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‘Hard Work and Tireless Effort’

Police Det. Steven Kitzerow honored as Officer of the Month.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Det. Steven Kitzerow has been selected as the Sully District Police Station’s Officer of the Month for December. He was honored at the Jan. 11 meeting of the station’s Citizens Advisory Committee.

Kitzerow has served Fairfax County residents for 34 years. His first 13 years were with the Sheriff’s Office before he transferred to the Police Department in 1996. He came to the Sully District Station when it opened in May 2003 and has served as a detective with the Criminal Investigations Section for the past five years.

“He takes great pride in his work and makes every case personal,” said Lt. Todd Kinkead, who heads the Criminal Investigations Section and wrote Kitzerow’s recommendation for the award. “He gives his best to each and every matter, working to bring closure to each case and arrest those responsible for the crime.”

One such case involved a series of vehicle larcenies. “A suspect was developed through exhaustive work and investigation,” wrote Kinkead. “This suspect was believed to be involved with illegal narcotics, as well. Indicators existed at his home consistent with the distribution of large quantities of pos-

sible marijuana. Active tracking and physical surveillance supported Det. Kitzerow’s working theory that this suspect was stealing from vehicles to supplement his earnings, in addition to the narcotics trafficking.”

After the suspect was observed in the act of committing crimes, wrote Kinkead, warrants were obtained and a search warrant was issued for this person’s residence. The suspect was arrested in his vehicle and the search warrant was served at his home shortly thereafter.

“Discovered in the home was over a half pound of marijuana, a stolen handgun, several knives, a large amount of cash, jewelry and watches,” wrote Kinkead. “The suspect was charged in four cases, with additional charges likely pending further forensic evidence examinations.”

“Another fine example of the dedicated and complete work that Det. Kitzerow is responsible for was a street-robbery case that occurred in the parking lot of the Dulles Expo Center during a recent International Gem and Jewelry Show,” continued Kinkead. Noting that a vendor there was robbed of a large quantity of merchandise by two people, Kinkead said that Kitzerow partnered with federal investigators to develop leads and reached out to state and local law-enforcement agencies to further the case. And, he added, the detective’s

“hard work and tireless effort on the investigation has led to developing the identity of one of the two suspects already.”

During the award presentation, Capt. Dean Lay, the station commander, said, “This is a dangerous felon involved in international, organized crime. Both people were looking for targets of opportunity and a high payoff.”

“They stole over \$1 million worth of jewelry from this guy,” said 1st Lt. Alan Hanson, the assistant station commander. “They waited at least an hour for him to come outside after the show.”

As for Kitzerow, wrote Kinkead, “To investigate any case to successful conclusion means diligent case work, detailed documentation and many hours spent in court to prosecute the crimes and bring closure for the victims. All of these steps take time and patience. Det. Kitzerow knows how to work through the many pitfalls of a case to ensure that justice is served for the citizens of Fairfax County and, specifically, the residents of the Sully District. He is a dedi-



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1st Lt. Alan Hanson (left), assistant commander of the Sully District Station, presents the Officer of the Month certificate to Det. Steven Kitzerow.

cated employee and is very deserving of the recognition as Officer of the Month.”

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NEWS

Meet Labor Resource Center's Jasmine Blaine

New director hopes to improve workers' lives.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Although originally from Kauai, Hawaii, Jasmine Blaine is fluent in Spanish. And that's a good thing since, as the director of the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) — helping connect day laborers with jobs — she works mainly with Spanish-speaking immigrants.

"I love being able to practice it at work and communicate with people on a whole, different level," she said. "It's very rewarding. I'm able to understand the workers' mentality, problems, expectations, personal histories, etc., and that's important to know their [job] preferences and needs."

Blaine holds a Master's in Public Administration from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. "This school had hands-on training doing service projects with nonprofits," she said. "So we got to actually practice what we were learning."

She also obtained experience during her 2011-2014 stint in the Peace Corps in Panama as a sustainable-agriculture volunteer. There she learned firsthand the difficulties faced by low-income individuals and their families. She traveled throughout Central America, too.

"I felt connected to the farmworker populations and learned about Fair Trade coffee and its effect on the farmers," said Blaine. "My significant other and I even participated in the coffee harvest, and it brought us a new appreciation of how hard and exhausting manual labor is."

Then, after receiving her Master's, she searched for a job and learned about the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) that runs the daily operations of the CLRC. She



Jasmine Blaine with some of the workers, (from left) Jerry Harris, Gaspar Lopez and Juan Nolasco.

also discovered that the CLRC needed someone to replace its former director, Molly Maddra-Santiago, after she found a new position elsewhere. "I saw them as being another group of workers in need of protection, employment opportunities, skills training and general community integration and development," said Blaine.

Every day, she said, "Someone comes in with immigration questions or help with English classes, transportation or health issues. So I'm always looking for resources and ways to connect the workers with other organizations."

Blaine began her new job in August and, she said, "I was both eager and nervous to

come here. It's a bigger city than I'd lived in before, but I was excited for the opportunity and knew all the potential that exists within a small nonprofit. And everyone — including staff and volunteers — was so kind and welcoming when I came to interview, I knew it was the kind of atmosphere I'd thrive in."

"Jasmine is an incredible manager and organizer with a passion for building new opportunities for immigrants," said CIF President Alice Foltz. "She encourages leadership in the community, and she helps us understand and evaluate the projects with beautiful reports."

"As we prepare to move to a new home down the street, near Colombia College, she's giving us a vision for making it special," continued Foltz. "We'll be moving to 5944 Centreville Crest Lane by Feb. 1. The new space is provided by A.J. Dwoskin, who has generously provided space for the Labor Resource Center since its opening in December 2011."

Noting that the center has "wonderful members" and many chances for growth, Blaine said, "I really want to increase employment opportunities. One way is by maintaining the relationships we have so our current employers recommend us to others."

"So, for example, I'd like the employers to call and tell us when a worker has done an especially good job so we can thank that worker and recognize him as an employee of the month. That would improve his self-esteem and work ethic so he'll continue to put that effort into his work — which, in the long run, benefits him, the center and the employers."

Blaine also wants the workers to let her know when employers have paid and treated them well and they had a particu-

larly positive experience. That way, she said, "The center can tell the employers how much we appreciate them. And that will maintain and expand these relationships, as well."

The CLRC has 200 workers total, 80-90 percent of them men, and many are married. So Blaine started a women's group for the immigrant women who may want jobs, too, or just wish to improve their English skills and literacy. "We're partnering with the Centreville Regional Library so they and their children and/or husbands can go there together to improve their English," she said.

The center is also partnering with local banks to provide financial literacy for the workers. Currently, nearly all the employers pay the workers in cash. But, said Blaine, "That limits our ability to reach out to subcontractors and businesses who could be potential employers, but pay by check."

So to encourage workers to accept checks — and thereby have more employment opportunities — in October, the CLRC held a banking week with various banks. "The main problem is a lack of trust in the workers' home countries between them and the banking system," said Blaine. "We needed to overcome that."

The banks held a breakfast to talk casually with the workers about banking and the importance of having a checking account. They also answered workers' questions and all the representatives were bilingual. Then one of the CLRC volunteers compared the banks with the individual workers to help them decide which bank would be best for them.

As for Blaine's leadership style, she believes in collaboration, considering both employer and worker needs. But, she stressed, "Our projects will be community driven. And we've just hired a bilingual, community organizer to help develop all our projects and get more people excited about coming to the center and building a strong community."

She said the center has wonderful volunteers that help with many things, but there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done. But she loves interacting with the workers and, when new people come to the center, "I like seeing their eyes light up when I tell them all we have to offer," said Blaine. "It's also great seeing older CLRC members who just come in to say hi, even though they now have their own, full-time employment based on the skills they learned here."

And, she added, "It's rewarding to see all the current members come in and know that they work hard, are committed to being here and that the center is helping them. We wouldn't be here without them, so it's important that both sides are participating and giving."

The center always welcomes new volunteers, visitors and chances to interact with the community and bring everyone together. Anyone interested in volunteering, hiring a worker or learning more about the CLRC may reach Blaine at 703-543-6272 or contact@centrevillelrc.org



From left are CIF Executive Director Terry Angelotti, Alice and Jerry Foltz and Jasmine Blaine at a CIF event.

Mental Illness Takes Center Stage in Richmond

Death of Fairfax County inmate among recent controversies prompting action.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CENTRE VIEW

The death of a woman who struggled with mental illness at the Fairfax County jail is among the many recent controversies in Virginia correctional facilities, a reform effort that spans from changing how deaths behind bars are investigated to how law-enforcement officers interact with suspects who suffer from mental illness.

“When you talk to pilots about planes crashing, they don’t say it’s any one thing that happens. It’s a multitude of things,” said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). “And each piece of legislation that we have will have some sort of stop gap to make sure that it doesn’t happen again.”

Back in 2015, an African-American woman diagnosed with schizophrenia named Natasha McKenna died after being hit four times at the Fairfax jail with a Taser stun gun while she was restrained. The medical examiner eventually ruled that she died from “excited delirium,” although critics say that’s a designation created to protect law-enforcement officials.

More recently, an inmate at the Hampton Roads Regional Jail named Jamycheal Mitchell, who also had mental illness, died of starvation. His family was in Richmond last week lobbying lawmakers to take action now.

“We plead with legislators to ensure that changes are made in the law to better protect young men like Jamycheal who suffer from mental illness,” said Roxanne Adams, his aunt, during a press conference in Richmond last week. “We ask that real changes be implemented at Virginia jails to prevent another mentally ill young man like Jamycheal Mitchell from dying.”

MENTAL-HEALTH REFORM is at the top of the agenda of lawmakers on both sides of the aisle yet again, prompted by the most recent cycle of tragedy and reform. But it’s

an old story, one that dates back to the deinstitutionalization of psychiatric hospitals decades ago. The last major round of reforms came after state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) was attacked by his son, who struggled with mental illness and died from suicide immediately after the attack on his father. Deeds sought help for his son on the day of the attack but was turned away.

Since that time, Deeds has been engaged in an ongoing effort to reform mental health services, including reshaping the community service boards that provide those services in the Commonwealth.

“Because the changes are significant and costly, we have adopted a staged approach to implementation,” said Deeds in a written statement. “The first step is to require same day access to service.”

Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe put mental-health reform at the top of his agenda this year, mentioning it first in his list of priorities for the year. The governor’s budget includes new funding to allow community services boards across the commonwealth to offer same-day service for people in the midst of a behavioral-health crisis. McAuliffe says that will allow them to serve Virginians rather than turning them away, as happened in the Deeds case.

“One result of our challenged mental health system is that too many individuals who suffer from behavioral health disorders wind up in jail, where there are not enough resources to properly care for them,” said McAuliffe. “To solve that problem, I have proposed legislation and funding to expand mental health screenings in local and regional jails.”

THE INTERSECTION of law-enforcement officials and people who suffer from men-



FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Deputies restrain Natasha McKenna at the Fairfax County Jail, where she was hit with a Taser stun gun four times while restrained. Her death led to questions about how deaths behind bars are investigated and how law-enforcement officers interact with people who suffer from mental illness.

tal illness is a major theme of legislation this year. One of the changes that’s already receiving agreement from both sides of the aisle examines how these deaths are investigated. A Republican senator from Chesapeake is pushing for the state Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths behind bars, which he says will provide some consistency to a haphazard system that varies greatly from urban areas to rural parts of the commonwealth.

“It’s not trying to point fingers,” said Sen. John Cosgrove (R-14). “It’s just trying to find out what may have gone wrong. Was there negligence on anybody’s part?”

Cosgrove’s bill, which has bipartisan support, would require the Virginia Department of Corrections to investigate all deaths, write a written report and submit it to the General Assembly and the governor. That would apply for all deaths behind bars, which could clear up some of the confusion and ambiguity caused by investigations that happen behind closed doors and without accountability. The bill has received no opposition from sheriffs or police chiefs so far.

“There appeared to be an absence of responsibility and accountability for those reviews and investigations” said Brian Moran, secretary of Homeland Security and Public Safety. “So the governor has led with the Board of Corrections. They have expertise currently. They have some relationship with jails.”

ONE OF THE BILLS would replicate the concept of Fairfax County’s Diversion First program at the state level, giving law-enforcement officials more discretion to help a suspect find help rather than locking them up behind bars. The bill, introduced by Hope, would give officers the ability

to transport suspects to a crisis-stabilization unit in misdemeanor cases if the officer believes the suspect suffers from mental illness. That would include misdemeanor cases when victims want to press charges.

“This is a bipartisan effort, and I can’t stress that point enough,” said Hope. “We’ve had a number of deaths over the last year and a half that we know about, and who knows if there are others in the past. This is too much, and many of it is preventable.”

Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) has introduced a bill that would require mental health training for all correctional officers at Virginia jails. The idea is that they would be able to recognize the signs of mental illness — signs like Natasha McKenna biting Alexandria officers who responded to a call for service or Jamycheal Mitchell slowly starving behind bars after being incarcerated for stealing \$5 worth of snacks.

“Now is the opportunity for us to make our voices heard,” said Favola. “It’s sometimes so unfortunate we have to suffer a horrific tragedy to move the policy agenda forward.”

IN SESSION

Nuclear Deterrence

Sen. **Chap Petersen** (D-34) called it the “nuclear option,” an idea floated by Sen. **Richard Stuart** (R-38) that the city of Alexandria should lose all state funding unless it cleans up its sewage problem by 2020. Stuart and other lawmakers expressed frustrations that Alexandria continues to dump 13 million gallons of raw sewage into the Potomac River each year without a clear plan to fix the problem.

As it turns out, the nuclear option was a good negotiating point.

Behind the scenes, Sen. **Adam Ebbin** (D-30) worked with Stuart to craft a compromise — Alexandria agrees to clean up the mess by 2025 in exchange for state funding. Ebbin first announced the compromise to Connection Newspapers during a Facebook Live video.

“We will have an accelerated timetable,” said Ebbin on Facebook Live. “But I expect no loss of state funds, which is super important to me, and I’m happy I was able to work that away.”

Internet Loans

The Wild West of internet loans may be getting a bit tamer, although lawmakers on both sides of the aisle say there’s more they need to know about the growing trend. Over the course of the last week, members of the House and Senate both moved toward having state regulators take a look at internet companies that offer consumer finance loans over the internet. The move comes after charges that companies from across the globe and some companies affiliated with Indian tribes were evading Virginia law designed to protect consumers.

“There have been some questions raised by not the companies that this intended to regulate but the companies who are already regulated,” said Sen. **Scott Surovell** (D-30), who introduced the legislation on the Senate side. “The Bureau of Financial Institutions has indicated they’d like to take a deep dive into this and make some recommendations to us for next year.”

Pro Publius

Letters to the editor are one of the most-read parts of every newspaper. That’s just as true today as it was back in the summer of 1787, when newspapers were flooded with letters for and against ratification of the Constitution. Some of the letters in support were written under the pseudonym **Publius** became famous and are now known collectively as the Federalist Papers

— a group of op-ed columns written by **Alexander Hamilton**, **James Madison** and **John Jay**. This week, lawmakers in Richmond moved toward requiring that the Federalist Papers be taught in public schools. Del. **Tag Greason** (R-32) says he took a look at the Federalist Papers before he introduced the bill, and he says he sees some modern parallels. “Today I would say it’s more like maybe a document you might get from a lobbyist,” said Greason. “I have this vision of Hamilton running around saying, ‘Hey have you heard about this thing, the Constitution? Here let me explain it to you. Let me explain why I support it. Let me tell you why I support it.’”

Critics say public schools should also consider teaching articles written that were critical of the Constitution, which led to the creation of the first ten amendments, better known as the Bill of Rights.

ROUNDUPS

Seeking Identity Of Dog Walker

Animal Protection Police officers are asking the public to help identify the woman who was walking a dog that bit a 14-year-old teen on Wednesday, Jan. 18, around 3 p.m. The teen was walking on Sully Park Drive near Kamputa Drive when he passed a woman walking a dog on a leash.

The dog jumped up and bit the teen on the wrist. The woman asked the teen if he was OK and then she walked away without leaving her information. The victim went to a local hospital for treatment and started on post exposure shots.

The dog walker was described as a Hispanic female, in her 40s, short in stature, with black hair and possibly wearing jogging clothes. The dog was described as medium sized, with short hair. The dog was brown, with a white belly, and had upright ears.

Animal Protection Police officers need to locate the dog walker and owner to verify that the dog has a current rabies vaccination. Officers will be increasing their patrols in the area of the incident to attempt to locate the owner and dog.

Anyone with information should contact the Animal Protection Police by calling 703-691-2131 or Crime Solvers electronically by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).



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Joining in The March

Members of the League of Women Voters - Fairfax Area participated in the Women's March in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 21.



Dentist Corner

with Evelyn Samuel, DMD

Q. What are sealants?

A. Sealants are clear or white plastic material placed on the chewing surfaces of permanent back teeth. The posterior teeth have deep grooves in them which may be difficult to clean. After eating, plaque and food may settle in the grooves. The bacteria in the plaque cause acids which break down the enamel and may result in cavities. Sealants seal the grooves. A conditioning gel (etchant) is used on the teeth, the sealant is brushed on, and a light hardens the material. Anesthesia is usually not necessary for the application process. Children should receive sealants upon eruption of their permanent molars (around age 6 and 12 years). The sealants may last several years, but over time may need to be replaced. Sealants are an effective measure in the prevention of dental decay. Have a dental question? Email your question to info@drevelyntheaguesamuel.com for a chance to have your question posted and answered in The Dentist's Corner.

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Not Helping the Local Economy

Federal hiring freeze will have rippling effect.

The hiring freeze announced earlier this week, will not help the local economy which has struggled in recent years due to the sequester, automatic cuts and limits to federal spending. The federal government is a critical part of the local economy and had helped recession-proof the Northern Virginia area, but more recently it has been a negative.

Kudos to U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) for speaking out against a foolish freeze on federal hiring. As the lone Republican representing Northern Virginia in Congress, her opposition is important.

"The federal budget cannot be balanced on the backs of our federal workforce. I don't support this type of across-the-board freeze and think it is better to look at priorities and areas where appropriate cuts can be made and where we can consolidate efforts or identify unnecessary costs that can be eliminated," Comstock wrote. "As the General Accounting Office has previously reported, past hiring freezes in both Republican and Democrat administrations have cost the federal government money in the long-run because of staffing problems, or problems in recruiting or disruption of key government operations and required services to the Ameri-

can people. We will be monitoring and highlighting the results of this freeze and how it is impacting the mission of various agencies."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) identifies the freeze as one of many "anti-federal workforce policies" in the works.

"An across-the-board federal hiring freeze is a mindless way to manage. ... It fails to take into account the need to actually beef up certain capabilities in the federal government, like cybersecurity," Connolly said. "This Executive Order, coupled with many of other anti-federal workforce policies being proposed in Congress, will have a depressing effect on

our ability to recruit and retain the next generation of federal workers."

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8) calls it scapegoating. "The number of federal workers is at its lowest level since the 1960s, and over 30 percent will be eligible to retire in the next year,"

Beyer said. "A report by the General Accounting Office (GAO) on previous federal hiring freezes stated such freezes are not an effective strategy for shrinking the size of the workforce, and only serve to disrupt agency operations and in the long-term increase the cost of government operations."

EDITORIAL

Bills to Watch in General Assembly

In no particular order, more to come next week:

- ❖ SB 1005 Community services boards and behavioral health authorities; services to be provided, in particular, access to same-day access to mental health screening services.

- ❖ SB 923 raises felony larceny threshold to \$500 (\$1,000 would have been better).

- ❖ SB 1379 that discourages universities from stockpiling cash, and instead lowers tuition for Virginia students and families.

- ❖ SB 931 removes the exemption for "working papers and correspondence" for university presidents.

- ❖ SB 1376, requires a 30-day notice from the Board of Visitors before tuition can be raised.

- ❖ SB 1102, records of closed investigations of unattended deaths were not exempt from the state Freedom of Information Act.

- ❖ SB 1442, requires the Department of Criminal Justice Services to identify an evidence-based, standardized instrument for mental health screening for anyone incarcerated in local, regional, and community correctional facilities.

- ❖ Various proposals for nonpartisan redistricting.

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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.

Umpires Association is in need of umpires for youth leagues, high schools, and collegiate-level baseball and volleyball games. Experience is helpful, but not required. Contact NVBUA at 703-978-3601 or assignor@umpires.org.

over Bull Run began and will continue for the next 10 months. During construction, traffic crossing the bridge will be controlled via temporary signals. All questions and comments can be directed to Mike Murphy at VDOT, michael.murphy@vdot.virginia.gov or 703-259-1757.

members of the community for this nine-person panel. To apply, submit a resume and 1-2 page cover letter explaining how the nominee fits the criteria set forth by the Board for the Panel to Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, Attn: Catherine Chianese, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 533, Fairfax, VA 22035, or email ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov. The Board hopes to make selections in February. 703-324-2321.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Umpires Needed for Youth Leagues. Northern Virginia Baseball

THROUGH FALL 2017

Old Centreville Road bridge. On Tuesday, Jan. 24, the rehabilitation of the Old Centreville Road bridge

THROUGH JAN. 31

Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel. Seeking applications from



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Combined Effort in Afghanistan

Temple Beth Torah in Chantilly sent boxes of backpacks and school supplies to Kabul where they were turned over to the nuns of the Sisters of Mother Theresa, who operate the Missionaries of Charity House that helps Afghan orphans and street children. Temple Beth Torah's Jeff Horner noted that an American Jewish congregation donated supplies to needy Muslim Afghan children through the U.S. Embassy and U.S. military, by way of a Catholic order of nuns, and overseen by the senior Coalition/NATO officer, a German.

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The Golden Spoon Award

Students from Michelle Yang's third grade class at Union Mill Elementary School in Clifton received the "golden spoon" for exhibiting good behavior during lunch in the Union Mill cafeteria.

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NOVEC Offers Scholarships

Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative and Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives are accepting applications for higher-education scholarships from high school and home school seniors who receive electricity from electric cooperatives. Applications for NOVEC's scholarships are due by the close of business on March 13,, and the VMDAEC applications are due Feb. 10, 2017.

The NOVEC Scholarship Program will award \$1,500 scholarships to qualified graduating public high school students in NOVEC's service territory in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford counties, and the City of Manassas Park. An additional \$1,500 scholarship will go to a student in NOVEC's service territory who either attends private school or is home schooled.

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selection committees will choose the overall outstanding student for the \$1,500 J. Manley Garber Scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship will receive a total of \$3,000 to help with his or her college education.

Selection committees will look for students who have demonstrated scholastic achievement, community service, work experience, and leadership skills.

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- ❖ Have at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and submit an official transcript that includes first-semester grades.

- ❖ Submit Student Achievement Test (SAT) scores; unofficial SAT scores will be accepted.

- ❖ Demonstrate a wide range of participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work experience.

- ❖ Submit two letters of recommendation — one from a high school official, such as a teacher or counselor, and one from a community member, such as a church or Scout leader.

- ❖ Submit a 400-word typed autobiographical essay.

- ❖ List the colleges/universities he or she has applied to or the one the student plans to attend.

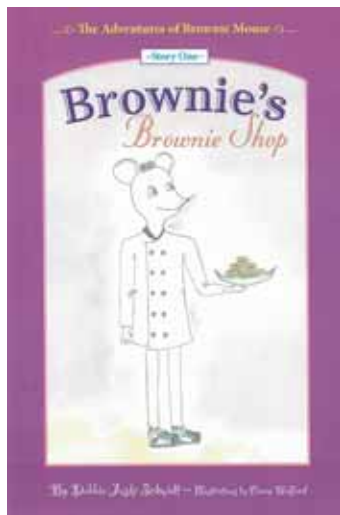
- ❖ Complete the NOVEC scholarship application and submit all required materials no later than March 13. The entire application process will be online through AwardSpring — a secure website. Applicants may access the website through a link at www.novec.com.



Author Debbie Joski Schmidt

'Brownie Mouse'

Centreville author Debbie Joski Schmidt has released her first children's book entitled, "The Adventures of Brownie Mouse, Story One: Brownie's Brownie Shop." The story, the first in The Adventures of Brownie Mouse series, follows Brownie Mouse as he moves into his own treehouse in the woods of Mouseville and begins to follow his passion ... baking brownies. Local illustrator and aspiring art teacher Carey Wolford provided the illustrations. At the end of each book in the series is a Brownie Recipe for children and their parents to try. In "Story One: Brownie's Brownie Shop," the recipe is for Brownie's Cheesy Chocolate Brownies.



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CRIME

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

BURGLARY: 5100 block of Pleasant Forest Drive, between 8 a.m. and 9:15 p.m., Jan. 21. An investigation determined entry was forced through a window. Electronics and cash were reported missing.

BURGLARY: 6200 block of Frosty Winter Court, Jan. 16, around 6:45 p.m. A resident notified police that upon returning home, she saw her back door kicked. Officers cleared the house and nothing appeared to be taken.

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY: 4200 block of Airline Parkway (Dulles Meadows Swimming Pool), Jan. 9, around 9:30 a.m. An employee reported that after opening the business they observed damage to the property that had not previously been there. Initial investigation developed possible suspect information and the case is being actively investigated.

ARMED ROBBERY: 13400 block of Lee Highway (Shell), Jan. 16, around 3:34 p.m. A 30-year-old victim reported that a man entered the store, displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The suspect left on foot and was described as Hispanic, 25 to 30 years old, about 5 feet 5 inches tall and 130 to 145 pounds. The victim did not require medical attention.

BURGLARY: 6400 block of Knap-sack Lane, Jan. 1, 2 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

JAN. 23 LARCENIES
13000 block of Ann Grigsby Circle, firearm from truck

14000 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, left restaurant without paying
13000 block of Ellendale Drive, laptop from residence

JAN. 19 LARCENIES
14000 block of Summer Tree Road, exhaust pipe from vehicle

JAN. 18 LARCENIES
5100 block of Westfields Boulevard, alcohol from store

JAN. 17 LARCENIES
14700 block of Beaumeadow Drive, wallet from office

6300 block of Paddington Lane, license plate from vehicle
14100 block of Lee Highway, keys from purse and property from vehicle

14700 block of Carlbern Drive, cash from vehicle
14300 block of Chantilly Crossing, electronic items from business

STOLEN VEHICLES
13400 block of Poplar Woods Court, 2000 white Ford F450

JAN. 13 LARCENIES
14300 block of Chantilly Crossing Lane, merchandise from business

JAN. 10 LARCENIES
4100 block of Lafayette Center Drive, cell phones from residence
3900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from residence

14100 block of Sullyfield Circle, jacket from business
13200 block of Village Square Drive, wallet from vehicle

JAN. 9 LARCENIES
14900 block of Lady Madonna Court, property from vehicle

14500 block of Lee Road, cash and credit cards from business
4100 block of Meadowland Court, cell phone from residence

13600 block of Wild Flower Lane, package from residence
JAN. 6 STOLEN VEHICLES

4000 block of Walney Road, 2007 Volvo XC90

JAN. 5 LARCENIES
4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from vehicle

JAN. 4 LARCENIES
11700 block of Fair Oaks Mall, merchandise from business
4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, gun from vehicle

14100 block of Sully Field Circle, property from residence
JAN. 3 LARCENIES

13500 block of Ann Grisby Circle, property from vehicle
4100 block of Auto Park Circle, license plates from vehicle

14700 block of Hanna Court, wallet from vehicle
4200 block of Kincaid Court, cell phone from residence

4100 block of Pepsi Place, property from vehicle
14100 block of Saint Germain Drive, cell phone from residence

4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, property from vehicle
4900 block of Stonecroft Boulevard, watch from residence

4900 block of Westone Plaza, purse from business
6700 block of White Post Road, GPS and registration from vehicle

The following incidents were reported by the Fair Oaks District Police Station.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: 12200 block of Fairfax Towne Center, Jan. 20 around 3:52 p.m. A woman was sitting in her car when she looked in a side mirror and saw a man touching himself inappropriately. An investigation led to the suspect's identity and revealed he had touched himself inappropriately earlier in the day at a store in the 13000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. Officers obtained two warrants for obscene sexual display.

BURGLARY: 13500 block of Maverick Lane, Jan. 20 around 9:05 p.m. An investigation determined entry was forced into the home. Watches and other jewelry items were reported missing. The suspect was seen wearing a gray hoodie, black pants and a light-colored backpack.

BURGLARY: 12300 block of Fox Lake Place, Between 9:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 5 a.m. Jan. 12. An investigation determined entry was gained through the garage and a purse and electronics were reported missing.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY: 4200 block of Fox Lake Drive, between 10:30 p.m. Jan. 11 and 5:30 a.m. Jan. 12. An investigation determined a garage door opener was taken from an unlocked vehicle and used to gain entry into the home. Nothing appeared to be missing.

RECKLESS DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM / HIT AND RUN: 3800 block of Bilberry Drive. Jan. 11, 9:42 p.m. Residents reported hearing the sound of gunshots in the area. Information obtained during the initial investigation indicated that a silver truck was seen in the area at the time the shots were heard. The truck backed

into a car that was parked in the driveway of a home on Bilberry Drive. It then sped away. Officers recovered one shell casing in the roadway. There is no further suspect or vehicle description.

BURGLARY: 12800 block of Fair Briar Lane. Jan. 11, 9:42 a.m. The homeowner was awakened by the sound of the family dog barking. Further investigation revealed that someone had entered the garage and rifled through their car; taking miscellaneous items. Apparently, entry was gained into the home itself, but nothing appeared to have been taken. There is no suspect information.

SKIMMING DEVICE: 14000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway (Exxon), Jan. 10 around 8:12 p.m. Officers responded for a report of financial skimming devices found inside two gas pumps. Financial Crimes and Crime Scene detectives responded and collected them. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY: 12400 block of Meadow Hunt Drive, Jan. 7, around 2:38 p.m. Officers responded to a house for an open door call. They saw a back door was broken and it appeared items were missing from the home. They located a house sitter who was watching the home while the owner was away. They had last been to the house on Dec. 24, 2016 and everything appeared OK. The homeowner was contacted.

INDECENT EXPOSURE: Monument Drive/Fair Lakes Parkway, Jan. 3, around 1:10 p.m. A 68-year-old woman was stopped at an intersection when she saw a man standing near the 4200 block of Hunt Club Circle exposing himself. The suspect was described as white, about 30 to 40 years old wearing a dark shirt.

JAN. 23 LARCENIES
3700 block of Broadrun Drive, taxi fare from taxi

11000 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from store
13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center, purse out of cart

4100 block of Fairfax Hills Way, Medication from residence
12000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, property from residence

JAN. 19 LARCENIES
11000 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, Cash from store

4200 block of Ridge Top Road, property from vehicle
13000 block of Bankfoot Court, property from residence

11000 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from store
JAN. 18 LARCENIES

11000 block of Fair Oaks Shopping Center, cash from business
3800 block of Lightfoot Street, package from residence

JAN. 17 LARCENIES
11200 block of Lee Highway, wallet from bus

9400 block of Virginia Center Boulevard, ladder and tractor key from storage shed
12700 block of Lee Highway, clothes and cash from motel room

11200 block of James Swart Circle, food from business
11100 block of Lee Highway, merchandise from business

11200 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, iPad from hotel room
JAN. 13 LARCENIES

4400 block of Milroy Crest Street
JAN. 12 LARCENIES

10100 block of Castle Wood Lane, cell phones from vehicle
2800 block of Cherry Branch Lane, box from residence

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Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilairs.org for more.

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English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

English Conversation Group. Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for a list of dates.

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ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000

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Live After Five. Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.

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FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Hot Dogs Over the Campfire. 5:30-7 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Enjoy a wagon ride through the Rocky Run stream valley and a hot dog dinner cooked over the campfire. Learn who Ellanor C. Lawrence was and hear

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SUNDAY/JAN. 29

Groundhog Day Lessons. 2:30 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney. Learn the story behind Groundhog Day and some interesting facts about this animal. Visit the home of the Walney garden groundhog and play some groundhog games. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered in the program. Ages 3-Adult, \$7 county residents, \$9 for non-county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence for more.

TUESDAY/FEB. 14

Valentine Day Sale. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Hospital Atrium, 3600 Joseph Siewick Drive. All proceeds benefit Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. Visit www.inova.org or call 703-391-3600 for more.

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Preschool Open House. 10 a.m.-noon at The Learning Experience of Chantilly / South Riding, 4150 Pleasant Valley Road. The Learning Experience in Chantilly, winner of National "Center of Excellence" Distinction award, is hosting an open house. Call 703-378-7391 or email chantilly@TLEchildcare.com.

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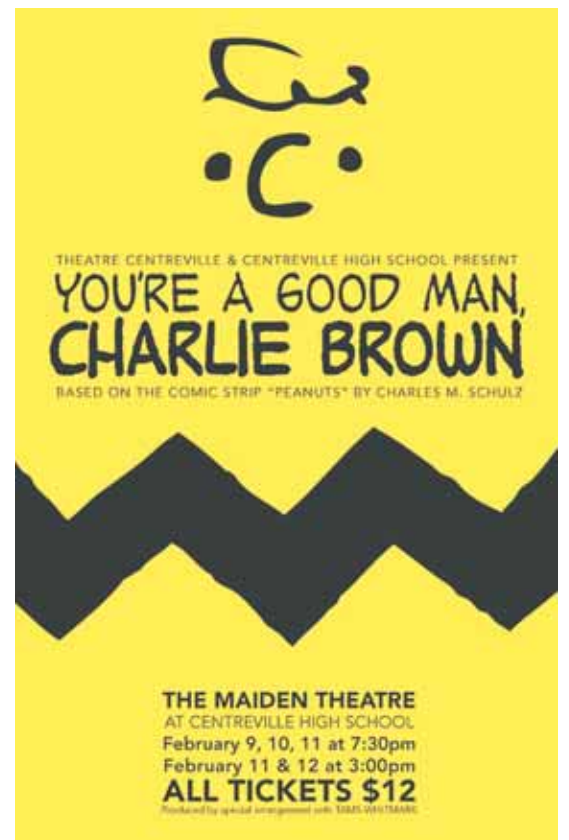
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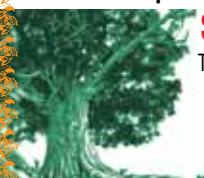
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

How do you spell relief? ROLAIDS? Hardly. I spell relief: “Mr. Lourie, your scan remains stable.” News, as I’m extremely fond of continuing to say, “I can live with.” And despite the fact that I’m ending the previous sentence with a preposition, I’m sure you can appreciate how relieved I am to be ‘stable,’ and how amazing it is to hear my oncologist characterize me as his “miracle” (not possessive really, more descriptive). So life goes on, for another three months anyway, until my next scheduled diagnostic scan which this time will include an MRI of the abdomen as well as the CT of the lungs to give my oncologist a bit more information to more thoroughly evaluate my condition/status. Having been there and done both previously, the prospect doesn’t really concern me. Although it’s easy to be a big shot now, three months out, especially after receiving a good report. Perhaps my columns in April will be a bit more realistic — given that my life will once again be on the tomography/resonance-imaging-line.

Planning for the future however begins with yours truly assessing the present and wondering why I was so nervous the days before the scan and of course the two days after, until we saw the oncologist and received the results. I mean it’s not as if my life — and quality of life — isn’t at stake when these scans are interpreted; nevertheless, stressing about it doesn’t help, or should I say, doesn’t enhance my prospects. Somehow, integrating/assimilating the stress and anxiety of it all and not giving cancer its due must remain a major part of the psychological solution. I can’t give into it emotionally and for some reason, that’s exactly what I did this past week. I need to learn from my mistake. Though I’m sure it’s understandable under the death-defying circumstances, it’s not helpful. It may even be harmful.

I should know better, and I have known better; that’s what’s peculiar here. Moreover, I’m usually up for the challenge. In fact, I take pride in my ability to take on the challenge. Heck, it’s not exactly my first dance with the devil so what’s the fuss? The ‘fuss’ is obvious but fussing over things/outcomes I can’t control is not the process that works here. Going with the flow, taking the good with the bad (and vice versa), not putting any part of the cart before the horse meaning: not presuming any negative facts not yet in evidence and most importantly, as the band “Wet Willie” sang in the 1970s, you’ve got to “Keep on Smilin.” Humor may not truly be the best medicine, but laughing and joking is hardly the problem.

Cancer is the problem, but sometimes the patient/me is the problem. As Moe Howard said to his brother Shemp in a Three Stooges short entitled “Pardon My Backfire:” “Every time you think you weaken the nation.” And though I don’t want to weaken my nation/resolve with respect to my underlying disease, occasionally, as perhaps happened this past post-scan week, I get caught up in my own circumstances and think too much, and lose some cohesion and poise. Neither of which a cancer patient can afford to lose. I know — as a cancer patient/survivor — that if I do receive bad/disappointing news, it will be bad enough when I receive it so thinking/worrying that the news will be/could be bad before I actually learn that it’s bad is a complete waste of valuable emotional wherewithal. Wherewithal that I’ll possibly need later should the news in fact be bad. What my survival has taught me is that even after initially receiving some very discouraging life expectancy statistics for lung cancer patients from my oncologist back in 2009 when I was originally diagnosed, one might still have a future. I’m living proof of that. And it just might be the present that provides the means, justified or not.

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Westfield’s DJ Gregory #10 is focused on the hoop while Chantilly’s Bret Caslavka #10 defends.



Westfield’s Nick Albert #11 just before releasing a hook shot over Chantilly’s Daniel Carmichael #5.

Chantilly Charges over Westfield

The Chantilly Chargers travelled to face the Westfield Bulldogs in a Concorde District matchup on Jan. 19. The Chargers came in atop the district, while Westfield had won one game in conference play.

Chantilly started out with an early 7-0 advantage before Westfield got on the board. After one quarter of play, Chantilly led the Bulldogs 15-11.

In the 2nd quarter Westfield would have their strongest quarter of the game. The Bulldogs would have a 22-20 lead with 3:51 to play before half, but the Chargers would score 11 of the next 17 points to keep their lead 31-28.

In the 3rd quarter with just over a minute played Westfield would hold a slight edge

32-31, but the Chargers would outscore the Bulldogs 13-9 heading into the 4th.

In the 4th Chantilly outscored Westfield 14-11, and managed to pull out a 58-48 win, making 16-18 free throws for the game.

Chantilly was led by Elijah Ford with 14 points, teammate Brett Caslavka added 13 and Daniel Carmichael 12. Westfield’s Nick Albert led all scorers with 15 points. Taevon Chapman Greene added 9 and DJ Gregory 8. Chantilly improves to (12-5) (4-1), and Westfield falls to (3-11) (1-4). Chantilly will play at Centreville on Jan. 24, and Westfield will play at Robinson on Jan. 24, both games at 7:30 p.m.

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Chantilly’s Daniel Carmichael #5 powers to the bucket with Westfield’s Nick Albert #11 and Sean Eckert #2 defending.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos are welcome.

Austin Figueroa, Rachel Seldowitz and Trent Pace, of Centreville, were named to the dean’s list at James Madison University (Harrisonburg, Va.) for the fall 2016 semester.

Olivia Witt, of Centreville, was named to the fall 2016 dean’s list at the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Va.).

Centreville Swim and Dive Results

Centreville Swim and Dive team, which is coached by Laura Benevento and Tea Leitch, started their season off strong with competitive swims against Chantilly, Oakton and Robinson. Highlights included:

First Place

Daniel Shin (100 Free, 100 Breast), Noah Desman (200 Free), Heejae Shin (50 Free), and David Chu (100 Fly).

Second Place

David Chu (50 Free), Noah Desman (100 Fly), Heejae Shin (100 Free), Chan-

ho Joung (500 Free), Thalia Costanza (200 IM), Emily Drakopoulos (100 Fly), Gabby Kuehhas (500 Free), and Joanna Zhao (100 Breast).

Third Place

Heejae Shin (200 Free, 100 Free), Emily Drakopoulos (200 Free), Gabby Kuehhas (50 Free), Thalia Costanza (100 Free), Cara Patrick (100 Back), David Chu (100 Fly), Heejae Shin (100 Free), Heejae Shin, Daniel Shin, David Chu, and Ian Spence (200 Medley Relay).

New and Old Land Use Cases Line Up

Hearings set at Planning Commission in March and April.

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CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors scheduled to vote on German grocery store, Costco gas operation, and enlarged Chick-fil-A.

GERMAN GROCERY

Lidl U.S. Operations, LLC, proposes to build a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and 18,000-square-foot multi-tenant retail building on 5.09 acres on the 73-acre Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center at the intersection of Lee Road and Chantilly Crossing Lane.

The German Lidl grocery chain has also offered to proffer \$250,000 for athletic fields and recreational facilities in Chantilly.

The Board of Supervisors was scheduled to vote on the applications at its Board Hearing on Jan. 24, after this issue's presstime. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the application in December.

Lidl will "contribute to the design and installation of traffic signal at the intersection of Penrose Place and Lee Road, a commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of the stormwater management pond, an enhanced pedestrian crossing to the site," said Sully District Planning Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamara at the decision-only hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 7.

Lidl's U.S. operations is headquartered in Arlington; Lidl (pronounced leedle) plans to expand its business in the United States and Fairfax County.

Lidl currently operates nearly 10,000 stores in 26 countries throughout Europe and plans to open as many as 100 U.S. locations.

FILL HER UP: COSTCO GAS

The Planning Commission gave Costco its approval Wednesday, Dec. 7 to add a service station with eight fueling tanks that can queue up to 60 vehicles at its 13.39-acre site in the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center, 14390 Chantilly Crossing Lane.

The gas station will only be available to Costco members; only two grades of gas will be available, payable only by Costco credit card or debit.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make its decision regarding Costco's application on Jan. 24, after this issue's presstime. The Planning Commission recommended the application in December.

David Gill, who represented Costco for its application, estimates that 2,000 customers will use the station each day.

County planners recommended approval of the application.

"Given its lack of visibility from the surrounding public road network, its interior position within the larger shopping center, and the limitation on sales, the proposed use can be expected to primarily serve existing patrons of the Costco retail warehouse and is expected to generate only a nominal

increase in vehicular trips," said Joe Gorney, planning staff.

Only one employee will be needed at the station.

Underground fuel tanks, an above ground Healy tank for excess gasoline vapors, and a canopy will be needed as part of the special exception amendment.

Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center is on 73 acres south of Route 50, east of Lee Road and west of Route 28. The center was approved by the Board of Supervisors in the summer of 1996.

The center also has two restaurants, two extended-day hotels, a drive-through bank, a Costco retail warehouse, a Target store, two retail buildings with multiple tenants and an additional service station with quick-service food store.

After a public hearing before the Planning Commission in November, Costco "has indicated a willingness to design a signal at the intersection of Penrose Place and Lee Road which would facilitate movement to the site," said Sully District Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamara.

ROOSTING PLACE

Chick-fil-A, Inc. wants to enlarge the existing 2,932-square-foot, 64-seat KFC in Sully Plaza shopping center with a 142-seat, 4,792-square-foot restaurant and two-lane drive through.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of the zoning application in November. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote on the application on Tuesday, Jan. 24 after this issue's presstime.

The 13-acre Sully Plaza shopping center is located northeast of the intersection of Route 50 and Centreville Road in the Chantilly area. Access to the shopping center is provided from Route 50, Metrotech Drive and Centreville Road.

Chick-fil-A would replace the existing KFC fast food restaurant located next to the stormwater management pond near the intersection.

"While the older restaurant was of a relatively small size, the proposed restaurant is not out of scale with the shopping center or other similar restaurants, and staff does not consider the expansion to be egregious," according to planner Carmen Bishop. "The proposed design of the building and landscaping would provide for a visual improvement to the center."

The restaurant would have a brick facade, as well as brick on three sides of its trash enclosure.

The two-lane drive through has the capacity to stack 20 vehicles.



Lidl U.S. Operations, LLC, awaits final approval from the Board of Supervisors to permit a 30,000-square-foot grocery store and 18,000-square-foot multi-tenant retail building on 5.09 acres on the 73-acre Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center at the intersection of Lee Road and Chantilly Crossing Lane.

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dustrial, research and development, or industrial/flex use. Instead, it would intensify an existing strip commercial development, a use that is discouraged by the plan," said Keys-Gamara. "Even though it would be located within a store that's already in the shopping center, the shopping center was permitted by-right. As the staff report states, there are no prior zoning approvals associated with the shopping center, which means that no other special exception uses have been approved there."

There are currently eight pawn shops allowed via special exceptions in Fairfax County, said Michael Lynskey, planning staff with the Department of Planning and Zoning. The county

permits up to 12 pawnshops countywide, he said.

"We're expecting one to two people a day, at most. This is something that can help my small business a lot," said Badii.

But Keys-Gamara raised concern over any additional business. "This shopping center's parking lot already suffers from considerable circulation problems and parking shortages. In my experience, the configuration is uniquely hazardous because of the many angles at which cars pull in and out and the pedestrians cutting across to get to shops and restaurants. Add to that the several restaurants offering delivery services and you get a location where constant vigilance is required," said Keys-Gamara.

UPCOMING

Three additional land use cases are already scheduled for hearing before the Planning Commission this spring.

According to Planning Commission documents:

❖ Copt Stonecroft, LLC, wants to increase its building height at 4850 Stonecroft Blvd. Public hearings are scheduled before the Planning Commission on March 2 and the Board of Supervisors on March 14.

❖ Arden Courts of Centerville's application to "amend proffers and conditions" of their project is scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission on April 5.

The five-acre property is located at the east side of Centreville Road, southeast of its intersection with Bradenton Drive.

❖ And Scimores Academy LLC, a special education facility, is scheduled to present an application before the Planning Commission on March 15 for projects listed in planning documents at the northeast corner of the intersection of Centreville and West Ox roads.

Sully Plaza was constructed in early 1985. The KFC, approved by the Board of Supervisors in November 1985, was constructed in 1986.

During busy times, Chick-fil-A is prepared to have an employee with an iPad ready to take orders so queuing never exceeds capacity.

"As recommended by staff, the application improves pedestrian circulation by providing a connection to the trail along Route 50. A development condition is proposed for the site plan to include appropriate crosswalks, such as to the CVS store, to further improve pedestrian safety," according to Bishop.

LUXURY PAWN SHOP

Sully District Planning Commissioner Karen Keys-Gamara requested denial of Ardavan Badii's application to operate a luxury pawnshop, one that would have only dealt with diamonds, gems, jewelry and precious metals.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of a high end pawn shop in December; the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make final decision on March 14.

"At first glance, it seems like a simple application, but it hasn't been so simple," said Keys-Gamara.

Bullion and Diamonds Company is a 788-square-foot retail store at 4086 Airline Parkway in the 50 West Shopping Center, just west of the Route 50/Route 28 intersection.

"Jewelry is an asset," said Badii, who has operated his store for eight years in Chantilly. "Occasionally, [customers] need some dollars but don't want to give up their jewelry."

"It's really important that we keep that image of luxury and beauty," he said.

But the application doesn't meet the comprehensive plan, said Keys-Gamara.

"The proposed pawn shop is not an in-