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COMMUNITY RECREATION KICKING OFF 2019

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The winter session of our youth after school program season began on January 18 with courses operating through early to mid-March. The programs are for students ages 5-13. We have:

- ArtZ Multimedia Art courses at Grange, Swift Creek and Woolridge elementary.

- Bricks 4 Kidz Amusement Park courses at Clover Hill, Greenfield, Swift Creek and Grange elementary. Bricks 4 Kidz Extreme Ninjas courses at Falling Creek and C.C. Wells elementary.



- Young Rembrandts Winterrific Draw-tooning courses at Curtis, Woolridge, Jacobs, Salem, C.C. Wells, Bettie Weaver, Swift Creek, Robious, Providence, Hening, Greenfield, Ecoff, Crestwood, Reams, Crenshaw,

Clover Hill, O.B. Gates and Grange elementary schools.

The winter JumpStarz Double Dutch Fun programs will be held at Hening and Swift Creek elementary.



Coming up are three One-Day Babysitting Workshops for 11-16 year old participants. And for participants 18 and older we will have a Your Private Label-Hand & Nail Care Workshop.



STONEBRIDGE RECREATION CENTER

Sophisticat Dancers

Sophisticat Dancers meet at Stonebridge Recreation Center on Friday evenings. The Sophisticats are a co-sponsored group. On Jan. 25, 25 dancers enjoyed a very nice evening of dancing.



STONEBRIDGE RECREATION CENTER

Fitness Warriors

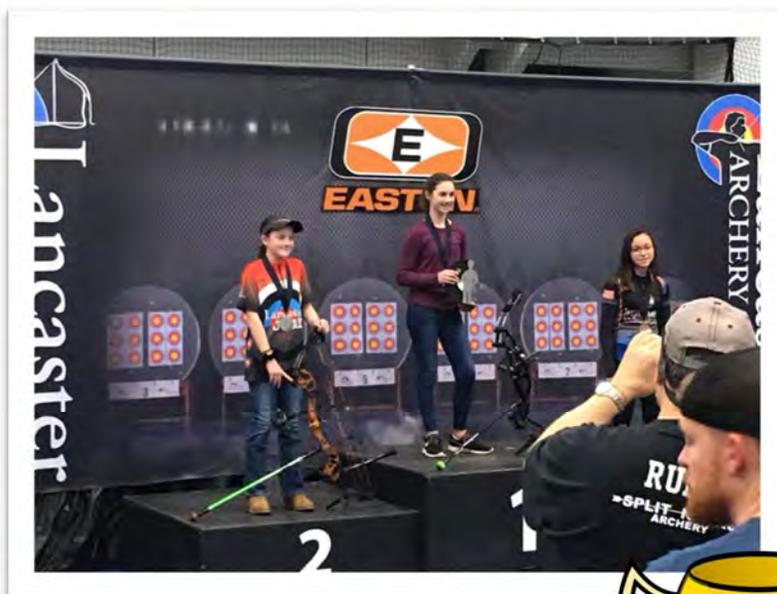
Fitness Warrior classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Biggest class yet this past week with 22 participants. The instructor is Chantel Turner. All are welcome to drop-in and give it a try.



ROCKWOOD NATURE CENTER

Lancaster Classic Archery winner

Darby French won the compound bowman female division at the youth trophy tournament in the Lancaster Classic this past weekend, a prestigious event with over 1800 archers from around the world in attendance. Darby started archery in 2015/16 in the Star Shooters Youth Archery program but quickly progressed to a more advanced level, joined the JOAD club, and began pursuing competitive archery. She has medaled in many competitions over the last few years and continues to practice with the county's JOAD program as she balances middle school with traveling to tournaments throughout the state and nationally.



HISTORY

Prohibition in Chesterfield Lecture

On Saturday, January 12, the Chesterfield County Museum was treated to an entertaining and informative talk on Prohibition in Chesterfield given by Anthony Townsend with the Richmond Bottle Club. The talk covered the history of Prohibition and its effect on Chesterfield as well as bottles produced during this time in Central Virginia. He discussed the breweries and distillers that were in operation across the state including Home Brewing, Roseneck, Phil Kelley and others. 12 attended.





Handcrafted greeting card class at Huguenot Road Baptist Church

The handcrafted greeting card class started this past Monday with a full roster and a waiting list. The ladies really enjoyed creating their own unique cards for all occasions and had a fun time socializing.



THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

The first session of Anything Goes Active Hour at Etrick Recreation Center wrapped up late last week. This physical activity program includes exercise, stretching, and active games. 36 enrolled for January.



Record numbers attended social activity, Got Game in the month of January. 32 registered and 16 (plus caregivers) attended at the North Courthouse Road Library.



Snackin' It Up was held at Stonebridge Recreation Center. Participants created simple, no bake snack recipes. This week was guacamole.



SOCIAL MEDIA


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Parks and Recreation Department and Virginia Credit Union Partner on Five-Year Sponsorship Agreement

The Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Department and Virginia Credit Union have partnered on a five-year sponsorship agreement worth \$100,000 that includes Virginia Credit Union's support of special events and expanded financial-education opportunities in the community. Virginia Credit Union, a financial cooperative serving more than 278,000 members, will be the title sponsor for the annual Fourth of July Celebration at the Chesterfield County Fairgrounds. It will also sponsor Family Movie Night events, the Hang Time summer camp, the National Night Out program and the popular Trunk or Treat Halloween event, which is also held at the fairgrounds.

The partnership also means Virginia Credit Union will be expanding its financial education offerings to Parks and Recreation facilities, including the Bensley, Mayes-Colbert Etrick, and Stonebridge recreation centers. Virginia Credit Union is a leading provider of financial education to its members and the community. Its seminars, workshops and classes reached more than 27,000 in 2018.

"Our headquarters, operations center and four of our branches are located in Chesterfield County, so we are especially excited to partner with the county to expand these popular programs," said Virginia Credit Union President/CEO Chris Shockley. "We are pleased that this arrangement creates opportunities to bring sound financial education programs to residents through the county's recreation centers."

"We are very happy and proud to have Virginia Credit Union on board," said Dr. James Worsley, Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation director. "This great collaboration demonstrates what can happen when Chesterfield partners with an organization that shares our commitment to the community. We are looking forward to enhancing events, programs and educational opportunities in 2019 and beyond, thanks to their outstanding support."

