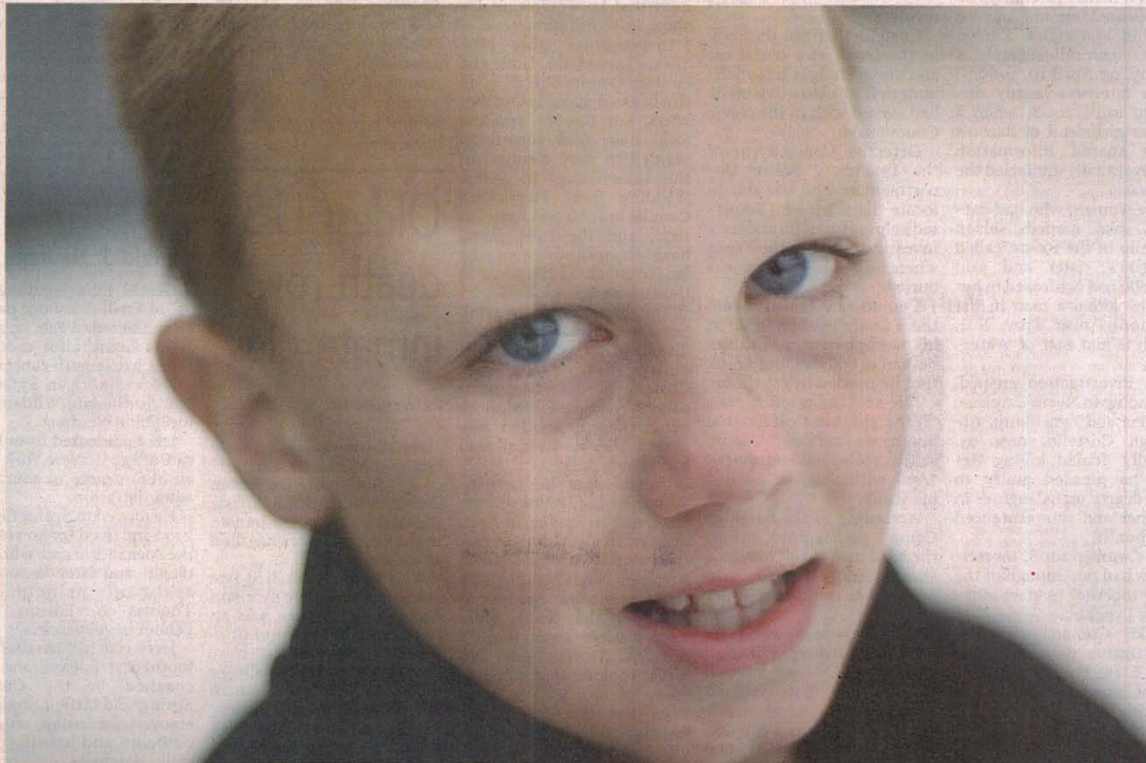


## REGION



## ADOPTION &gt;&gt; BOY HOPES TO FIND A FAMILY



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Scott, 9, loves playing video games, riding his bike and swimming. He's extremely shy but is friendly and polite.

# Scott likes to play sports, and aspires to be a pilot

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The snowstorms have provided endless play opportunities for 9-year-old Scott.

The Hopewell foster youth likes school, but he also likes snow days. He spent the time off playing with the horses and dogs on the farm where he lives with his foster family.

He also built a fort almost as tall as he is, and had a snowball fight with the neighbors.

But really, Scott prefers the warmer weather, when he can play football, swim or ride bikes.

He has weathered the back-to-back storms with some Wii games, which he loves to play with his foster siblings. His favorite game is "Mario Kart."

The sandy-haired youth also enjoys camping and hiking.

## ABOUT THE SERIES

On any given day, 1,500 Virginia children seek an adoptive family. The Free Lance-Star joined with the Children's Home Society of Virginia, a private adoption agency offering foster-care services, to spotlight some

of these children. First names are used, but no last names are published, to protect their identities.

The newspaper periodically features a Virginia child available for adoption.

## INTERESTED?

Interested in adopting Scott or any of the other foster children waiting? Contact Krista McCulloch at Children's Home Society of Virginia at 800/247-2888 or 804/353-0191.

When he grows up, Scott wants to fly jets for the U.S. Air Force.

Scott is super shy but friendly. He warms up after a few minutes of conversation.

Scott wants a permanent family, but he's not sure what that would be like.

"I've never been adopted before," he said. "I haven't been adopted. But I want to be."

"It would be cool to be in one place, and you'd always be there."

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