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524 South County seniors ceremonially move the tassels on their mortarboards after being officially declared graduates.

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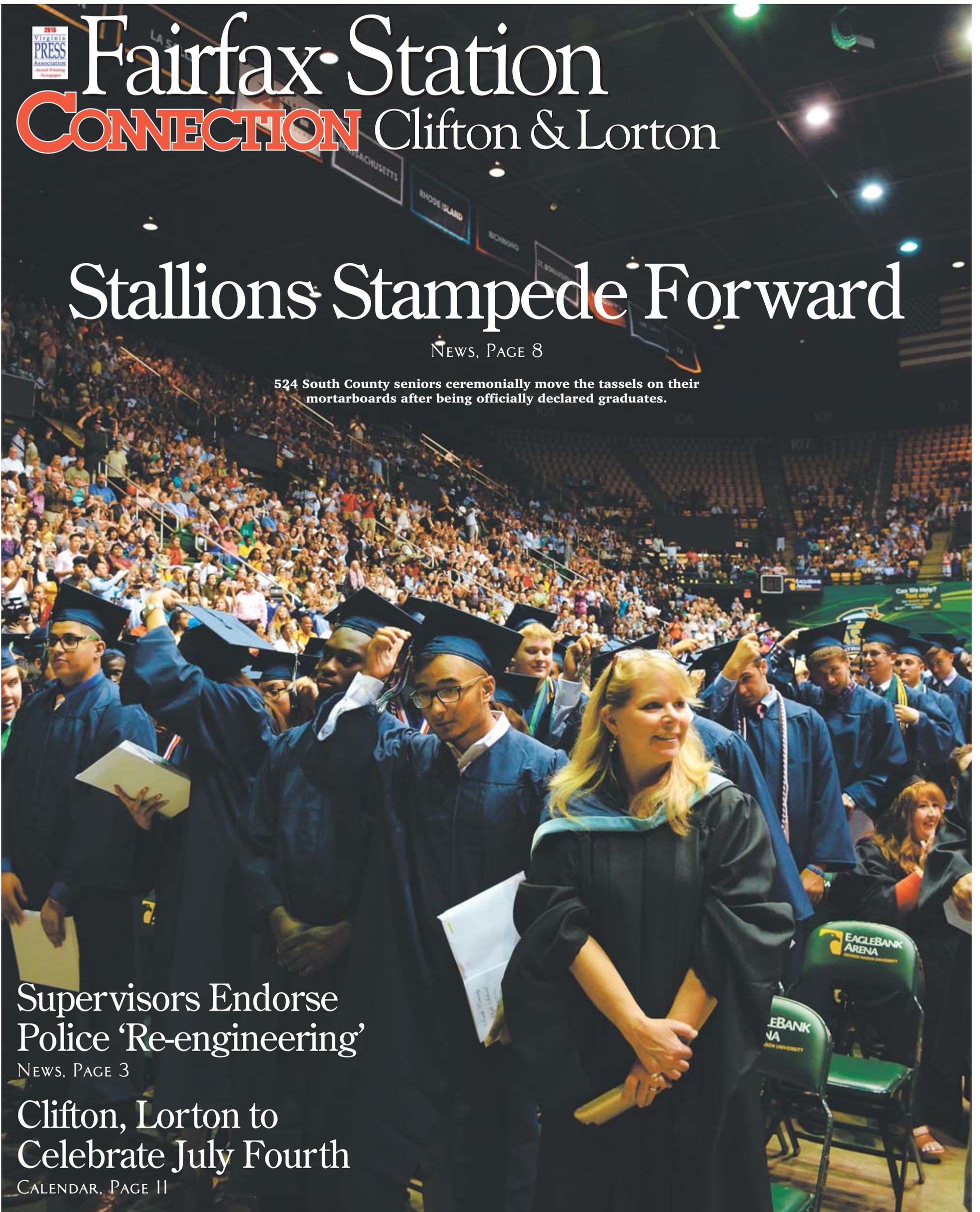
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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was the Keynote Speaker at the ceremonies for Leadership Fairfax Institute and Emerging Leaders graduating Classes of 2016. The Congressman encouraged the graduates to take what they had learned and the connections they had made to “bloom where you are planted” for the betterment of all the community’s citizens.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

And the proud graduates just kept coming across the stage. Leadership Fairfax presented diplomas to more than fifty graduates during the ceremony at the Pavilion at Reston Town Center.

Leadership Fairfax Honors 2016 Graduates

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The Pavilion at Reston Town Center was a most fitting venue for the graduation ceremony of the 2016 classes of the nonprofit Leadership Fairfax Institute (LFI). With a mission to develop “community trustees who are individually and collectively responsible for the strength of the county...To ultimately engage [them] to become agents of positive change in Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region,” what could have been more appropriate than celebrating their success in the open-air focal point of a major area community?

As the students, staff, speakers and guests gathered for a reception and then the commencement activities under the Pavilion dome, many shoppers, diners, Town Center strollers and employees stopped to see what was happening in the area usually reserved for winter ice skating or warm weather concerts, car shows or festivals. “This is kind of cool,” said David Macintosh of Reston who noticed the proceedings as he dined alfresco at a neighboring restaurant. “They told me this was all about teaching adults to know more about our county and how to improve things. Sounds like something we need more of across the country these days.”

Leadership Fairfax was founded in 1987 by the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. LFI sponsors two 10-month long intensive leadership development programs. The LFI program is designed for those already in a leadership role from mid-level to senior, from all walks of life and representing all of the gears that drive the area’s engine; nonprofits, public service agencies, private corporations, educators, executives and volunteers. To ensure the most advantageous learning environment for



Flanked by LFI President and CEO Karen Cleveland, and Board Chair Brian Monday, Suzanne Keating, LFI Class of 1998, received the Torchbearer’s Award for service. “There is nothing that Suzanne can’t do, won’t do, hasn’t done or is not willing to do in service to LFI and our community,” praised Cleveland.

these busy students, only 45-50 applicants are accepted into the program each year.

The Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) is equally challenging and equally rewarding, bringing together about 40 young professionals for the enhancement of skills in project management, conflict resolution, communication and presentation skills and more.

There is even a two-month program in partnership with Volunteer Fairfax, the Positive Aging Coalition, George Mason University and others for retiring or newly retiring individuals, helping to develop the skills and experiences of this group and assisting these participants in finding the best and most meaningful outlets to continue using their gifts.

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Susan Sims was also a Torchbearer Award recipient for using her talents and time as the Communications Manager for Leadership Fairfax. “It’s supposed to be part-time,” but LFI’s president Karen Cleveland acknowledged that Sims gives much more than that. Sims was an LFI graduate in 2012.



Lindsey Doane, from the Office of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova, graduated from LFI’s Emerging Leaders program and is ready to bring her improved skills into play to keep helping the community.



Reginald Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief for Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, receives his diploma from LFI Chair Brian Monday. The programs sponsored by LFI are designed to enhance the skills of community leaders from all walks of life.

Supervisors Endorse Police 'Re-engineering'

Action items include use of force and communications recommendations from commission.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The possibility of body cameras being worn by Fairfax County Police officers and the release of officers' names involved with critical use of force incidents dominated discussion during two action items in the Board of Supervisors June 21 meeting.

The board approved both action items, which would formalize the governing body's intent to continue implementing recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

Public Safety Committee chair Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) said real power and authority for the Police Department comes "not from the weapons they're provided but the confidence of the community."

"They're asking for something more, something different, something better," Cook said.

The Ad Hoc Commission met in 2015 and submitted 142 recommendations to the Supervisors in the areas of use of force, communications, mental health and Crisis Intervention Team training, recruitment, diversity and vetting, and independent oversight and investigations.

Police Chief Edwin Roessler and Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova have said that a number of the recommendations have already been implemented or are in the process.

IN ITS ACTION, the board endorsed Roessler's goal of re-engineering "use-of-force policies to reinforce the guiding philosophy that reverence for the sanctity of human life [as] paramount in service to our community." The philosophy includes new de-escalation and decision-making techniques and more sensitivity to individuals with mental health issues.

Direction from the board includes having the chief provide factual information briefings to the board within 30 days on all officer-involved deployment of deadly force or officer-involved critical incidents where someone died or sustained life-threatening injury. The briefings would continue at intervals of no more than every 90 days, or as requested by the board.

Body cameras were one of the Ad Hoc Commission's recommendations

Roessler called the cost of implementing body cameras "staggering," but that he was standing at the board's direction to move



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The Board of Supervisors recognized members of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in the audience on June 21, while representatives from the group Showing Up for Racial Justice displayed posters referencing the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna.

forward.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) reminded the board they are waiting for pending legislation to be resolved in the 2017 General Assembly session that could have a bearing on body cameras.

"I support that," he said. "I have concerns about the Freedom of Information Act implications. We need to wait and see what they do."

For Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully), the 18 months of waiting is too long.

"There are other localities doing this," she said. Smith brought up the idea of doing a limited pilot project with cameras.

Bulova said the body cameras issue is more complex than most people think.

"What should be the deal with data collected from body-worn cameras?" Bulova asked. "Then once collected, who has access? How do you block out people who were innocent bystanders, captured on the film?"

The board directed the chief to continue research and development of equipment recommendations, best practices and policies, and budget estimates, and to make

recommendations on body worn cameras to the board in calendar year 2017.

Use of Force subcommittee from the Ad Hoc Commission chairman Phil Niedzielski-Eichner said he was "very pleased with the outcome" of the vote to approve the action items. "It's clear the supervisors took the committee's recommendations seriously."

Niedzielski-Eichner said there's still work to be done, however, with recommendations on body cameras and electronic control weapons (or tasers).

"These are two our committee felt were important for preventing the chance of officers being involved in deadly use of force incidents," he said. "We insist they're still important."

Niedzielski-Eichner plans to meet with Roessler, Bulova and Cook to continue to push those recommendations from the commission.

With regards to communication, Cook said the key to that action item was the board endorsing a predisposition for the police department to disclose information.

"We learned that we needed to get on one page and have clear policies and procedures

for how and what we're going to communicate," Cook said.

"This is what the community is looking for," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), "what we should be doing in order to establish the fact that we are open to dealing with issues that are difficult as long as we can be transparent with the community in doing so."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said while he argued for releasing former officer Adam Torres' name in the case of the 2013 shooting death of John Geer that effectively prompted the creation of the Ad Hoc commission, he isn't in favor of making the regular release of officers' names policy.

TO DO SO, he said, creates a risk for officers involved with critical use of force incidents and their families.

"I have yet to hear a stated public benefit to disclosing their name other than the public should know," Herrity said. "And that's not enough for me to put the officer and family in danger."

Roessler, however, said he has already implemented policy by which he will release the name of an officer involved in such an incident within 10 days from the event. That period allows his department to do a risk assessment.

If Roessler believes the name shouldn't be released, his policy is to articulate to the public and supervisors what his reason is. "It needs to be credible," he said.

A progress report tracking the completion and implementation of recommendations from the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission is available online at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/progressreport.htm.

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee will take up recommendations from the Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee and is scheduled for July 19 at 1 p.m.



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Honor graduates with a 4.0 grade point average or higher are recognized at Robinson's June 15 graduation.

Rams Reaching Goals

Robinson holds graduation June 15.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

The students may have been graduating, but their principal assigned one more book for them to read. Robinson Secondary's Matt Eline sent each 2016 graduate on their way with a copy of Brian Tracy's "Achieve Any Goal." He made goals the theme of his address to the young adults on June 15 at George Mason's Eagle Bank Arena.

Goals, Eline said, "are dreams you write down." Eline also encouraged each of them to share their goals with other people, and celebrate with them when goals are achieved.

Eline highlighted the boys and girls swim and dive, and lacrosse teams, all of which captured state championship titles this year. These, he said, were people with goals.

He also called out the school's 157 International Baccalaureate diploma candidates. "You're awesome," he concluded. "You will change the world."

Student speaker Nathan Park took a pop culture reference as his focus: the mantra "Treat Yo Self" from the popular NBC sitcom "Parks and Recreation."

"It's easy to anticipate the worst," Park said. He encouraged his fellow graduates to "be excited about your day."

Robinson graduate Kjell Lindgren, class of 1991, provided the keynote address. Last October, Lindgren spoke to Robinson students from the International Space Station, where he was serving as a NASA flight engineer.

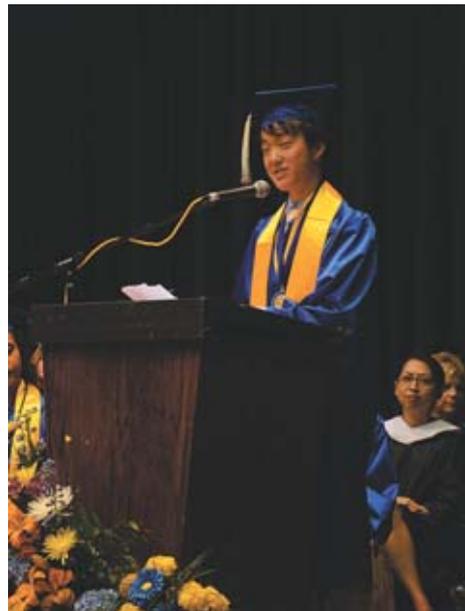
"We're all on journeys," he said. "You need a map to help you get to your destination."

Lindgren told the story of following his dream to become an astronaut, from an overeager 11-year-old boy living in England, to becoming medically disqualified from being a pilot.

Undeterred yet redirected, he decided to pursue aerospace medicine. Eventually he was re-tested and cleared for flight. In 2009 he was one of nine Americans chosen to go to space.



Robinson Secondary School Principal Matt Eline gives a graduation speech to seniors about achieving their goals.



Robinson Class of 2016 student speaker Nathan Park reminds his classmates to "Treat yo self."



Members of the Robinson Singers and Select Women's Ensemble perform "Bring on Tomorrow" at the school's June 15 graduation in Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University.

"What was once one of the most devastating things was actually a blessing," Lindgren said.

Finally, the astronaut encouraged the

newest graduates from Robinson to serve. "How can I serve today," he suggested they ask themselves. "Keep the focus off you, and on others around you."

VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite memory from high school?



Matt Schleifer plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and study biomedical engineering.

"Winning states for swimming this year, both boys and girls. Last year we came close. It was great to get one last victory."



Julia Baird plans to attend Penn State University and study early childhood education.

"Getting to hang out with all my friends all the time."



Vivian Luong plans to attend James Madison University and study elementary education.

"The paper toss, our senior prank. You count down and then throw all the papers you've collected from the top of the lockers. It's the one senior prank we can do and it represents that we're done with high school."

NEWS

Leadership Fairfax Honors 2016 Graduates

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There was no shortage of leaders among the presenters and speakers who addressed the graduates. Leadership Fairfax Board Chair Brian Monday from TD Bank (himself a graduate of the program), and class of '05 graduate Leadership Fairfax President and CEO Karen Cleveland were the co-hosts for the evening.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) delivered the inspiring keynote remarks. Connolly praised the work of the organization, saying, "I want an informed electorate. Our community needs that. Leadership Fairfax opens your eyes to how things work and I think that makes you less cynical ... and more prepared to find solutions to our challenges."

In addition to recognizing their latest class of achievers, LFI took this opportunity to present two special kudos. Susan Sims (LFI '12) and Suzanne Keating (LFI '98 and a member of the LFI faculty) were both honored as recipients

of the Torchbearer Award for outstanding service to the organization and the community.

Representatives from both graduating classes also spoke to the assembly. Before receiving her ELI diploma, Savannah Guernsey reminded the gathering that "great leaders are also great followers and are followed by great leaders. A large part of what we have learned is when to lead and when to follow," Guernsey said.

Warren Wright was the chosen speaker for the LFI graduating class. "Ours is a tale of two counties - one thriving and one struggling. I didn't know how great the disparity was until I took this course." Wright stated that his LFI experience not only made the situations around him clearer, they also better equipped him to work with others to find answers.

For information about Leadership Fairfax and the programs offered, visit their website at www.leadershipfairfax.org. Next year's graduates will begin their latest leadership journeys soon.

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OPINION

Stem Gun Violence Epidemic

BY GERRY CONNOLLY
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-11)



COMMENTARY

Last week, America woke to what has become an all-too-common nightmare. A man driven by hate and armed with assault weapons carried out our nation's worst mass shooting. In its aftermath 49 were dead, 53 injured, and communities across our country were left violated, vulnerable and wondering, "How this could happen again?"

It's a scene repeated too often in our country. 49 murdered in Orlando. In December, 14 were killed in San Bernardino. A year ago, nine were murdered during Bible study in South Carolina. Twenty innocent children and six teachers were gunned down inside a school at Sandy Hook. Thirty-three were lost at Virginia Tech — including five bright, young, talented students from our community. Twelve were killed in an Aurora movie theater. The list goes on.

We must have an honest conversation about the hate that is brewing. This time a man stole the lives of 49 people, many of whom identified as LGBT, and all of whom were celebrating and supporting inclusion, progress and freedom. The attacker's homophobic intent has been lost in the media coverage. Some have painted this

as an issue of terror, but we must be reminded that so much of the blood shed to gun violence has been at the hands of those who claim no allegiance to Islam or ISIS. America's dark history of mass killings has come from problems of mental illness to proclamations of white supremacy, and it's a fallacy to attribute the continuous violence to "Radical Islam."

In the wake of these almost weekly tragedies, the response from Congress is as predictable as it is disappointing. We offer our thoughts and prayers. We hold a moment of silence; anything to distract from the central cause, and common instrument, of these crimes. How many more must die before Congress acts?

This is a problem for which there are solutions. Expand universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Reinstate the assault weapons ban. Close the gun show loophole.

But the gun lobby and the Republican Majority it controls stand in the way of each of these reforms. For example, the NRA opposes expanded background checks for gun purchases even though majorities of gun owners and NRA members support them. The NRA

even opposes the CDC funding for research on gun violence and its effect on public health despite the fact that more than 30,000 people die in gun related deaths annually.

In 1994, Congress passed the Assault Weapons Ban, restricting certain types of weapons and capping the size of ammunition magazines. However, in the time since the ban has been allowed to lapse, these weapons of war have become a common tool for the mayhem unleashed in these mass shootings. Do I think an assault weapons ban would prevent all crimes? Of course not; but certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment.

In a shocking video, Virginia Tech survivor Colin Goddard demonstrated just how easy it is to skirt background checks. Without even a photo ID or background check, Goddard was able to purchase an AK-47. Closing the gun show loophole, which allows private dealers to forego background checks required of licensed dealers, would stem the flow of illegal weapons.

When we marked the three-year anniversary of Sandy Hook, I said if more politicians viewed the safety of the American people as more important than pleasing the NRA, reason would prevail and the club of gun violence victims and their families would not continue its unrelenting growth. Instead, our ever-more-frequent moments of silence and inaction speak volumes.

Finding Shortcuts in Richmond

Solving problems through state agencies instead of the legislature can save time and money.

BY DAVE MARSDEN
STATE SEN. (D-37)



COMMENTARY

As a member of the Virginia Senate I am often presented with a problem without an obvious solution or sometimes there is an obvious solution but getting a majority of the legislature to agree is a challenge.

Through the use of relationships with administration officials and the influence and visibility of the office I hold, I have been able to put a spotlight on several issues and been able to convince the appropriate decision makers to take action to solve problems outside of the legislative process. As the only member of the General Assembly to direct a state agency (Chief Deputy and Acting Director of Juvenile Justice under Governors Gilmore and Warner) I was provided a unique experience and opportunity to understand how our executive branch of government operates. Solving problems through state agencies instead of the legislature can save time and money.

I utilized this approach a few weeks back when it was brought to my attention by Friends of Accotink Creek that the Virginia Department of Transportation had unresolved issues in protecting Accotink Creek when it expanded I-495

with express lanes. I called the Assistant Secretary of Transportation and we put together a tour led by the Friends of Accotink Creek so that we could see "first hand" the identified issues and put together a plan to fix the problems. Accompanied by Delegate Vivian Watts and VDOT, Fairfax County, Transurban (Express Lane contractors) staff, as well as the Assistant Secretary of Transportation, the tour was a success and VDOT is formulating ways to solve the runoff, drainage, and deforestation issues that are harming Accotink Creek.

During this year's legislative session I introduced a bill that I thought was a common sense solution to a problem that one of my constituents brought to my attention. A young lady who lives in the 37th District suffers from lymphocytic colitis, an illness that often requires emergency use of a restroom. For tens of thousands of Virginians who suffer from this type of illness leaving home for any reason is challenging and often leads to embarrassing situations. States all across the country issue a card to these folks that they can use to discreetly notify a business of their emergency need for a restroom. The card doesn't require anyone

to provide restroom access, but offers important information about the illness and would be backed by the Virginia Department of Health to lend legitimacy with the hope that businesses would allow the person with the card emergency access to their restroom.

The legislation sailed through the Virginia Senate with only five votes against it. However, in the House of Delegates the legislation failed to even get out of committee. The reason House members gave me as to why the legislation was defeated was because if we help these folks out then more and more people will ask for help and seek to be included. I left the committee room shaking my head as we couldn't help some people out because it might lead to us having to help more people? Really?

That's when I went "back to the drawing board." While a legislator's main tool to solve a problem is passing a law, it certainly isn't the only way. I called the Secretary of Health and Human Services to gauge their interest and the Governor's Policy Director working to see if we could get language put into the budget to authorize the administration to issue these cards. Since the program was going to be monetarily self-sustaining the administration concluded that neither legislation nor budget language was necessary. They plan to begin issuing these cards later this year. This will be a victory for my constituent and those suffering from Colitis, Inflammatory Bowel Disease, and

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Shortcuts

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Crohn's disease all across Virginia. Young children or anyone for that matter, will no longer have to explain their emergency circumstances to a store employee who will not have been provided with any direction.

During the 2014 legislative session I was working to find ways to keep those on the Sex Offender registry from re-offending. One issue that had been discussed with me was that many of the people on the registry have not been informed and therefore do not understand the laws that restrict their behavior after they are released from custody. There are dozens of rules and regulations they must follow or face re-arrest. I was unable to pass legislation requiring that each offender be given a brochure about registry requirements to address this problem. The legislature was told it was unnecessary by the State Police, so I decided to find out for myself. I visited State Police headquarters outside Richmond and I asked the desk sergeant to treat me as if I was a new member of the sex offender registry visiting for the first time to register and be walked through the process and procedures. An hour later and only after the help of two captains and a lieutenant was I finally given some information, a form to fill out, and 37 printed pages of the applicable Virginia Code Sections. These Code sections, written in legalese, are

meant to be the legal guidelines for offenders to follow. It is difficult to understand by a layman and especially by someone who is likely under-educated. It is no wonder that so many people on the registry run afoul of the rules. To solve the problem, I worked with the Office of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections and the State Police to create a pamphlet, written in plain English, with the most pertinent rules an offender needed to follow. The pamphlet had important dates and contact information as well so that offenders would understand and be better able to follow the rules. Offenders knowing the rules can keep our communities safer by helping these offenders avoid situations that might trigger an offending pattern.

The year before that I was working on ways to curb concussions in school sports. While it is important to have protocols in place to respond to concussions, it is just as important to prevent them in the first place. Being the parent of three sons who played high school football and two who went on to play in college, I can remember the hours of physically grueling practices that they participated in and have seen firsthand the ramifications of that physical stress. Having done some research I introduced legislation asking the Department of Education to limit the number of contact practices our students were allowed to participate in. Once again the legislature was less than

enamored with my approach. However, I was able to convince the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee to send a letter to the Virginia High School Sports League asking them to study this issue.

This led to a collaborative "blue ribbon panel" effort at the VHSL, and later coordination with the Commission on Youth, and the legislature. Rules were established that introduced new and safer coaching methodologies called "Heads Up Football" that reduces head injuries and high school football practices now are limited by regulation to 90 minutes of full contact practice per week. VHSL was already moving in these directions but this boost from the State Senate played a role in getting this done.

I truly enjoy the opportunity that has been afforded me by the people of the 37th District to find unique ways to serve. I haven't found a way to expand Medicaid or reduce gun violence without legislative authority, but it is sometimes possible to have a real impact on people's lives without a bill being passed. The only drawback to getting administrations and quasi-governmental organizations to solve problems outside of a mandate prescribed by law, is that it can be undone by the next governor, agency director or organizational governing body with the authority to do so. For that reason, constant vigilance may be required!



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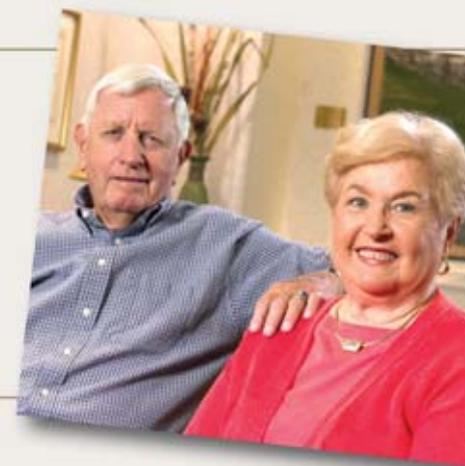
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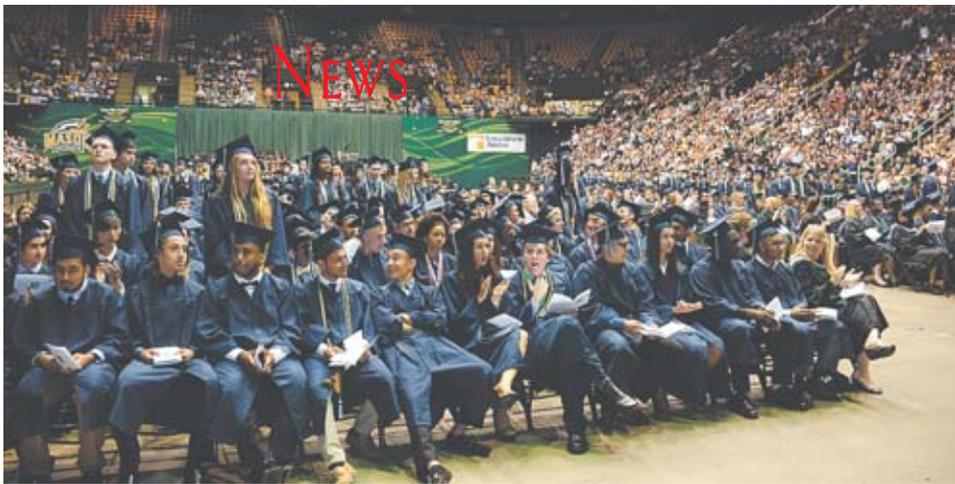
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South County High School recognizes seniors that achieved a final cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher.



South County class president Taylor Berry welcomes guests and fellow seniors to the June 21 evening commencement ceremony.



Honor graduate Joseph Mancusi reminded his fellow graduates they are standing on the shoulders of giants.

Stallions Stampede Forward

More than 500 graduate from South County High School on June 21.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

South County High School senior class president Taylor Berry lamented in her commencement address that little did she and her classmates know their secondary education would go by so quickly.

The value of that time, she said, wouldn't be measured "in periods, semesters or years, but by the friendships we've made and the time spent together."

The commencement took place June 21 in the evening at George Mason University's Eagle Bank Arena.

Honor graduate speaker Joseph Mancusi echoed Berry's sentiment, adding that each graduate must be proud not only of their own hard work to achieve this level of success, but also their friends and family who have supported them.

"We stand on the shoulders of giants," Mancusi said, knowingly breaking his stated intent to "avoid graduation speech clichés."

"Let us be the generation to move beyond our wildest imagination," he continued, "and recognize the people who have guided us along the way."

In his remarks, Principal Matt Ragone (completing his first full academic year as head of the school) complimented the seniors as being among "the most generous, peaceful, human generations in history."

That is, even though they send too many text messages, grossly overuse the word

"like" and throw around the word "literally" with reckless abandon.

Ragone placed blame for broken aspects of the world on previous generations. But, he said, "you have the opportunity, the technology, the courage to fix it even faster."

Keynote speaker Richard Haley, chief financial officer for the FBI, also congratulated the class of graduates on their embracing new technology in school.

He further encouraged them to be courageous, questioning and critical thinkers. To communicate that message he told the story of an experiment in Boston involving monkeys in a room with a ladder, bananas and jets of water.

The monkeys learned quickly that climbing the ladder to reach the bananas would result in a cold water spray. As new monkeys replaced existing ones in the room, those who knew the consequences would hold the newcomers back from attempting a banana climb.

Haley suggested to the South County graduates that in life there will always be people like the socialized monkeys "trying to pull you down," saying the system doesn't allow this or that.

Following the presentation of the Class of 2016 and turning of mortarboard tassels, retiring teacher Gerald Pannoni led the recession, as he did the procession, carrying South County's ceremonial mace.

The school band played them out with a performance of "Sine Nomine" by Ralph Vaughn Williams, arranged by Ed Huckeby.

SOUTH COUNTY GRADUATE VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite high school memory?

Brandon Fabian plans to attend Virginia Tech as a swimmer and study finance and cinema.

"Anything to do with the swim team, especially going to the state championship meet my sophomore year."

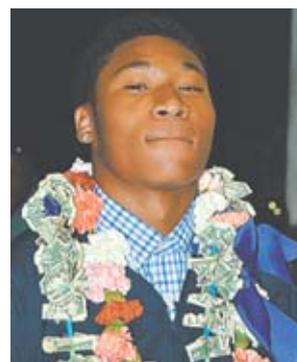


Jack Loss plans to attend the College of William & Mary and study mathematics and business.

"Graduating. It's the last time I'll see a lot of these people."

Maggie Pionzio plans to attend Dartmouth College as a diver and study biomedical engineering.

"Being on the swim and dive team. I loved the dinners after meets, where it was fun to relax with my friends."



Khaloney Barrie plans to attend Alderson Broaddus University as a football player and study business marketing.

"Beating Lake Braddock in the last game of the season."



The South County High School band, orchestra and combined choirs perform "America the Beautiful."



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Commencement speaker and AP Coordinator Richard Hoppock shares four tips with the soon-to-be graduates.

Four Tips for Bruins Graduates

Lake Braddock Secondary School 2016 graduates 'made a name for themselves.'

To quote Abraham Lincoln, 'you are given three names in life. The one you inherit, the one your parents give you and the name you make for yourself,' Lake Braddock Secondary School Principal David Thomas said. As he continued to introduce the graduating class of 2016, it became clear this class of 659 had made a name for itself.

Collectively, they amassed 6,100 hours of community service, 112 Civic Seals for outstanding service, over \$9 million in scholarships and had 145 honor graduates.

"We didn't just 'bear' through it, no pun intended, we exceeded and excelled," said class officer Omar Elhaj. And for the Lake Braddock Bruins, they just couldn't bear to leave their mascot out.

For their class gift, most of the money went into installing a plaque to honor fallen Bruins, while the remainder went into a new

bruin mascot costume.

Commencement speaker and AP Coordinator Richard Hoppock shared four tips with the soon-to-be graduates.

"Number one is to overcome your fear of failure, since you grow most when you leave your comfort zone."

Quite like Hoppock was doing right then, finally confronting his fear of public speaking as he stood up on the stage "mildly terrified," having dropped a dreaded oral communications class back in college.

"Number two is that you have to like yourself. Be worthy of your own self-respect and do things that make you proud. Number three is that you need a community, and that you should dedicate time to other people. Number four is that, like this speech, it's better late than never," he said.

"Good luck class of 2016, I wish you well," Hoppock concluded.



Lake Braddock Secondary School graduates celebrate graduation by throwing their caps.

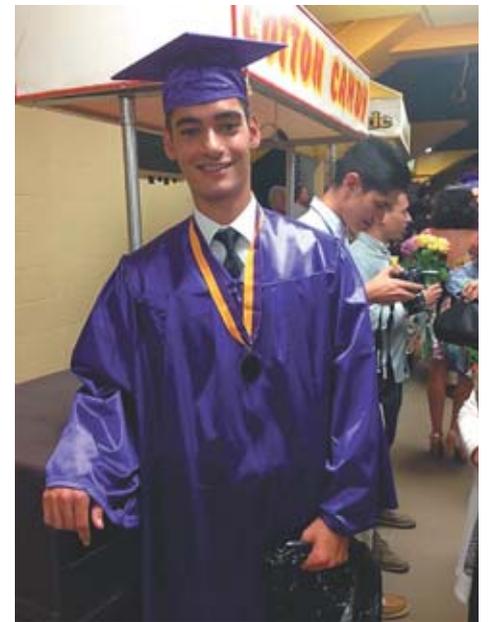
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Lake Braddock Graduates on What's Next



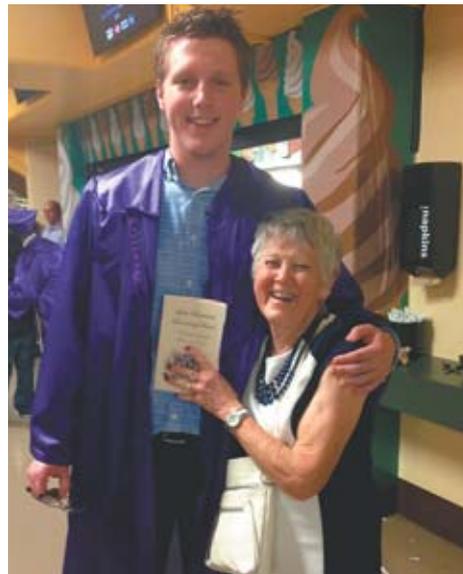
"I'm headed to Ole Miss [University of Mississippi] to study accounting with the help of five scholarships."

— KAITLIN WILKERSON



"I'll be going to George Mason University to major in computer science, and hopefully a job will eventually lead me to California. I'm proudest of managing my time well, balancing academics and soccer for Lake Braddock, where I played goalkeeper."

— HAMZA MONAWER



"I'll be studying environmental science at Wheaton College in Illinois, where I'll also be playing football. I'm proud to have achieved all-state as an offensive lineman during my high school career."

— AARON LENHARDT

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"I'll be starting at Northern Virginia Community College but I hope to transfer to Virginia Commonwealth University to study early education so that I can be a teacher."

— MEKESHIA ST. JOHN



"I'm going to George Mason University to study international affairs, and I hope that turns into an internship at the state department."

— MAGGIE HONG

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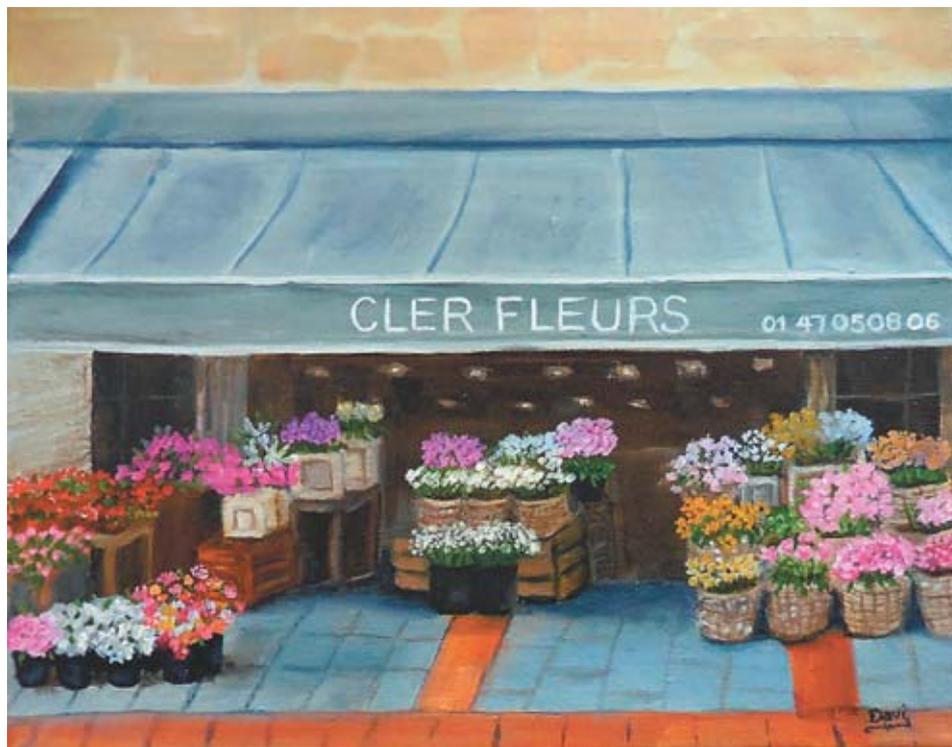


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Davi D'Agostinos' oil paintings will be on exhibit through July 2 at the Clifton Wine Shop.

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

Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Relive the magic of Harry Potter on June 24 at 7PM with special events and activities that are sure to conjure a magical experience for the most modest Muggles to the wisest Wizards. 703-278-8527.

ONGOING

Mestey Films Productions presents: Live Onstage: The Wizard of Oz in Fairyland. 1 p.m. Workhouse W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Every Saturday from July 2-30. Children's theatre production combining the stories of "The Wizard of Oz" with "Aladdin," "Alice in Wonderland" and "Snow White." \$14.50 adults, \$11.50 children 12 and under. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Peace: Our True Nature: Watercolor Batik by Amy Rivard. June 8-July 9. Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-9 Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Visitors will encounter watercolor batik paintings on Kinwashi rice paper, created by Rivard in the spirit of the present moment. amyrivardpaintings.com.

Plant Clinic. 9 a.m.-noon. Sundays till end of September. Lorton Farmers Market, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Conducted by Master Gardeners. Answer gardening question, identify plants and insects, soil tests, etc. fairfaxgardening.org.

First Tee Life Skills. 5-6:30 p.m. May 10-June 21. Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. The Fairfax County Park Authority is partnering with The First Tee of Greater Washington, DC, to offer The First Tee of Life Skills Experience Certifying Program, designed for young people ages 7-18. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/ir040-16.htm>.

Davi D'Agostino. Through July 2. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes classic fine art oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. 703-409-0919.

THURSDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY/ JUNE 23, 27, 28

Open Auditions: "Amadeus." 6:45-9:45 p.m. the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Fourteen roles are open for production of "Amadeus," running Sept. 30-Oct. 15. For more details, visit www.providenceplayers.org or email providenceplayers@cox.net.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Daddy Meet Up. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Burke Gymboree Play and Music, 6045 Burke Centre Parkway #204, Burke. Meet other dads with child 0-5 years old. Relax with special open gym activities for dad and child. Refreshments. 703-249-1327.

"Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" Kick-Off. 7 p.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

SkateFest/Sake for a Cause. Friday. 5-10 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wakefield Skate Park, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. In addition to "Sk8 For A Cause" and the Skateboarding Competition, the festival will feature a live DJ, food, vendors, prizes, giveaways, moon bounces, and much more for the whole family. <http://skatefestfairfax.com/2016>. 703-425-5400.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Sherryn Craig Author Event. 11 a.m. Barnes and Noble Fairfax, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Author of "Midnight Madness at The Zoo." 703-278-8527.

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. With bluegrass music and food. Free. visitfairfax.com. info@nvr.org.

Hope and Health Festival. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lorton Park, 9518 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Sponsored by Lorton Community Action Center, South County Cares, and INOVA. Free health screenings, food, inflatables, kids' games and activities will be available to all in attendance. LortonAction.org. 703-339-5161, ext. 140.

Kidz Korner. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Variety of Children's activities and entertainment. fairfax.gov/parksrec. 703-385-7858.

Relaxation Workshop. 4-6:30 p.m. 6429 Clifton Road, Clifton. NVTRP is hosting a Relaxation Workshop, which includes yoga, art, and a ride in our pastures. \$75. nvtrp.org

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

Vienna Wireless Society National Field Day. 2 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Local amateur radio operators ("hams") will join thousands nationwide on the weekend of June 25-26 to show off their amateur-radio and emergency-communications capabilities. To learn more about amateur radio, visit <http://viennawireless.net/> or go to <http://www.arrl.org/newham>.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

National Christian Choir. 6 p.m. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Concert will feature selections from NCC's newest album, "Glory - A Celebration of God and Country." The concert is free; an offering will be received. 703-383-1170.

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Sunday Afternoon in the Park. 4-6 p.m. Old Town Square, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Shepherd's Pie Céilí Band will be performing, enjoy music, dancing, and singing. 703-385-7858.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Fireworks at the Workhouse. 5 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Workhouse Full Campus, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. An Independence Day celebration featuring art exhibits, food trucks, local craft beer and wine, live music and fireworks. Free admission, \$10 parking in Vulcan Materials lot (free shuttle provided). All ages. Feel free to bring blankets and lawn chairs. www.workhousearts.org. 703-584-2900.

Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tours. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed guided tours of the historic colonial church. The church's most famous congregants included the Washingtons, the Masons and the Fairfaxes. Free. Located at the corner of U.S. 1 and Telegraph Road, close to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall. www.pohick.org. 703-339-6572.

TUESDAY/JULY 5

Using FamilySearch. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. An introduction to this genealogical site. Bring laptop or tablet. Register at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/>. Click on Events.



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Children on bicycles participate in the Clifton Independence Day Parade.



A patriotic display of fireworks at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center.

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Clifton, Lorton Workhouse to Celebrate the Fourth

Children on bikes, decked out lawnmowers and other modes of transportation teeming with patriotism and walkers and pets perambulate down the picturesque streets of **Clifton** at the Independence Day Parade. Picnic follows the parade. See updates at <http://clifton-va.com/>.

The **Workhouse Arts Center** at 9518 Workhouse Way in Lorton invites family and friends to celebrate Independence Day with art, food and fireworks on Saturday, July 2.

The event starts at 5 p.m., with food trucks and local craft beer and wine as well as an opportunity to meet local artists and view

them at work. A Highlands Dance Demo and a Mt. Vernon Nights concert will add musical flair to the evening, and the PBC Vocal Band will perform a cappella hits at 8:15 p.m.

Fireworks will begin at sunset, around 9:15 p.m. Admission is free and visitors are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the day's festivities.

Parking is \$10 in the Vulcan Materials lot, with a free shuttle provided to and from the Workhouse. Guests can purchase a VIP ticket for \$45 to get reserved parking and a reserved fireworks viewing area, hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

For more information, visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

For a more reflective and historical fourth, visit **Historic Pohick Church First Saturday Tours**, on Saturday, July 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. The church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Costumed guided tours of the historic colonial church. The church's most famous congregants included the Washingtons, the Masons and the Fairfaxes. Free. The church is at the corner of U.S. 1 and Telegraph Road, close to Mount Vernon and Gunston Hall. For more information, go to www.pohick.org or call 703-339-6572.



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SPORTS



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The Lake Braddock boys' soccer team won the Conference 7 title.



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The West Springfield gymnastics team won the Conference 7 championship.

Top Sports Moments

The following is a look back at some of the top moments in Fairfax-area high school sports during the 2016 winter and spring seasons.

Robinson Boys', Girls' Lacrosse Repeat as State Champions

The Robinson boys' and girls' lacrosse teams continued their recent dominance by repeating as state champions.

The boys' team took home its third consecutive state title with a 14-2 victory over First Colonial on June 11. The Rams finished the season with a 20-2 record and did not lose to a Virginia opponent. Robinson also won Conference 5 and 6A North region championships.

The girls' team won its second straight state title with a 13-9 victory over Woodson on June 11.

The Rams finished with a 21-0 record and has not lost to a public school opponent since 2014. The Rams also repeated as conference and region champion.

Lake Braddock Boys' Soccer Wins Conference 7 Title

After the Lake Braddock boys' soccer team failed to hold a 3-1 lead in the Conference 7 championship game, Bruins senior Nico Quashie came through in overtime.

Quashie scored late in the second five-minute overtime period and Lake Braddock defeated T.C. Williams 4-3 to win the conference title on May 20 in Alexandria.

Lake Braddock entered the game having won 10 of its last 11 contests. The Bruins took a 2-0 lead into halftime thanks to goals by Ahmed Abdalla and Quashie. TC cut the

lead to one in the second half, but the Bruins increased their advantage to 3-1 with a goal by Nico Ortiz DeZarate in the 54th minute.

After giving up two more goals, Lake Braddock re-grouped in overtime and won.

The Bruins finished the season with a 14-4 record, including a season-ending loss to Langley in the 6A North region quarterfinals.

West Springfield Gymnastics Wins Conference Title

Sophomore Abbie Levine and freshman Hannah Dotson led the West Springfield gymnastics team to its first conference/district championship since 2007, a region runner-up finish and a trip to the state meet.

At the Conference 7 meet on Feb. 4, Levine finished first in all-around, Dotson took second and West Springfield won the team competition with a score of 143.2. The Spartans finished more than one point ahead of second-place Lake Braddock.

At the 6A North region meet on Feb. 13, Levine placed third in the all-around and qualified for states. Dotson finished sixth in all-around but qualified for states on bars with a second-place finish. Freshman Alex Marsden qualified for states on beam, finishing in a sixth-place tie. The Spartans finished runner-up behind Yorktown and earned one of two team berths to the state meet.

During the team competition at states on Feb. 19, West Springfield took third out of four teams in the 6A competition, finishing ahead of 6A North region champion Yorktown.

The following day, Dotson earned all-state honors with a sixth-place finish on bars during the individual competition. She produced a score of 9.325.



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The Robinson girls' lacrosse team went undefeated in 2016 and repeated as state champion.

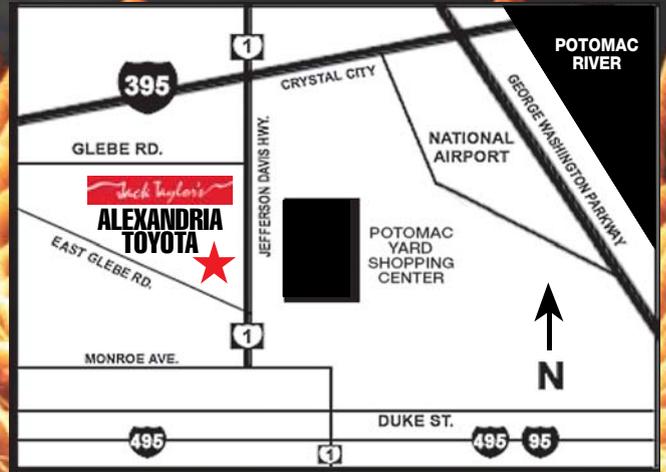


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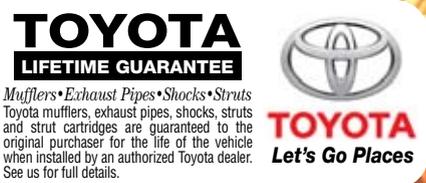
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ABC LICENSE
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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 dates from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200

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ABC LICENSE
Caboose II, LLC trading as Caboose Brewing Company, 8301 Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22031. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) FOR A Winery <= 5000 gallons license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Matthew Greer, managing member
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Case No. 09-FA-716

and

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and

MIKE NGUYEN
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Respondent-Father

TO: Mr Mike Nguyen
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Motion Hearing will be held in the above matter as follows:

BEFORE: Honorable Richard Rowland, Family Court Commissioner

**PLACE: Outagamie County Justice Center
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DATE: June 27, 2016

TIME: 3:45 p.m.
Dated at Appleton, Wisconsin this 6th day of June, 2016
BY THE COURT

Richard Rowland
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Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for Davison Army Airfield Hazardous Tree Removal

Fort Belvoir, Virginia

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, 32 CFR 651. The EA analyzed the potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed removal of trees on Davison Army Airfield airfield proper that violate the primary surface, approach-departure clearance surface, transitional surface, taxiway clearance, and apron clearance safety areas to ensure pilot safety and to comply with regulatory guidance outlined in Unified Facilities Criteria 3-260-01, Airfield and Heliport Planning Design, and Federal Aviation Regulation Part 77.

The EA is incorporated by reference in the Draft FNSI. Based on the EA, the Army has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action would have no significant adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

A copy of the EA and Draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the following libraries: Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, and Fairfax County Public Library at the following locations: Lorton Branch, Sherwood Regional Branch, and Kingstowne Branch. The documents are also available at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp>. Comments on the EA and Draft FNSI should be submitted to Mr. Felix M. Mariani, Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability.

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

Purpose of notice: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands and streams in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Public comment period: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: June 24, 2016 to July 25, 2016

Permit name: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

applicant Name, address and permit number: Fairfax County-Department of Public Works and Environmental Services; 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, Virginia 22035; VWPP No. 15-1292

Project description: Fairfax County-Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has applied for a new permit for the Huntington Run Levee. The project is located in Huntington Park, parallel to and between Arlington Terrace and Cameron Run (waterway) at the northern end of Liberty Drive in Fairfax County, Virginia. The permit will allow the applicant to construct a 2,800-foot long earthen levee capped with a concrete I-wall and associated infrastructure including a pump station, interior drainage and storm sewer system, outfall channels, high flow diversion culverts, and a runoff storage ponding area. The proposed activity would affect 1.04 acres of tidal and nontidal wetlands and 1,391 linear feet of tidal and nontidal streams. The activity proposed in the permit will affect unnamed tributaries to Cameron Run in the Potomac watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant would purchase 2.16 wetland credits and 738 stream credits from a DEQ approved mitigation bank that is authorized to sell credits to the permitted impact site and/or the Virginia Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Allison King; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: 703-583-3909; E-mail: Allison.King@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed.

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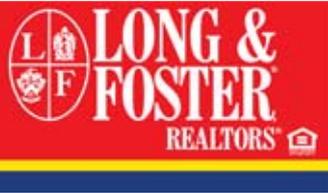
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