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County moves house to preserve historic Bristow village

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The Layton house sits atop a steel dolly as Ayers House Movers prepare to roll it to its new location.

When Bristow resident Pam Layton came home the afternoon of Feb. 8, her childhood home wasn't where she left it that morning. The early-20th century farmhouse, which used to sit at the end of her driveway on Bristow Road, had been moved more than 300 feet to a nearby field.

Layton and her family lived in the house until a few years ago, when they built another house on the lot. County code prohibits two residences on one lot in the rural crescent, said David Bourne, historic programs coordinator and acting site manager for Bristow Station Battlefield Heritage Park.

Layton said they considered tearing the house down or having the fire department burn it down, but in November 2005, Bourne asked them to donate it to Prince William County.

The house is located in the village of Bristow, which is on the national register of historic places, according to Brendon Hanafin, Prince William County Historic Preservation Division chief. The

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Dominion designates new preferred route

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Dominion Virginia Power revised its preferred power line route Feb. 13 to align with existing power lines in the Prince William

area. The new route maps the line through seven counties. The line will run through two parts of Fauquier County and the southwestern part of Prince William, on a northerly track just on the east side of Gainesville up to

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Brush with the President leaves Micron employees smiling

cameramen from CNN, who regu-



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