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### News

## Route 123 Bridge Work Starts Now

onstruction work to replace the bridge over Accotink Creek on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road at Kenmore Drive began this week. So both motorists and pedestrians will have to be alert to some route changes.

The City of Fairfax is replacing the existing, 87-year-old, obsolete bridge with a new one that has a safer design.

The City also will install a new pedestrian bridge just to the east of the vehicular bridge.

During the bridge replacement, northbound Chain Bridge Road traffic, as well as pedestrians, will be detoured at Whitehead Street, east to University Drive, north to Kenmore Drive, then back west to Chain Bridge Road.

Sidewalks through the work zone also will be closed while bridge construction is taking place. Pedestrians may detour around the work zone by using the sidewalks on Whitehead Street, University Drive and Kenmore Drive.

The detour will last for nearly the entirety of the project, which could take as much as six months. Drivers are advised to use University Drive as an alternate, northsouth route to avoid the work

Southbound traffic will not be Bridge Road detour.



#### Detour map

detoured, but lanes in the work zone will shift.

In addition, sidewalks in the work zone will be closed; pedestrians should follow the Chain Bridge Road detour. The bridge replacement is necessary to improve public safety for drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. For more information, go to www.fairfaxva.gov or call 703-385-7810.

## Good News for City of Fairfax

### Less unemployment; Lowe's and ALDI planning moves here.

By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

here's good news for the City of Fairfax: its unemployment rate is one of the lowest in Virginia and two new businesses are interested in locating here.

According to the Virginia Employment Commission, the unemployment rate in Fairfax is at a five-year low of 3.8 percent, significantly lower than the high of 6.7 percent during the economic recession. As a result, the City's rate is now lower than Fairfax County's.

In addition, both Lowe's and the ALDI grocery chain are anticipated to open new stores in the City. Besides giving local residents more choices about where to shop, the new businesses would also be welcome additions to Fairfax's commercial-property base

Pleased with these latest developments, Mayor Scott Silverthorne said they underscore Fairfax's bright economic future. "The City continues to receive interest from the private sector, including large retailers, developers and small businesses who want to locate in the heart of Northern Virginia," he said.

"This is in part due to the City Council's commitment to low tax rates, more predictable regulations and a timely review process," he explained. "Combined with our top-to-bottom review of our zoning ordinance, we are sending the signal that the City of Fairfax is a great place to start or grow a business."

In keeping with that idea, Silverthorne announced last week that two of the City's large, vacant, "bigbox," commercial properties may soon have new tenants.

Lowe's has expressed interest in moving into the former Kmart site in the City's west end, along Route 29. It plans to create a new, state-of-the-art store within the existing footprint.

Furthermore, the ALDI chain – which sells grocery and household items, mainly under its own brand names, has indicated it'll open a new store in the former Office Depot site in the City's Kamp Washington area.

Private Label Store Brands magazine recently named ALDI the 2014 Retailer of the Year.

"I've promised both retailers that I'll ensure they have a smooth application process and that the City government will move quickly to welcome them into the City of Fairfax family," said Silverthorne. "I thanked them for their investment and for bringing vacant buildings to productive use, which is a strong symbol of economic revitalization in the City of Fairfax."

All in all, he said, combined with the plummeting jobless rate, "This is incredibly good news for a small city."

## 'Goal Is to Spot Kids in Crisis'

### Police, others take suicide prevention training.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

Ithough there have been four recent incidents of teen suicides in Fairfax County, the Police Department has planned to offer Suicide Awareness and Intervention Training for its officers since October 2013.

So police and others who work with youth recently took a two-day course at the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly to learn how they can help prevent people at immediate risk of suicide from following through.

"This is a collaboration between school social workers, counselors, [police] School Resource Officers [SRO] and school security," said police Lt. Christian Quinn, school liaison commander. "SROs are the liaison between the Police Department and the school system."

"This training will give the officers some perspective and help them establish relationships with these other groups because they see the kids first," he continued. "The goal is to spot kids in crisis and provide them with meaningful intervention before they make tragic choices."

**THE WORKSHOP** focused on small-group discussions and skills that could help them save lives. Officers learned how to recognize a call for help, reach out and offer support and connect people with the particular resources they need.

"This is the means to identify kids struggling and maybe not voicing it," explained Quinn. "Not everybody who's depressed commits suicide, and not everybody who's suicidal expresses this feeling. So we try to see what subtle behaviors they do in advance so we can provide proactive measures."

For example, it helps if police, social workers or counselors can receive a peer referral because of something disturbing or unsettling that a teen posted on social media. Then,



Police Lt. Christian Quinn

said Quinn, "We can put in a safety plan and try some steps to help [that teen]."

SROs get to know students and their friends personally. So often, said Quinn, "The kids will go to the SRO and say, 'I'm concerned about So and So.' If it prevents even one suicide, it's worth the effort."

He said teens often exhibit some telltale behavior signaling they're having some type of problems. Some of the warning signs to look for are behavioral changes; threatening messages; and a change in grades, friends and/or activities outside of school. That's why, said Quinn, "Parental involvement is paramount. If parents see changes in their kids, they can bring it to the attention of the SRO. They and the school social workers and counselors are the first net to provide safety and catch something. Then there can be some intervention and kids can get help, such as a referral for long-term care."

**ABOUT 30 PEOPLE** signed up for the mid-March class at the Criminal Justice Academy. They were evenly divided between SROs, school security, and school social workers, clinicians and counselors.

Master trainers from the ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) program - offered by a company called LivingWorks - provided the instruction. Also sponsoring the course was the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services; it was funded by a grant. According to ASIST, as much as 6 percent of the population has serious thoughts of suicide. In Fairfax County, there were 94 suicides in 2012 and 95 in 2013. So far this year, there have been 19 - and 15 of them were teenagers.



#### 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 lan's story at JustRightForChildren.com/Ian.





## City Is Advertising Lower Tax Rate

By Bonnie Hobbs THE CONNECTION

lthough City Manager Bob Sisson recommended maintaining Fairfax's residential real-estate tax rate of \$1.06 per \$100 assessed valuation in Fiscal Year 2014-2015, the City Council is advertising a lower rate.

That's because – even if the tax rate stays the same - homeowners' tax bills will still rise because their property has generally seen a 4.5-percent jump in assessed value over last year. So at the March 25 City Council meeting, the councilmen mulled over different tax-rate amounts.

"I'd like us to do due diligence to find as many budget cuts as we can to get to the equalized tax rate," said Councilman Michael DeMarco. That number would be \$1.03. Property-tax bills wouldn't rise, but the City would have to find \$2.5 million in budget cuts, over two years, to make up for the revenue loss.

"If the tax rate is \$1.03, that means people's tax burdens would be relatively the same," said Councilman Steven Stombres. "But people tell me all the time they're willing to pay more for all the amenities they receive. Yet, there are also people who say, 'My husband lost his job' or 'I'm paying more for gas, groceries, heating costs and health care."

"They're living paycheck to paycheck –

and we represent all of them - so I'd like to advertise a lower tax rate [than \$1.06]," continued Stombres.

Mayor Scott Silverthorne reminded him the City doesn't yet know how much money it'll receive back from its school system. Stombres then made a motion to set the advertised tax rate at \$1.04 and Councilwoman Eleanor Schmidt seconded it.

"This is our opportunity to build a little discipline into the process," she said. "I think there's some whittling-down work that we

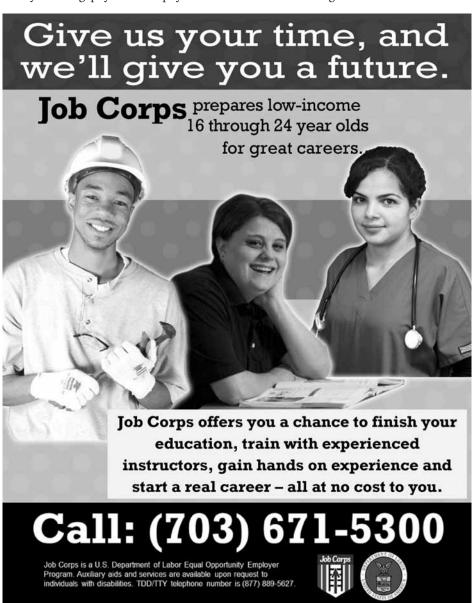
"But we'd have to role up our sleeves and make cuts," replied Councilman Jeffrey Greenfield. And Sisson said that tax rate would necessitate more than \$1.6 million in budget cuts.

The motion was defeated, 4-2, and then Stombres moved that the tax rate be advertised at \$1.05. Again, Schmidt seconded and, this time, the motion passed, 5-1, with only Councilman David Meyer dissenting.

This action sets \$1.05 as the maximum real-estate tax rate that can be advertised and later adopted on April 30, but doesn't set the actual amount.

According to Sisson, a \$1.05 residential real-estate tax rate would require \$840,000

The Council will hold a public-outreach meeting and work session on the budget next Tuesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. in City Hall, 10455 Armstrong Street.



#### FAITH NOTES

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Mothers and daughters, come together to enjoy Bingo, crafts, games, refreshments and more. Bring your favorite teacup and wear your best tea party hat for special contest categories. The cost is \$25/couple with an extra \$5 for each additional sibling.

The Tea is Saturday, April 5, from 2-4 p.m. at Burke United Methodist Church. There will also be a silent auction with a portion of the proceeds to benefit SHARE - Share Her Annual Real Expenses - a Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital program that provides funding for Girl Scout campsites, leader training and financial aid.

For reservations contact Sandy Latta 703-495-0063 slatta@fourthwave.com. Reservations close March 29.

**The Cancer Treatment Centers** of America, sponsored by the Cancer Support Team, Ministry of Greater Little Baptist Church, Fairfax, will present "Restore: The Journey Toward Self Forgiveness & Physical Health" on Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. This is a free event. To RSVP, call the church at 703-764-9111 or email Cancer Support Team Ministry at cstm@glzbc.org

The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Michael Barry author of the Forgiveness Project and Director of Pastoral Care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Effects of Mass Incarceration: A Public Forum on Criminal Justice Sentencing Reform will be held on Sunday, April 6, 2 - 4 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Drive, Burke. The panelists include state Sen. Dave Marsden, the Sentencing Project's Nazgol Ghandnoosh, Fairfax's Deputy County Executive David Rohrer. They will engage these concerns: the United States has more people in jail than any nation in the history of the world. Unintended consequences of this Mass Incarceration are especially devastating to poor communities of color. Young African-American Men are more likely to go to jail than to college. Many drug offenders are discriminated against in housing, voting and education after they have served their sentences. How do we minimize the human costs of the Drug War and Mass Incarceration and fix this crisis? For more info got to www.accotinkuuc.org - or call 703-503-4579 and ask for Reverend Scott Sammler-Michael

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax 703-323-8100 www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes workwith the mind and understand the workings of the mind, overcoming innner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit http://www.guhyasamaja.org for more



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## **OPINION**

## Why I Support Medicaid Expansion

By Sharon Bulova CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY Board of Supervisors

s 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, Vir-

ginians 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-



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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 Med-

icaid, 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 countyfunded safety net providers, including non-

panded in Virginia, we will 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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Toxic Debate on School Budget

To the Editor:

Supporting the public schools is Fairfax County's number one priority. Proof of that lies in the fact that over 50 percent of the county's budget supports school programs. This large expense has generated considerable debate among county taxpayers over the years. However, this year the discussion has become toxic and personal. I went to the Lee District budget hearing on Wednesday evening, the 26th, to hear presenters from Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools explain their respective proposed budgets. Although the financial picture has improved, the county is still not free of the impacts of the economic downturn at the end of the last decade. Two issues dominated the audience discussion: the possible increase in real estate taxes and the request by the school board for a funding increase over last year's budget.

One of the very worst public meetings I've attended! Two older, retired persons in the audience worried about the impact of increased home assessments and tax rates; audience members representing the schools were belligerent and insulting to the point of bullying. "My kids deserve the best schools, so quit your whining and pay," was the gist of their attack. The school board member representing Lee District rolled her eyes, made faces, and played with her iPad during the County's budget

presentation and the county supervisor's subsequent responses to questions. It is clear that some parents and school board members are passionate about the schools. I understand that. But there needs to be some minimum level of decency and respectfulness during this debate. Those who cry out, "Fully fund Fairfax County Schools," need to stop and think. Over 70 percent of the taxpayers in Fairfax do not have kids in county schools. You are asking us to pay for your child's education at the expense of other important services. Social workers in the mental health field, for example, are today handling caseloads of 50 clients or more. This is almost double the recommended norm.

Clients must wait up to three months for an intake interview and up to six weeks after that for treatment. These are some of the trade-offs you are asking taxpayers to make. You need to convince us that the school programs are more important than taking care of those with disorders of the brain, law enforcement, fire emergencies, the list goes on and on. Insults and threats do not convince! It is also not a good example for those very children about whom you care. I left the meeting angry at and ashamed of my fellow citizens...and much less assured about the abilities of those managing my county schools.

Terry Atkinson

## 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.

s you consider the pro posed 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 fol-

- ❖ No one recommendation takes priority over the others;
  - ❖ Each recommendation funds SEE HUMAN, PAGE 10



Ava Buhr, 4, of Fairfax was one of the children honored at the event. A leukemia survivor, she just finished 2-and-a-half years of chemotherapy on Friday and is now in remission. In photo, she helps start her dad Steve's head-shaving. "In 2012, Ava lost all her hair," said her mom Jeannie. "But now it's come back and she can wear it in pigtails."

## Shaving Heads, Helping Children

St. Baldrick's Day event, March 23, at Fast Eddie's in Centreville raised more than \$40,600 toward a cure for childhood cancer. Some 40 people, including two women, got their heads shaved for the cause.

Mike Bush of Fairfax got his head shaved while daughter Sasha, 5, watched.

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Before: Fairfax's Sean Byars gets shaved by barber Mercedes Smith.



After: Sean Byars shows off his newly shorn head.

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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.

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Four Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have received national awards for their writing from the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Three of the students received Gold Medals, the highest form of recognition.

Aline Dolinh of Oakton High School received the American Voices Medal, the equivalent of the best of show award, for her poetry, "Accent Marks, Exorcism, Model Minority, Second-generation."

National winners include:

❖ Melissa Halbrook of Woodson

High School, Gold Medal for humor, "Kim Jung-Un's New Clothes."

\* Emma Hastings of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), Gold Medal for short story, "Sight Without Vision, Vision Without Sight;" and Gold Medal for writing portfolio, "I Sing Of"

Sara Warrington of TJHSST, Silver Medal for Journalism, "Overcoming Intolerance.

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, a 91-year old program of the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, will honor the winners at a special ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Friday, June 6.

The Scholastic Writing Awards competition is administered locally by Writopia Lab.

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## 'Luck, Be a Lady Tonight'

# Paul VI presents 'Guys and Dolls.'

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

eaturing a cast and crew of 90, Paul VI High presents one of Broadway's most popular musicals ever, "Guys and Dolls"

The school's Cappies show will burst upon the stage Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 13, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13, adults; \$8, students and senior citizens, at www.PaulVI.net, and \$15 and \$10, respectively, at the door.

"The actors are creative and enthusiastic, and they really wanted to do 'Guys and Dolls," said Director Katherine Miller. "They knew the songs were terrific, and this show has lots of roles for boys

- and I've got lots of male actors this year. I've also got tremendous singers, comic actors and physical actors, all dedicated to this show."

**THE STORY** mainly takes place in early 1950s New York and is about a group of gamblers and the women who love them. And while some mission workers are trying to convert the gamblers, one of them – Nathan Detroit – bets that fellow gambler Sky Masterson can't get Sarah the mission leader to go with him to Havana.

"The costumes are colorful and stylized," said Miller. "The men wear pinstriped suits or 'zoot suits' with big shoulders and fedora hats, and the women wear bright, flashy dresses and hats. For the mission workers, a parent got us authentic, Salvation Army uniforms and bonnets from 50 years ago."

There's also a 12-piece pit band comprised of students and professional musicians. "It's a witty, fast-paced show, with catchy songs and snappy dialogue," said Miller. "The audience will love the color, energy and exuberance of the whole cast."

Sophomore Abby Rozmajzl plays Adelaide, a dancer at the Hot Box club. "She and Nathan have been engaged 14 years and she wants to get married already," said Rozmajzl. "She's ditzy, carefree and tends to overlook things, but she's also down-to-earth."

Rozmajzl called Adelaide "a blast to play. Her high voice and nasally, New York accent are difficult. But I love belting her songs and making awesome notes everyone will remember." Her favorite song is "Sue Me," when Adelaide confronts Nathan about her feelings and finally unleashes her bottled-up emotions. And she said the audience will like the "fantastic costumes – our dresses are so elaborate and sparkly. God bless Flo Arnold, our costume lady."

Portraying Nathan Detroit is senior Spencer Loessberg. "He runs the 'oldest, established, permanent, floating crap game' in New York," said Loessberg. "That's also the name of my favorite song because everyone's singing about my character, and it goes to his head. Nathan's always worrying about finding a new place for the game every night, since gambling's been outlawed in New York.

"He's ambitious and the other crap shooters look up to him," continued Loessberg. "He always wins and has lots of money. But he almost never bets; he just takes his cut off the top. But Adelaide doesn't know about it, or they'd be over."



Portraying tough guys clashing are (from left) Jacob Rozmajzl, Joey Arzeno and Spencer Loessberg.

Loessberg said the audience will especially like the dance numbers by the gamblers because "high-school theater is usually more girls dancing, but this show has an equal number of male and female dancers."

Senior Jacob Rozmajzl, Abby's brother, plays Sky Masterson. "He's suave and perfect in every way," said Rozmajzl. "He bets the highest on everything and always wins and gets the girls. He's charming, but self-absorbed. He knows how to manipulate people and get what he wants, but everyone loves him."

Rozmajzl enjoys acting charming and "like everything around you is yours. But I'm giving him more depth. This role was my number-one choice and I'm so happy I got it." He especially likes his song, "Luck, Be a Lady," because "it's upbeat, crazy and masculine. Sky's about to risk \$50,000 and all the gamblers are backing him up."

He said the audience will like the "fantastic singers, including Abby, and tenor J.J. Cummings singing 'Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat.' And they'll love characters that, in real life, they wouldn't root for."

Junior Joey Arzeno plays mob boss Big Jule. "He's portrayed as a scary guy everybody's afraid of, but he's like a Chihuahua that thinks it's a pit bull," said Arzeno. "It's fantastic; I get to push people around and have an air of superiority."

His favorite song is "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat" because the mobsters, gamblers and sinners are all together singing and dancing. And he said the audience will enjoy "seeing the gamblers in the sewer because they couldn't find another place to play, plus the relationships between the characters."

**PLAYING SARAH**, head of the Save a Soul Mission, is freshman Caleigh Davis. "She's trying to recruit sinners to the good side," said Davis. "She's determined and wants to help people. She's also a bit naïve and out of her element in New York. I'm excited about this role; Sarah's a leader, but compassionate, and it's fun envisioning myself as someone like that."

Davis likes the number, "Marry the Man," which she and Abby sing. "Sarah's in love with Sky, and they're scheming to marry their boyfriends and change them into working men," said Davis. "The audience will love the show's romance and will see how much fun everyone's having onstage. And the songs and story are great."

#### Doing Business at Robinson

Students in Robinson Secondary's Business Law and Management course are participating in two enrichment programs this year. The first is a partnership with a local business, CustomInk.com, and the second is with the Virtual Enterprise program, where students start and operate a virtual enterprise company in a simulated business environment as part of a global, virtual economy, in connection with schools all over the county. This year's students have created a T-shirt design company similar to that of CustomInk.com, which they recently toured. Students were able to speak with associates and toured the graphics, design, sales, web design and mobile applications departments. Participants included Andres Claure, Alex DeYoung, Michael Freeman, Dan Gherman, Lexi Hsu, and Erin McClendon.



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#### SATURDAY/ APRIL 5

Dog Adoption. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax. Homeless Animals Rescue Team hosts this dog adoption event at PETCO. 703-817-9444 or hart90.org

Restore: The Journey Toward Self Forgiveness & Physical Health. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Greater Little Zion Baptist Church, 10185 Zion Drive, Fairfax. To RSVP, call the church at 703-764-9111 or email Cancer Support Team Ministry at cstm@glzbc.org.

Navigating the Complexities of Lyme Disease. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St, NE, Vienna. RSVP to mveiga@mylymeguide.com.

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 6

The Effects of Mass Incarceration: A Public Forum on Criminal Justice Sentencing Reform. 2-4 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Drive, Burke. www.accotinkuuc.org

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 9

Free Dual Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. 2700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 120, Fairfax. Simplified Stock Investment Management and 1031 Tax-Free Property Exchanges. Register by calling 703-969-4966.

Issues and Activities of Virginia
State Legislature 2014. 1:30 p.m.
American Legion Post 176, 6520
Amherst Avenue, Springfield.
Delegate Mark Sickles (D-Franconia)
will report on the issues and
activities of the 2014 Virginia State
Legislature and will include his
thoughts on the influence of the
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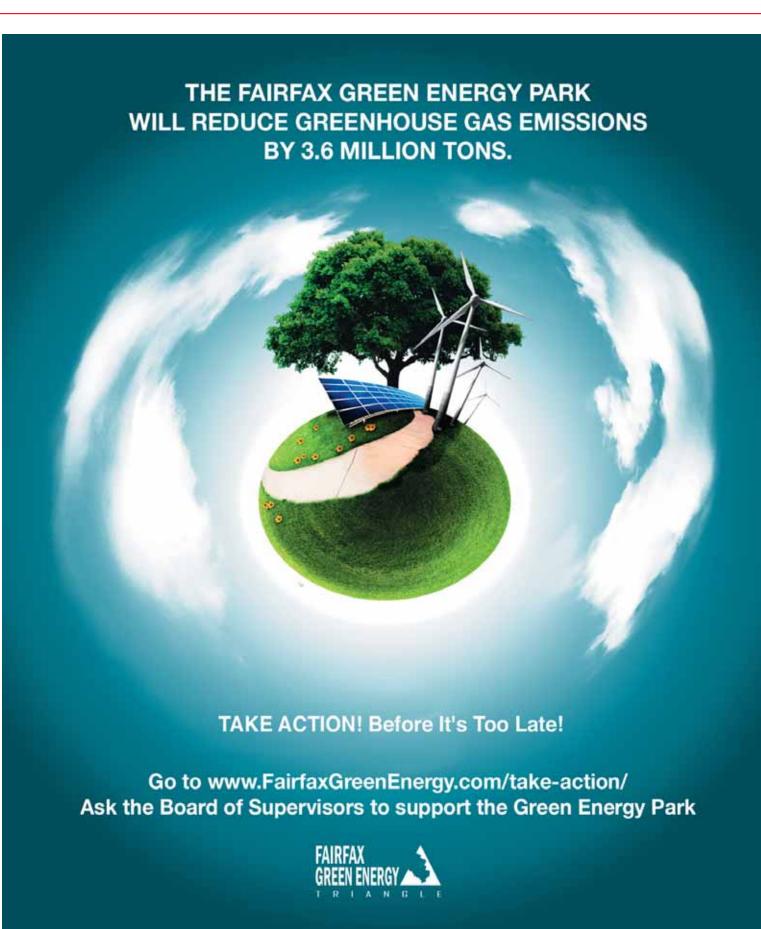
#### SATURDAY/APRIL 12

**Dog Adoption.** 12 to 3 p.m. PETCO, Greenbriar Towncenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. 703-817-9444 hart90.org

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 16

Getting your Legal Ducks in a Row. 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax.

An elder law attorney will lead this discussion on common legal considerations, such as power of attorney, wills and estates, guardianships, and trusts. Call 703-204-4664 to RSVP and for more information.



## **OPINION**

## Human Services: Between Growing Needs and Budget Cuts

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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 exist-

ing 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.

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 financing 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.

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 bet-

ter 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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#### SATURDAY/ APRIL 5

In the Name of Love: A Jazz

Poetry Slam. 7-10 p.m., 10125 Lakehaven Drive, Burke, Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. Join poets from around our region as they compete for prize money; hosted by by Regie Cabico and Sarah D. Lawson from Busboys and Poets. www.accotinkuuc.org or 703-503-4570

Jubil-Aires Concert. 2 & 7 p.m.
Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124
Park Street NE, Vienna. The Fairfax
Jubil-Aires Annual Spring Show will
be a joint fundraiser for both the
Jubil-Aires and the Shepherd's Center
of Fairfax-Burke. Tickets are \$20 and
allow you to attend either concert. If
you buy your tickets ahead of time
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Night. 8 p.m. Workhouse Arts
Center, 9518 Workhouse Way,
Lorton. Featuring a wide gamut of
music intended to tickle your funny
bone, from Broadway to standards to
novelty songs, there's something for
everyone who enjoys a good laugh.

#### Tickets: \$30. Children's Cherry Blossom

**Celebration.** 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. For ages 3 and up, learn about the cherry tree history and the springtime tradition that brings so many visitors to Washington every year. This open house format includes origami, a paper lantern craft, and a cherry tree 'hunt'. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

#### SUNDAY/ APRIL 6

Potomac Ensemble. 4 p.m., 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Enjoy a group of 10 of the DC area's finest professional singers, in a program of great music for 5-part choir. foma\_standrews@verizon.net.

In the Bunker with the Vice President on 9/11. 7 p.m. Stacy Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The lecture is free and open to all. Book

signing and refreshments.

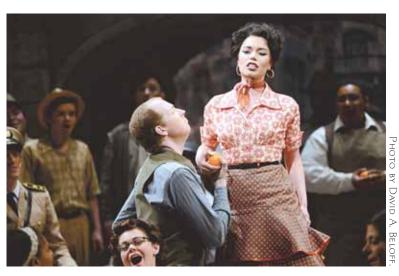
Seminar: "Feeding Hungry
Roses." 2-4 p.m. Merrifield Garden
Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

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Ginger Costa-Jackson as Carmen in Virginia Opera's production of "Carmen," playing April 11 and 13 at GMU's Center for the Arts.

> Bring out your pet on April 6 to Old Towne Pet Resort, 8101 Alban Road, Springfield, to take a photo with the Easter Bunny. Proceeds benefit the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Learn how to feed your roses for beautiful blooms.

Pet Photos with the Easter Bunny. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Olde Towne Pet Resort, 8101 Alban Road, Springfield. The Easter Bunny wants a pic with your pet to benefit The Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Bring \$10 to benefit the shelter, and receive a 4x6 printed photo. RSVP to

atksalo@oldetownepetresort.com; 703-455-9000.

Cabaret Series: It's A Comedy

Katy Salo

**Night.** 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring a wide gamut of music intended to tickle your funny bone, from Broadway to standards to novelty songs, there's something for everyone who enjoys a good laugh. Tickets: \$30.

Japonism in Fashion Tea

**Program.** 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road,

Alexandria View gorgeous avantgarde designs that combined Japanese motifs with 19th and 20th century Western silhouettes. Discover elements of the kimono in tea gowns and opera coats and hear about Japanese designers who are redefining fashion worldwide today. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 8

Slam Poetry Cafe. 6-8 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Slam poetry is the art of performance poetry. Performers, come share your original or previously published pieces. Email slampoetrycafe@gmail.com with your name and poem.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL9-SUNDAY/APRIL20 Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Presents Built to Amaze Circus. GMU Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$15-\$30. For more information and showtimings visit, www.ticketmaster.com.

#### FRIDAY/APRIL 11-SUNDAY/APRIL 13

Virginia Opera's "Carmen." Friday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. GMU Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Virginia Opera, will present George Bizet's sultry tragedy about opera's most famous femme fatale, "Carmen." The opera has enthralled audiences for more than a century and is one of the most popular. Tickets are Friday: \$44-\$86; Sunday: \$48-\$98. Youth Discount: tickets are half price for youth through grade 12. Call 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 12

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. The 2nd Saturday Art Walk at the Workhouse showcases the diverse work of more than 100 visual artists in a unique historic venue, creating an atmosphere that encourages visitors to immerse themselves in the richness of this creative community. Guests can tour seven unique studio buildings, mix and mingle with artists, buy original works of art, experience ever-changing.
Once Upon A Time... 7:30-10 p.m.

Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. A fairy tale themed costume ball. The evening includes music, social dancing, unique silent auction opportunities, food, laughter and special live performances by cabaret vocalists. Admission includes entertainment. light refreshments and two beverage tokens. Tokens may also be used for voting for the "Queen" of the night. Costumes are not required for entry, but do we encourage all to find some fairy tale inspiration for their attirethere will be a 'door prize' or two for the most imaginative costumes! Limited admission, early reservations strongly recommended. \$40 per person. http://workhousearts.org/ events/performing-arts/once-upon-

Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. children (2 years old - 6th graders) are welcome to the free Easter Egg Hunt and bake sale.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL12-SUNDAY/APRIL13

http://www.franconiaumc.org.

Spring Show. Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Bonsai Society is proud to announce that its Spring Show. Bonsai from beginning to expert will be exhibited and the Club will be demonstrating how to make a bonsai. Visitors may cast secret ballots on which of the bonsai exhibited should go onto the Potomac Bonsai Association show. Contact Person: Gary A. Reese. greese67@msn.com. 703-860-3374

#### **SUNDAY/APRIL 13**

**Table Top N Gauge Model Train Show**. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax

Station Road in Fairfax Station.
Admission is \$4

for adults 16 and over; \$2 for children 5-15; free for children under5 and for Museum members. For more information on the Museum events, visit, www.fairfax-station.org. 703-425-9225.

#### **SATURDAY/APRIL 19**

2014 Lions Club Flea Market. VRE parking lot, 6900 Hechinger Drive, Springfield. Cost is \$20 per space, first come, first serve. Website for rules: sfhostlions.org

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 27

Jeffrey Siegel, "Mistresses and Masterpieces." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. The pianist performs music inspired by composers' major love interests. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket on April 15. cfa.gmu.edu.

Young Artists Musicale. 6 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts lobby, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. Piano students and winners of the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association Honors Recitals perform short pieces. Free admission. cfa.gmu.edu.

#### ONGOING

Workhouse Farmers Market. 3-6

p.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Every Thursday on the quad is a producer-only market for discerning shoppers featuring locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry and local foods from breads to salsas and sausages. www.smartmarkets.org.

First Fridays at the Clifton Art Guild. 6-9 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 C Main St., Clifton. Enjoy a wine tasting and mix and mingle with the Art Guild of Clifton artists. 703-830-1480 or www.artguildofclifton.org/.

Saturday Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1

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## Robinson Baseball Rallies to Beat Marshall

#### Rams have 10 seniors on this year's team.

By Jon Roetman The Connection

he Marshall and Robinson baseball teams took turns on March 27 capitalizing on each other's mistakes. Down by two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning, Robinson rallied to ensure Marshall's next miscue would be its last.

Robinson senior Kaden Darrow tied the score with a two-run single and Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone's throwing error allowed the winning run to score as the Rams pulled out a 6-5 victory at Robinson Secondary School.

Robinson trailed 5-1 in the second inning and 5-3 entering the bottom of the seventh, but found a way to improve to 3-0 with its second consecutive walk-off victory. The Rams defeated West Springfield 4-3 on March 24 and opened the season with a 7-2 win over Woodson on March 22. Marshall fell to 1-2.

"We played five innings, six innings, things weren't really going our way and we found a way to pull it out," Robinson head coach John James said, "and that's a confidence builder."

ROBINSON ENTERS the 2014 season with 10 seniors on the roster, including six athletes in their third year on the varsity pitcher/outfielder Chris Lohr, outfielder Adam Sisk, infielder/outfielder Zach Beck, outfielder Tyler Fitchett, pitcher/infielder Danny Herrera and Darrow. That experience paid off in the bottom of the seventh inning as the Rams, who had struggled at the plate for much of the contest, found a way to rally against 6-foot-5 Marshall lefthander Riley Cummins, who will pitch for the University of Virginia.

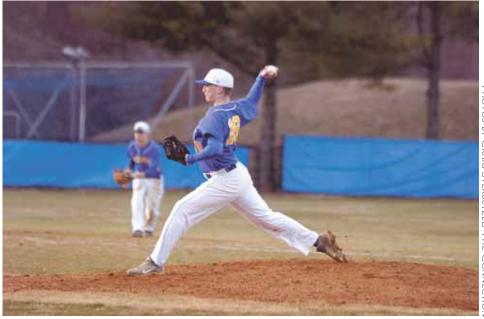
Leading 5-3 in the seventh, Marshall head coach Aaron Tarr moved Cummins from right field to the mound to close it out. But Robinson loaded the bases with one out after two walks, a strikeout and a Statesmen error. Darrow's two-run single tied the score at 5 and gave the Rams runners at the corners. During Fitchett's ensuing at bat, Blackstone tried to throw behind the Ram runner at third base, but the catcher's attempted pick-off sailed into left field, allowing the winning run to score.

Blackstone went 3-for-4 with a double at the plate and threw out two would-be basestealers before his seventh-inning miscue.

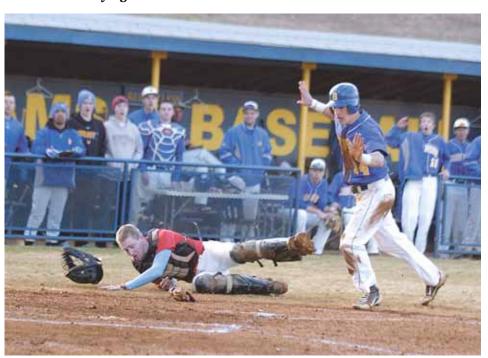
"[The runner at third] seemed to me that he was a little farther off the base then most people were," Blackstone said. "I thought I could get [Cummins] a quick out. ... [The] ball just got away from me.

Darrow's two-run single put the Rams in a position to capitalize on the error.

"He's been kind of an under-the-radar guy," James said. "He's been a three-year starter here, too, and has been very productive for three years. ... He's a utility guy. 12 \* Fairfax Connection \* April 3-9, 2014



Robinson senior Chris Lohr pitched 5 1/3 scoreless innings in relief to earn the victory against Marshall on March 27.



Robinson senior Adam Sisk, right, scores a run after colliding with Marshall catcher Mitch Blackstone on March 27.

Sports Roundups -

#### Robinson Girls' Lax Starts 3-0

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team won its first three games of the season, scoring at least 20 goals in two of the contests.

The Rams defeated South County 20-7 on March 31 to improve to 3-0. Robinson beat Chantilly 22-6 on March 27 and Woodson 16-14 on March 24.

Robinson faced Lake Braddock on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Rams will travel to face T.C. Williams at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8.

#### Lake Braddock Softball Improves to 3-0

The Lake Braddock softball team defeated West Springfield 21-0 on Tuesday with Bruins pitchers throwing a combined no-hitter. The victory improved Lake Braddock's

The Bruins will host West Potomac at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

We put him everywhere in the field. He in the Rams' comeback. plays anywhere defensively."

"Every guy that came to the plate there James said experience played a major role in the last inning was a senior," he said.

"That senior leadership and that experience is invaluable, especially in games like this when our backs are to the wall and they bring in their horse. You've got to have guys that aren't bothered by that - aren't bothered by the situation and aren't bothered by who is on the mound and they're just going to compete. Our backs were to the wall and they came up big for us."

The Statesmen took a 5-1 lead in the second inning thanks to a Rams error. With the score tied at 1, Marshall had the bases loaded with two outs when Blackstone hit an infield pop-up. Robinson starting pitcher Shane Hopkins dropped the ball in front of home plate, allowing two runs to score. Marshall first baseman Patrick Evans followed with a two-run single, giving the Statesmen a 5-1 advantage.

Marshall returned the favor in the bottom of the fourth. Robinson had the bases loaded with two outs when Statesmen starting pitcher Will Brooke got Robinson senior Herrera to pop up. But Marshall infielders appeared to lose sight of the ball, which fell to the ground for a two-run single, cutting the Statesmen lead to 5-3.

THE PERFORMANCE of William & Marybound pitcher Lohr also played a pivotal role in the Robinson comeback. Lohr came on in relief with one on and two outs in the top of the second inning and Marshall leading 5-1.

After allowing a single to junior Shane Russell, Lohr picked the runner off first base to get out of the inning. The right-hander went on to pitch 5 1/3 innings of scoreless relief and earn the win.

"In that situation, I just try and pitch like it's the start of the game," Lohr said. "[I needed to] take the runners on base out of my mind and just get the batters one at a time until I get out of that inning and then it's really just inning by inning."

Lohr allowed three hits. He walked one, hit two batters and struck out seven.

"Obviously, he did a fantastic job for us, and that's what we rely on him to do," James said. "He's a senior and he's been with us for three years and that's what he's capable of doing and that's what we need him to do — is come in and settle things down for us and give us a chance to win and he did."

Brooke pitched well for Marshall but received a no decision. The junior righthander pitched 5 1/3 innings, allowing three runs and five hits while walking four and striking out two.

Cummins took the loss, surrendering three runs — one earned — and one hit in 1/3 of an inning. He walked two and struck

Robinson's Hopkins went 2-for-3 against Marshall. Herrera and Darrow each had a hit and two RBIs. Fitchett had a hit and an RBI, and Will Miller had a hit.

Robinson was travel to face Annandale at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 5.

"We've been running short on regionals for the last few years," Darrow said, "but I have high hopes for this year."

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### Reverend C. L. Bryant to Speak at Republican Women of Clifton April Meeting

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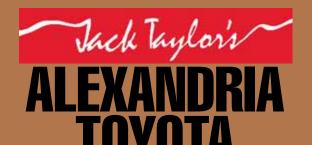
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Fairfax County Public Schools' focus of increasing inclusion opportunities for preschoolers lies at the heart of Main Street Child Development Center's mission. "We are proud of the achievements that the Exemplary Inclusive Practices Award represents," said Main Street Director Carol Lieske. "It motivates us as we seek new and better ways to be an even more inclusive program."



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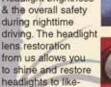
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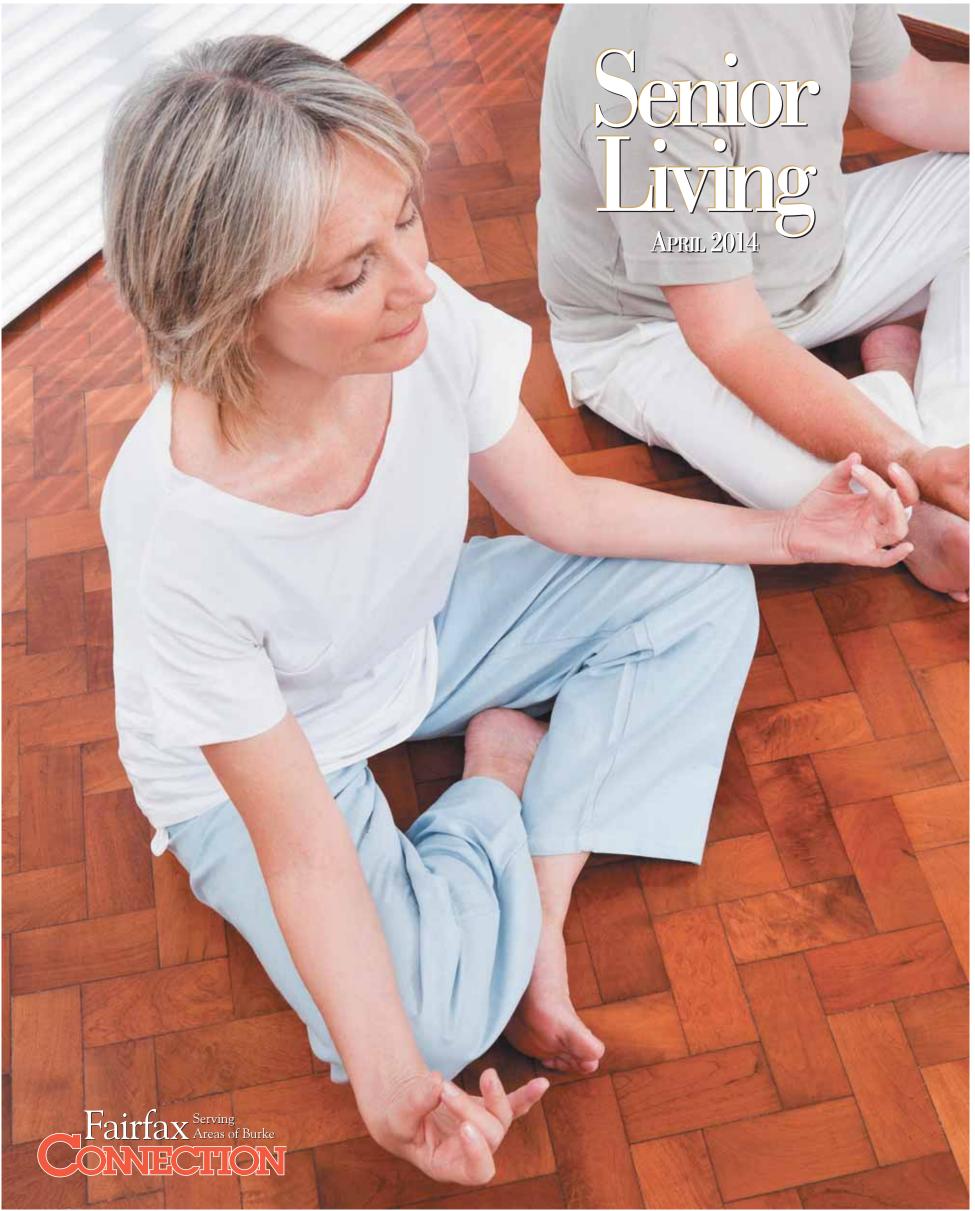
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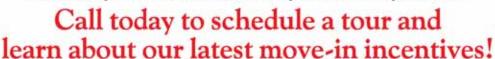




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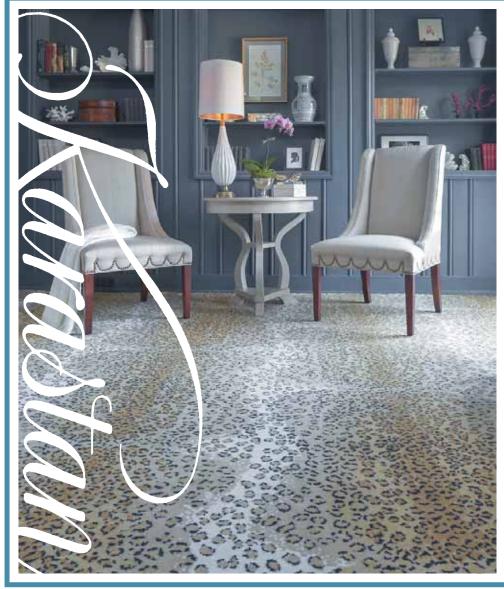
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# Seniors Rush to Yoga Yoga teachers, research point to health benefits for seniors.

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hortly after 10 a.m. on any given Tuesday or Thursday morning, 84year-old Lola Wulchin can be found slowly stretching into a downward facing dog pose or lunging into a warrior one posture. The Vienna resident has been a yoga devotee at East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna for slightly more than two years. In fact, she credits twice-weekly, gentle yoga practice with boosting her health and improving her quality of life.

"I had been bothered by a lot of neck pain from arthritis," said Wulchin. "I had seen a pain management doctor who gave me shots, I had physical therapy, but I still had neck pain and very little range of motion."

A turning point came after she was struck by a passing comment from one of her doctors. "My neurologist mentioned that his wife had been doing yoga for back pain and it had helped. So I decided to try it."

Wulchin embarked on a twice-weekly ritual that she describes as life changing. "My gentle yoga classes have been a Godsend," she said. "I have less pain now. I still



Linda Liberatucci, 67, Colette Ashley, 70+, Ann Mandelbaum, 68, Lola Wulchin, 84 and Frankie Gibson, 74, do a downward facing dog pose during gentle yoga class at East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna.

have some stiffness, but I have a better Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine and the They designed a yoga program for that age range of motion."

She isn't the only senior to reap the ben-

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation conducted an eight-week efits of yoga. Researchers at the American study of 23 adults aged 62 to 83 years old.

group with the goals of improving lowerbody strength and flexibility. Participants SEE YOGA, PAGE 6

# More Seniors Plan To Age in Place

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

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' Administra-

#### Many local techniques and programs can help seniors stay in their homes longer.

tion 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.

Photo courtesy of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

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.

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 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 (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 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. Or-

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# Aging in Place Gracefully

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ganizations like the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University, offer op- on what models work best portunities for intellectual stimulation and cultural for their community. 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. to rewrite the manual on "Professors volunteer their time to give lectures on art, history, science and other topics. Listening to professors speak about stimulating topics helps keep models, including the their brains sharp.'

Jennifer Disano, OLLI's executive director, says the is a non-profit model that group has 1,200 members, and is funded by an encoordinates access to an dowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. The array of services through group's main campus is in Fairfax, but other cam-vetted providers, including puses are in Reston and Sterling. It serves the needs transportation, home reof those who might not feel comfortable in tradipairs, care coordination tional college classrooms and don't want the pres- and computer technicians. sure of writing papers and taking tests, but are still interested in learning.

"We have people here who were economists and Members arrange for serworked with finance, but in their retired life they vices by calling a central want to explore areas ... like art classes or history phone number, and pay classes," she said.

He has attended three to four OLLI events a week individual and \$700 to for 10 years. "We have a wide variety of profession-\$1,200 for a couple. als 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 nity volunteers to provide morning at 9 a.m. and looks at the past week's head-services and support to lines from the Washington Post, New York Times and others. There are no paid Wall Street Journal. They have insights that are important. The stimulating thing is sharing ideas among donated by volunteers are ourselves.Ó

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 who want to age in place."

fine the type and scope of services. "A good starting people into assisted living facilities." point when creating a village is to survey the community members to determine their needs," he said.

in putting together a village and encouragement Fairfax County is working with Montgomery County how to start a village."

There are a few different "Concierge Village," which Most also include social and educational activities. annual dues that can range One of those members is 76-year-old John Woods. from \$500 to \$800 for an

The "All Volunteer" model organizes commustaff. In some cases, hours "banked" and can be used in the future if the volunsistance. The "Neighborhood Network" is also in-

formal. Groups meet on a regular basis to hear speakers on topics of interest selected by members.

Home in Mount Vernon. "It is community-based. ANOTHER BIG GAP is medication management, Every village is different, but they're there for people Eiffert said. "If someone can't manage their own veying people who are 50medication and can't afford to pay someone to come plus. I'm 54 and of course I Eiffert, of George Mason, says village members de- in to do it for them, that is a service gap that forces want to stay in my house, but

Carle agrees that the decision to age in place is complicated. "The first knee-jerk reaction is that ing people who are 75-plus." "We provide technical assistance to community when asked, seniors want to stay in their own



VILLAGES ARE community-based organizations teer needs services or as- Members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University play music for their peers. Below, other members listen to a lecture.

homes," he said, adding that those surveys can be misleading: "The surveys are not always credible if you're surask me again in 20 years. I think they should be survey-

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 facil-

ity in town." Granny Pods, small prefabricated homes that allow families to house their relatives in small backyard cottages, are another alternative. "These small living units allow you to put an elderly relative in your backyard and hook up to your electricity," said

"Professors volunteer their time to give lectures on art, history, science and other topics."

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

**❖ Franklin Park Village** — email e.duggan@verizon.net or call 703-534-4964

**♦** Herndon Village Network (HVN) — 703-582-9482

**❖** Lake Barcroft Village www.lakebarcroftvillage.org

\* McLean Community: A Village for All Ages (MCVA) — email mcleancommunityvillage@gmail.com or visit

www.mcva.weebly.com **❖ Mosby Woods Village** —

mosbywoodsvillage@gmail.com **❖** Mount Vernon at Home Village www.mountvernonathome.org

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# Seniors Rush to Yoga

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attended two 90-minute yoga classes per week, and were asked to complete at least 20 minutes of directed home practice on alternate days.

The study found yoga programs tailored to elderly adults can be a cost-effective way to prevent or reduce age-related changes, specifically an increased risk for falls, dependency and other ailments.

Local yoga teachers agree, saying that while yoga classes designed for the 55 and older crowd are increasing in popularity, myths about the practice keep some seniors out of yoga studios.

"The main thing that I hear is that you have to already be flexible to do yoga," said Sandy Pradas of Joyful Heart Yoga in Mount Vernon. "People look at pictures in magazines of people wrapping their legs around their necks or doing other advanced poses and they think, 'If I can't do that, then I can't do yoga."

Pradas, whose students are mostly between 50 and 75 years old, said, "Everybody can do yoga, but there are a lot of types of yoga and not every type is good for everybody."

Dawn Curtis, owner of East Meets West Yoga Center, recently completed a course at Duke Integrative Medicine and believes an increasing interest in yoga among seniors will be known as the Silver Tsunami.

"That is baby boomers going into yoga," she said. "Yoga for seniors is going to be



Arlington seniors take a hatha yoga classes. A recent study showed yoga programs specifically designed for seniors can improve strength and flexibility.



Photo courtesy of East Meets West Yoga Center

Seniors Linda
Liberatucci, 67,
Colette Ashley, 70+,
Ann Mandelbaum,
68, Lola Wulchin, 84
and Frankie Gibson,
74, do a downward
facing dog pose
during gentle yoga
class at East Meets
West Yoga Center in
Vienna.

"Everybody can do yoga, but there are a lot of types of yoga and not every type is good for everybody."

— Sandy Pradas, Joyful Heart Yoga

the biggest target audience that yoga teachers are going to have because of the number of baby boomers who are looking for alternative ways of exercise because they are not going to be able to keep up with impact exercises like running."

In fact, she says gentle yoga classes are among the most popular at her studio. "I have students who are as old as 84. We deal with people who can't get on the floor," she said. "We use chairs. We work on balance because that is a main concern among seniors. We work on coordination because that is another thing that tends to diminish as we age."

Jennifer Collins, a countywide program specialist in the Office of Senior Adult Programs in Arlington, said that yoga classes that are specifically tailored for those 55 and older are among her office's most popular.

"Some of our [yoga] classes fill up within minutes of opening," said Collins. "We have people sitting at computers at our senior centers ready to register as soon registration opens because they know the classes are going to fill."

Sean .FM (yes, that is his name) of OneAum in Potomac, works with seniors with a wide range of abilities. He said it's important to find a class that is a good fit.

"There are many kinds of seniors," he said. "There are seniors that are immobile and some who are really active. We have a student who is almost 70 and I just taught him how to do a handstand. We created Yoga Rx for those with mobility issues. We work them in the chairs. We also do a lot of private sessions."

George Lynch, fitness director at Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean, is planning to incorporate yoga classes into the community's fitness program. The instruction will be tailored to meet the needs of his clients. "We have residents who are in their 80s, 90s and some in their 100s. Everything we do is designed specifically for seniors."

Andrew J. Carle director of the Senior Housing Administration at George Mason University said an increasing number of retirement communities are offer yoga classes as part of their fitness programs. "The future of senior housing will include science-based wellness activities like yoga," he said. "Anything that gets us beyond senior activities such as birthdays, Bibles, bingo and bridge is a step up."

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COURTESY OF
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A 70year-old
yoga
student
performs
a handstand at
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#### Senior Calendar

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 5

**Navigating the Complexities of** Lyme Disease. 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St, Vienna. Topics include: diagnosis & treatment, emotional and spiritual effects, and navigating the medical maze. Cost \$15 preregistration/\$20 at door. To register, visit http://bit.ly/ lymecomplexities.

Reston 50/100 Founder's Day Celebration. 12-3 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 11426 Washington Plaza W, Reston. Fifty years after Robert E. Simon, Jr. founded Reston, it continues to flourish and over 50,000 residents call Reston "home." Join the Reston Historic Trust and Museum for Founder's Day as they celebrate Reston's 50th anniversary and the 100th birthday of founder, Robert E. Simon, Jr.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 8

Luncheon and Tour. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive, Lake Ridge, Va. Explore retirement living at Westminster at Lake Ridge, a continuing care retirement community near Occoquan Village. Complimentary lunch and tour. RSVP to Michelle 703-496-3440, or visit wlrva.org for more.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 8

NARFE (National Active and **Retired Federal Employees** Vienna Oakton Chapter 1116

Meeting. 1:30 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. The program will be about the Vienna Town Council and mayor candidates. The meeting is open to all members and their guests. Refreshments will be served

#### SUNDAY/APRIL 13

**Book Look: Child of the Civil** 

Rights Movement. 2 p.m. Artspace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Poignant, moving, and hopeful, Child of the Civil Rights Movement is an intimate look at the birth of the Civil Rights Movement. Each Book Look event features a reading and craft project related to the book. Books will be available for purchase and signing by the author. The readings are free and open to the public, but seating is limited so reservations are recommended. Visit www.artspaceherndon.org for more information and to register.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 16

125th Birthday Celebration for Charlie Chaplin. 7:30 p.m. The

Alden, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The Alden in McLean will celebrate Charlie Chaplin's 125th birthday with an evening of silent films with live musical accompaniment. For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 17

**Vietnam Veterans of America** Chapter Meeting. Neighbor's

Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Edward D. Connor, WW II Army Air Corps veteran, will discuss the Battle of the Bismarck Sea of March 2-4, 1943. Admission is free. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Ideas for the Garden. 11 a.m. at the Little Falls Presbyterian Church, 6025 Little Falls Road. Landscape designer and horticulturalist Florence Everts will speak on design principles

during the monthly program of the Rock Spring Garden Club. Free and open to the public, with an optional \$5 lunch following the program. RSVP by April 10 to rockspringgardenclub@gmail.com.

www.rockspringgardenclub.com.

#### TUESDAY/APRIL 18

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Genealogical Society Meeting.} & 1 \\ \hline \end{tabular}$ 

p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center. room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Mount Vernon Genealogical Society meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Experiences of a Young Waist Gunner in WW II" by Ray Bailey. What was it like for an 18 year old high school graduate from a small Ohio town to go off to war, fight the Germans and survive his plane "going down?" Visit www.MVGenealogy.org. Questions about the program should be directed to Karen Jenkins at 703-866-2478 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 23

**Author Lecture: Cheat the Clock.**1

p.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive, Lake Ridge, Va.Margaret Pressler will discuss her book, "Cheat the Clock: How New Science Can Help You Look and Feel Younger." First 20 registrants receive free copy of the book, Call 703-496-3440 to attend. Visit wlrva.org for

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 24

Condo Living Class. 7-9 p.m. at The Station at Potomac Yard, 650 Maskell St. The City and Arlington and Fairfax Counties will host a two-hour "Understanding Condominium Living" class. Free, seating is limited. Confirm attendance at 703-746-4990 or email

shane.cochran@alexandriava.gov.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 30

**How to Protect Yourself From** Identity Theft. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Westminster at Lake Ridge, 12191 Clipper Drive, Lake Ridge, Va. Courtney Sweeney of Wells Fargo Asset Management will share tips to prevent identity theft before. RSVP to Michelle 703-496-3440, or visit wlrva.org for more.

#### SATURDAY/MAY 3

Plant Sale. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Wakefield High School, 1325 S. Dinwiddie St., on the Dinwiddie Street side of the building. Annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and flowering baskets available.Place an order before April 12 in the school main office; drop it off or mail it in. Order forms are available on the Wakefield Website http://apsva.us/ Page/17411.

#### TAX HELP

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free tax preparation and tax counseling volunteer program starts its free Tax Preparation Services Feb. 1. The program, sponsored by the IRS, is staffed with Certified IRS Tax Counselors and use IRS computers and software to prepare and eFile tax returns for low to middle income families and elderly citizens. Bring government-issued picture IDs, and social security cards for all persons that will be included in your tax return. Also bring a printed copy of last year's tax return, if you itemized. Located at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Visit www.aarp.org/taxaide for additional information.

#### **ONGOING**

Senior Fall Prevention Classes.

1:30-2:30 p.m. and 2-3 p.m., The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles. \$10. 703-667-9800.

Coffee/Tea Poetry Group. Poets and poetry lovers seek to form a group to meet once a month at a local coffee/ tea shop to enjoy each other's creations, 703-819-1690.

New Neighbors League Club of Northern Virginia. For women, the club includes Bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and many other activities

www.newneighborsvirginia.com. Join Jewish War Veterans of the USA. The Burke Post E 100 at 5712 Walnut Wood, Burke, invites Jewish veterans and service members to join. 703-209-5925

Singers Wanted for the **Celebration Singers**. The women's show choir is interested in new talent to perform at various Northern Virginia community sites. Practices are Wednesdays 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in Burke. Contact Gayle Parsons, 703-644-4485 or email gparsons3@cox.net.

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Tuesday and/or Thursday classes in a heated pool designed to work on balance and core muscles for injury prevention. \$10. Call 703-667-9800.

American Red Cross CPR, First Aid and AED. Various times, at 2720 State Route 699, Suite 200, Fairfax.

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Lunch is available to those 60 and older with a suggested donation of \$2-\$6, based on age and income. Participants younger than 60 may purchase lunch for \$8.50. Reservations must be made at least one day in advance.

Transportation, by Fastran bus, may be available at a nominal charge from your home to the center nearest you and back home. Check with the center to find out about transportation.

**SENIOR**+ is an innovative inclusion program for seniors with minor cognitive and physical disabilities. The program bridges the gap between programs for fully independent seniors and those who require some assistance. It allows seniors with disabilities to enjoy the wide range of programming found at the county's full service senior centers. Senior+ nables participants to remain in the least restrictive environment and maintain as much independence as possible. Participation reduces loneliness and isolation by providing

fun and enjoyment in addition to preserving dignity and enhancing the quality of life.

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- Health consultations and assessment by a registered nurse
- Consultation and assessment by a mental health specialist
- ❖ Referrals to other county agencies and transitions to other programs as needed
- ❖ An Individualized Wellness Plan developed with staff and participant input

Senior+ programs also offer a a sliding fee scale for monthly program fees or a nutritional lunch. Program hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Transportation may be available from the participants home to the nearest center.

The Senior Plus program is offered through the cooperative efforts of several Fairfax County agencies: Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, Department of Family Services, Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Systems Management for Human Services, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, the Health Department and our non-profit partner, Easter Seals of the Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc.

Centers offering Senior + are indicated with (+). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/seniorplus.htm for more.

The Lee Center Dancers, who came in third in a 2013 Senior Olympics line dancing event, are: Kathy Fanelli, Annandale; Neelima Gokhale, Arlington; Inga Ercolano, Arlington; May McWilliams, Arlington; Marcia Diamond, Arlington; Janey Brauninger, Arlington; Melissa Mendell, Arlington; and Bill Wong, Fairfax.

#### Northern Virginia Senior Olympics Mission: Living Healthy Longer

"Living healthy longer is the mission of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics," said Dave Jerome, of Burke, chairman of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. "It is our goal to promote healthy aging through both mental and physical activity, which is why NVSO offers such a wide range of events from sports to board games."

The 2014 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will take place Sept. 13-24 at 18 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Adults 50 years of age and over who live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions are eligible to participate.

Events include swimming, diving, track, field, tennis, table tennis, racquetball, pickleball, duplicate bridge, chess, scrabble, cribbage, men's basketball, handball, ERG rowing, Wii bowling, ten pin bowling, eight ball pool, horseshoes, softball hit and

throw, yo-yo tricks, bocce, Frisbee throw, golf, miniature golf, bunco, men's and women's basketball free throw, team line dancing, volleyball, badminton, cycling and more. Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded after each event. All events are open to the public.

Online registration will be available at www.nvso.com after July 1. Registration forms will be available at senior residences, community centers, seniors centers or by calling 703-228-4721. Registration fee is \$12 which covers multiple events. There is no onsite registration. Registration deadlines are Aug. 29 (mail) and Sept. 5 (online). The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics is sponsored by the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church.

#### **Senior Center Locations**

#### **\*** Bailey's Senior Center

5920 Summers Lane, Falls Church, VA 22041 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 703-820-2131, TTY 711

#### South County Senior Center (+)

8350 Richmond Highway, Suite 325, Alexandria, VA 22309 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-704-6216, TTY 711 Fax: 703-704-6699

#### \* Herndon Senior Center (+)

873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20170 Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

703-464-6200, TTY 711

#### **♦ Hollin Hall Senior Center**

1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-765-4573, TTY 711

#### \* James Lee Senior Center (+)

2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22041 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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#### The Groveton High School class of 1964 is looking for contact

information for as many classmates as possible. The planning for the 50th reunion is underway, however only a small number of people have been contacted. Groveton graduates of '64 interested in attending next September's reunion should email contact information to GHS64@verizon.net.

Band musicians are invited to join the **Mount Vernon Community Band**. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount

703-534-3387, TTY 711

#### **\*** Kingstowne Center for

#### **Active Adults**

6488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria, VA 22315 Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-339-7676, TTY 711

#### Lewinsville Senior Center (+)

1609 Great Falls Street, McLean, VA 22101 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-442-9075, TTY 711

#### Lincolnia Senior Center (+)

4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria, VA 22312 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-914-0223, TTY 711

#### \$Little River Glen Senior Center (+)

4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-503-8703, TTY 711

#### Lorton Senior Center (+)

7722 Gunston Plaza, Lorton, VA 22079 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-550-7195, TTY 711

Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mybands.com.

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#### ❖ Pimmit Hills Senior Center 7510 Lisle Avenue, Falls Church, VA

22043 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-734-3338, TTY 711

#### Sully Senior Center (+)

5690 Sully Road, Centreville, VA 20120 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-322-4475, TTY 711

#### Wakefield Senior Center

Audrey Moore RECenter 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-321-3000, TTY 711 Fax: 703-764-2204

#### \* City of Fairfax

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make corrections as needed. Pictures and maps are encouraged, but should be submitted separately, and credit information and suggested captions should also be included. Direct questions to Editor W. Karl VanNewkirk at 703-536-5916, karlvannewkirk@comcast.net; or 1116 North Rochester St., Arlington, VA 22205-1741.

Choral Rehearsal. Encore Chorale's spring season will start Jan. 14 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Langston Brown Senior Center, 2121 Culpeper St. Anyone over the age of 55 can participate. Registration information is available at encorecreativity.org, or by calling 301-261-5747 or via e-mail to info@encorecreativity.org.

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Senior Fall Prevention Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. Instructor is certified in back and hip rehab. Classes are held Tuesdays and/or Thursday, 1:30-2:30 p.m.; at The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. \$10 per class. Registration required, call 703-667-9800. Space is limited. Instructor is certified in back and hip realsh.

#### **Centreville Garden Club Meeting.**7 p.m. every third Monday at Sully

7 p.m. every third Monday at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Learn more at centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com or e-mail: centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com. Visitors welcome. Phone 703-830-

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