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## Before his first game, Ian had already made a comeback.

Ian was born with a heart that was not fully formed. Reconstructive surgeries were a must. Uncertain what to do, his parents put their trust in a team that knew newborn hearts better than anyone. Watch Ian's story at [JustRightForChildren.com/Ian](http://JustRightForChildren.com/Ian).

“ I hit a ground ball to right field, and scored two runs to win. ”

Ian Duke  
Baseball MVP



## NEWS

# Food, Fashion, Fun in Fair Oaks

## Salvation Army luncheon, silent auction is April 4.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Springtime fashions, a tasty meal and fun are on the menu this Friday, April 4, during the Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary's yearly fundraiser. It's slated for April 4 at the Waterford in Fair Oaks (next to the Bank of America, across from Fair Oaks Mall).

It's the Auxiliary's 34<sup>th</sup> annual fashion show, luncheon and silent auction to benefit the Fairfax Salvation Army. The silent auction begins at 10:30 a.m., and lunch — catered by the Waterford — is at noon. Tickets are \$40; contact event Chairman Angela Ganey at 703-250-5809 or via [angelaganey@verizon.net](mailto:angelaganey@verizon.net).

“And back by popular demand, Carlos ‘Chuckie’ Ibay of Fairfax will entertain,” said event Co-Chair (with Meg McLane) Angela Ganey. “He has a magnificent



**Carolina Hurtado, of Fairfax, models a dress suitable for daytime or evening events.**

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## ROUNDUPS

### Stonecroft/Route 50 Detour

As part of the Route 50 widening project, Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly will be closed at its intersection with Route 50 from Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m., until Monday, April 7, at 5 a.m., for installation of a waterline.

Route 50 traffic heading to Stonecroft will instead use Lee Road to Willard Road to Stonecroft. Drivers on Stonecroft heading to Route 50 will take Willard Road to Lee Road to Route 50. Access to Chantilly Auto Park will remain open.

### One Charged with DWI

Last Friday, March 28, police officers from the Fair Oaks District Station patrolled the county searching for drunk drivers. They charged one driver with DWI and issued 19 summonses and 17 warnings.

### Human Trafficking Meeting

Human trafficking is the topic of the next Sully District Police Station Citizens Advisory Committee meeting. It's set for Wednesday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Attendees will learn about what human trafficking really is, its signs and dangers and what's being done to prevent it.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 10, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

### Craft Fair April 12

New Life Christian Church's Passion 4 Community is sponsoring a craft show with local artisans. It's set for Saturday, April 12, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the nZone, 14550 Lee Road in Chantilly.

There'll be about 70 vendors total for the event, food will be available for sale and there'll be activities for children. Admission cost is a non-perishable food item for local families in need.

#### Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of Ramen Noodles, spaghetti sauce, fruit juice, canned vegetables (no green beans), cooking oil; canned pasta, sugar, flour and canned fruit and meat. Also needed are diapers in sizes 5 and 6, toothpaste, deodorant and baby wipes. (WFCM clients cannot purchase toiletries with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include spring and summer clothing, quality shoes and like-new houseware. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, Thrift Store volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts Saturdays, anytime between 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Drive Seniors to Appointments

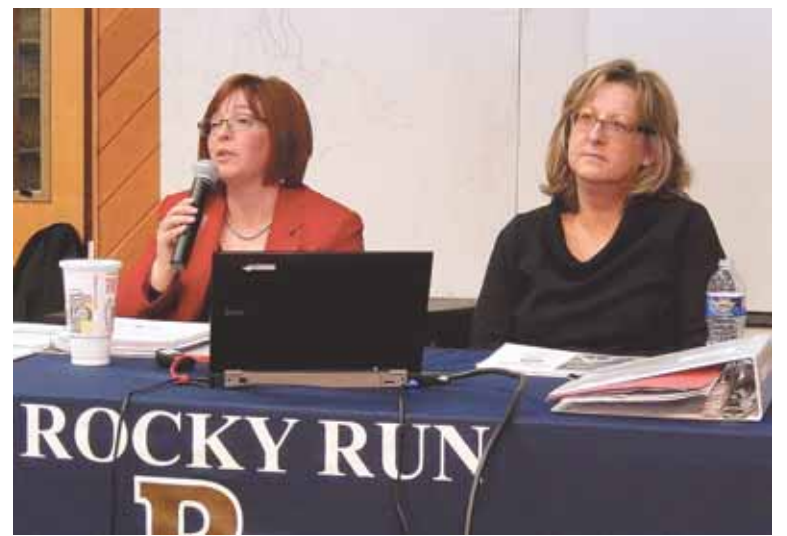
Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and link to Volunteer Solutions or email [VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## NEWS



Michael Frey



Kristen Michael answers a question while Susan Datta listens.

## 'In Difficult Economic Times'

### Supervisors, School Board are in annual, budget tug-of-war.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

In the best of all worlds, every day would be a holiday and Fairfax County would have all the money it needs to fully fund its school system and government. But since that's not the case, it's a battle each year between the school system's needs and the county's ability to address them.

"About 52 percent of our budget goes to the schools, and we've got a lot of tough choices to make," said Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). "So we're here to give you some information and we want to get your input."

He was speaking last Thursday, March 27, before a public budget meeting hosted by the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations at Rocky Run Middle School. Further public hearings will be held April 8, at 6 p.m., and April 9-10, at 3 p.m., at the county Government Center.

"There's no question, we're still in difficult economic times," said Frey. "They started in 2008 and got worse; then things came back slightly. Fortunately, the real-estate market is relatively strong. But as your [property] assessment goes up, you're going to pay more in taxes."

He said local governments in Virginia are too dependent on the sales tax. "Other jurisdictions to our east have a meals tax [to bring in revenue], but we'd have to have a referendum first," said Frey. "I'd support putting a meals-tax referendum on the ballot and letting the voters decide. Local cities and towns that have a 4-percent meals tax receive about \$80 million to \$90 million a year from it — which is a significant help to their budgets."

"About 63 percent of our tax base comes from property tax; our commercial percentage is about 18 percent and the rest is residential," he said. "So we're working hard to improve the transportation system — for example, in Tysons Corner and with the Silver Line — which is a huge incentive to attract commercial business development."

But, said Sully District School Board representative Kathy Smith, "The schools don't have taxing ability. We only get about 20 percent of our funding from the state and about 71 percent from the county."

Susan Datta, with the county Office of Management and Budget, then gave an overview of the County Executive's proposed budget. She said the

supervisors will make changes to it and adopt it, the end of April. And she noted that sales-tax receipts for March were down 4.1 percent because of the snow.

**THE COUNTY'S OVERALL** budget is about \$7 billion, including a General Fund budget of \$3.7 billion. "Businesses are concerned about what's going to happen with the federal budget, so they're not expanding," said Datta. "And the schools are asking for \$64 million more than the county has budgeted for it."

FCPS Budget Director Kristen Michael said the county School Board advertised its \$2.5 billion, proposed FY 2015 budget after Schools Superintendent Karen Garza cut \$96.5 million from it. "We've made significant staff reductions since 2009, froze pay in 2010 and 2011 and made reductions in clerical and custodial positions," said Michael. "We're asking for a 5.7-percent increase [in county funding over FY 2014] to cover the cost of uncontrollable increases."

This number amounts to \$98.1 million. Enrollment and demographics, alone, are fueling \$25.8 million of this increase. Since FY 2010, enrollment has rocketed by 15,603 students — many of whom require multiple services, including intensive special education. Some 28 percent are projected to be eligible for free- or reduced-price meals, and 15.4 percent will need ESOL services.

And, said Michael, while it costs an average of \$11,359 to educate a general-education student, it costs \$3,481 more per student to educate ESOL students. The cost to educate each special-ed student is \$22,720.

In addition, school-system retirement costs — mainly driven by hikes in the state-mandated, contribution rate for the Virginia Retirement System — have jumped by \$38.9 million. Also rising are the health-insurance rates, by \$23.9 million, and the step increases for eligible employees, by \$41 million.

Nonetheless, to trim FCPS' budget, Garza eliminated 731 positions: 82 from central support, such as Information Technology; 180.5 from school support, including assistant principals, technology specialists, clerical staff and custodians; and 468.7 from the classroom, including teachers and instructional assistants.

As a result, said Michael, "We're going to see 3,000 more students next year — and we'll have to educate them with 317.4 fewer [teaching] positions."

**THE SCHOOL BOARD** will adopt its budget on May 22 and the County Executive is recommending only a 2-percent increase in school funding over last

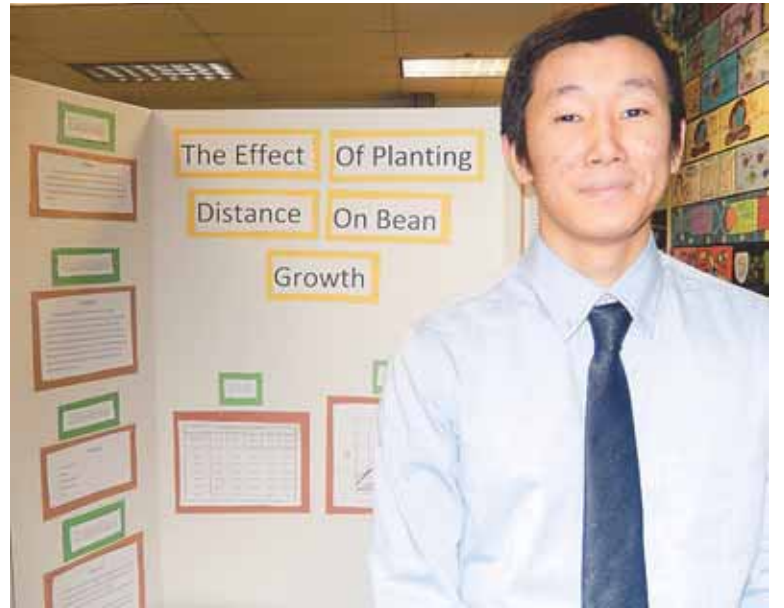
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**Brian Nolte** investigated water volume and turbine speed.



**Sydney Greenlee** researched birth order and personality.



**Kyle Sim** researched plant distance on bean growth.

# Plants, Water, Salt and Birth Order

## Students participate in Chantilly High's science fair.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Chantilly High's recent science fair brought out the curiosity and creativity in the participating students. Below, some of them explain their projects:

### BRIAN NOLTE

Junior Brian Nolte investigated the effect of the volume of water in a dam on the speed of a turbine. His hypothesis was that, if the dam's water level decreases, the rpm speed of the turbine it's powering would decrease.

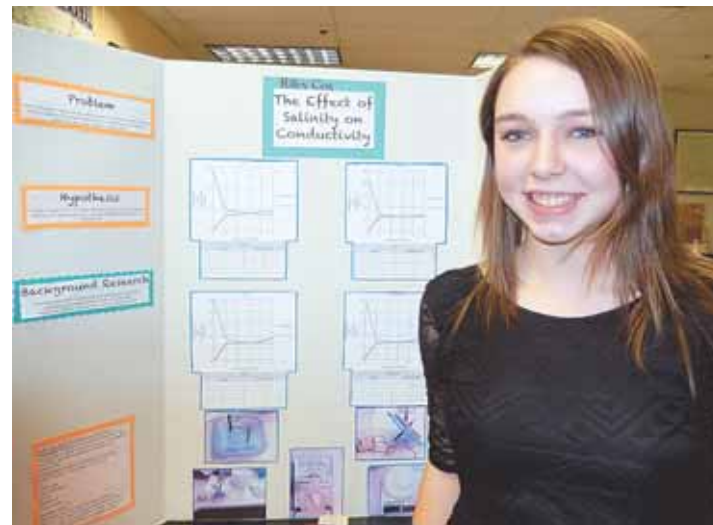
"I created a miniature dam out of a litter box and drilled a hole in the side, near the bottom," he said. "For the turbine, I drilled holes in two wooden blocks and stuck a metal pole in each one. Then I put aluminum foil around each pole to create the turbine, added water and measured the water level."

"Then I opened the block to let the water out," continued Nolte. "I tested four, different water levels and proved my conclusion that, as the water level decreases, so does the rpm of the turbine."

### SYDNEY GREENLEE

Sophomore Sydney Greenlee considered the effect of birth order on personality. "I wanted to see if last-born children would be the most open to new experiences, the least conscientious about their actions, more extroverted and agreeable than their siblings, and mildly neurotic," she said.

"I tested this hypothesis with the Big Five Indicator Survey done by two scientists, ranking people according to openness, conscientiousness, extroversion, agreeability and neuroticism," said Greenlee. "I organized a group of 44 people — friends and classmates who answered questions about



**Riley Cox** investigated salinity's effect on conductivity.

their personalities, anonymously, in writing. But they had to list their birth order, and the hypothesis proved mostly correct."

### KYLE SIM

Kyle Sim, a junior, researched the effect of planting distance between plants on bean growth. In one pot, he planted seeds next to each other; in four other pots, the seeds were farther and farther apart.

"I was trying to find out the least amount of distance between them without affecting their growth," he said. "That way, farmers could grow plants more efficiently in a small amount of space."

"I found that 4 centimeters was the least amount of space that you could have between the seeds without affecting their growth," continued Sim. "In the pot with the seeds closest together — almost on top of each other — only one plant grew well."

### RILEY COX

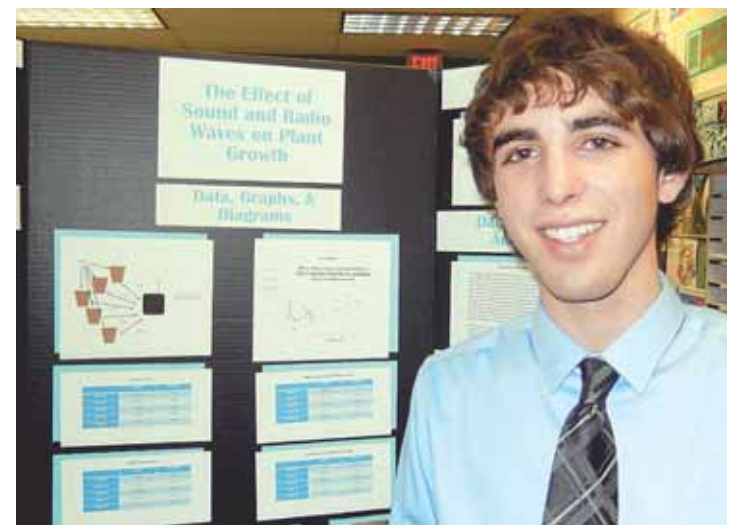
Sophomore Riley Cox investigated the effect of salinity on conductivity. "I wanted to see how to identify if there's salt or water in soil," she said. "If plants and animals are dying, it's often from an increase in salt. When salinity changes because of road salt from snow running into streams or chemicals getting into grass, plants and animals can die because they're not adapted to that

much salt."

So, said Cox, "I put a saltwater solution into a container with multimeter probes on top to measure resistance. If there's a lot of resistance against the electric current, there's less conductivity — and salt is known to be conductive. And as the resistance went down, the conductivity went up. So my hypothesis was correct: The more salt in the water, the higher the conductivity."

### ZACH COHEN

Zach Cohen, a sophomore, researched the effect of sound and radio waves on plant



**Zach Cohen** learned how sound and radio waves affect plant growth.

growth. He was trying to see if these waves have any effect on the growth of plants and whether it's beneficial or negative.

"I planted four sets of lima-bean plants," he said. "One set was exposed to low-frequency sound waves; one, to high-frequency sound waves; one, to radio waves; and one wasn't exposed to anything."

After a week, Cohen measured the plants' height and biomass, or weight. "I set a radio to 14,000 kilohertz to attract the kind of waves I needed," he said. "The plants exposed to radio waves had higher heights and weights than all the others."

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [centreview@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:centreview@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Fairfax County Public Schools middle and high school students won first place awards in 24 categories at the 2014 Northern Regional Technology Student Association Fair, held Saturday at Mount Vernon High School.

The top three winners in each category have the potential to advance to the state competition, Technosphere, which will be held May 2-4 in Richmond.

First place winners at the middle school level (level I), include Carson Middle School: **Sujay Ratna**, career prep; **Ann Mathew** and **Ruiran Xun**, Challenging Technology Issues; **Ruiran Xun**, Communication Challenge;

**Yukta Chidanandan**, Digital Photography; **Rishin Pandit**, **Champa Narayan**, **Yukta Chidanandan**, **Amrit Gorle**, and **Sitara Uppalapati**, Water Infrastructure.

First place winners at the high school level (level II), include: **Vyshnavi Pendala** of Westfield High School, Career Preparation, and **Truman Heberle** of Chantilly High School, Engineering 3D CAD. Visit <http://virginiatsa.org>.

The Alpha Iota Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College recently inducted new officers, members and faculty advisors. New Phi Theta Kappa members at NOVA-Manassas include **Tyler Cochran** and **Stephanie Mui**.

# Supervisors, School Board in Budget Tug-of-War

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year. When a female resident asked what the county has done to cut back, Datta said it's chopped more than \$240 million from its budget since 2008, including 650 positions.

So, said Frey, the county has also had to do more with less money and personnel. "When economic times are tough, we have more demands by residents for services," he said. "More people are needing food, health-care and housing assistance. Our popula-

tion has also grown, and economic stress leads to more domestic-violence calls." But, he added, I'm hopeful we're going to give more than a 2-percent increase to the school system."

Hoping for that, as well, is Mountain View High librarian Becca Ferrick, president of the Association of Fairfax Professional Educators. "We're being asked to do more, with less resources and increased mandates, for no increase in compensation," she said. "So to ask for a realistic 5.7-per-

cent increase and get 2 percent is frustrating."

"I want to do more for the schools than 2 percent," replied Frey. "That'll be a priority of mine."

In one of the meeting's few comments not about education, Jeff Parnes — whose wife Daria is branch manager of the Chantilly Regional Library — told Frey the county library system needs the

extra \$2 million it requested. He said adults use libraries for educational purposes, as well as youth, and many depend on libraries for access to a computer.

The last resident commenting was Montgomery County first-grade teacher Charlene Aguste. "As an educator and a parent, I moved [to Fairfax County] because of the school system, and the student-to-

teacher ratio is huge to me," she said. "But I choose not to work in Fairfax County because of the pay."

"Teachers are being asked to deal with more students with mental and other issues for such low pay," she continued. "Without good schools and teachers, Fairfax County will lose its great reputation and people and businesses won't move here."

## ROUNDUPS

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### Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, Volunteer Solutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm).

### How to Help the CLRC

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) needs volunteers to lead vocational training workshops to increase the workers' job skills. A Wednesday morning ESOL instructor is also needed; contact Molly Maddra at [coordinator@centrevilleLRC.org](mailto:coordinator@centrevilleLRC.org) for more information.

In addition, end-of-year contributions to CLRC may be made at [www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org](http://www.centrevilleimmigrationforum.org). The organization is supported totally by grants and donations; it receives no government funding.

### Long-Term Care Advocates

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteer advocates for residents in assisted living and nursing facilities. Training is provided. Call 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### How to Hire CLRC Workers

The Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC) serves businesses and homeowners needing help with just about any home remodeling or maintenance project. And local residents who'd like to hire a worker from the CLRC may do so easily. Either call 703-543-6272 or go to [www.centrevilleLRC.org](http://www.centrevilleLRC.org) and click on the "How to Hire" link. Tell what kind of work is required, how many workers are needed and when.

The CLRC will match the needs to its registered workers' skills and set up the job. The price for work will be negotiated. After the job is completed, employers are encouraged to provide the CLRC with feedback to ensure that the work was done well and to their satisfaction and to make sure the workers are fairly paid.


### Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail [WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org](mailto:WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org) or go to [www.fairfaxfoundation.org](http://www.fairfaxfoundation.org).

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# Invitation

For parents whose children are entering  
Kindergarten for the 2014/15 School Year

Kiddie Country Developmental Learning Center, 9601 Old Keene Mill Road, will be presenting an overview to assist those parents who are seeking a high quality educational kindergarten experience for their child(ren) on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

This presentation will be conducted by Karen Duffy, Curriculum Specialist, and Tricia Daniels, Virginia Licensed Kindergarten teacher. Together Ms. Duffy and Ms. Daniels have a total of forty-four years of teaching experience between them and are eager to talk with you and answer any questions you may have.

Kiddie Country's Kindergarten program is highly recognized for its advanced curriculum and outstanding students who meet with great success in first grade and beyond. Come join us for a relaxed session that will fully describe the many outstanding attributes of this highly acclaimed curriculum and the reasons why Kiddie Country's Kindergarten is a "best choice" placement for your child.

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# OPINION

## Why I Support Medicaid Expansion

BY SHARON BULOVA  
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS



### COMMENTARY

As the Virginia General Assembly continues to discuss the expansion of Medicaid, the benefits and consequences of doing so have received a great deal of attention. Debates rage in the media, among businesses and around the kitchen tables of ordinary Virginians throughout the state. At our board meeting of March 25 my colleagues and I reiterated, in a bi-partisan vote, our strong support for Medicaid expansion in Virginia, and here's why:

First and foremost, Virginians have already paid for most of Medicaid expansion through our federal tax dollars. Through the year 2022, Virginians will pay \$29.7 billion in Affordable Care Act related taxes and fees to the federal government. The federal government will cover almost all of the cost for Medicaid expansion with tax dollars collected from the states, including Virginia. If Medicaid is expanded in Virginia, the federal government will pay 100 percent of the cost through 2016, decreasing incrementally to 90 percent in 2020 and subsequent years. If Medicaid is not ex-

panded in Virginia, we will still pay those same taxes but will see no corresponding benefit to our uninsured population — rather, our tax dollars will be used to pay for uninsured individuals in other states.

Second, the economic benefits of expanding Medicaid, aside from the obvious return of taxpayer dollars to our state, far outweigh the costs. To put it plainly, not addressing affordable health care coverage in Virginia costs Virginia money. Employed Virginians with insurance already subsidize care provided for uninsured Virginians needing urgent treatment when they show up in emergency rooms. These visits result in higher premiums for employed Virginians as well as increased provider costs. Medicaid expansion would increase less expensive preventative care thus reducing more expensive emergency care. This would not only drive down costs but could also improve the overall health of Virginia residents.

A largely unseen cost of our current situation is the existing financial burden on county-funded safety net providers, including non-

profit organizations that assist lower income residents. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board estimates that the percentage of clients receiving substance abuse treatment or mental health services who are covered by Medicaid will rise from 38 percent to 50 percent under the proposed expansion, freeing up County funding for other critical needs.

Lastly, Medicaid expansion provides a tremendous opportunity to do more to help our most vulnerable residents. In Fairfax County alone, up to 30,000 low-income residents would become eligible for Medicaid through expansion, including: individuals earning less than \$15,302 per year; families earning less than \$31,155 per year; low-income children who lose Medicaid when they turn 19; and, adults with disabilities not eligible for Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance. Under Medicaid expansion, Virginia's health care delivery system will have the resources needed to provide quality services to those in need.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Fairfax County's local hospitals recognize these facts, and have strongly endorsed Medicaid expansion. Let's keep Virginia's tax dollars in Virginia and increase access for uninsured Virginians at the same time.

## Maintaining a Viable, Diverse Community

While need for housing, childcare, healthcare and other human services have grown, these programs have faced significant cuts over past few years.

To the Board of Supervisors:

The following open letter to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors concerns housing and human services budget recommendations from the Fairfax County Budget Advocacy Coalition for Housing and Human Services.

As you consider the proposed FY 2015 county budget, we urge you to make additional and needed investments in housing, health and human services programs. These recommendations were developed through a collaborative process of nonprofit housing developers, human service providers, and advocacy organizations identifying community needs. Strategic public investments in housing and human services can leverage significant amounts of private capital to provide a return on the county's investment. These investments help us maintain a diverse, caring community that provides access to opportunities for all.

The guiding principles that informed our decisions are as follows:

- ❖ No one recommendation takes priority over the others;
- ❖ Each recommendation funds a program that is an essential component of a system of housing and services that offer individuals and families in need the optimum chances for success;
- ❖ These recommendations support a wide spectrum of households along the housing continuum;

❖ No funding for new initiatives is requested. Instead, these recommendations fund coordinated efforts between housing and service providers to deliver critical safety net supports with maximum efficiency and adoption of best practices.

Our coalition supports the limited housing and human services funding in the County Executive's Budget, and respectfully urges no further cuts to these budgets. This request is made in light of significant cuts to these programs over the past few years, even as the need for housing, childcare, healthcare and other human services have grown. In supporting the County's Executive proposals, we would like to highlight the following:

**Contract Rate Increases for Human Service Providers:** We support the County Executive's inclusion of \$2.17 million for a contract rate increase for human services providers in the County, especially nonprofits. These providers offer critical services to low and moderate income households that would fall to the county alone if the nonprofit partners did not exist. These community-based organizations have built corporate and private sector support for their efforts to leverage public resources. However, funding for these organizations that provide services must keep pace with inflation, our high cost of living, pay and benefits, to

attract and retain their staff.

**Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP):** We support the increase of \$743,388 (7.5 percent over the FY 2014 Adopted Budget amount of \$9.9 million) for the first year of a two-year CCFP cycle that begins in FY 2015. FY 2015 Community Development Block Grant funding is projected to be \$1.8 million, an increase of \$250,791. The total FY 2015 CCFP funding is therefore anticipated to be \$12.4 million, an increase of \$944,179 over the FY 2014 amount of \$11.4 million. This additional funding strengthens the county's investment in community-based programs and is welcomed.

**Mondloch Place \$275,000 (Office to End and Prevent Homelessness):** We support funding needed for on-site supportive services to formerly homeless single adults. The funds will pay the contract costs to operate the program, including staffing the facility, and leverages the county's investment in the substantial renovation of the building.

**Employment Services \$200,000 (Office to End and Prevent Homelessness):** We support continued funding for a pilot program integrating employment services into the existing Bridging Affordability framework of the Housing Blueprint. Providing services that adequately address the special needs of many in the Bridging Affordability program — something that is lacking in existing employment services programs — is essential for these households to achieve greater financial security and self-sufficiency. This funding was originally included in the FY 2014 budget, but was held in reserve pending approval of the plan.

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# Food, Fashion and Fun in Fair Oaks

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voice and recently sang at the Vatican for the Pope. He's also an accomplished concert pianist."

Lord & Taylor of Fair Oaks is providing the fashions, and seven women and two men will each model outfits for casual wear, daytime and evening soirees. And, said Ganey, "The store's general manager, Chris Poleto, does a wonderful job with the commentary, describing the clothes as the models come down the runway."

**MODELING** are Mary Lou Glover of Clifton; Carolina Hurtado, Fairfax; Christina O'Connell, Fairfax; Sharon Gottlieb, Fairfax Station; Jeanette Crutchfield, Vienna; Stephen Braitsch, McLean; firefighter Paul Meade, Fairfax Station; Kathleen Lear, Ashburn; and Bridget Sampson, Charlottesville.

Chicken with roasted tomatillos and citrus sauce, salad and dessert will be served for lunch; a vegetarian meal will also be offered. And a selection of costume jewelry will be available for purchase. The silent auction features an array of items, including gift cards from local restaurants such as Ruth's Chris and the Great American chain.

"It's a delicious lunch in a nice setting, with a silent auction, jewelry sale, great entertainment and good company," said Ganey. "And it raises money for a worthy cause — the valuable outreach projects the Salvation Army does."

The event raises money toward the Fairfax Salvation Army's programs for local families in need. The group provides utility and rent assistance, food, emergency clothing and furniture, plus toys and bicycles at Christmastime.

The Auxiliary also gives school supplies and backpacks to local students, helps send children to camp and purchases music and instruments for a Youth Music Program. So the members hope for a good turnout at Friday's fundraiser.

"We have 111 silent-auction items," said silent-auction coordinator Connie Lauther of the City of Fairfax. "Items up for bid include two tickets to the National Symphony Orchestra Pops Concert, Waterford candlesticks, Vera Bradley purses and accessories, a limited edition of a print titled 'Hillside of Fairfax Station,' and fine jewelry, such as Majorica pearls."

**OTHER AUCTION ITEMS** include \$100 gift cards to Lord & Taylor and L'Hermitage Bistro in Occoquan. Noted children's author Deborah Sue Latiolais is offering a story time for 20 children, and Great Harvest Bread Co. will provide a gift basket, plus a monthly loaf of bread for a year.

There's also an overnight stay for two at the Red Fox Inn in Middleburg and an overnight stay in the family suite at Great Wolf Lodge in Williamsburg. Also up for bid will be artwork and home appliances such as blenders and toaster ovens.

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Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University take an educational field trip. Opportunities for socializing and learning are important as one ages.



Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University listen to a lecture. Experts say mental stimulation plays an important role in aging in place.

## How To Age in Place Safely Techniques and programs that can help seniors stay in their homes longer.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he AARP reports that nearly 80 percent of adults age 65 and older want to remain in their current homes as long as possible. That population is growing. According to the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging, the population 65 years or older numbered 39.6 million in 2009. By 2030, that number will grow to about 72.1 million.

While people are living longer and healthier lives, there are still barriers to aging in place, including medication management, self-care, socialization and transportation. But there are innovative strategies and initiatives to help combat these roadblocks.

"We're showing people how to modify their home so that it is accessible," said Robert C. Eiffert, the Long Term Care Program manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. Fairfax and other local counties are conducting workshops on how to make a home safe for a senior who wants to live alone. "We're talking about things like adding a ramp to your front door, changing your door knobs and cabinet handles for people who have arthritis in their hands."

"There are wonderful emerging technologies that allow adult children to monitor their parents who live alone," he said. "It is not intrusive. There are not cameras involved, but there are motion sensors. For example, if there is no movement in the morning, an adult child might think, 'Hmmm, I need to check.'"

Andrew J. Carle, director of the Senior Housing Administration at George Mason University, recommends First Street for Boomers and Beyond ([www.firststreetonline.com](http://www.firststreetonline.com)) which offers products for seniors and their caregivers. "Products like a nice walk in bathtub for seniors or an alarm that reminds you when



Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University play music for their peers.

to take your medicine are things you can do to change your home and make it safe."

**A LACK OF SOCIAL** interaction and mental stimulation can contribute to depression and mental deterioration, Carle said. Organizations like the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University, offer opportunities for intellectual stimulation and cultural experiences for retirees in Northern Virginia.

"OLLI, as we call it, is for people who don't want to sit around and watch television all day," said Carle. "Professors volunteer their time to give lectures on art, history, science and other topics. Listening to professors speak about stimulating topics helps keep their brains sharp."

Jennifer Disano, OLLI's executive director, says the group has 1,200 members, and is funded by an endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The group's main campus is in Fairfax, but other campuses are in Reston and Sterling. It serves the needs of those who might not feel comfortable in traditional college classrooms and don't want the pressure of writing papers and taking tests, but are still interested in learning.

"We have people here who were economists and worked with finance, but in their retired life they want to explore areas ... like art classes or history classes," she said.

One of those members is 76-year-old John Woods. He has attended three to four OLLI events a week for 10 years. "We have a wide variety of professionals and a wide variety of groups that meet," he said. "We have a group that meets to talk about financial investments. Another group meets every Monday morning at 9 a.m. and looks at the past week's headlines from the Washington Post, New York Times and Wall Street Journal. They have insights that are important. The stimulating thing is sharing ideas among ourselves."

**VILLAGES ARE** community-based organizations designed to help members help each other remain independent and in the communities of their choice. "Back in 2000, villages started with a group in Boston, and in 2007 there was a big boom," said Barbara Sullivan, executive director of Mount Vernon at Home in Mount Vernon. "It is community-based. Every village is different, but they're there for people who want to age in place."

There are a few different models, including the "Concierge Village," which is a non-profit model that coordinates access to an array of services through vetted providers, including transportation, home repairs, care coordination and computer technicians. Most also include social and educational activities. Members arrange for services by calling a central phone number, and pay annual dues that can range from \$500 to \$800 for an individual and \$700 to \$1,200 for a couple.

The "All Volunteer" model organizes community volunteers to provide services and support to others. There are no paid staff. In some cases, hours donated by volunteers are "banked" and can be used in the future if the volunteer needs services or assistance. The "Neighborhood Network" is also informal. Groups meet on a regular basis to hear speakers on topics of interest.

**ANOTHER BIG GAP** is medication man-

### Local Villages

#### FAIRFAX COUNTY VILLAGES

For more information about current Villages in Fairfax County, call, email or visit the web page of one of the Villages listed below:

- ❖ **Braddock District Council Aging in Place Program** — Email: [bwallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:bwallbdc@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Franklin Park Village** — email [e.duggan@verizon.net](mailto:e.duggan@verizon.net) or call 703-534-4964
- ❖ **Herndon Village Network (HVN)** — 703-582-9482
- ❖ **Lake Barcroft Village** — [www.lakebarcroftvillage.org](http://www.lakebarcroftvillage.org)
- ❖ **McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA)** — email [mcleancommunityvillage@gmail.com](mailto:mcleancommunityvillage@gmail.com) or visit [www.mcva.weebly.com](http://www.mcva.weebly.com)
- ❖ **Mosby Woods Village** — [mosbywoodsivillage@gmail.com](mailto:mosbywoodsivillage@gmail.com)
- ❖ **Mount Vernon at Home Village** — [www.mountvernonathome.org](http://www.mountvernonathome.org)
- ❖ **Reston for a Lifetime** — [www.restonforalifetime.org](http://www.restonforalifetime.org)
- ❖ **Reston Useful Services Exchange** — [www.restonuse.org](http://www.restonuse.org)

To learn more, visit the Village to Village Network at [www.tvtnetwork.org](http://www.tvtnetwork.org).

agement, Eiffert said. "If someone can't manage their own medication and can't afford to pay someone to come in to do it for them, that is a service gap that forces people into assisted living facilities."

Carle agrees that the decision to age in place is complicated. "The first knee-jerk reaction is that when asked, seniors want to stay in their own homes," he said, adding that those surveys can be misleading: "The surveys are not always credible if you're surveying people who are 50-plus. I'm 54 and of course I want to stay in my house, but ask me again in 20 years. I think they should be surveying people who are 75-plus."

In addition, "people don't always understand the economic, social and safety aspects of it," he added. "You can create all kinds of technology and universal designs to create a house for aging in place, but a senior might not be able to afford it. It could end up costing far more than the best assisted living facility in town."



# Human Services: Between Growing Needs and Budget Cuts

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Katherine K. Hanley Townhomes \$235,220 (Office to End and Prevent Homelessness): We support funding to provide supportive housing and services to families with children. Two 3-unit buildings are scheduled to open in December 2014.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Services \$139,973 (Department of Family Services): We support funding for one new program manager position to address both increasing caseloads and the complexity of work in the Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services.

Investment in School Readiness \$714,000 (Office of Children): We support the County Executive's proposal in the FY2015 budget to expand community-based programs for children living in poverty to reach school benchmarks.

Affordable Housing (Housing and Community Development): Securing safe, decent affordable housing remains one of the greatest challenges for low and moderate income households in Fairfax County and is a considerable barrier to a family's ability to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.

Housing Blueprint: The FY 2015 advertised budget includes \$1.95 million to fund the Bridging Affordability rental program as a portion of the budget for the FY 2015 Housing Blueprint. The funding for this program was reallocated in the FY2014 budget, and the proposed FY2015 allocation is approximately \$2 million less than FY2013.

Bridging Affordability was adopted as the county's signature program within the Housing Blueprint to move families out of homelessness and onto a more sustainable future. This program provides rental subsidies and case management to extremely low-income households, and has successfully served over 281 families. Bridging Affordability works. Nearly 70 percent of households that have successfully transitioned out of Bridging Affordability into permanent housing have moved on to fair market housing.

With the current Bridging Affordability program funding, we are positioned to continue to serve approximately 150 new households through FY14 and FY15. Beginning in FY16, it is critical that Fairfax County continues to invest in this high-impact, high-demand program to ensure that hundreds of extremely low income families have access to stable housing options and don't cycle back into

homelessness.

The FY2015 advertised budget also includes \$5 million for the New Private Partner Acquisition to increase the county's stock of committed affordable housing. This funding would be used to preserve or develop 120 units of affordable housing for low income working families, but this amount is inadequate to provide the gap financ-

ing for such a project, especially if the goal of serving formerly homeless persons, as stated in the Blueprint, is to be achieved.

In considering these requests, please note the following statistics:

- ❖ U.S. Census Bureau statistics show an estimated 73,916 households in Fairfax County earning less than \$50,000 annually, or about 47 percent of the area's

median income for a family of four (\$107,300);

- ❖ Census data also shows an estimated 67,293 persons living below the poverty level in Fairfax County;

- ❖ According to the Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech, the total affordable housing gap in Fairfax County for low and moderate-income renters (earning no

more than \$85,000 for a family of four) is 28,405 units;

- ❖ The Blueprint for Housing shows a shortfall of 1,818 units for FY2015 in meeting the goals of the 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness;

- ❖ Nearly 1,650 CSB clients need affordable housing.

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## FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

**Tax Help.** Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, will hold free tax help hosted by AARP Tax-Aide on Tuesdays 4-8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 1-5 p.m. Free. For taxpayers with low- and middle-

income and special attention to those age 60 and older. Bring photo ID, social security card and prior year's tax return.

**Tax Help.** Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, will host free tax help with IRS-certified volunteers for taxpayers who earned up to \$52,000. On Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays at 10 a.m. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 3

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 5

**ESL Book Club.** 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book. Call 703-502-3883.

**English Conversation Group.** 3:30 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Conversation practice for adult learners of English, led by volunteers. Call 703-830-2223.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 6

**Music and Ministry.** 8:45 and 11

a.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. New York City tenor Israel Martinez will sing and his wife, Katie, will minister regarding her fashion design work to help restore lives of abused women. Free. Visit [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org) or call 703-383-1170.

## MONDAY/APRIL 7

### Kindergarten Registration.

Brookfield Elementary School will host a kindergarten registration for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before Sept. 30, 2014, and are living within the Brookfield Elementary School boundaries should contact the school at 703-814-8700 in order to make an appointment.

### Korean Immersion Showcase.

2-3 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville. Colin Powell Elementary School will share information about their Two-Way Korean Immersion Program. The Korean Immersion Program is open, primarily to students who live within the Colin Powell boundaries; however, a limited number of seats will be opened for pupil placement of students from neighboring FCPS schools. Interested parents of kindergarten, first grade or second grade students should come to the

showcase to learn more about the program. Contact Mrs. Apperson at 571-522-6000.

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book. Call 703-830-2223.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9

**Free Seminar.** 7-8:30 p.m. at 12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 120, Fairfax. Simplified Stock Investment Management and 1031 Tax-Free Property Exchanges. Register at 703-969-4966.

**Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm) for meeting materials, archives and more. Call 703-324-8662.

## MONDAY/APRIL 14

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book. Call 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 15

**English Conversation Group.** 10:30

a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 16

**Palliative Care Conversation.** 1 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Palliative Care at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital explains how they try to help families deal with serious illnesses. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 17

**Republican Women's Club.** 6:30 p.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Liberty Republican Women's Club meeting with Del. Jim LeMunyon as guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend. Social hour from 5:30-6:15. Free. Call 703-378-2519.

**eBook Help.** 5 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Get eBook questions answered. Bring a tablet or digital reader and library card. Call 703-502-3883.

**Diagnosis: Dementia ... Now What?** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Christi Clark, education and outreach coordinator at Insight Memory Care Center, presents information on how to adjust to life with someone who has dementia. Call 703-502-3883.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 19

**English Conversation Group.** 3:30 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Conversation practice for adult learners of English, led by volunteers. Call 703-830-2223.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 20

**Easter.** Fairfax County Public Libraries are closed for the Easter holiday.

## MONDAY/APRIL 21

**Registration.** Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2014 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at [www.fcps.edu/boundary](http://www.fcps.edu/boundary). Call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500 if you have a child who meets these requirements. Registration will be held 2-7 p.m. Enrollment information and forms will be mailed out prior to the registration. For more information visit [www.fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml).

**Wellness Presentation.** 7 p.m. at the Cale Community Center (formerly the Greenbriar Community Center), 4615 Stringfellow Road. GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club (WFCWC), will host "Take Charge of Stress in Your Life." J. Goodlett McDaniel will discuss how action allays anxiety and helps us survive the stressors of life. Guests welcome and admission free. Visit [www.wfcwc.org](http://www.wfcwc.org), call Marion Brown at 703-631-7093, or email [westernfairfaxcountywcc@gmail.com](mailto:westernfairfaxcountywcc@gmail.com).

**ESL Book Club.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book. Call 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 22

**English Conversation Group.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

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**Sully Historic Site.** 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Enjoy guided tours of the 1794 home of Northern Virginia's first congressman, Richard Bland Lee. \$7/adult; \$6/student; \$5/senior and child. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-437-1794.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 3

**Ready for Baby Storytime.** 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and games for preschool-aged children with pregnant mothers or newborn siblings to help get used to the baby. Dolls welcome. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities for children age 13-23 months with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 4.

**Volleyball.** 7 p.m. at at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Rd, Clifton. Centreville ES vs. Union Mill ES annual staff volleyball game — teachers from both schools show their school spirit. \$2, buy tickets in advance to support a school or buy tickets at the door.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 5

**A Bear-y Good Time.** 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities about bears for children age 3-5 years with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

**Paws for Reading.** 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Read aloud for a 15-minute session with a therapy dog. Bring a book or choose from the library. Ages 5-12. Call 703-502-3883.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 6

**Fine Arts and Music.** 6 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Jubilee Christian Center is having a Fine Arts & Music performance sponsored by the Youth Department. Free, the public is invited. Call 703-383-1170 or visit [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org) for more.

## MONDAY/APRIL 7

**Puppetopia Stories for April.** 4 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Puppet stories pay tribute to National Poetry Month, Earth Day and National Library Week, for children age 6-12. Call 703-830-2223.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 8

**A Bear-y Good Time.** 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities about bears for children age 3-5 years with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

**Storytime.** 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow

Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Magic and Mayhem.** 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A sci-fi and fantasy book discussion group for students in middle school. Call 703-502-3883.

## THURSDAY/APRIL 10

**Civil War Lecture.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. "Gettysburg, 1938 Veterans Reunion" by author and historian Al Smith. Call 703-830-2223.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 11

**Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Large selection of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction, including Korean books, and DVDs, CDs and audio books. Sponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library to fund special programs, renovation projects, activities and equipment for the library. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Call the library at 703-502-3883 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/) events.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 12

**Passion4Community.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Cost of Admission is a can of food or other non-perishable item, which will be used to help families in need throughout our local communities. Visit <http://artsncraftsfair.weebly.com>.

**Spring Upscale Resale.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Salvation Army Fairfax, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. The Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary of Washington is holding a SPRING UPSCALE RESALE. For sale will be new and gently used purses, scarves, jewelry, lamps, art, silk floral arrangements, Christmas and home decor, glassware, knick-knacks, kitchen goods, toys, furniture, sporting goods and more. Visit [www.SalvationArmyNCA.org](http://www.SalvationArmyNCA.org).

**Masters Demo Day.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave, Clifton. Gear from top brands, beverages, coverage of the Masters Tournament, and deals are just a few of the things that will be going on at the 2nd Annual Masters Demo Day. Visit [www.westfieldsgolf.com](http://www.westfieldsgolf.com) for more.

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## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 12-13

**Bunny Paws.** Fair Oaks Mall will host two 'Bunny Paws in Bunnyville' dates for pet photography with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 12, 8:30-9:30 a.m., and Sunday, April 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All pets must be on a leash or in a lightweight cage or pet carrier with a harness. Pets and their owners may enter Fair Oaks after hours from the lower level south east entrance only, adjacent to Todai Japanese Sushi & Seafood Buffet. Visit [www.shopfairoaksmall.com](http://www.shopfairoaksmall.com) or call 703-359-8300.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a T-TRAK (table top) train show of N gauge model trains. \$4/ adults 16 and over; \$2/ children 5-15; free for children under 5 and for Museum members. Visit, [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org) or 703-425-9225.

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## MONDAY/APRIL 14

**Eric Energy: Spark Attack.** 2 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Fun science experiments involving electricity, lasers and sound, with lots of audience participation. For ages 6-12. Call 703-830-2223.

**Bookalicious.** 2:15 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A book discussion group for students in grades 3 and 4. Call 703-502-3883.

**Writers of Chantilly.** 6:45 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A supportive environment for adults to share their work, give and receive feedback. Call 703-502-3883.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 15

**Toddlin' Twos.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Time for Tots.** 11 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities for children ages 2-3 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Storytime for children ages 3-5 with adult. Wear pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and a blanket. Call 703-502-3883.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 16

**Duplo Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Duplo play storytime helps develop and reinforce early literacy skills for children ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Bouncin' Babies.** 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for babies up to 11 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Small Wonders.** 4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

**Eric Energy: Spark Attack.** 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Fun science experiments involving electricity, lasers and sound, with lots of audience participation. For children from kindergarten through 6th grade. Call 703-502-3883.

**Starlight Storytime.** 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories for children ages 4-8 with adult. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Call 703-830-2223.

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# Area Robotics Teams Compete at Patriot Center

## Several NOVA teams win awards at FIRST Robotics Competition Greater D.C. Regional

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ore than 50 teams, including several from Fairfax County, spent the weekend at the two-day FIRST Robotics Competition Greater D.C. Regional, using their engineering and science skills to compete for a spot in the world championship.

The competition, which took place at the Patriot Center in Fairfax on March 28 and 29, allowed students from Virginia, Maryland, Washington D.C. and other states along the East Coast to show off their robots and work together in what has been called “the varsity Sport for the Mind.”

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a non-profit organization that helps young people foster an interest in science and engineering.

Students had only six weeks to design and build a robot for the competition. The robot can be up to 5 feet tall and can weigh no more than 120 pounds.

This year’s game was called “Aerial Assist,” and requires the robots to shoot exercise balls through goals. The competition



JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION

**Chantilly Robotics Team 612 of Chantilly Academy received the Greater D.C. Regional Engineering Inspiration Award and will be advancing to the world competition in St. Louis.**

included more than 100 rounds of the game, in which six teams are divided into three-team alliances.

Brian Morris, the CEO of Chantilly Robotics Team 612, said the team spent most of Friday morning adjusting their strategy for the game.

“It may seem simple, but the strategy behind it is really complex and really deep,” Morris said. “There are certain plays in this game that are very high risk, but high reward. It’s cool and impressive to be able to shoot in the high goal, but if you miss the goal, the ball has the tendency to bounce around and you waste a ton of time, and it’s time when you could be doing the simpler things.”

Chantilly Academy’s strategy seems to have worked, as the team won the Greater D.C. Regional Engineering Inspiration Award and will be advancing to the world

competition in St. Louis.

Teamwork is an important value at FIRST, something that can be seen at the competition.

“It’s fantastic. A lot of the teams know each other and we see each other at other events,” Morris said. “It may seem like chaos, but if you ask any FIRST person, they’ll tell you it’s the best thing in the world.”

Members of AIM Robotics Team 1123, which is a community-based team that practices in Lorton, said they enjoy seeing all of the robots in action at the competition.

“It’s a great experience seeing everything put together,” said William Mills, a member of the team. “It’s great seeing all of our hard work put into action.”

Since the teams are organized into red and blue alliances, teamwork is emphasized at the competition and is important to ad-

vancing and winning points. The competition is also a great place to learn from each other.

“It’s really cool to see other robots. I’ll see one and think, why didn’t I think of that?” said Ryan Beaver, co-captain of AIM Robotics Team 1123.

The teams rely on their mentors, sponsors and volunteers to help them prepare for the competitions.

“We have some awesome students and mentors,” Morris said.

After the final round, the alliance of Techfire from York, Pa., Team Illusion from Greenbelt, Md., and Fresta Valley Robotics Club from Marshall, Va. won the competition and will be advancing to the world competition in St. Louis.

In addition, several teams in the Northern Virginia area qualify for the world competition after receiving awards at the Greater D.C. competition.

ILITE Robotics from Haymarket, Va. received the Regional Chairman’s Award and Chantilly Robotics won the Greater D.C. Regional Engineering Inspiration Award.

Team 1418 from George Mason High School in Falls Church was a finalist at the competition.

According to Robin Thurman, of Oakton, chair of FIRST Robotics Greater DC Regional, the organization’s partnership with the George Mason Volgenau School of Engineering has been enjoyable. She is also impressed with the work the students put towards the competition. “Each year they get smarter,” Thurman said.

# ‘People Can Identify with Characters’ Humanity

## Local woman writes book, “A Season’s Assemblage.”

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** new author has emerged with an anthology of short stories called “A Season’s Assemblage.” Her name is Cleo Magwaro, and she’s a resident of Fair Oaks’s Penderbrook community.

Originally from Zimbabwe, she started writing the book in 2002 while attending law school in Australia. Then she became busy teaching law and government classes at a university in Queensland, Australia, so she didn’t finish her book until around 2005.

“It was a long labor of love,” said Magwaro. “I’d put it aside, go over it and edit it. But I didn’t put it all together until 2009 when I figured I had enough different types of stories to include in the book. And I changed some of the stories over time.”

Meanwhile, she was also busy living her life, which included moving to the U.S. “I wanted to get my master’s in International



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**Cleo Magwaro with her book, “A Season’s Assemblage.”**

Law at American University’s Washington College of Law,” she said. “I got it in May 2011.”

Magwaro is also a wife and mother. Her husband Joe works in business development and their daughter Zoe is two-and-a-half. But now, she wants to let people know about her book, and she’s proud of what she’s accomplished in it.

“I wanted to have stories that would speak about various types of experiences,” she said. “I also wanted to see how my own experiences reflected on my writing to learn what qualities I had as a person. It’s fiction, but I treated my characters so they’d be relatable to readers.”

It’s a slim volume, just 84 pages, but

Magwaro’s packed it with a variety of interest-catching characters who overcome different challenges. “They’re always coming out of a struggle,” she said. “I’m African and my characters are African men, women and children.”

Most of the stories are set in Africa, as well, and all except one take place in modern day. In the first one, the main character is dealing with issues of self-worth and domestic abuse.

“But it’s approached in a lyrical way because I like poetry and beautiful words to introduce my characters and their thought processes,” said Magwaro. “Most of the story is told through the woman’s perspective, but there’s also another voice that’s interjected. It reminds her of who she was prior to her abusive situation and encourages her to reach into herself and see herself as someone capable of finding true love and worthy of having it.”

Magwaro also likes to leave some things unsaid so the readers may make up their own minds and appreciate learning about lives they might not know about, otherwise. “It’s real and it’s relatable — no matter where the characters live — because people can identify with the characters and their humanity,” she said.

Another story looks more closely at how

she views “the process of childhood and memory — and how we reconstruct events in the past and call them memories. I wanted to put down something beautiful and memorable.”

Still another of Magwaro’s stories in the anthology examines suicide. “But it’s done without judgment and looks at what could have led to the character’s decision to do this,” she said. “Observing her life objectively, it seemed fine on the surface. But she didn’t have the courage to explore what she didn’t like about herself.”

Another powerful story is written from a father’s perspective. “It tells about his lost dreams and what he’d want for his daughter if he could take her back in time to a place he once knew,” said Magwaro. “For example, he would have lived by an ocean. But how do you explain what an ocean is to someone living in a landlocked country?”

Magwaro’s paternal grandfather was originally from South Africa. So, she said, “I’ve always wondered what it was like for him to have lived there. He was kidnapped by others and taken to what was then Rhodesia as a young boy. So I wondered what his dreams and aspirations were and what he would have thought of South Africa if

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# SPORTS

## Chantilly Boys' Lax Wins 3

The defending state champion Chantilly boys' lacrosse team beat Robinson 7-5 on March 27, improving its record to 3-0. The Chargers opened the season with a 9-4 win over Broad Run on March 20, and beat Herndon 13-5 on March 24. Chantilly will host Dominion at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

## Chantilly Girls' Soccer 2-0

The Chantilly girls' soccer team started the 2014 season with a pair of 4-0 victories. The Chargers defeated Lake Braddock on March 21. Kayla Christian scored two goals for Chantilly, and Lauren Chung and Kaitlyn Forsht each scored one. Chantilly beat West Springfield on March 28. Four of the Chargers are committed to Division I schools: forward Laila Gray (Virginia Tech), defender Alli Kemp (East Carolina), defender Kelsey Young (George Mason) and midfielder Brianne Beard (Liberty). The Chargers will host Robinson at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

## Chantilly Wins Opener

The Chantilly baseball team opened its season with an 8-0 win over Stonewall Jackson on March 24. The Chargers faced South County on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Chantilly will host Osbourn Park on Thursday, April 3, and will travel to face Centreville at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8.

## Westfield Girls' Lax Wins

The Westfield girls' lacrosse team started the 2014 season on a positive note, beating Herndon 19-8 on March 27.

The Bulldogs faced Stone Bridge on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. Westfield will host Oakton at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

## Westfield Girls' Soccer Wins

The Westfield girls' soccer team improved to 2-0 with a 1-0 win over Yorktown on April 1. The Bulldogs opened the season with a 5-1 win against Washington-Lee on March 26. Westfield will host Centreville at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3.

## Centreville Boys' Lax Falls

The Centreville boys' lacrosse team endured a loss to Conference 5 rival Oakton on Thursday, March 27 by a score of 10-6.

The game featured long possessions and ball control, magnifying the importance of every missed shot and turnover. The first goal did not come until more than five minutes had passed, when Kyle Richbourg gave Centreville a 1-0 edge. The Cougars responded three minutes later to tie the score, and a Wildcat turnover less than a minute later allowed Oakton to move ahead.

Oakton scored again early in the

second quarter, but the game turned in Centreville's favor following a goal by Danny Meador. The Wildcats tied the score at three on a goal by John Tarver. The assist came from Kainoa O'Connor, who ran the ball across midfield following a defensive steal and clearing pass from Aidan Barnes. Centreville took a 4-3 halftime lead on a goal by Tommy Healy, with an assist from Carson McEver.

However, the third quarter belonged to Oakton, which scored five goals, including two when Centreville was in man-down situations. Oakton kept shooting in the fourth quarter, leading to two more goals, but Centreville did not give up. The final score resulted from two late Wildcat goals, both unassisted. The first was by Richbourg on a fast break, and the other was by Tarver during a man-up situation. Centreville goalie Kent Roy finished his second consecutive game with double-digit saves as the defense of Ben Kandel, Britton Lee and Aidan Barnes contributed several interceptions and takeaways.

## Centreville Girls' Lax 0-2

The Centreville girls' lacrosse team kicked off its season last week with two tough games.

On Monday, March 24 the Lady Wildcats traveled to Langley, where they lost in a close game, 10-9. The Wildcats had a slow start and were down at halftime. They came out strong in the second half with a quick goal from junior Reagan Newell, who was assisted by junior Kara Waddell. That goal sparked the Wildcats' comeback in the second half. Junior midfielder Caroline Wakefield led the Wildcats with three goals. Senior Katherine Zempolich and Newell each tallied two goals and an assist. Sophomore

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# Thanks, Coach...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

...my Certified Holistic Health Coach, Rebecca Nenner, that is. (Visit [www.healthcoachdiva.com](http://www.healthcoachdiva.com) for information leading to a healthier lifestyle.) More than a coach, Rebecca is my friend – and has been for many years. A former co-worker at the Connection Newspapers, Rebecca is as passionate about health and fitness as I am about the Boston Red Sox. She has been my guiding hand now for over five years, most especially when I was first diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer back in February, 2009. Although there are no whistles involved in her coaching, there are phone calls, e-mails, YouTube videos, Webinars and miscellaneous other advisories regularly landing in my inbox. To say Rebecca has saved my life might be an overstatement, given that I am being treated by an oncologist; however, she has given me an alternate perspective on what I can do to help my body survive my treatment and live like I have a present and a future, a gift if ever there was one.

To say that I was a bad eater (think problem child) would be unfair to any child ever characterized as a “bad eater.” My joke was: I eat about 10 things – all the time: meat and potatoes, bread and butter, bagels and cream cheese, pizza and more pizza; cake, cookies, candy and ice cream; bologna and hot dogs; sugary drinks for breakfast, lunch and dinner; salty snacks. I could go on, but I’m sure you get the picture, as Rebecca certainly did; and presumably you’ve noticed no mention of salad, fruits or vegetables included in my list. I wouldn’t say – or even admit to, intentionally ignoring the produce section in the supermarket but one would be hard-pressed to notice me walking toward that outside-aisle-type area of the store unless it was on the way to the Entenmann’s display. Typically, I shopped in the middle aisles where generally speaking, all the canned, pre-packaged, processed, non-organic, less expensive and shall we say, less healthier alternatives were/are readily available.

Though I had healthy parents who both lived well into their 80s, neither of whom ever exhibited any history of cancer, I was diagnosed with terminal lung cancer at age 54 and a half, a long-time non-smoker to boot. I was given a “13-month to two-year” prognosis at the time. Processing that kind of information doesn’t happen overnight, I can tell you that. But eventually, you begin to sift through your options, traditional and otherwise, and proceed on a course of treatment/action that either stands you pat or changes you. I decided change was necessary and sought out Rebecca’s help.

The goal was to make my body’s blood chemistry (ph balance) as high and as inhospitable to cancer cells as possible by eliminating certain foods (basically everything I eat), and try to increase the oxygen in my blood stream and minimize the acid. The goal: to strengthen my immune system for the fight ahead. This meant – among other avenues – drinking alkaline water (using a machine that converts tap water to alkaline water, highly oxygenated), and following an alkaline diet: 75 percent alkaline and 25 percent acid. In addition to eating different foods than I ever used to (I give myself a “C;” friends who know my eating habits say I deserve an “A”), I take about 40 pills a day: Turmeric and Curcumin, Royal Jelly, Sea Kelp, Ubiquinol, Pancreatic Enzymes, Chinese Chlorella and Spirulina, Red Krill Oil, Juice-Plus multivitamins: Orchard, Vineyard and Garden blends; Resveratrol, probiotics, vitamin C, vitamin D; in addition, I mix/drink baking soda with 8 oz. alkaline water once a day; I mix/drink one tablespoon of Bragg’s Organic Apple Cider, with the “mother,” into my alkaline water once a day; spoon out 4 tablespoons of puréed asparagus twice a day; make fresh fruit/fresh vegetable smoothies once a day which also include flaxseed oil, almonds, hemp seeds, organic blackstrap molasses (unsulfured), and maybe even ginger if I can stand it (it’s very strong). I’ve recently added wheat grass and almond milk to my regimen. Next up will be apricot kernels and whatever else Rebecca tells me – within reason, because I’m still very particular and this whole eating thing is practically impossible for me to maintain.

What does all this stuff do? I don’t really know, but Rebecca does and I trust her. And five years later, I’m living proof. Even though I’m a survivor and a believer, I’m not a very good explainer. As I’m fond of saying, I know sports and chocolate. Rebecca does know more than that, a lot more, and for that, I am eternally grateful – and extremely fortunate to have her in my corner, because this cancer thing is definitely a fight.

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# Services Face New Cuts

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Communities who are successful in addressing their unmet housing needs have adopted a dedicated, reliable source of funding to preserve or develop housing that is affordable. The county's greatest strides in affordable housing were made during the years when one penny of the real estate tax was dedicated to housing preservation. Whether it's a dedicated revenue source or an annual, reliable commitment to a housing trust fund, we urge Fairfax County to once again consider this investment in housing that is affordable and needed for a significant and growing percentage of the County's population.

Community Health Care Network (CHCN): In FY 2014, funding for CHCN was cut by \$752,000. The \$250,000 reduction in specialty care contracts that resulted has worsened an already insufficient supply of local specialists. CHCN has therefore increased its utilization and reliance on University of Virginia Medical Center specialists, requiring CHCN's low income, uninsured clients to travel to Charlottesville, spending scarce money and missing days at work. It is our understanding that a working group of public and private providers and leaders has recently initiated efforts to build and sustain a local specialty network system. Therefore, rather than recommend restoration of the funding at this time, we suggest that the county continue to support this effort and play an appropriate role in developing solutions to this problem. By the time of Carryover, we should all have a better understanding about the needed resources, if any.

This coalition appreciates the significant budget challenges you face for FY2015, and thanks you for our partnership as we work together in support of the most vulnerable in our community. However, we are deeply concerned that the housing and human services system has reached a "tipping point" where it will not be possible to decrease funding without sacrificing services and

failing to meet the human services needs of county residents. We believe that there is very little margin for error, and that any further cuts will result in program reductions, eliminations, or waiting lists for services. If Fairfax County is to remain a place of excellence, we must come together as a community to discuss a long term strategy for funding and maintaining adequate, annual investments in housing and human services in future budgets.

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## New Author Discusses Her Book

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given the chance to go back there."

But Magwaro always likes to look on the bright side of things, so most of her stories have happy endings. "They speak to people's tenacity and their ability to overcome their struggles," she said. "I self-published my book in Zimbabwe, but I'm looking for a literary agent or publisher for the U.S. and other places."

For more information about the book or to contact her, go to [www.aseasonssemblage.com](http://www.aseasonssemblage.com). The title refers to the name of the first story Magwaro wrote for the anthology, with the seasons being a metaphor for various memories.

Her goal in writing it was to create characters that people wouldn't otherwise be familiar with or initially believe they could relate to in their own lives. She's now working on a novel exploring the lives of strong, African women "making tough decisions

and coming out of them stronger, happier and more complete."

The toughest part of writing "A Season's Assemblage," said Magwaro, was "allowing other people to read it before it was finished and see any possible flaws." But what gave her the most satisfaction, she said, was "being able to sift through my own thoughts and preconceived ideas and discover who I am through my writing."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

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Jamie Chang and freshman attacker Elizabeth Murphy both netted a goal. In the cage for the Wildcats, in her first varsity start, was junior Alex De La Rosa, who had many key saves.

On Thursday, March 27 the Lady Wildcats traveled to Oakton for their first conference game of the season. They lost 13-7.

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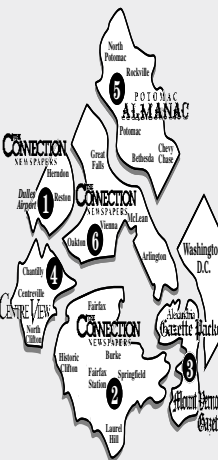
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