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Chief Rick Rappoport outside the police station. Police officers helped design the cruisers' new graphics.

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Cleo Magwaro with her book, "A Season's Assemblage."



Cleo and Joe Magwaro with their daughter Zoe.

'People Can Identify with Characters' Humanity'

Local woman writes book, 'A Season's Assemblage.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A new author has emerged on the literary scene 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 masters in International 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 2-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 explained. "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.

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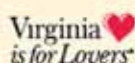
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Student Chris Yi of Fairfax enjoys his turn on the “Extreme Bulls” mechanical bull attraction. Although he ultimately fell from the bull prematurely, he still said the experience was his favorite part of the festival.

Celebrate Fairfax! Returns In Grand Fashion

Citizens enjoy variety of entertainment at festival in spite of heat, difficult parking.

BY THOMAS FRIESTAD
THE CONNECTION

The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival returned to the Fairfax County Government Center grounds for its thirty-seventh year last Friday through Sunday. According to about.com, this year’s Festival saw the participation of over 120 musical performances on eight stages, as well as more than 400 exhibitors, vendors and craters in the Community Marketplace.

“The Festival is beautiful; my family and I come to Celebrate Fairfax! every year because we love everything it has to offer,” electric physiologist April

Dikeman of Fairfax said. “We’ve come here for I think the past three years in a row. We absolutely enjoy going as a family together.”

Danielle Faust and Angela Sim, both 16 and of Centerville High School, took advantage of the large crowds at the Festival by setting up a booth to promote their cake pop company, Angel Pops.

“We decided to sell cake pops at the Festival, and we’re also advertising our company online,” Faust said. “It’s a private business that we’re hoping will receive more exposure here.”

Since its inception, the Festival has offered a plethora of entertainment attractions, including karaoke, carnival rides, food stands and nightly fireworks. Manager Robert Underwood of Sterling said his favorite attraction was the Kids’ Bungee Jump, since it offered him a great opportunity to bond with his grandson.

“The Bungee Jump was definitely my favorite part of the festival; it goes up high,” Underwood said. “My grandson enjoyed it, even though it might have gone up a little too high for him. I’m sure he’ll have fond memories of it in a few years.”

VIEWPOINTS

What was your favorite part of the Celebrate Fairfax! Festival?

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Eileen Lodovichetti, Environmental Scientist, Fairfax:

“Honestly, I’d have to say watching the kids has been the best part thus far. They’re having an awesome time, and there are all of these rides they get to go on, and it’s just a lot of fun for them. The parents are going crazy just trying to keep track of them at this point, so it’s also been fun watching them run after their kids.”



Chris Yi, Student, Fairfax:

“That mechanical bull was absolutely ridiculous. I loved how, when they selected the music for when I was riding the bull, they put on Gangnam Style; the DJ knew I was Korean, so it was a good pick. The bull was my favorite part of the fair so far; the experience I had on it was the best.”



Christopher Fujiwara, Veterinary Technician, Herndon:

“I’d say enjoying the good food at the festival has been my favorite part thus far. I really like the kettle corn they’re selling at the food tents in particular. I haven’t really tried anything else, though. I think the fair is a great time to get out with the kids and have fun as well.”



Danielle Faust, 16, Centerville High School:

“People have been really friendly at the fair. I didn’t expect people to be smiling and everything, but most of the time, when you say ‘hi’ to them, they say ‘hi’ back, so it’s pretty nice. I really like the atmosphere here, and it’s great for my business as well.”



JANELLE GERMANOS/THE CONNECTION



Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) speaks in Lorton at an event on June 7. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted last year to rename the trail after Connolly.

Congressman Honored

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

On National Trails Day on June 7, the Cross County Trail, which goes through each district in Fairfax County, was renamed to the “Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail” in honor of Rep. Connolly’s work to build the trail.

In June 1999, Connolly, who represented the Providence district on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, motioned to create a cross-county trail. Now, over a decade later, Connolly was honored during a ceremony at Laurel Hill Park in Lorton, part of the 40-mile trail that goes from Great Falls to the Occoquan River.

“Well first of all, thank you for not waiting until I was dead,” Connolly said at the ceremony. “I know it’s a great honor after you’ve passed, but I’m not sure I would have appreciated it. But thank you so much for doing this.”

When Rep. Connolly was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, he was a key figure in the development of the Cross County Trail. He worked with others to link together the existing trail system from Great Falls to Occoquan. “He has been involved in countless projects and initiatives, but this one, this project, is indicative of his personal strengths, his ability to listen to his constituents,” said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Connolly, calling the trail one of his “proudest accomplishments in public office,” thanked the Fairfax County Park Authority Staff and other volunteers and figures in the county who helped to make the trail a reality. “This trail is a way to ride bikes, to hike with their friends, or even to ride horses. But it’s also about connectivity—from one end of this community to the other,” Bulova said.

Bulova pointed out that the trail is part of the East Coast Greenway, which stretches



Nancy Wilson, a supporter of trails in Fairfax County, speaks at an event honoring Rep. Gerry Connolly for his work on Cross County Trail.

from Maine to Key West.

“This trail network will allow someone to hike from here, all the way down to Key West. Is that a romantic thought or what?” she said.

Flying above Fairfax County shows how much green there is in the county, said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

“To be able to say that we have 10 percent of our land in parks is a truly remarkable accomplishment,” Hyland said.

Volunteers who helped implement the Cross County Trail were also honored.

“Trails do not just magically appear for our enjoyment. Their construction and maintenance takes hours of dedicated planning and labor. That is especially true in Fairfax County, where volunteers are the backbone of our trail maintenance and construction,” Bulova said.

Pedestrians, bikers and horseback riders can travel all the way from Great Falls Park down to the Occoquan River.

“You can go out on the Cross County Trail and feel like you’re in the middle of nowhere. It’s a unique experience,” said Bill Niedringhaus, president of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association. Connolly said that the beauty of the Cross County Trail is that most of it is in a stream valley. It is hard to believe you’re in a big urban county with over a million people,” Connolly said.

Chief Rick Rappoport: Taking a Look Back

Rappoport led City of Fairfax police for more than 13 years.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Rick Rappoport finished one job and began another without missing a beat. On May 12, he became deputy chief of Amtrak's Mid-Atlantic region, after retiring May 9 from the City of Fairfax Police Department as its chief for the past 13-1/2 years. Deputy Police Chief Carl Pardiny is now the acting police chief.

Rappoport, 60, spent 24-1/2 years with Fairfax County's police department, retiring as deputy chief for administration, before joining the City. "It was a very good police department, with a great reputation, when I came in," he said.

And, said Rappoport, "It's been a great opportunity to be part of and serve a community. In some ways, it was like coming back to my roots as a district commander with a small population that you can get to know and can get to know you."

He said the two toughest challenges the department faced during the past eight years were the economy and staffing. "Simultaneously, there was a financial recession and we were entering a period of the largest turnover ever, because of retirements," he explained. "So we were trying to replace a significant portion of our



City Council and the chief: (From left) are Jeff Greenfield, Steve Stombres, Ellie Schmidt, Rick Rappoport, Mayor Scott Silverthorne, David Meyer, Dan Drummond and Michael De Marco.

workforce in the midst of a recession."

So Rappoport worked with the city manager and City Council to do so. "They approved some additional positions, plus money for training them," he said. "And it's paid off huge dividends with a team that's well-prepared to lead and deliver police services."

THE DEPARTMENT now has 67 officers and about 24 civilians. "Over half of our people now have less than five years' experience in the department," said Rappoport. "But they're doing an outstanding job in terms of our crime rate, success rate in apprehensions, closing investigations and their day-to-day interaction with the public. And I could not be more proud of what they've accomplished."

He's also pleased that the police began the Volunteers in Police Service program, "allowing us to bring in dozens and dozens of citizens to work alongside our officers," he said. "They do thousands of hours of service, and we build a valuable relationship between

the police and members of the community." "We also started a Citizens Police Academy to teach who we are and what we do, over 10 weeks," continued Rappoport. "They learn it hands-on, and it's become so popular and successful that many of them become volunteers." He said a huge City accomplishment was constructing the new police station in 2007. And, said Rappoport, "It took 18 months of making the case to the public for a bond referendum to build it and expand City Hall. It's about 30,000 square feet, and this building gave us the ability to have those kinds of programs and services and to attract quality people to work here. Working with the City Council and city manager to get this project done was a great accomplishment."

The most challenging part of his job, he said, was "to discern the right balance between the community's desire for a particular level of police services and their cost. We work really hard to provide the best services for the dollars we take out of a citizen's

pocket, so it's a constant struggle."

Rappoport's greatest satisfaction was "the relationship with the people," he said. "I worked for a great bunch of people – city manager, Council and mayor, plus the people I worked with here at the station. Every day, I heard success stories, and that made it good to come to work."

He was gratified, as well, by the support and appreciation the community gives to the officers. So, he said, "I stayed so long because I enjoyed being here. That's why it was a difficult decision to leave. But it's a really great opportunity to work with Amtrak Police Chief Polly Hanson. I've known her professionally 20 years and always admired her abilities."

When his new position came open, said Rappoport, "I saw a chance to do different policing than I'd done in the past. It's policing on a national level and policing a vital part of our infrastructure, since one of terrorists' targets worldwide is passenger train travel. So it's an exciting opportunity." Still, he said, the hardest part of leaving his position as Fairfax's top cop is "leaving the people within the Police Department – both full-time employees and volunteers – and my fellow department heads and City staff. They're a fantastic group of people."

Rappoport also enjoyed the relationship he had with his colleagues in the region. "There's a level of cooperation and collaboration in the Washington Metropolitan area that doesn't exist in many other areas of the country," he said. "And I'm going to miss that collegiality around solving difficult problems."

THE NEXT FAIRFAX POLICE CHIEF will be selected by the city manager and approved by City Council. Meanwhile, Mayor Scott Silverthorne was sorry to lose Rappoport. "He really transformed and modernized the Police Department with a new headquarters, technology, forensics capabilities and mobile data technology for the cruisers," said Silverthorne. "He was equally at ease dealing with the men and women in uniform, as well as with the governing body – and equally respected by both."

But Rappoport, the longest-tenured police chief in the City's history, says the Police Department's in good hands. "I've been honored to serve as the chief," he said. "I couldn't be more proud of the people I've had the pleasure to work with and the support I've received from a great community. There's a great team here prepared to lead this department; the next generation of leaders is ready."

At a May 13 reception at City Hall honoring Rappoport, police Sgt. Joe Trahey called him a great administrator. "He's going to be missed, and I wish him luck in his new job," said Trahey. "Amtrak's lucky to have him."

Assistant Fire Chief Andrew Wilson said it's been a pleasure working with Rappoport. "I'm the fire marshal, so we worked with each other a lot," he said. "He's fair, considers the issues and is professional." Silverthorne gave Rappoport a framed plaque of the police station. "You've built a tremendous department with great credibility," said the mayor. "Because of your service, we're better off and, most of all, we're safe."

Life in 84 Pages

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"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 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. 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."

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

Grand Larceny Is Charged

City of Fairfax police have charged a 50-year-old local man with grand larceny. According to police, last Wednesday, June 4, at 8:10 p.m., a person reported accidentally leaving his iPhone on the counter of a 7-Eleven and leaving the store without it. It was the 7-Eleven at 9617 Fairfax Blvd. in Fairfax, and police say store surveillance footage allegedly showed the suspect stealing the phone from the counter. Following his arrest, he was held on \$1,000 bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Braddock Park Mini-Golf?

The Fairfax County Park Authority is evaluating options to reopen or re-purpose the closed, mini-golf course in Braddock Park and wants to hear the public's ideas. So it'll host a public meeting this Thursday, June 12, at 7 p.m., at the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road in Fairfax.

For more information, ways to participate or to speak at the meeting, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/braddock-park.htm or contact the public information office at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-8662.

Farmers Market on Thursdays

Each Thursday, from 3-7 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center hosts a farmers market in its parking lot. The Government Center is at 12000 Government Center Pkwy. in Fair Oaks, and the next markets are slated for June 12 and June 19.

Fairfax City Farmers Markets

Two farmers markets are open for the season in the City of Fairfax. They'll run through Nov. 1 at the corner of West and Main streets. The Downtown Fairfax Coalition Community Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sunday Farmers Market will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For more information, call 703-642-0128.



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OPINION

Clearing the Air on New Carbon Standards

BY CONGRESSMEN GERRY CONNOLLY (VA-11) AND PAUL TONKO (NY-20)

CO-CHAIRS, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COALITION

The EPA's new proposal to safeguard the air we breathe and contain a primary driver of climate change by reducing carbon emissions from existing power plants is the lynchpin to reducing our carbon footprint. As co-chairs of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, we welcome action on carbon pollution and look forward to working with all stakeholders in a responsible manner to advance a 21st century energy economy for America.

Power plants are responsible for 40 percent of U.S. carbon pollution. Without addressing this source of pollution our efforts fade in significance. Similar safeguards already exist for other hazardous pollutants such as lead, arsenic, and mercury. And they have worked. Why shouldn't the same apply for carbon? By targeting this source of pollution, we protect public health, the economy, and national security.

Unfortunately, there are those who would have us believe that these and other EPA safeguards threaten our shared national priorities. Just as they did when Congress, in a bipartisan fashion, adopted the Clean Air and Clean Water acts a generation ago, these critics offer the same hackneyed arguments they always make: they contend the public does not want these protections, they will kill jobs, bankrupt the economy, and cause electricity rates to double. This is the same crowd that waged deceitful campaigns warning of death panels, a government-run takeover of healthcare, and socialized medicine in the hopes of dis-

tracting us from the urgent need for the Affordable Care Act.

Such false and misleading claims were shameful then, and if repeated, will jeopardize the tremendous strides we've made in protecting public health. Unfortunately, some took to attacking the EPA's latest proposal even before it was released. Last week, Speaker Boehner said the EPA is "hurting our economy" with such proposals, though he did note he was no expert on climate change and had not yet seen the proposed regulation. Let's move beyond such rhetoric and look at the facts.

Take the first claim that carbon pollution restrictions will kill jobs and devastate the economy. Evidence tells us that we can have both a clean environment and a strong economy. In a recent op-ed, Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, who is the former Governor of New Jersey and was EPA Administrator under President George W. Bush, highlighted that "...between 1970 and 2006, U.S. GDP grew by 195 percent, yet thanks to regulatory changes annual emissions of carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, and lead all decreased significantly." In other words, economic growth and regulation can and do intertwine successfully.

Investing in new energy standards actually has helped fuel that economic growth. For example, since the Clean Air Act was passed in 1970, every dollar spent on compliance standards has yielded \$4-\$8 in economic return on that investment.

The fact is that these standards



Connolly



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have been a catalyst for a new generation of clean energy, new investment in plants and equipment, and the creation of thousands of domestic jobs. Employment in the American solar industry, for example, grew ten times faster than the national employment average rate last year.

Another tired but predictable claim opponents will make is that electricity rates will increase. The Washington Post's fact checker, who does not take a position on EPA rules, debunked this allegation noting that "this [claim] does not pass the laugh test." The Clean Air Act amendments of 1990 also were assailed by similar attacks. So what happened to electricity rates? They decreased.

Between 1990 and 2006, electricity rates fell by 47 percent in Arkansas, 64 percent in Illinois, 28 percent in Indiana, 35 percent in Michigan, 30 percent in North Carolina, 18 percent in Ohio, 36 percent in Pennsylvania, 40 percent in Utah, and 36 percent in Virginia. Even the power companies agree. The CEO of American Electric Power, one of our nation's largest utilities, said that with enough time to prepare, the transition to a cleaner energy future can occur "without a major impact to customers or the economy."

Finally, these perennial alarmists will argue that the American public does not want the "boot of government regulation on their neck." To the contrary, when it comes to basic health protections, the American public overwhelmingly has said it doesn't want the threat of pollution on its neck. A 2012

American Lung Association report found that Americans support the Clean Air Act by a 2-to-1 margin. The same report found nearly 3 out of 4 respondents believe we shouldn't have to choose between health and safety standards and promoting the economy. They understand that the opponents are presenting them with a false choice and that we can and must do both. And when it comes to setting limits on carbon pollution from power plants, a February 2014 poll found 7 out of 10 Americans support these safeguards. Seventy percent!

But you won't hear the House majority reminding the public of these inconvenient truths.

They prefer reckless rhetorical arguments and irresponsible inaction. Reducing carbon emissions poses a significant challenge, and we look forward to working with industry, the environmental community, and stakeholders at the local, state, and federal levels to address this challenge. But first we must be willing to move beyond these campaigns of fear and deception.

Thankfully, there are indications that industry and the public understand this. For example, use of solar power by American companies increased by 40 percent last year.

Those businesses, and their customers, understand the value of investing in American ingenuity and innovation – a healthier environment, a sustainable source of domestic energy, creating new high-skilled jobs.

The Obama Administration has taken a bold step in proposing a 30 percent reduction from 2005 levels in carbon emissions from power plants. We support that effort and know that America's health and economic wellbeing will benefit immeasurably.

Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission and others who are developing alternatives that actually improve healthcare without increasing the financial burden on Virginians.

Virginia should reject Medicaid expansion, and should support Medicaid reform.

Nancy Piotter
Fairfax Station

Opposing Medicaid Expansion

To the Editor:
(In response to Del. Ken Plum's Commentary "A Moral Imperative," Connection, May 29—June 4, 2014)

Rather than vilify Republicans in the House of Delegates who want separate debate on Medicaid expansion, Del. Ken Plum (D-36) should be reminded that there is no imperative to link it to budget negotiations in the first place. Linking it serves only a political convenience for the Governor, who knows by now that a

majority of Virginians oppose Medicaid expansion.

I ask Del. Plum: why would you want to shackle Virginia to a program that is inefficient and badly in need of reform? Why would you want to increase the federal debt? Why would you trust the federal government to keep its promise about cost-sharing? Why would you want to commit Virginia taxpayers to almost \$1 billion in net costs to the state over the next eight years? Why aren't you critical of the Virginia hospital lobby,

knowing that many hospitals operate at a profit even after charity care? Why are you pushing a policy that a majority of Virginians oppose?

It is obvious by now that the Affordable Care Act, and Medicaid expansion, are tools to redistribute income and impose greater government control over citizens, rather than to improve quality healthcare.

Virginia should not rush a decision to expand Medicaid. Instead, lawmakers should support the

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OPINION

To Fairfax County Graduates: Do Not Lose Sight of Community

By JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

To the graduates of Fairfax County Public Schools: This month you will don caps and gowns to mark the end of your high school career. Your accomplishment is the product of hard work, perseverance, and the support of many. While you are reflecting on your accomplishments, consider how you will begin your new chapter. As you set off into

COMMENTARY the world, I ask you not to lose sight of your community and to seize the opportunity to be an active, engaged citizen.

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) lists many responsibilities of American citizenship, perhaps the most important of which being a citizen's obligation to "participate in the democratic process." In the 2012 election, just 38 percent of 18 through 24 year olds voted. That number is much lower for state and local elections. As real challenges face the young people graduating today, I encourage you to become educated about the election process and to vote for candidates you believe will represent you well.

A great deal of pride exists in your newly found freedom, and I hope you will be mindful of how you spend your time. Mohandas Gandhi said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others," and that is the truth. Make time to volun-



Cook

teer, either as a formal commitment or once in a while on the weekend. Find service that is meaningful to you and that you enjoy, be it building houses, walking shelter dogs, or reading to children. There are a number of organizations doing great work that are always looking for enthusiastic volunteers. Each of you has gifts and talents that are vital to bettering your community, and I ask you to invest those skills in your neighborhood. You can find a variety of opportunities to get involved at Volunteer Fairfax's website, volunteerfairfax.org.

Another responsibility of American citizenship, according to USCIS is to "participate in your local community." From watching over your elderly neighbors to staying informed about issues that confront your community, one of the most important aspects of being an engaged citizen is being a good neighbor. We like to say, "You don't have to move to live in a better community." Take advantage of your opportunity to make our County a better place to live through your civic engagement. Be a good neighbor and take pride in your community.

You have accomplished great things already, and wherever the future takes you I encourage you to provide service to others. Look out for those around you, take care of yourself, and spend time making your community better. Congratulations again on your accomplishment and I look forward to seeing the great things you'll achieve.

Transitioning to Summer

By AMANDA ANDERE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FACETS



Summer is a time of change — always welcomed by students. The break during the hottest months gives a chance for kids to de-stress and prepare for their next grade on their short path to adulthood.

After five summers at FACETS, I've had the opportunity to watch many children make this transition. What's fun for kids though, can be a huge struggle for their parents. Finding appropriate and affordable care, providing enough meals during the day, and incurring the extra costs of entertaining children can be an enormous challenge for families that FACETS serves. Everyday FACETS, a nonprofit that opens doors to people who suffer the effects of poverty in Fairfax County and City, meets families who are vulnerable emergency shelter, food and medical needs, helps them gain safe, sustainable and permanent housing and works with them to end the cycle of homelessness and poverty through educational, life skills and career counseling programs.

Through our Education and Community Development Program — which operates out of four affordable housing communities, we offer innovative programming at the community centers as a way to engage and strengthen families. To ensure that children in the communities are busy, learning, and eating, we provide an expanded program in the summer. We take field trips, have activities and work-

shops, host honor roll parties, and play games and music.

We also rely on older children to help with programming, giving them leadership roles. For instance, we send teen clients to the annual Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) Conference leadership program. They return from this excellent leadership program and produce a series of summer activities and workshops for the younger kids in the community. Having these older youth — most of whom have experienced poverty — take leadership roles is transformative for them. It's watching these transformations in our youngest clients that I have enjoyed most in my time at FACETS. As I too start a life transition to a new position with Wider Opportunities for Women, a national nonprofit that works on pathways to economic security and equality, I see the growth in these children and know that the FACETS' team and its corps of volunteers are changing the trajectory for these families. I also see a county that cares about its people and is diligently working to address poverty and end homelessness. Along with my colleagues, peers and partners, I know that we have made measurable progress in reducing the number of people who are waiting for shelter and services.

Best of all, I know that summers will be a time that brings fun and memories to more kids in Fairfax County. I leave FACETS in capable hands, understanding that more children will transition through summer to a successful new school year ... and ultimately a life with more and better choices.

Time to Do the Right Thing

Over the past 100 years, our judgment has not been good.

By DAVE
MARSDEN
STATE SEN. (D-37)



Marsden

Once again Virginia is in the spotlight on an issue of economic progress and social justice. Marketplace Virginia is a

Senate of Virginia plan to provide 400,000 Virginians who do not qualify for the Affordable Care Act to gain health insurance through federal Medicaid expansion. It is before the Virginia Legislature and the House of Delegates is standing in the way, putting Virginia behind the times and on the wrong side of history.

Marketplace Virginia would bring up to \$1.8 billion in federal dollars a year towards this insurance coverage goal. We are already paying for this coverage through our federal taxes but if the House of Delegates gets its way, we will be giving up \$3.5-5 million a day in benefits, and our rural hospitals, which are losing their federal funding for indigent care, could begin to fail. The Virginia budget will be called on to support these hospitals and prevent closures. Our federal taxes, which were raised this year, will not be coming back to Virginia but be spent in other states and on other priorities. It is estimated that 30,000 jobs could be created over the next five years as the result of this sensible and desperately needed legislation. The argument from the House of Delegates is the federal government may decide in later years that they cannot afford this, and stick Virginia with the bill. Our current budget has \$23 billion federal dollars in it. Why are they not worried about the federal government stopping those funds? In short, it is a ridiculous argument designed to distract Virginians from the real reason they are opposed. And that is the fear that anyone in the Republican Party who votes for this will be challenged in a primary and risk losing their seat. Anything perceived as part of the Affordable Care Act will be blindly resisted

regardless of how beneficial it will be to our state.

This is yet another moment in Virginia's troubled history of decision making around "defining moments" in public policy, economic development, and social justice such

as this one. Over the past 100 years, our judgment has not been good.

In 1919-1920 when the 19th Amendment for a woman's right to vote was up for approval in the U.S. Senate, Senators Martin and Swanson from Virginia voted against this fundamental human right. In 1936 the Social Security Act was voted on by the U.S. Senate but sadly Virginias two Senators, Harry Byrd and E.C. Glass, joined ten Senate colleagues who decided not to vote on the legislation. In 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education held that school segregation was unconstitutional and Virginia's response was "massive resistance." Our public schools in Prince Edward County did not re-open until 1964.

I hope the reader is getting the idea here. In 1964 and 1965 our Federal legislators voted on the Civil Right's Act and Voting Right's Act. Of the 24 potential votes that could have been cast by Virginia's Congressional and Senate representatives, all of them voted against the Civil Right's Act and only one Congressman chose to vote for the Voting Right's Act. In 1957 in Loving vs. Virginia the U.S. Supreme court held that Virginia's law against interracial marriage, enshrined in Virginia's Constitution was in fact unconstitutional, and once again Virginia's instincts squarely placed us in the wrong. Fast forwarding to 2006, we placed into Virginia's Constitution the "Marriage Amendment", which forbid same sex marriage or any legal arrangement that approximated such a marriage. Virginia legislators stood in the way of people exercising the right to love and build a life

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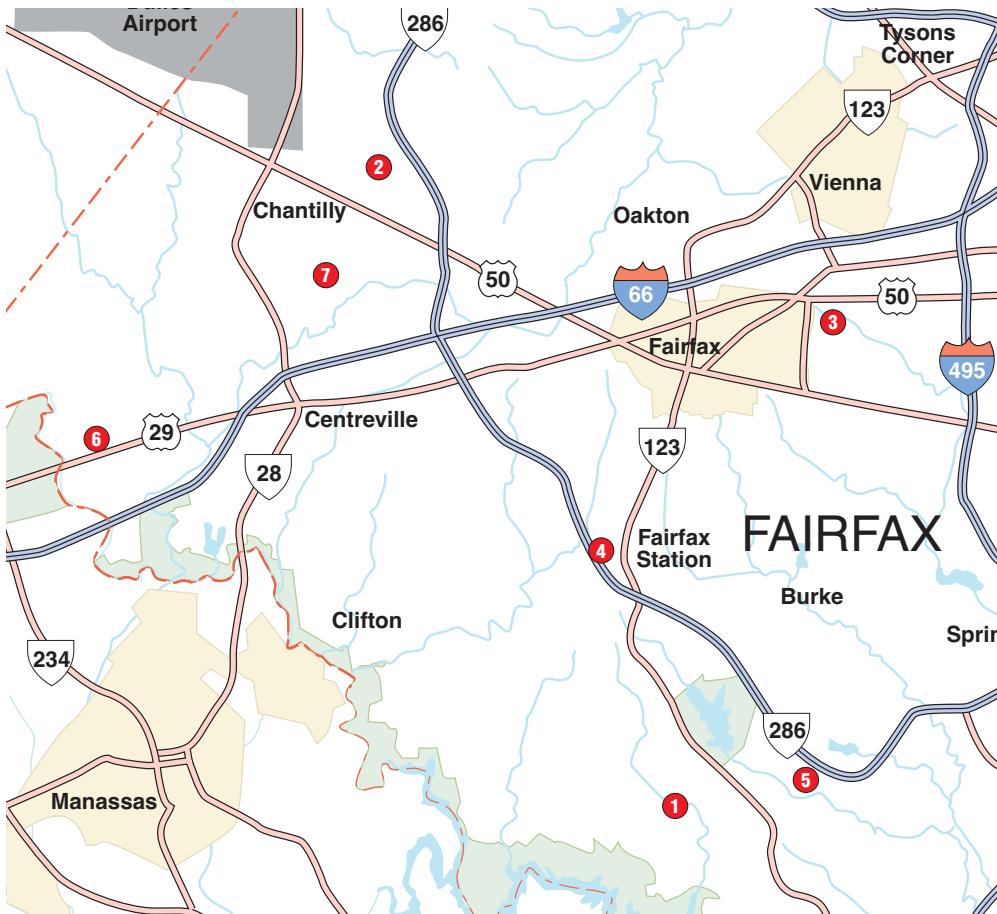
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A Porch with a View

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When a Great Falls homeowner decided she wanted to breathe new life into her large covered porch after a long, cold winter, she called on Anna Kucera, owner and principal designer of Gracious Living by Design in Alexandria, Va., to give the space a fresh look in time for warm-weather gatherings. “The client has an expansive porch with incredible views of Great Falls,” said Kucera. “She [wanted] to refresh and update the outdoor living space while still allowing the vista to remain the focal point.” Kucera’s goal was to create a space that was at once tranquil and invigorating, but also respected the home’s architectural features, including stonework and wood siding. Kucera was careful to upholster the casual, but elegant seating with fabrics that were durable, heavily textured and able to withstand the elements. “Although the porch is covered, we needed to select materials that could withstand moisture and sun exposure,” said Kucera. “And considering the large quantity of cushions on the porch, it was prudent to select upholstery fabrics that would not become tiresome after a season or two.” The upholstered cushions were crafted from outdoor fabrics made of 100 percent solution-dyed acrylic. The main seating area is accessorized with custom-sized, flat-woven, polypropylene area rugs by Couristan.

“Both solution-dyed acrylic and polypropylene are inherently mildew and fade resistant,” said Kucera.

“We selected an off-white solid woven from Stroheim to cover the back and arm cushions. For the seats and contrast welt on the back cushions, we chose a neutral tone fabric with a subtle dot pattern designed by Wendy Tsuji and Linda Ueda for Perennials.”

The rugs are perfect for alfresco gatherings: “Clients who enjoy entertaining outdoors and love natural sisal rugs are impressed with the way polypropylene rugs offer the same look with the added benefits of easy clean-up ... along with durability,” said Nancy Hardy, a design associate at Gracious Living by Design. Kucera used a neutral and timeless palette as a backdrop for vibrant pops of color in accessories such as toss pillows. “We created emphasis by combining succulent citrus shades of green, orange and yellow,” she said. “The mood could easily be changed with pillows by combining soothing tones of sea glass, green and aqua, or by boldly contrasting black and off-white.” To complete the space, Kucera picked up a few accent pieces at The Virginia Florist of Alexandria. “I found accessories and finishing touches such as orchids in cachepots, a sweet bird votive holder and greenery-filled urns.”

These carefully chosen details gave the porch a polished aesthetic. “The objects and works of art that we look for and carry are as important as the floral arrangements that we create because we think they should always work together,” said Kevin Green, owner of The Virginia Florist. “Our clients are interested not just in flowers, but in decorating their environments, and we share that kind of holistic approach.”



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Alexandria, Va., based designer Anna Kucera created a covered porch space that was tranquil and invigorating, but also respectful of the Great Falls home’s architectural features, including stonework and wood siding.



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FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



Brian, Stephen, and Claire Maloney on vacation in Alaska with their dad, Dr. Mike Maloney, of Fairfax.

The party just got better. Dad, Jose, and Joaquin celebrating a very private moment.



He didn't tell us how to live; he lived, and let us watch him do it. Linley Michael (1939 -2011). RIP dear great one.



The Christy's, Jerry, Nia, Dad Neil, Chanel and Cy of Springfield pose in front of Peter Christy Street named after their grandfather and hero.

ENTERTAINMENT

Don't miss Unquiet Theatre Company's production of "Some Girls" at The Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, this weekend June 13-15. The play is about a guy who decides to visit his ex-girlfriends before his imminent marriage.



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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

White Elephant Sale. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. St. Mary of Sorrows, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Sale of furniture, antiques, household, garden, sports, toys, books, DVDs and CDs. 703-323-0345.

Summer Concerts. 7 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Some Girl(s). Friday and Saturday 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This play by Neil LaBute tells the story of one man as he flies across the country in search of the perfect woman (whom he's already broken up with). Admissions: \$5-\$10. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14 – WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Arts from the Turkic World Exhibit. 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The exhibition will feature a collection of works from various Turkic countries and territories as well as the works of featured artists of Turkic descent.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Blending Class. 1 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Rd., Clifton. Join Head Winemaker Rob Cox as he teaches the art of blending wine. Take home a bottle of your very own unique blend! \$55. 703-830-9463.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. Admissions: \$40. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

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N Gauge Train Show. 12-5 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Northern Virginia NTRAK members' train show. Admissions: \$2-\$4. www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

Children's Theatre: Princess and the Pea. 1 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. This original musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale is presented by Pandemonium Theatrical Productions. Admissions: \$9-\$12. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Father Daughter Dance. 6 - 9 p.m. The Sherwood Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls, ages 3 - 11, dress in their beautiful gowns and dads dress to impress. Girls celebrate Father's Day with your dads, granddads, big brothers, godfathers and family members. There will be lots of dancing, games, prizes and food. Call 703-385-7858 for tickets. \$30 per person.

Panoplia Opening Reception. 7 p.m. – midnight. Epicure Café, 11104 Lee Highway, Fairfax. An eclectic and groundbreaking collection of paintings and mixed media work by local artists. On view from June 14 – Aug. 2.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their

works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Mount Vernon Nights: Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, button-box accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Father's Day Golf Tournament. Burke Lake Golf Center, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams of two compete in an 18-hole scramble format in three divisions: Father/Jr. 7-12; Father/Jr. 13-17; Father/Adult partner. Closest to the pin contests. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place in all three divisions. Limited to first 48 teams. Registration begins two weeks prior to event. \$65/team. Fee due at time of registration, includes lunch. Call 703-323-1641.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

5th Annual Father's Day Pig Roast. 2 p.m. Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Rd, Clifton. Join us for our 5th annual Father's Day gourmet Cuban Lechug Pig Roast. Call to RSVP 703-830-9463.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 20 – SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Cooking Light & Health's The Fit Foodie 5K Race Weekend. Mosaic District, 2910 District Avenue, Fairfax. The Fit Foodie 5K Race Weekend Series is jam-packed with celebrity chef tastings, cooking and fitness demonstrations, yoga sessions, and a Power Systems fitness boot camp, all led by celebrity trainers and fitness experts. For tickets and registration, visit <http://www.fitfoodierun.com/>

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

34th Annual Spring Mosby Civil War Bus Tour. 8:30 a.m. Truro Parish, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Visit Green Springs, the City of Alexandria, the Robert E. Lee Camp Hall Museum, the grave of Ranger Albert Minor, the site of the Rose Hill Manor House, the Broder's Site & Cemetery and much more. Cost for Stuart-Mosby Histocial Society members is \$6; non-members is \$75. RSVP by emailing dhakenson@verizon.net or call 703-971-4984. www.stuart-mosby.com and www.hmshistory.com.

Clifton Wine Festival. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit historic Clifton, with wine, food, music and arts and crafts to make it a celebration. Rain or shine. Visit www.cliftonwine.com for mor

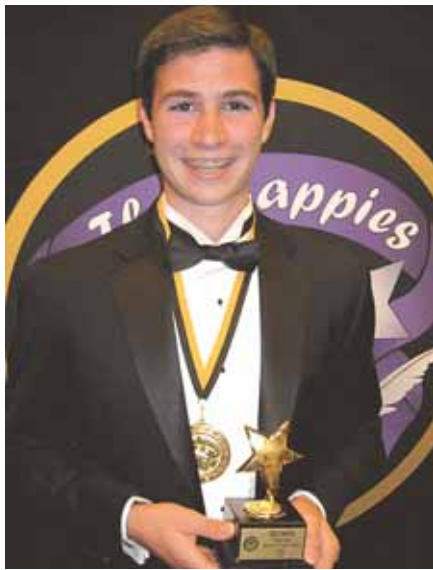
SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.



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The award for Stage Crew went to Darby Binford, Vicki Clinch, McKenzie Moskowitz and Marybeth Ware for "9 to 5: The Musical" at Fairfax High School.



The award for Best Male Dancer went to Elijah King of Fairfax for "Curtains" at Robinson Secondary School.

Cappies Awarded for High School Theater

The 15th Annual Cappies Awards Gala for high school theater was held Sunday, June 8 at The Kennedy Center. Nine Cappies went to West Potomac High School for "Spamalot," including the coveted Best Musical award. The Best Play award went to Langley High

School for "The Children's Hour." The Cappies' show season extended from October 2013 to May 2014, and Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics. This year's event included 58 public and private high schools from Arlington, Fairfax,

Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery and Prince William counties, the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria and Manassas, and Washington, D.C. The event was hosted by Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk.

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Robinson Boys' Lax Beats Battlefield in State Semifinals

**Sophomores
Henry, Daniel
propel Rams to
first state final
since 2007.**

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Doubt crept in the mind of sophomore attackman Johnny Daniel after the Robinson boys' lacrosse team lost to Landon, 15-1, on March 31. Were the Rams, who had just lost three of their first four games, really that good?

More than two months later, Daniel was doubt free as Robinson faced Battlefield in the 6A state semifinals. In fact, No. 23 settled into a comfort zone with a long-time teammate.

Sophomore midfielder Austin Henry scored three first-half goals, each assisted by Daniel, and Daniel added a goal of his own in the second half as the Rams secured a berth in the state championship game with an 8-4 victory over Battlefield on June 10 at Robinson Secondary School.

"We've been on the same team since seventh grade and we've done everything together," said Daniel, who has more than 30 goals and 30 assists this season. "Whenever he does a little move ... I don't even have to look at him and he'll be wide open for a beautiful shot. That's a connection that I'm so happy that I've had and I'm going to have for the next few years."

Robinson led 4-3 at halftime, thanks to a first-half hat trick from Henry. After producing three first-half assists, Daniel scored with 10:01 remaining in the third quarter, giving the Rams a 5-3 advantage. Robinson led by at least two goals for the remainder of the contest. "They know each other really well," Robinson head coach Matt Curran said. "Austin's one of the best shooters I've been around. When he catches inside, or even on the run, he has a tendency to [score]."

After a 1-3 start to the season, Robinson has won 16 consecutive games and will play in its first state championship game since 2007.

"I knew we had what it took," Daniel said. "In the beginning of the year, I doubted it for a second.

Robinson sophomore Austin Henry scored three goals against Battlefield in the 6A state semifinals on June 10.

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Robinson junior Jack Rowlett scored two goals against Battlefield on June 10.

We definitely stepped it up after we lost to Landon. ... We promised to Coach Curran that we wouldn't lose any more games, because that's the worst feeling you can possibly have. We just stuck to our word and did the best that we could."

Robinson will face Langley in the state final at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 14 at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The Rams thumped Langley 15-3 in the 6A North region championship game on June 6, but the Saxons bounced back to beat 6A South champion Osbourn Park in the state semifinals, 21-8, on Tuesday.

"[The Saxons] beat Osbourn Park pretty handily," Daniel said. "I don't think they were ready [in the region final]. Their game plan was not prepared last game, so we're really going to need to work hard and take this seriously. They beat [defending state champion] Chantilly. I think they just had an off game against us."

Curran said the Rams must avoid a letdown against Langley after beating the Saxons convincingly in the region final.

"I don't think we played our best ball tonight, so we need to play better," Curran said after Tuesday's win over Battlefield. "We can't take for granted at all that we had a great game against Langley the

first time. They crushed Osbourn Park tonight. ... After a 12-goal victory in the regional final ... you take 15-, 16-, 17-, 18-year-old kids, it's almost guaranteed to be a little bit of a letdown the next game."

Battlefield held first-half leads of 2-1 and 3-2. Henry's goal with 9:02 remaining in the second quarter tied the score at 3-all. Henry scored again with 59 seconds remaining in the half, giving the Rams a 4-3 lead they would not relinquish.

Junior defenseman Jack Rowlett scored twice in the third quarter. His second goal gave Robinson a 7-4 lead with 4:20 remaining in the period.

Junior attackman Chapman Jasien and junior midfielder Jack Smith each scored a goal for Robinson.

Senior goalkeeper Nick Kondracki, who was voted team MVP this season, was credited with five saves.

"It means a great deal, it really does," Curran said of reaching the state championship game. "I'm really excited."

Robinson last won a state championship in 2007, when the Rams defeated Westfield in the final. Langley has captured four of the last five state titles, winning four straight from 2009-2012.

South County Softball Wins Region Championship

**Sophomore shortstop Williams
drives in go-ahead run against
Lake Braddock.**

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

In four meetings with Lake Braddock this season, the South County softball team had scored just one run in 36 2/3 innings against Bruins pitcher Ashley Flesch when sophomore shortstop Jade Williams stepped to the plate in the eighth inning of Friday's 6A North region championship game.

The Stallions had hit the ball well on this day, but had nothing to show for it. Now, with a runner in scoring position and two outs in a scoreless tie, Williams had an opportunity to break through.

"I knew we were due because we had been hitting the ball hard," Williams said. "We had been getting progressively better every game and I knew, some time, it was going to drop in."

For Williams and the Stallions, that time was now.

Williams ripped a run-scoring double down the third-base line, designated player Mollie Maglich followed with an RBI double and South County captured its first region championship since 2009 with a 2-1, eight-inning victory at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

"We all wanted it really bad — I think we wanted it more than them," Williams said. "I just wanted to hit the ball hard. I was confident and I really wanted to win."

South County won the first meeting between the teams, 1-0 in 13 innings on April 24. Flesch struck out 19 and did not allow a hit until Martin's walk-off double in the 13th. Lake Braddock won the regular-season rematch, 4-0, on May 12, and defeated the Stallions 1-0 in nine innings in the Conference 7 championship game on May 23.

"We hung in there, kept battling [and] finally strung a couple hits together at the end there," South County head coach Gary Dillow said. "That second run obviously ended up being huge, too, because you know they're just going to battle back."

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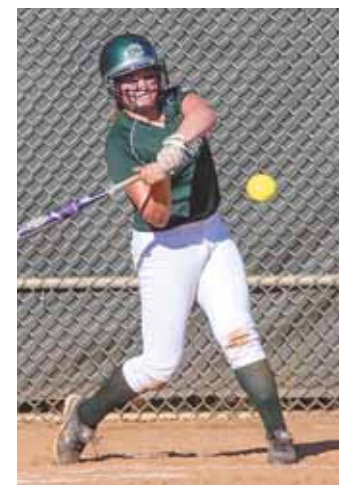


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South County shortstop Jade Williams drove in the go-ahead run with a double in the eighth inning of the 6A North region championship game against Lake Braddock on June 6.

ten better each time we've seen [Flesch]. I think it's just a matter of seeing her enough. We played 29 innings against her coming into today and we got eight more. It's just a matter of familiarity, I guess. ... We talked about progressively getting better and I think we got just a little better today and it was enough."

Williams went 2-for-3 at the plate. Martin and second baseman Cara Yates each went 2-for-4. Caitlin Maglich, catcher Haylea Geer, Mollie Maglich, and Ward each had one hit.

While South County (24-3) finally scored some runs, Martin took care of business in the circle. The senior right-hander tossed a complete game, allowing one unearned run and seven hits in eight innings. She walked two and struck out two.

Martin, the 6A North region tournament MVP, threw 99 pitches, including 67 strikes. She threw a first-pitch strike to 26 of 35 batters faced.

"Rebecca usually throws a lot of first-pitch strikes and they were attacking a lot of first-pitch strikes," Dillow said. "We were fortunate enough to get them to ... pop some pitches up early, so it helped keep her pitch count down and I think it helped because she's pitched a lot in the last week, and I know Ashley has too."

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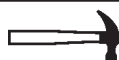
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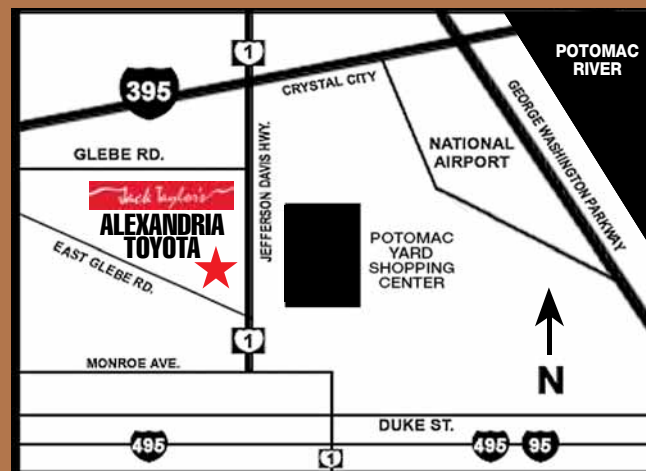
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