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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Another month has passed and it still doesn't quite feel like winter with the unseasonably warm weather. Despite the short cold snap in January and its hesitant inch of precipitation it's still too warm to snow but too cold to enjoy the outdoors but that hasn't stopped people from remaining active. While running with our dog the other day we saw one of the bald eagles fly out from under the trestle, circle around us, and perch high up in a tree. It was a beautiful sight.

Block captains are out and about renewing memberships and handing out revised 2013 directories. Once again the directory is free and membership remains at an ultra-affordable \$10. That's quite a bargain considering what other neighborhoods cost. I haven't conducted a survey of our neighboring communities but I'm quite confident we're one of the most affordable, if not the lowest, around. For perspective, the original cost was \$5 back in the early 60's. That would be about \$38 in today's dollars!

Dues are important because they help fund printing and distribution costs of The Farmer as well as community events. The spring yard sale is currently scheduled for April 27 with a May 11 rain date in the pool parking lot, so mark your calendars. I've heard plans are being drawn up for a concurrent yard sale at Community of

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Association Calendar 2012 - 2013

| MONTH | BOARD MEETING | <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE | FLYER DEADLINE | PRINT <i>Farmer</i> | DELIVERY | ASSOC. MEETING |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| February | Jan. 30 | Jan. 30 | 1 | 13 | 23 | |
| March | Feb. 27 | Feb.27 | 1 | 5 | 16 | 21 |
| April | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 27 | |
| May | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 18 | 23 |

General and Board meetings are held at Ravensworth Elementary School. Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public Schools' early closing or school cancelation. Meetings are at 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

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Christ Church off Inverchapel so it could turn out to be quite the day for bargain hunters! Keep checking the web-site for more details at www.ravensworthfarm.org as well as the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page.

There are a couple of lake updates worth mentioning. First, repairs to the Dam's sluice gate were completed in December. Repairs were needed because the gate reached a point where it was difficult to close. Due to the gate's custom design parts took longer than average to arrive. Second, the Park Authority recently formed a project team to explore improvements to the path below the dam and the county reserved \$590,000 for this project. The scoping phase will continue through April 2014 with construction beginning sometime between April 2014 and September 2014. My guess is they've already ruled out a rope swing.

Kevin Joyce, RFCA President
prez@ravensworthfarm.org

MULCH SALE

Boy Scout Troop 50 will deliver mulch in our neighborhood on March 8-9. It's \$4.60/bag (3 cu ft bags of premium double shredded hardwood mulch) and if you buy 10 or more, it's free delivery! You also can hire the Scouts to spread the mulch. If you would like a copy of the order form, call Marian McLaughlin at 703-321-7456. Or order online by March 4 at www.annandale50.mytroop.us.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

Thank you to Jennifer Auble for volunteering to coordinate the Community Picnic and the Halloween Party. Jennifer will need many helpers so feel free to give her a call and let her know you will help.

BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS - WITH GOLDEN RAVENS

The winter blues can be worst in February but that only points to Spring for the Golden Ravens. Whether it is a group lunch or covered dish or some engaging speaker, getting together is the thing for retired folks in Ravensworth. They are part of the larger program for seniors in Fairfax County who gather at lunchtime on the fourth Wednesday just for the fun of it. Their home base is the Community Church on Inverchapel – not connected – that serves as the launching pad for excursions and friendly meetings. So, to fight off the blahs of winter check out the next big thing for Golden Ravens by calling Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club meets at 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of the month. February's speaker was from Helen Olivia and shared great ideas for Valentine's Day flower arranging. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 6. The Club will be going to the Botanical Garden to check out the orchids. Please call co-president Nancy Jarvie at 703-321-8319 for location and activities.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS WOMEN'S FREE SOCIAL CLUB IN RAVENSWORTH FARM

2nd Fridays September – June from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Contact Erin Coelho with questions or to RSVP for the February 8 gathering at 703-321-4868 or composite1@gmail.com

- Women of all ages and stages are welcome
- Light conversation, relaxed atmosphere
- Food, door prizes, and occasional special guest speakers
- Feel free to bring a savory or sweet dish to share
- Come to one or all of the gatherings and come and go as your schedule permits
- Bring friends and neighbors to join the fun!



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP IS APRIL 22

Ravensworth Elementary School is hosting Kindergarten Roundup at 2:00 pm Monday, April 22 for parents of rising kindergarteners. Children who are five by September 30 are eligible to enter kindergarten that school year. A child who will be six years old on or before September 30 must attend school. Ravensworth Elementary is already accepting registration forms for kindergarteners. The forms are on fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml. In addition to the registration forms, you will be required to show: a copy of your deed or lease or other proof of where you live, identification for the child's parent or guardian, an original birth certificate for the child, and the state health form completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner after September 1, 2012. The form is available at <http://fcps.edu/it/forms/mch213.pdf> so be sure to take it along to your child's next check-up and save the hassle of getting it later.



PERMIT / NO PERMIT? - JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING CLEARS IT UP

Debby McMahon, Chief of the Permit Application Center for Fairfax County, spoke at the January 31 Ravensworth Farm Community Association. According to Debby, the purpose of permits is to protect the health, safety and welfare of Virginia residents. The Building Code is a Commonwealth of Virginia code and changes every three years. The permits program is not punitive and will work with you even if you've already started (or finished) a project that should have had a permit.

You need a permit if you're doing anything with gas (stove, water heater, dryer, etc.). As Debby said, "If it goes BOOM, you need a permit." This goes for new or replacement. You need a permit for interior walls (putting them up or taking them down), even if they are not load bearing. You also need a permit for decks, finishing a basement, adding any new electrical (wiring for new lights or new outlets), or anything that will be attached to your house (carport, shed, addition, porch, etc.). You DO NOT need a permit if you are replacing existing electrical devices such as light fixtures, switches, outlets, or an electric water heater.

You do not need a permit for "detached storage" (a shed) if it is less than 200 square feet and less than one story high. If your shed is higher than 8.5 feet from the tip of the roof to the ground, you may place it anywhere on your property. If your shed is higher than 8.5 feet, you need to consult Zoning to learn what setback requirements you may be dealing with. Pavers, concrete patios (slab on grade), sidewalks, driveways, and fences or privacy walls less than six feet high do not need building permits. Driveways may need a land disturbance permit and fences may need Zoning permission.

Sixty-percent of residential permits are issued on the same day in Fairfax County. Most permits can be done completely online. Permits cost the same for homeowners as for contractors, though your contractor may charge you for the time he spends at the Permits Center. The minimum fee is \$90. Replacement permits are only \$50 because they only require one visit by an inspector. If you go to the Permits Center, a technician will walk you through all the steps necessary to get your permit, even helping you draw out your plans, if necessary. Debby recommends going to the Permits Center when it opens at 8:00am, when the process will often take as little as 45 minutes, rather than at lunchtime (11am-2pm) when some staff will be on lunch breaks and the process could take two hours.

If your contractor is reluctant to obtain the permit, asks you to obtain the permit, or requests a notarized affidavit granting authority to obtain the permit in your name, your contractor may not be licensed. If your contractor can't or won't give you a copy of his state license, you have to assume that he is not licensed. You can verify if a contractor is licensed by checking dpor.virginia.gov or call (804) 367-8500. Class A and B contractors have to take a state test regarding code and code compliance. Class C contractors take a Fairfax County test but not a state test. The Classes refer to the dollar amounts of contracts the contractor may sign. While you may obtain your own permit, enforcement actions against the contractor for code violations become more difficult if the permit was issued to the homeowner rather than the contractor. Have a written contract with your contractor. Be sure that your contract withholds final payment (some percentage of the total) until the project has passed final inspection. If you have a written contract and something goes wrong, the Permits Center and other County agencies may be able to help you resolve differences with your contractor. If you do not have a written contract, they will not be able to help you at all.

To find out more about building permits, find pre-approved plans, apply for a permit, schedule a next-day inspection, and much more, check out fairfaxcounty.gov/living/buildingpermits. To see if there are any open permits (from March 6, 2006 onward) on your property, check out fairfaxcounty.gov/fido. You can find permits from 1981 and March 2006 at <http://ldip.fairfaxcounty.gov/>. Debby recommended that those who live on a corner lot check both their addresses as permits are sometimes pulled under the other address for a corner lot. Your other address would be noted on the platt received when you purchased your home.

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Fairfax County sets and enforces Zoning requirements. Zoning is a different office than the Permit Center but they are on the same floor of the Government Center. You should also check with Zoning before making changes outside your home- sheds, fences, additions, etc. The Zoning office telephone number is 703-222-1082. In most cases, they will be able to tell you over the phone whether you need a zoning permit.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK NEWS

Trail Improvements at the Dam

With support from the local community and the Park Authority Board, the Park Authority has formed a project team to begin scoping out trail and outfall crossing improvements at the Lake Accotink Dam. Funding in the amount of \$590,000 has been reserved for this project. The project goal is to address safety concerns and accessibility of approximately 150 linear feet of asphalt trail that crosses the dam outfall. The existing trail has steep slopes leading to the existing crossing and frequently floods during rain events, making the trail impassable. The scope and design phase will occur between now and April 2014, with the construction phase to occur between April 2014 and September 2014.

New Birthday Party Areas

One of the more popular venues at Lake Accotink Park has been the two birthday party areas adjacent to the miniature golf course and carousel. This Winter, the Park Operations Area 4 team is revitalizing the birthday party areas with new borders, fencing and surface material. These improvements will serve to not only beautify the areas but also reduce run-off into the lake and nearby stream. Designed for children's parties, the birthday party areas may be reserved when you purchase the Lake Accotink Park Birthday Party Package, which includes carousel rides, miniature golf and an optional tour boat ride. Contact the Park for more details.

Camps and Classes

It's not too early to be lining up Spring and Summer activities for your children. Lakeside Nature Fun Camp, Adventure Racing Camp, and other unique camps will delight your kids and get them active – for one week or all summer long. A variety of classes this Spring offer something for everyone: Dog Obedience, Oil Painting, art classes for the little ones, even Robotics for the older kids.

Registration for Spring classes starts February 5th. Summer class registration begins on May 14. Registration for summer camps begins on May 16. To register for classes or camps please call 703-222-4664 or go online to fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/. For more information on classes and camps please contact Mr. Christopher Goldbecker at 703-324-9151.



FREE SECURE DOCUMENT SHREDDING

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. (Braddock's shredding event is June 22 at King's Park Library/Supervisor's Office.) These events are open to Fairfax County residents along with residents of the Towns of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton and the Cities of Fairfax and Falls Church.



Accepted: Residential material of a sensitive nature such as tax documents, financial records, etc. (Please recycle junk mail and magazines through your normal collection service.) Up to five medium-sized packing boxes per vehicle.

Not Accepted: Business documents, even if they are brought in by a county resident and items that can damage shredding equipment.

Procedures for the Event: Residents drive through a line as directed by staff. For safety reasons, residents **MUST** remain in their vehicles. County staff removes boxes from cars and trucks and empty paper into rolling carts. Once full, the carts are taken to the shredding truck where they are emptied into a shredder. All documents are cross-cut shredded on-site, by a private contractor, on the day of the event. Following the event, all paper is delivered to a local recycling facility for processing. Written certification of shredding will not be provided. For additional information, please contact the county at 703-324-5230, TTY 711.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/shredding.htm>

MAIL, MAIL, GO AWAY

If you receive junk mail at your home, you know it can be a big pain to deal with every single day. When left unmanaged, your catalogs, bills, newspapers, flyers, packages and envelopes end up in messy piles on just about every surface of your home creating mounds of clutter.



The good news is that there is a simple solution to the junk mail nightmare that we all face on a daily basis. Recycle it! Regardless of shape, weight, paper type, labels, etc., 99% of junk mail is in fact recyclable.

American Disposal Services recommends that you sift through your received mail as you stand over your recycling bin or cart ensuring that you are properly disposing of all recyclable materials found in your mail. When the mail becomes overwhelming and unmanageable, people have the tendency to dump junk mail in with their trash. The convenience of a trash receptacle often trumps proper recycling. If you make sure to stand next to your recycling receptacle as you sift through your piles, you'll be keeping clean AND 'green'.

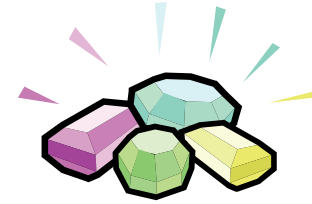
So, what types of mail can I recycle?

- Envelopes (of any color or size even with clear windows)
- Letters
- Flyers, postcards, pamphlets, direct mail advertising (even glossy paper)
- Newspapers (remove the plastic bag first)
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Yellow Pages and White Pages
- Paper-Based Shipping Envelopes and Cardboard Boxes (If it tears, recycle it - unless it has a plastic liner.)
- Shredded Documents (in a plastic bag, not loose)

-- Source: January Recycling E-Newsletter from American Disposal Services

"GEM" REVIEWS

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, tool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem"...please share. Send reviews to rfcfarmer@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!



GOOD SAMARITAN ON NUTTING DRIVE!

The resident of 5304 Nutting Drive would like to thank the person responsible for shoveling a pathway from the door to my vehicle during the snowfall at the end of January. I don't know who you are but your help is greatly appreciated!

PLEA FOR HELP: I CUT THE CORD ON CABLE TV —BUT I WANT MY DOWNTON ABBEY!

We have cut the cord to our cable TV service, in favor of over-the-air and internet cable. Internet viewing is working out wonderfully, with Netflix, Hulu and other sources. Over-the-air, not so much.

We purchased a new digital antenna, followed all the directions, and installed it on our roof. However, even though apparently we have excellent signal strength, we still have a lot of pixilation on all the local channels.

Has anyone in the neighborhood gotten their digital antenna to work for their TV viewing? Would you be willing to share what has worked for you? Or perhaps if there are others who like me are still trying to tinker with their set-up, and would like to pool our resources and knowledge to wrestle this problem to a satisfactory solution?

In either case, contact Linda Beste at linda.beste@gmail.com or 702-321-9110. Let's see if we can get this to work!

REPORTING LAND DEVELOPMENT CONCERNS

Fairfax County is committed to maintaining the quality of our natural environment. As a result, there are regulations which address the clearing of land, the dumping of fill dirt and debris such as stumps and trash, and the erosion of soil.

If you observe illegal activities, you should report it to the appropriate agency during normal business hours. You can find the appropriate departments and phone numbers for reporting possibly illegal activities at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/urbanfor.htm>

Clues to Illegal Activity

- The activity is occurring before 7 a.m. or after 7 p.m. or on weekends.
- No company name appears on the construction vehicles or equipment.
- Construction activity is occurring on a site with no advertising sign.
- Land is being cleared without surveyor's flagging on trees.
- There is no construction entrance adjacent to the roadway (an area of large stone and gravel placed to keep mud off of streets).

EVENTS

Feb. 26 – 9:30-3 – **Open Preschool Registration** – Parkwood WEE Center. 703-978-0640 or visit weecenter.com.

Feb. 26 – 6:30pm – **Signmark** – The Kennedy Center’s Millenium Stage - Creator of the world’s first sign language hip hop DVD, Finland's Signmark uses strong bass beats with low frequencies to adapt rap and hip hop rhythms along with vocalist Brandon Bauer. Part of “Nordic Cool 2013”. Free.

March 2 – 10am - 2pm - **Good Shepherd Preschool Family Festival** - Indoor fun! Preschool games, lunch/bake sale and HUGE kid's thrift sale. 9350 Braddock Road Burke, VA; tel: 703-323-6120

March 2 – 10-11:30 - Spring Garden Maintenance Seminar - Burke Nursery & Garden Centre - Learn what needs to be done to get your garden ready for the Spring growing season. Find out how to assess what you need to do and also the right time for pruning. Please RSVP to Misty at misty@burkenursery.com or call 703.323.1188.

March 3 – 6:30pm – **New Nordic Cuisine Demonstration** - The Kennedy Center’s Millenium Stage – Join award-winning chefs from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden for a demonstration of New Nordic Cuisine. Free.

March 8 - **Fabulous Fridays Women’s Social Club** - Contact Erin Coelho with questions or to RSVP at 703-321-4868 or compositeal@gmail.com. Free. Rotates among Ravensworth Farm homes.

March 9 – **Community Cleanup** – BIG trash trucks at Ravensworth School to haul away all your non-hazardous but hard-to-dispose-of “stuff.” For more information, contact Jim Hickey. (Date subject to change, check future Farmers for changes.)

April 7- 4-6pm – **Horse-drawn Hayride** – round trips from the Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Rd. Sponsored by Ravensworth Farm Civic Association.

April 22 – 2-3pm - **Kindergarten Orientation** – Ravensworth Elementary School. For parents of children who will be five by September 30, 2013.

April 27 – 8am-1pm – **Ravensworth Farm Community Yard Sale** at the Ravensworth Pool

HELP WANTED!

Interested in learning more about your community and meeting new neighbors? The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association is in need of a new board member. The Corresponding Secretary board seat is vacant. A brief description of the role is below. If you're interested or have any questions please send an email to prez@ravensworthfarm.org with your contact information. It's a great way to give back to your community and have some fun, too. Roles/duties may vary and, as always, any amount of help is truly appreciated.

Corresponding Secretary:

- conduct official Board of Directors correspondence
- share Farmer (via email) with local government offices and other communities
- retain/preserve copies of all deeds, leases, contracts, association instruments
- misc. self-directed projects (be creative)
- have fun
- give it as little or as much time as you have



RIP SPRINGFIELD MALL

Demolition signals transformation of Springfield Mall into \$200 million town center
by: Victoria Ross; Connection Newspapers

Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) could not have been happier as chunks of steel and concrete began falling off Springfield Mall November 26. “This is the biggest thing to happen in Springfield since the Mixing Bowl,” McKay said, watching as the CAT excavator began demolishing what was once Garfinckel’s department store. McKay, who has been instrumental in pushing the Springfield Mall project forward for several years, joined Vornado/Charles E. Smith President Mitchell Shear and other civic leaders to kick off the exterior demolition of the mall, a visible sign that the 1970s-era “fortress” mall will be transformed into Springfield Town Center in 2014.



Holding a rock-sized piece of Garfinckel’s in his hand, McKay said it will be a relief to be able to tell constituents that the project, which the board of supervisors approved three years ago, is finally underway. “It’s the first question everyone always asks me. Not why, but when,” McKay said. “People have doubted this project,” said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director, Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. “We are all excited to see the new redone project.”

In July, mega-developer Vornado shuttered all of the interior stores as the first phase of the \$200 million renovation began. But the project had lurched forward in fits and starts for so many years that many in the local business community were skeptical they would ever see a new mall.

In 2006, Vornado Realty purchased the mall for \$171.5 million. In 2009, the board of supervisors approved rezoning of the property to permit Vornado’s development plans. Soon after, any sign of redevelopment came to a halt. No construction equipment materialized, and shoppers saw the mall continue its slow decline.

In 2010, Vornado defaulted on its mortgage of \$171.5 million, and then refinanced the mall for \$115 million, a strategic way to alleviate debt. “People have been disappointed in the past,” McKay said, “but when everything is complete, the final product will knock your socks off.”

The newly-renovated mall, which Shear said would open in the fall of 2014, will include an addition of roughly 700,000 square feet of retail, restaurants, a food court and a state-of-the-art movie theater. The 20-foot-tall brown numbers that indicated the mall’s six main entrances—a hallmark of the 1970s-era mall—will be replaced with one central grand entranceway.

Though Shear said it was too early to disclose potential new tenants, he said the new center will have a more “upscale” tenant mix and the three anchor stores—Macy’s, Target and JCP—will remain open during construction. “There will be much more in terms of variety of shops,” said Vornado’s project manager, Bob Byrne, adding that the mall will be turned “inside-out,” with outward facing storefronts in keeping with the town center look of the mall.

Later phases of the renovation—expected to take about 10 to 15 years—will complete the town center look, with a mix of upscale retail and commercial development, a 225-room hotel, pedestrian plazas, recreational facilities, 2,000 residential units and transportation improvements.

McKay and other county leaders have called the mall’s renovation “the most important redevelopment project in Springfield.” Jerry Gordon, executive director of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, agrees. He said Springfield has all the right pieces in place to experience a “rebirth” and create a vibrant new identity, despite its ubiquitous name. “Every state has a Springfield, and Springfield, Virginia, has always been a bedroom community. Now it’s changing, and that’s exciting,” Gordon said. “I think Jeff McKay has shown a great deal of leadership on this.”

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Gordon said the time is right for the community's transformation. "You have transportation in place with the Mixing Bowl and a Metro station, and the jobs coming—an estimated 16,000 new jobs and \$8-10 million in construction as a result of Ft. Belvoir's Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC)—and the next thing are the amenities, such as the new Springfield Town Center... This all contributes to a higher quality of life."

McKay said he was looking forward to new shops that cater to children, since he has two young children, "and good restaurants that my wife and I can enjoy."

He said the chunk of Garfinckel's—a place he remembers shopping with his mother, and being "bored to tears"—will take its place on a shelf in his office with other pieces of Springfield's past, such as Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant and Circuit City.

Source: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2012/nov/28/rip-springfield-mall/>

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Don't assume that someone else will tell Lisa Brault (703-220-7270, lisa_brault@yahoo.com) or Jill Mowbray (703-865-8368, bjm820@hotmail.com) about new neighbors. Do your part to ensure that Ravensworth Farm continues a long tradition as a welcoming community.



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| FOR SALE | End-unit 4BR, 3.5 BA townhouse for sale in Centreville. Three quick right turns from I-66. For sale by Michael & Sara Ortiz tel: 703-321-8757, slkortiz@gmail.com |
| WANTED | Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings. |

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Community of Christ

Experience a Ravensworth community church where all are welcome.

5610 Inverchapel Road, Springfield, VA
(703) 321-0507 (church)
(703) 409-1920 (pastor)

Sunday Services:

9:30 a.m. Classes for all ages
10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Please join us for these community activities:

- Children's Playground
- Picnic Area
- Ravensworth Golden Ravens
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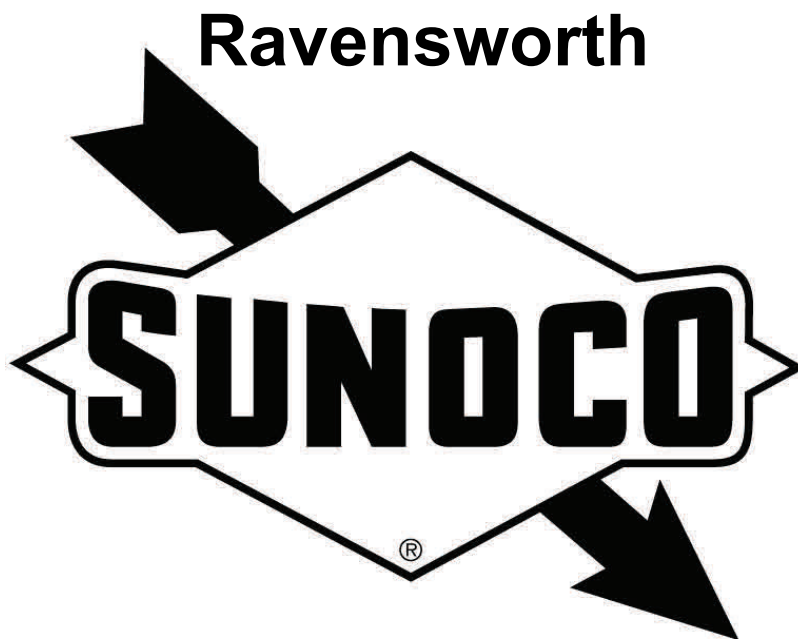
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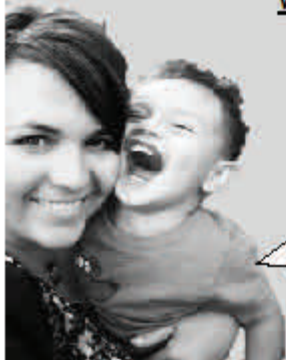


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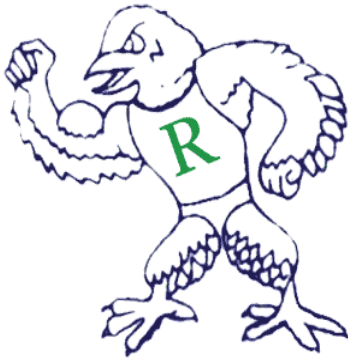
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