. Light refreshments. Free. Call 703-371-9351.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 13-15

Singing Valentines. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires will send a singing quartet of elegantly dressed gents to serenade a loved one at work or at home delivered with two songs, a message from the sender, a long-stemmed rose, and a mini box of candy. \$50 on Friday, Feb. 13 or Sunday, Feb. 15; \$70 on Saturday, Feb. 14. For \$30 a telephone singing Valentine will be delivered anywhere. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or call 571-418-3840.

SATURDAY/FEB. 14

It's All About the Birds and the Bees. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Flowers can be so much more than gifts for a Valentine. Find out how they use their shape, fragrance and color to attract the perfect partner for pollination and reproduction. Is it love, biology or both? Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com or call 703-968-9600.

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TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY/FEB. 17-18

Auditions. 6:30-9 p.m. at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville. Auditions for The Alliance Theatre's production of "Curtains." It's the brassy, bright, and promising year of 1959. Boston's Colonial Theatre is host to the opening night performance of a new musical. When the leading lady mysteriously dies on stage the entire cast and crew are suspects. Call backs Thursday Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals begin Feb. 23, 7 p.m. Performance dates are April 24-25, May 1-9. Register at www.thealliancetheatre.org/auditions.html.

SATURDAY/FEB. 21

Boxwood and Flowering Shrubs. 10 a.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Discover the many new and different varieties of boxwood and discuss flowering shrubs to complement your boxwood. Visit www.merrifieldgardencenter.com or call 703-968-9600.



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Traffic Caught

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



If I were writing this column in Massachusetts – where I was born and mostly educated (K-12), and had a thick Boston accent, that's how court would likely be pronounced; changing a noun into a verb. But I'm not in Massachusetts. I'm in Maryland, and the traffic court to which I semi-refer is in Virginia, so I'm not "accenting" any "misannouncing," I'm merely invoking a bit of literary licensing and a double entendre of sorts, in advance of my twice-delayed court appearance, scheduled yet again for this Friday, January 30; and hoping for the feather while ever mindful of the hammer.

Transgression-to-date, the administrative office staff serving the Alexandria Traffic Court has been extremely reasonable in responding to my scheduling challenges. Due to my ongoing treatment for lung cancer, which mostly consists of every-three-week chemotherapy infusions, (same day, same center), every-three-month face-to-face appointments with my oncologist (same doctor, same center) and an every-three-month diagnostic CT Scan (same center; for luck, of course), I am not always in control of my schedule/availability. Moreover, given the nature and timing of these appointments (generally scheduled weeks/sometimes months in advance), especially infusions, which should occur on the same day (my day is Fridays) every three weeks to keep the cycle/protocol where it is supposed to be – meaning not subject to change if at all possible – I am beholden. And as it relates to my "case," the officer who ticketed me back in November is only in court on Fridays; ergo, the potential for trouble and the need for understanding.

Now, my infusion schedule may change, even though I said it doesn't. And it changes – without my control (but with my knowledge) – when certain levels measured in my pre-chemotherapy lab work (completed the Wednesday before the Friday infusion) are either too high or too low. When this occurs, my infusion is delayed a week to allow my body to recuperate, while a retest is planned for the following week/Wednesday when the same too-high or too-low potential exists and another week's delay is possible (this fifth week infusion has occurred once – mostly the delay has been to a fourth week – nevertheless, the potential exists). This is my routine and it is prudent that delays in my treatment occur to allow certain major organs in my body to not be any more collaterally-damaged than they already have been. Such is my life and I'm glad to live it.

However, this unpredictability can cause problems, since it takes precedence over any other appointments, as it has twice already with the Alexandria Traffic Court. Typically, I won't know my availability until the day before the actual infusion is scheduled (and coincidentally, the day before my scheduled traffic court appearance as well), so I really have no notice to provide; I am a victim of my own circumstances. But this Friday, Court will finally see me in person. No more excused absences – as reasonable and necessary as they have been. It will be time to pay the piper (hopefully not). Planning forward then, should I bore the Court with an abbreviated version of this column, appealing to their generosity of spirit, or shall I just admit my mistake, take my punishment like a man and get on with life? After all, I may not exactly be on borrowed time, but I'm not naive enough to think my clock isn't ticking.

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OPINION



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Members of Knights of Columbus unload food boxes they packed for WFCM's distribution to families.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 7

ementary School

Serving so many families would not have been possible without our community's support, and the selfless giving of the many individuals who helped provide for those in need. Individuals in Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Herndon, Oakton, Oak Hill and Great Falls sponsored families through WFCM's Holiday Food Program.

This was an unprecedented year for community organizations working together to solve the problem of hunger in our community. WFCM is especially grateful for the partnership between the Sully District Police, Westfield Business Owners Association, Justice Federal Credit Union, community donors, and WFCM to provide Thanksgiving food to low-income families.

We are also thankful for two local sports associations joining our efforts for the first time: Southwestern Youth Association girls travel soccer teams who donated large bins of food and gift cards for families at Thanksgiving and Chantilly Youth Association members who held a grocery store gift card drive to provide many families with food assistance for Christmas.

Often WFCM provides gift cards to households not sponsored with food baskets or

in lieu of a turkey or other meat for the holiday meal. We received many grocery card donations from the community, many given anonymously from individual donors. Two organizations, Chantilly Chiropractic Services and the Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa International Sorority of Women Educators, provided many gift cards that were invaluable, providing assistance to families not sponsored with food for the holidays.

WFCM was formed 27 years ago by local churches. Our church partners continue to be the backbone of our support, providing the majority of sponsorships for families requesting assistance through WFCM's Holiday Food Program. Many church members donated food and/or funds, helped shop for food, sorted and bagged donations, and delivered food to families their church sponsored. WFCM is grateful for the continued church partnerships supporting WFCM's efforts to reduce hunger and the risk of homelessness among low income families in western Fairfax County.

For a full list of participants in WFCM's 2014 Holiday Food Program, please visit our website, www.wfcmv.org.

Jennie Bush

WFCM Community Outreach Manager

New Senior Pastor Leads at King of Kings

FROM PAGE 1

teaches Sunday School and Bible studies. The church also offers extra classes for Bible study and current issues about church and culture.

Having served in a variety of congregational settings and coming out of the Bishop's office, Miller brings top administrative skills that provide organization to the mission. She said the acronym PIGS SEW, which stands for Prayer, Inviting, Giving, Study, Service, Encouraging, and Worship, is a guiding principle in her ministry. "That we can all go deeper in our spirituality through those faith practices," she said. "And become closer to God."

As far as teaching and preaching, she tries to stay relevant with current issues happening in the world, and connecting scripture so that preaching is relevant to people's lives. "In our tradition, it's more to help people discern the scriptures and where God is leading us for engagement with the world — to share love and compassion rather than

judgment."

Miller said besides building relationships, she loves helping to move the church forward in its mission. "Recognizing that the culture has changed and the church needs to be willing to adapt and change as well," she said. "The Gospel doesn't change, the good news of Jesus Christ doesn't change. But how we engage with the community changes as the needs change."

She added: "I think I have a pastor's heart, which leads me to care for people in their joys and their sorrows — in the midst of hospital visiting, in visiting with families that are struggling, to bring the gift of peace and hope — that they're not alone in their struggles or their walks."

"Pastor Lynn brings not only wisdom and experience, but passion and joy to her ministry. She is creative, genuine and compassionate. She has a gift for teaching and leading that will guide us as we seek to live out our mission ... Following Christ, living faithfully and serving others," said congregant Susan Feldhausen.

"Pastor Miller has been blessed with a very warm and welcoming personality and a high energy level, which are very important attributes for a pastor. In the short time Pastor Miller has been here, she has demonstrated how this allows her to interact very easily with all ages of our congregation," said Jim Nelson, a member of the church.

He added: "Her passion for the scripture allows her to bring God's word and teachings to our congregation on a daily basis through her ministry, and her Synod experience and administrative skills allow her to fill the role of the only pastor of King of Kings in a very effective manner."

King of Kings also houses people who are homeless through the Fairfax County Hypothermia Shelter. "The homeless population has a place to go, and from week to week, they move from church to church," said Miller. "We provide them with shelter and food, breakfast and a bagged lunch for one week in January."

The church holds Sunday School at 9 a.m.

for all ages, including children with special needs. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. with weekly Holy Communion. They are looking at holding additional worship services, including the addition of a healing service once a month. The Korean Church meets there Sundays at 1 p.m. with a Korean Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

"To be able to share space like that is very encouraging and it's living out our mission of serving others and providing a welcoming place," she said of sharing space with the Koreans.

Originally from the Philadelphia area of Pennsylvania, Miller attended Penn State University where she earned a degree in environmental science in 1985. From there, she graduated from Gettysburg Seminary with a Master's of Divinity in 1989. She just celebrated her 25th anniversary in ministry.

Miller is married to husband Michael, a retired financial specialist, and the couple has one daughter, Kathryn, 22, who works in the District.

ROUNDUPS

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Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of canned vegetables (except for green beans), canned pasta and pasta sauces, canned tomatoes, canned fruit, peanut butter, canned and dry beans, and granola bars. Also needed are toiletries, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps. Especially needed are shampoo, diapers sizes 4 and 5, deodorant, toothpaste and toilet paper.

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