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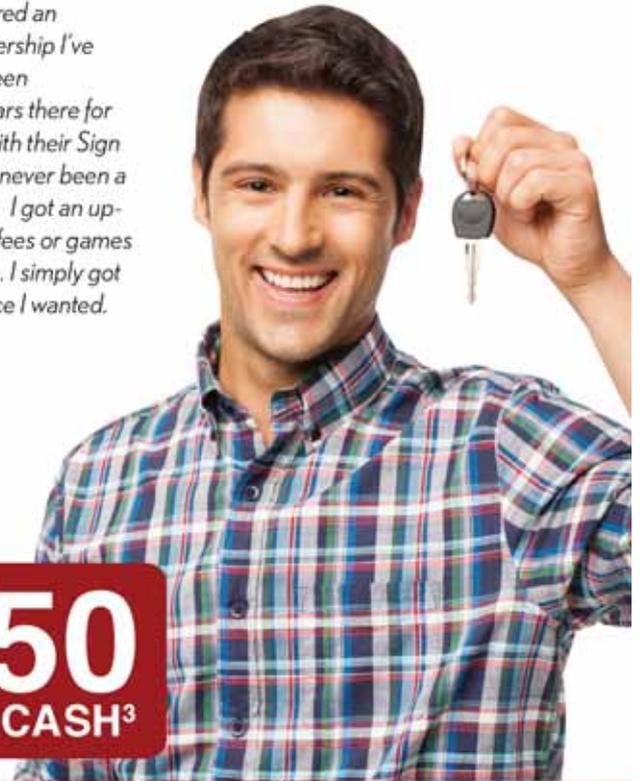
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NEWS



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Morgan Legatie, Somya Leskanich and Cassidy Austria, all of Fairfax, anticipate the start of their June 13 Robinson High School commencement ceremony.

Robinson Graduates Offered 'Tips for Success'

On Thursday, June 13, 661 Robinson High School seniors received their diplomas at the 2013 Commencement Ceremony held at the Patriot Center. Not only notable for its size, the graduates received over \$4 million in scholarship money for their continuing education. As student speaker Ellie Borkowski remarked in her comments, the class is "ready to take on any challenge; ready to take on the world." The commencement address was given by recently retired Robinson Principal Daniel Meyers, who gave gradu-

- ates five tips to achieve success:
- ❖ Don't take your mother's love for granted;
 - ❖ Bloom where you are planted and excel wherever you go;
 - ❖ Don't expect your freshman year in college to be like your senior year in high school;
 - ❖ When you choose your life's work, do something you love;
 - ❖ When you get "that job," make yourself indispensable by being highly productive and low maintenance.

—DEB COBB

Former Robinson Principal Daniel Meier, who retired in April, was the guest speaker at the Robinson High School Commencement Ceremony on June 13.



Morgan Legatie (left) and Somya Leskanich await the presentation of their diplomas at the 2013 Robinson High School Commencement Ceremony, held on June 13 at the Patriot Center.



Nicole Aaron is the first student to be awarded a diploma at the June 13 Robinson High School Commencement Ceremony.



Robert Diaz, of Burke, waves to family in the crowd at his June 13 Robinson High School commencement ceremony.



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NEWS

Supervisors Pass Home Day Care Ordinance

Bulova calls for town hall meeting to educate providers on new rules.

After months of heated debate from parents and daycare providers, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amended the zoning ordinance to bring rules concerning home child care in line with state code.

The amendment increases the maximum number of children allowed in a home child care facility from 10 to 12, and could also reduce the current Special Permit application filing fee of \$1,100 to as low as \$435.

"Fairfax County has a balanced approach to home child care," said Board Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large). "There is a tremendous need for quality child care in the county and we want to help make sure there are a sufficient number of providers available."

The amendment was prompted by changes in state licensing regulations last July, requiring home care providers to receive approval from their local zoning administration before their license is granted or renewed.

The change highlighted a significant discrepancy between state regulations and local zoning laws. While the state of Virginia allows up to 12 children

to be cared for in a home childcare facility, Fairfax County's zoning ordinance allowed for a maximum of 10 children.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said the change impacted nearly 400 state-licensed home childcare facilities in the county, "who, all of a sudden, unknowingly were operating in violation of the law."

"What we weren't able to do (with this amendment) is find a way for these 400 home childcare providers, who have been operating without any issues, to avoid a very bureaucratic, cumbersome and extensive process to stay in compliance," Herrity said. "In the end what we did today was good, but it wasn't good enough."

To help educate providers on the amendment, Bulova called for an informational town hall to be held on July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center.

"[The town hall meeting] will help providers prepare and file special permit applications and also outline a timeline for coming into compliance," Bulova said.

Bulova said county staff will hold additional meetings around the county to assist providers with their applications and answer questions. These meetings will be advertised once dates and times have been finalized.

—VICTORIA ROSS

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Del. Dave Albo (R-42), Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and a representative from the Fairfax County Park Authority help a young volunteer.



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Del. Dave Albo (R-42), Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), scouts from Troop 1140, South Run Regency community members, Fairfax County Park Authority representatives and a 95 Express Lanes project representative stand near one of 10 trees installed at Burke Lake Park near the South Run Regency community.

Scouts Help Plant Trees at Burke Lake Park

New trees replace mature ones torn down by Burke Lake Dam renovation.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

When the renovation of Burke Lake Dam began last fall, many residents in the leafy South Run neighborhood were concerned about the dozens of mature trees construction crews had to rip out to gain access to the dam.

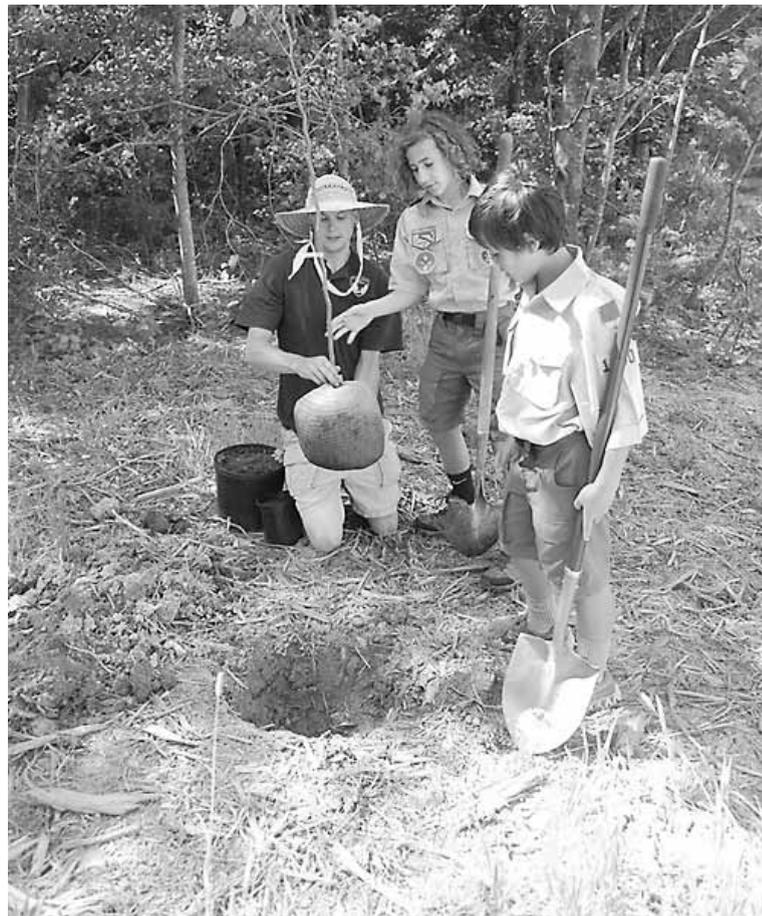
“South Run is largely a community of heavily-treed lots and common spaces that abuts Burke Lake Park where the dam renovation took place,” said Chuck Caposell, trustee of the South Run Regency Homeowner’s Association.

Residents met with Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) several times last fall to voice their concerns. Herrity promised he and his staff would help them replace the trees destroyed by the construction.

On Saturday, June 15, Herrity delivered on that promise.

Along with Boy Scouts from Springfield Troop 1140, community volunteers and Del. Dave Albo (R-42), Herrity brought his shovel and helped dig holes to plant 10 trees in the area.

The trees were donated by Transurban and Fluor—the private partners on the 95 Express Lanes project—through the “1,000 Trees in 1,000 Days” program. A total of 75 trees were provided by the consortium, which is partnering



A Fairfax County Park Authority representative assists scouts from Troop 1140.

“The trees will go a long way in keeping Burke Lake Park as one of Fairfax County’s most beautiful and prized assets.”

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

with communities located near the 95 Express Lanes construction corridor to plant 1,000 trees in 1,000 days.

“This is a big win-win,” Herrity said. “South Run wanted additional screening for that construction, and Transurban had the trees.”

“We are grateful for the efforts

of Supervisor Herrity who, along with the generosity of Transurban, secured 75 trees for the park, including 10 located near our community,” Caposell said.

The dam is owned by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, while the surrounding 650 acres of park land is owned by the Fairfax County



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and a scout from Springfield’s Troop 1140 put the finishing touches on a newly planted sapling.



Troop 1140 scouts and Fairfax County Park Authority employees plant a tree near the South Run Regency Community.

Park Authority. Construction on the Burke Lake Dam project was completed in February, and the trail across the dam is now open.

“The tree will go a long way in keeping Burke Lake Park as one of Fairfax County’s most beautiful and prized assets,” Herrity said.

According to Transurban-Fluor

officials, applications will be accepted and trees will be awarded throughout the 29-month 95 Express Lanes construction schedule until 1,000 trees have been installed.

For more information on the 1,000 Trees program, visit: 95ExpressLanes.com/1000trees.

OPINION

Talking, Acting To Keep Them Safe

Reducing drug- and alcohol-related fatalities.

The pages and covers of most of this week's Connection Newspapers show the joy and accomplishment associated with high school graduation. The day celebrates graduates who accomplished much just by finishing, graduates headed to college and more.

Most area high schools also celebrate with an all-night graduation party, an event designed and coordinated by parents to provide graduates with safe and appealing fun, with many schools organizing an annual party for more than 20 years.

It was, for example, the 25th annual All Night Drug and Alcohol-Free Graduation Celebration for T.C. Williams High School when the class of 2013 held its party on Saturday, June 15. Since 1989, when this tradition began at T.C. Williams, there have been no drug or alcohol-related graduation night fatalities.

Herndon High School parents have been providing a memorable evening for our graduates in an alcohol and drug free atmosphere for more than 20 years, and report that, "since the All Night Grad Celebrations began, we are happy to say there have been no alcohol or drug related fatalities on graduation night."

Summer is the beginning of many celebrations for young people in this area, and many of them, whether underage and over 21, admit that they celebrate with alcohol. Chances are that if your household includes a high school student, that student sometimes consumes alcohol. Graduation night is not the only danger lurking, as everyone knows.

All night graduation parties provide not only a safe place on graduation night, but also many opportunities before and after to talk about drinking and driving. There is no substitute for parents talking to their children about drinking, no matter how awkward, no matter how



Megan Hyunh, Kyeong Yun Jeong and Hongnhan 'Mimi' Lam are ready for the June 13 commencement ceremony to begin at Fairfax High School. The three soon-to-be graduates all plan to study biology. Hyunh will attend Johns Hopkins University, Jeong will attend George Mason University and Lam will attend Virginia Tech.

many eye-rolls you must endure. Driving while under the influence, or getting into a car as a passenger with someone who is impaired, is not the only danger of drinking, but it is one of the most avoidable.

On graduation day in 2007, West Potomac High School endured the unimaginable tragedy. Two young women who had graduated just hours before died in a car driven by another young woman who had alcohol in her system. The driver and another passenger, a 2005 West Potomac graduate, also died in that

crash.

If you've successfully raised a teenager through high school graduation, it is unbearable to think of losing him or her now. Talk. Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been way too much trouble to get to this point to risk losing them now. Tell them that you will come and get them, without consequences, any time they need a ride to avoid getting in a car with someone who has been drinking and/or otherwise under the influence. Look them in the eyes. Say the words.

For Adults Who Need a Reminder

Washington Regional Alcohol Program will provide free rides for those over 21 who find themselves out celebrating on the Fourth of July without a safe ride home.

The 2013 Independence Day SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. Thursday, July 4 until 4 a.m. Friday, July 5.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30.00 fare), please call 800-200-8294 (TAXI). You must be 21 or older to use the

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WRAP's SoberRide has helped to ensure greater Washington, D.C. residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 57,990 safe rides home, keeping impaired drivers off the road.

SoberRide operates during the December/January holiday season, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween.

See <http://wrap.org/soberride>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Train To Help In Emergencies

To the Editor:

The National Capital Region's third annual Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Convention, hosted by the Fairfax County CERT Team, will take place June 28-29 at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus.

CERTCon 2013 is a two-day seminar/functional exercise that offers training, networking and sharing of best practices to CERT members in the National Capital Region.

Saturday, June 29, will feature a lecture series from practicing professionals in the fields of emergency management, public health

preparedness, and disaster psychology. The speakers are drawn from a variety of organizations and agencies, including FEMA, NOAA, Virginia Task Force-1 (TF-1), and the National Association for Search & Rescue. Topics will include Stress and Trauma Management for First Responders, Pet First Aid, WMD & IED threat picture, Communications during a disaster, People with disabilities and disasters, Search and Rescue, Wilderness First Aid, Hazmat, and how to conduct Windshield Surveys.

Sunday, June 30, will feature a hands-on drill at the former Lorton reformatory which is now used as a disaster training site. This exercise will give the participants an opportunity to sharpen and advance their skills and work together as a multijurisdictional team.

CERT members go through 36 hours of training at their local Fire and Rescue academies. Training provides a basic understanding of fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical operations and team organization.

The CERT program began in 1985 in Los Angeles, Calif., after recognizing that large-scale disasters overwhelmed emergency response teams. Through FEMA grants to local jurisdictions civilians are trained to respond to emergencies or assist emergency responders arriving on the scene. All training and equipment is provided free of charge to the CERT participant.

This year CERTCon 2013 will host teams from Alexandria, Fairfax County and Fairfax City, Arlington, Manassas and Manassas

Park and Prince William County, Montgomery County and Prince George County team members will be attending and other Maryland CERTs as far away as Baltimore are expected. The District of Columbia is sending representatives from their team in addition to Georgetown University, American University and Gallaudet University CERT team members.

If you are interested in participating at CERTCon as an actor victim or a rescuer, visit certcon2013.eventbrite.com, to register.

To contact any of the Fairfax County CERT leadership, send the email directly to fire.CERT@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Milana Mohler, 8, a second grader at Eagle View Elementary, gets her face painted at the bookstore fundraiser.

Students Put Fun Into Fundraiser

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Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Scott D. Myers, a Class of 1997 alum of Fairfax High School, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He completed an eight-week program in military discipline, core values, physical fitness and basic warfare skills. Myers earned distinction as an honor graduate.

Midshipman 1st Class (senior) Zachary Patrick from Springfield was

recently selected to participate in the Naval Academy Trident Scholars Program.

Patrick, a 2009 graduate of West Springfield high school and an honors systems engineering major at the Naval Academy, will research how multiple laser beams can be controlled in a directed energy weapon. For more information about the Naval Academy, please visit: www.usna.edu.

Navy Seaman Recruit Ajay Salwan, a 2006 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Seaman Shawn P. Barnes, son of Karen L. Barr of Shepherdsville, Ky. and Patrick W. Barnes of Burke, was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman Andrew F. St. Pierre graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Nancy St. Pierre of Passageway Place, Burke. St. Pierre graduated in 2002 from Lake Braddock Secondary School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2006 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

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| 6015 COFFER WOODS CT | 4 | 3 | 0 | BURKE | \$546,000 | Detached | 0.24 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
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| 5301 CARTHAGE LN | 4 | 2 | 1 | BURKE | \$540,000 | Detached | 0.23 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
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| 9347 PETER ROY CT | 3 | 2 | 2 | BURKE | \$425,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22015 | CAROLINE OAKS |
| 9914 HEMLOCK WOODS LN | 3 | 3 | 1 | BURKE | \$417,000 | Duplex | 0.08 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 9626 HILLOCK CT | 4 | 2 | 2 | BURKE | \$404,711 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | BURKE VILLAGE |
| 9377 PETER ROY CT | 2 | 2 | 2 | BURKE | \$400,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | 22015 | CAROLINE OAKS |
| 5962 POWELLS LANDING RD | 3 | 2 | 1 | BURKE | \$400,000 | Duplex | 0.08 | 22015 | BURKE CENTRE |
| 6202 GEMINI CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | BURKE | \$394,500 | Detached | 0.24 | 22015 | ROLLING VALLEY WEST |
| 5520 DAM VIEW CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | BURKE | \$391,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | LAKEPOINTE |
| 5836 WYE OAK COMMONS CT #18 | 3 | 3 | 1 | BURKE | \$389,900 | Townhouse | | 22015 | WALDEN AT BURKE CENTRE |
| 9431 GOSHEN LN | 3 | 2 | 2 | BURKE | \$388,000 | Semi-Detached | 0.05 | 22015 | LAKE BRADDOCK |
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| 9506 CHERRY OAK CT | 3 | 2 | 1 | BURKE | \$371,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | 22015 | OLD MILL COMMUNITY |
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Saying Goodbye to a 'Great Place'

Woodson graduates challenged to remember.

By MATTHEW AUKER
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield High School's Class of 2013 gathered together for the final time Thursday, June 13 at Robinson High School's Henry M. Smith Field House for its annual commencement ceremony. Students, faculty, family members, and distinguished guests were on hand to celebrate the culmination of the school's 50th anniversary.

Timothy Patrick Gill was presented with the Senior Award, given each year to an outgoing senior in recognition of outstanding scholarship, leadership, citizenship and service to the school.

Justin Adamson, chosen as this year's student graduation speaker, spoke to the numerous positive characteristics of his fellow Woodson Cavaliers, and ended his speech with a challenge. "I challenge us all to remember each other, and to remember what it means to be a Woodson Cavalier. I challenge us to bring the same spirit of friendship, victory, caring, support and modesty that has helped us make Woodson a great place, forward to the rest



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW AUKER/THE CONNECTION

Woodson students file into the Henry M. Smith Field House at Robinson High School.

of our lives. Look around. There are a lot of talented, gifted people sitting among us. The graduates of this class will go far, and it would do all of us a world of good not to forget our experiences here."

The keynote speaker of the event was former Governor of Pennsyl-

vania and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Tom Ridge. Ridge made a strong case for the graduating students to be responsible and active in their civic engagement. "Government is about tomorrow, and there are more tomorrows in your life

than there are in mine," he explained. "So if you remember nothing else from these remarks today, please accept your responsibility as a citizen to be an informed voter. Register R, register D, register as an independent; I don't care where you go just as long as you keep your head in the game. ... It's not a privilege to vote, just accept that it's a responsibility."



Cristhian Andres Alcocer Salinas, an honor graduate, receives his diploma.

VIEWPOINTS

Where are you going next and where do you see yourself in 10 years?

—MATTHEW AUKER

Spenser Copp

"I'm going to the United States Military Academy in the fall, so in 10 years I hope to still be in the Army."



Gaby Collins

"I'm moving to Georgia next week, and going to Kennesaw State in the fall. In 10 years I plan on living on my own island in the middle of nowhere."



Essa Ayoobi

"I'm taking classes at NOVA in the fall, and in 10 years I want to have a full time job in IT security."



Rosie Barry

"Next I'm going to East Carolina University, and in 10 years I want to be a music therapist."



Caleb Brennan

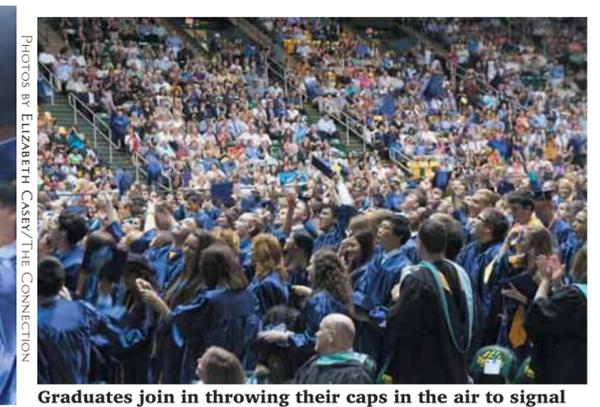
"I'll be attending Northeastern University in Boston in the fall, and in 10 years I'd love to work for a big tech company like Apple or Google."



The West Springfield High School Madrigals sing together one last time with their graduating seniors with the song, "The Road Home" by Stephen Paulus.



Class of 2013 students Elisha Burke, Justine Burke and Kayleigh Burke not only share the same last name, but also the proud smiles of new graduates.



Graduates join in throwing their caps in the air to signal the end to a four years of high school at West Springfield, as well as the beginning of an exciting new chapter in their lives.

Spartans Come Together for Last, Bittersweet Time Together

West Springfield High graduates urged to be "the best you possible."

By ELIZABETH CASEY
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield's Class of 2013 graduated at the Patriot Center on Friday, June 14, in front of a packed crowd of families, friends and teachers, receiving inspirational words for the future, as well as bittersweet, nostalgic memories from the past. Principal Mark Greenfelder, a fellow Spartan himself, began the graduation with words of wisdom from his favorite book "The Element," explaining to students that in order to be happy and successful, they needed to find the intersection between what they were passionate about and what they were good at.

Assistant Principal Becky Brandt called the class an "inspirational group of young people" and offered advice to not "let others limit you ... be the best you possible."

Anna Goodwin was chosen by her classmates to speak during the Honor Graduate Address, and did



Graduate Anna Goodwin speaks to her fellow classmates during the Honor Graduate Address. Anna was chosen by her fellow classmates to speak.

not disappoint: She thanked West Springfield teachers and administration and said that "high school is not the end" and that she hopes her class changes the world.

Goodwin proclaimed fellow 2013 classmate, Jordan Trunfio, as a "true Spartan warrior" and a role model of bravery and virtue to everyone in her class. Trunfio lost a battle with cancer and passed away earlier this month, but not before he was able to graduate early during a small ceremony. Before the diplomas were handed out, Jordan's memory and accomplishment were recognized by the Class of 2013 along with teachers and families with a tearful and joyous standing ovation.

Dr. Cleve Francis, a cardiologist and once country music singer who toured internationally, gave a motivational speech encouraging students to self-actualize and figure out what moral character and concrete changes they will bring to the world.

Class of 2013 President Olivia Adubofour kept her words short and sweet, but very powerful: "Success is not final and failure is not fatal." She left her class with wonderful words to live by as their caps flew in the air, and the newly graduated citizens of West Springfield High School celebrated with pictures, balloons and many hugs as they walked into a new chapter of their lives.



Honor Graduates (students who have received a cumulative GPA of 4.0 or higher) stand to be recognized for their impressive academics. Ninety-two students in the Class of 2013 received this honor.

Faces in the Crowd: What's Next for West Springfield Graduates

Meronne Teklu, one of West Springfield's Class of 2013 officers, will be attending The College of William and Mary next year and plans on majoring in business finance and biomedical engineering. She would like to own a biomedical firm in her near future.



Victoria Irvine is an Honor Graduate and member of the English and History Honor Societies. She will be attending the University of Virginia next year and plans on majoring in a field of business. In 10 years she hopes to see herself with a nice job, maybe living in Europe somewhere.

Najy Issa will be attending George Washington University next year, pursuing a major in biology. In 10 years he sees himself doing thoracic surgery. He is a member of a few honor societies, including the Science, Math, Spanish, and Music Honor Societies.



Nathan Pham will be playing football on an academic scholarship at Bridgewater College next year. He would like to major in computer science and when asked what he sees himself doing in 10 years, he responded with, "hopefully living a happy life."

Kaui Santos will be attending Marymount University where she plans on studying psychology. She hopes to be living in Hawaii in 10 years, working in marketing.



Michael Stormo will be attending the University of Alaska at Anchorage next year and plans on studying biology. In 10 years he hopes to be working in pharmacy.

—ELIZABETH CASEY

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Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) his mother Emerita, his brother William, his sister Yuri and his father Arnolito. Henry, who was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, credits his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fairfax with helping him realize his dreams.

Rising to Boys & Girls Clubs 'Youth of the Year'

With help of Boys & Girls Clubs, local immigrant student receives full college scholarship.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Today, Henry Lopez has a bright future, complete with a full scholarship to college. It wasn't always that way, however, and he remembers being a preschool student in a foreign country, unfamiliar with the language and culture, fighting to learn, to fit in, to avoid falling into a gang.

The Boys & Girls Clubs proved an invaluable help to him in this struggle, and Henry was just selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

"For my family, the American dream when we came here in 1999 was survival," said Henry, who graduated from JEB Stuart High School in Falls Church last week. "In Guatemala, my parents realized that there was no money [or] opportunity to obtain it, so the only way to care for my [family] was to come to the United States."

THAT DREAM has gone far beyond survival, as Henry was accepted into George Mason University's Honors College and awarded a full academic scholarship to the Fairfax school as a University Scholar. Henry was one of 21 students selected from a pool of 1,500 applicants who were expected to "possess exemplary records of academic achievement ... demonstrate evidence of intellectual vision, a commitment to the obligations of citizenship and the potential to overcome obstacles and solve challenging problems," according to Anthony



PHOTO COURTESY OF HENRY LOPEZ

Henry Lopez (pictured here in Guatemala with his sister Yuri) moved with his family to Falls Church in search of the American dream. Earlier this month, he graduated from high school with a 4.3 GPA, was awarded a full scholarship to George Mason University and was selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia.

school's Student Government Association and ran on the varsity cross-country team. While he's proud of his accomplishments, he gives much of the credit to the support he received from his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCW), Fairfax region located in Falls Church, Mount Vernon and Herndon.

Henry says his appreciation of hard work came from his parents: Emerita Lopez, who works as a

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PEOPLE

Local Author Wins Book Award

The Nautilus Book Award has named its 2013 Gold Winner in Religion/spirituality: "Faith Beyond Belief: Stories of Good People Who Left Their Church Behind." Author Margaret Placentra Johnston holds degrees from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (BS, OD 1982), and the Catholic University of America (BA, 1973. MA, 1974.) From 1983 to 2003 she operated her own private optometric practice in Springfield and currently sees patients part-time in Alexandria and Georgetown.

After practicing optometry for many years, Johnston began to notice that while she had been helping people see better in the physical world, there was a greater need to inspire clearer vision of a different sort in our larger society. Certain factions of our society, and many in the media, proceed as though completely unaware of a concept that is largely accepted in the fields of psychology of religion and philosophy of religion.

Despite its subtitle, the book that finally emerged from this dilemma, "Faith Beyond Belief: Stories of Good People Who Left Their Church Behind," is not at all a book against religion. Rather it calls readers to a broader, more sophisticated understanding of religious belief than that preached from in the typical pulpit. Identifying correlations in the work of 12 notable theorists in a field that should come to be known as spiritual development theory, "Faith Beyond Belief" lays out steps a person must traverse on the road to spiritual maturity. Rigid religious conformity based on outside authority from a religious leader or holy book is not near the top of this journey.

Former Nautilus Book Award winners include



Margaret Placentra Johnston

Desmond Tutu, Deepak Chopra, Barbara Kingsolver, Thich Nhat Hanh, Caroline Myss, Gregg Braden and Eckhart Tolle.

More can be found on the book's website: FaithBeyondBelief-book.com.

This summer, Johnston will be leading a four-session class in Annandale at Lifetime Learning Institute (NOVA) entitled Spiritual Maturity—A Progressive and Rationalist View of the Road to Unity: <http://lli.nova.org/13summer.pdf>.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Bridge-a-thon. Sunrise to sundown, at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike Fairfax. Bridge Club students and the Northern Virginia Bridge Association play three sessions of bridge as part of The Longest Day event, day-long to raise awareness and honor the strength of those facing Alzheimer's and their caregivers through 16 hours of consecutive activities. www.alz.org/thelongestday.

Skatefest/Sk8 For a Cause. 6-10 p.m., Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. SkateFest is the largest AM contest in the area and attracts hundreds of skaters who compete in brackets to raise money for charity. www.skatefestfairfax.com.

Dancing Under the Stars. 7-11 p.m., Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 8315 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Join for a fundraiser for St. Jude's Hospital; includes music, hors d'oeuvres and dance performances.

Night Music. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. This five-member band is a tightly knit ensemble of guitar, drums, bass, sax, keyboard and vocals. www.nightmusic.biz.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Library Birthday Bash. 10 a.m.-3

p.m. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the special events including a scavenger hunt, LEGO contest display, balloon artist, live animal performers, Korean Autoharp Club, face painter and birthday treats.

Skatefest/Sk8 For a Cause. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. SkateFest is the largest AM contest in the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area and attracts hundreds of skaters who compete in brackets to raise money for charity. www.skatefestfairfax.com.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/ JUNE 24-JUNE 27

The 2013 Marshall HS Field Hockey Camp. 5-8 p.m., at Luther Jackson MS, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Field Hockey camp for grades 3-10 to improve and practice their field hockey skills. \$120. www.gcmstatesmensports.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 27

An Evening With Elliot Abrams. 7:30 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Join the community for an evening of discussion about the Israeli-Palestinian relationship during the critical years under President George W. Bush. \$5. 703-323-0880, CarlaR@jccnv.org or www.jccnv.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

The Hot Seats. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. The Hot Seats specialize in unearthing and inventing traditional music and twisting it into new styles. www.thehotseats.net.

MONDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 1-6

Robinson Drama Curtain Call Camp. 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The children's activities are centered; lunch program offered; signup in June. www.RobinsonDrama.org.
Fun in the Theatre. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Campers collaborate on both scripted and devised performances. www.RobinsonDrama.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 4

Fairfax Independence Day Parade. 10 a.m.-noon., at Fairfax Historic District, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Celebrate Independence Day in downtown Fairfax with a parade and fireworks later during the evening. <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents/idc/dayparade.asp>.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

Folsom Prisoners. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Songs from the classic country and honky-tonk band. www.folsomprisoners.com.

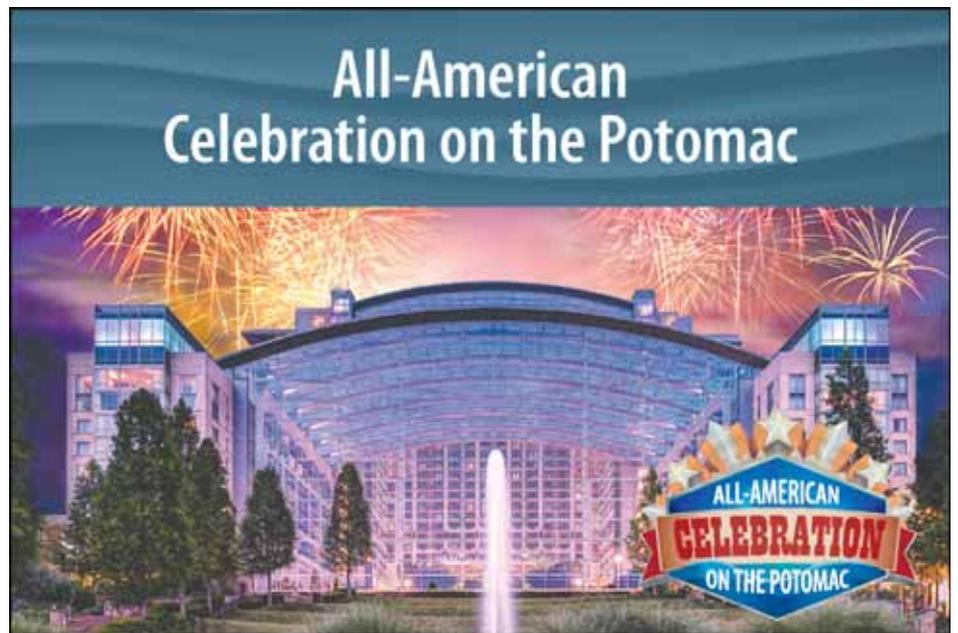
THURSDAY/JULY 11

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Young Man Overcomes Challenges, Limitations

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housekeeper, and Arnoldo Lopez, a day laborer.

"Witnessing my parents physically push themselves every day had a tremendous impact on me," said Henry. "I saw their situation and they constantly reminded me that they didn't want me to clean houses or mow lawns."

Emerita said she and her husband had loftier goals for Henry, his 21-year-old sister Yuri and his 13-year-old brother William. "I came here with my husband because it meant a much better life for my kids, but I had to work hard every day," she said.

THE LOPEZ FAMILY moved to the Culmore neighborhood of Falls Church 15 years ago. It's an area with affordable housing, but also gang activity, so the Lopezes found protection for their children in the form of the Culmore Chapter of the Boys & Girls Clubs.

"I start working at 8 in the morning and finished at 8 at night," said Emerita. "I work as a housekeeper so we don't have much money for babysitters. I was looking for a safe place for my kids while I worked long hours. When [they were] at the club, I knew that [they were] safe."

Henry says that at the time, he was unaware of the danger that lurked in Culmore. "I had to grow up at a young age," he said.

The Boys & Girls Clubs not only provided safety, it taught him to dream. "It would have been very easy to be influenced by gang activity because my parents were working all the time," he said. "The Boys & Girls Clubs gave activities, provided me a place to go to learn about college and explore careers. Had it not been for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not have had the vision of going to college."

Wonhee Kang, regional director of the Fairfax County Region Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, has served an important role in Henry's life. "When I first met him, he was 4," she said. "It was right after he arrived in this country from Guatemala. When he first came to the club, he didn't speak any English. He was hiding and he was very shy."

Over the past 14 years, Kang has watched Lopez evolve from that shy little boy into an eloquent orator and a proficient scholar. "I've been watching him grow year after year. He learned slowly about culture, culture of the club and community," she said. "There were times when he didn't have appropriate clothes for speaking engagements and competitions so we



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER WASHINGTON

Henry Lopez, the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia, was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington.

made sure that he had a suit. I took him to our Youth of the Year competition in Newport News, Va., and that was his first time staying a hotel. The kids may not have [much] financially, but these are amazing young people."

Kang said that Henry was always interested in academics. "He enjoyed

the power hour, which is time for studying and homework. That made him strong academically and helped him earn a scholarship to George Mason University. He got into five universities, but he got a full scholarship from George Mason."

Henry was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Con-

gressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington last month, an annual fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Clubs. Kang also invited Henry's family "because this is a once-in-a-lifetime event for Henry."

It was the first time in Henry's life his father was able to attend one of his activities. "It is not that doesn't want to," Kang said. "A lot of times his work schedule doesn't allow it, but he is also afraid to go to events where the majority of people speak English and he doesn't."

Kang's effort to ensure that Henry's family attended the dinner proved to be a profound gesture. "I was overwhelmed the whole time because I had never gone to such an elegant event," said Henry's father, Arnoldo, through an interpreter. "Tears could not stay away as [Henry] spoke. It was hard for me to believe that he was talking in front of so many people."

DURING HIS SPEECH, Henry told the crowd about the challenges he faced growing up in Virginia as an immigrant with financial limi-

tations. "Looking back, the Clubs taught me to channel my responsibilities and develop a balance, providing me with a normal childhood. If it were not for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not be pursuing every resource to make a better future for myself and others."

Representatives from George Mason were in the audience for Henry's speech. "There were members of Congress, multimillionaire donors and representatives from the community who spoke," said Hoefer. Henry, however, "was the one person who blew the crowd away. People were teary and getting choked up. He's the best example of what those programs can do for kids who don't have opportunities."

When Henry begins college this fall, he will be embarking on a lifetime of potential and fulfilling one of the first goals that he set for himself. "The chance of college is a real opportunity and I'm willing to work for it," said Henry. "It is personal story for me, but it is [also] a story for other youth in search of the American dream even if they have financial limitations."

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Looking west over I-95 and Alban Road south of Springfield, a new ramp is going up to carry traffic to and from the 95 Express Lanes.

Express Lanes Construction Could Impact Travel on I-95

BY MIKE SALMON
VIRGINIA MEGAPROJECTS

As the construction on the 95 Express Lanes project increases over the summer, motorists traveling to Virginia Beach, the Outer Banks in North Carolina, as well as other points south, should be aware that the HOV lanes will be closed overnight on weekdays and occasional weekends throughout the summer, and there will be intermittent lane closures overnight for steel erection and other work, making travel on the general purpose lanes challenging. In addition to the 95 Express Lanes project, there is also a shoulder improvement project underway on I-95 in Prince William County and a BRAC-related ramp work from the HOV lanes to the Fort Belvoir North Area that may impact travel.

"We are working hard to minimize impacts to the travelling public, however, lane closures on 95 are unavoidable during certain times in order to accommodate construction and protect the safety of drivers and workers alike," said John Lynch, Regional Transportation Program Director.

Drivers can expect:

- ❖ Daytime lane closures during non-peak travel times.
- ❖ Possible extended closures of existing HOV lanes, during overnight hours and on weekends.
- ❖ Multiple lane closures during overnight hours, including intermittent traffic stoppages.
- ❖ Complete closures on I-95 (one direction at a time) and detours of all traffic to Route 1 during overnight hours to accommodate steel girder lifts, which cannot be done with live traffic underneath.
- ❖ Limited shoulder access.
- ❖ Increased heavy truck traffic entering and exiting the work zones along the median of I-95.

To find the best times to travel, log on to the Virginia Megaprojects website www.vamegaprojects.com and sign up for lane closure alerts. Know Before You Go is the key phrase and VDOT advises checking out www.VA511.org.

OTHER VDOT PROJECTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/VIRGINIA MEGAPROJECTS

At the Telegraph Road overpass near Quantico, demolition teams tear down the existing bridge to make room for a new bridge that will span both sides of I-95 as well as the 95 Express Lanes going down the middle. Demolitions like this will take place at night to minimize disruptions on I-95.

The \$1.5 billion transportation improvements along I-95 are not the only road construction project going on in Northern Virginia. In late May, crews put the finishing touches on the Fair Lakes Parkway overpass making travel on the Fairfax County Parkway and Government Center Drive easier and less stressful. There will be nighttime paving continuing into mid-July, but that will be the last work impacting traffic in that area. It will be fully completed in October 2013.

Also over in northern Fairfax County, Route 50 is being widened from Route 28 to Poland Road in Loudoun County. There are lane closures associated with this project as well, and the completion date is 2014.

In the southern part of the county, the U.S. Army, FHWA, VDOT and Fairfax County are constructing Mulligan Road, an east-west road connecting Telegraph Road and Richmond Highway, just south of Hayfield. This road is needed in this area after the previous connection from Telegraph Road to Richmond Highway was closed after 9/11.

Part of this project is to widen Telegraph Road, from Beulah Road to Hayfield. The Telegraph Road construction includes:

- ❖ Four travel lanes and appropriate turn lanes
- ❖ Dedicated on-road bicycle lanes
- ❖ Raised, curbed medians
- ❖ Landscaping.

Robinson Drama Camp For Students, All Ages

A summer of fun and adventure is in store for those attending this summer's Robinson Drama Camp. For the rising kindergartners through eighth graders:

Curtain Call camp consists of half-day camps in morning and afternoon sessions, each week, from July 1-26.

It runs from 9 a.m.-noon or 1-4 p.m. The children's activities are centered around acting, performance, music and movement, plus technical aspects of theater. A lunch bunch program is offered.

Fun in the Theater, for rising grades first through sixth, is a weeklong, full-day camp from 9

a.m.-4 p.m.

Stage Door camp is for seventh through ninth graders. It's a two-week, full-day workshop from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., from July 29-Aug. 9. Campers collaborate on both scripted and devised performances.

Audition Boot Camp, for grades seven-12, is a weeklong camp from 3-5 p.m., July 15-19. Its goal is to equip campers to prepare more confident and successful auditions.

Intro to Musical Theater, also for grades seven-12, is a weeklong, full-day camp from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 15-19. More information is at the camps link on the left side of the Robinson Drama home page: www.RobinsonDrama.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Fairfax High School students **Drew Bonner** and **Patrick O'Connor** from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology were chosen as two of 10 students across the state to receive an academic scholarship from The Allstate Foundation and the Virginia High School League (VHSL). The Allstate Foundation/VHSL Achievement Award is the highest award given by the VHSL to students that have excelled academically, lettered in one VHSL Athletic or academic activity and have been involved in other school functions or community service work.

A committee of high school athletic and activities directors as well as business and media professionals selected 10 winners of a \$1,500 scholarship from a pool of students representing high schools throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Joe and John McGillicuddy, sons of Bernie and Hugh McGillicuddy of Fairfax, are students at Louisburg College and first place winners in the Emerging Business Issues category at the

state Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) business fraternity conference, held April 11-13 in Charlotte, N.C. Joe also placed third in the Sales Presentation category, and John placed fourth in the Impromptu Speaking category. John is also the recipient of Louisburg College's 2013 Outstanding Student Athlete award.

After graduating from Louisburg College this coming May, Joe will attend Elon University, and John will attend High Point University.

Stephen Tapp from Centreville, a 2012 graduate of WT Woodson HS in Fairfax, attended Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, Vt., 2012-2013 as a post graduate player where he played QB and WR, and was voted team captain by his teammates. Tapp was named Evergreen Football League Honorable Mention at QB & WR for the 2012 Season. He will be attending the University of Richmond as a preferred walk-on ATH this fall.

William Ballard, of Fairfax, son of Aissa and Christopher Ballard, is on the Furman University dean's list for the 2013 spring semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/JUNE 20

NVTA Public Hearing 5:30 p.m. open house, 6:30 p.m. presentation, 7 p.m. public hearing with meeting to follow, at City Hall Council Chambers, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Beginning July 1, roughly \$270 million will flow in the region to fund much needed transportation improvements. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority holds a hearing to gather public input and share information on a proposed list of projects to be funded with the new revenues. TheNoVaAuthority.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 24

Field Trip Week Registration Deadline 7 a.m.-9 p.m. (different by day), with pickup and dropoff from Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Children 6 to 15 years old can enjoy

a week of field trips to Six Flags, Potomac Nationals baseball, Hershey Park, the National Aquarium, and Kings Dominion Park; no discounts available. Between \$40-\$100 per day. <http://activenet.active.com/Fairfaxcityrecdept/publicFunction.sdf?function=quickRegister&aid=5872>.

MONDAY/JUNE 24-THURSDAY/JUNE 27

The Edge: Basketball Summer Camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church Gym, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. "The Edge" is a summer camp starting in June which teaches basketball and life fundamentals. <http://www.bestyouthhoops.com/summer-camp>.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

Lunch N' Life Noon-2 p.m., at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Those 50 and older are invited to join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke to hear Phillip J. Kenny, JD, CFP of the Collins Firm speak on "Legal Issues for Seniors." Reservations. \$10. 703-620-0161 or scfbva.org.

Experiencing All-American Football Camp

Local players gain exposure to college coaches during camp and develop skills for football and life.

BY ANDREW MINER
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds of high school football players took the two fields at Flint Hill Upper School for the All-American Football Camp. There were participants, rising freshman, sophomores, juniors and seniors, from all across the mid-Atlantic region including Delaware, Ohio and the Carolinas. They came and stayed through the varying weather conditions of desert heats and gushing rains to put in the effort and get better.

Over four hours of grueling position workouts, offensive and defensive drills, and one-on-one they commanded the respect of the numerous collegiate coaches in attendance. There were even two representatives from the Washington Redskins who helped coach the offensive and defensive lineman. Over the past two years, over 100 athletes who have attended the camp are playing NCAA football, including 48 who received Division I scholarships in 2012.

Among those who have received a football scholarship is Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson. The 230 pound, 6-foot-4 North Carolina Tar Heel commit joked about turf toe and always vocally celebrated enthusiastically when anyone made a big catch down the sideline during the one-on-ones, no matter who threw it.

IT WAS UNCERTAIN whether or not Henderson would be able to attend the camp; however, he said that it was because of coach Kavanaugh that he came. "This camp is really fun, I'm glad I came out today," said Henderson. "I was debating whether to come because I just came back from the Elite 11 in Ohio yesterday, but I haven't see coach K in a while. He's a great guy and I like him a lot."

Another player who did not escape the attention of Kavanaugh was Centerville's linebacker Chad Wiggins who runs a 4.67 forty, stands 6-foot-1 and weighs 230 pounds and is a top linebacker in the Northern Virginia region. Wiggins' favorite part about being a linebacker is, of course, getting to hit people. Wiggins also loves the "exposure of the camp ... hanging with these guys and ... show[ing] off what you've been working hard for." The Linebacker MVP of the camp, Wiggins is considering Virginia Tech, yet wants to enjoy his senior season at Centerville first, looking forward to "winning a state championship next year."



The cornerbacks practice their footwork during specific position instruction.



The rising Lake Braddock senior Caleb Henderson rockets a pass downfield during an offensive drill.



Centerville linebacker Chad Wiggins (left) defends Clover Hill HS tight end Chase Stanley (right) during a one-on-one drill.



DeMatha offensive lineman Devante Fox (center) lets out a victory yell after successfully protecting his dummy quarterback in a drill.



Jacob Atkinson, from East Christian Academy (DE), holds up motivational speaker Randy Beeman's "Character Bricks." Each brick represented a different value; yet those values are dependent on a solid foundation.

Before the camp ended and the sky opened up there was what the players took as the greatest drill of them all: the trenches. Here defensive and offensive linemen battled mano a mano in a simulation where a tackling dummy is used as the quarterback. The goal is to either protect or attack. DeMatha's offensive lineman Devante Fox dominated this drill and the one time he was beat, sparking impromptu trash talk from his opponent. Fox silently answered with a swirl of his finger and pummeled his overmatched defender to the floor the next time around.

IN THE FINAL CAMP MEETING at midfield, Kavanaugh introduced pastor and Kansas University's character coach Randy Beeman to the group. Beeman stressed the importance for young athletes to have their lives in order, to prioritize and become men of character. He focused on the usefulness of a guide, citing the Bible as his, and then asked for a volunteer and for examples of traits that men of character have. The volunteer was Jacob Atkinson and with each trait, integrity, trustworthiness, honesty, respect, and hence forth, Beeman place a brick in Atkinson's hand. The student from East Christian Academy in Delaware and the camp MVP held each five-stacked bricks before it became unstable and they fell to the turf. The moral was to provide a realization that even having these traits of character was meaningless without a solid foundation. A foundation, both Beeman and Kavanaugh hope, that can lead to success long after football.

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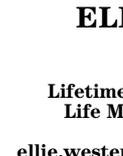
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