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The Langley High School Madrigals and the Women's Chamber Choir sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



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Saying Goodbye at Langley

"Selfless" Class of 2013 has no problem with the delay.

> By Andrew Miner The Connection

he 469 graduates in Langley High School's Class of 2013 had to wait before they could walk across the stage in Constitution Hall to receive their long coveted diplomas. On the Thursday morning of June 13, when potential torrential rainstorms moved swiftly in the Washington D.C. area, a tardy bus delayed the ceremonies 16 minutes.

The Langley band, however, would eventually play "Pomp and Circumstance" as the Saxons walked down the aisle one last time as seniors. There would be no two separate entrances due to transportation difficulties, because those who made it on time waited for the one bus that was split up from the group but not left behind. In this way, it made sense that the Class of 2013 defined themselves as "selfless."

In fact their speaker, Ambassador Henry Crumpton's speech was all about selflessness and service. The man who was inspired to join the CIA

after seeing the James Bond movie "Thunderbolt," implored the graduating Saxons to "know themselves before you can achieve true virtue." Crumpton also quoted the Greek philosopher Heraclitus when he told the graduates "a man's character is his fate."

Crumpton, also the former head of the CIA's National Resources Division and the leader

SGA representative Nicole Dunne introduces school Principal Matthew Ragone.



Ambassador Henry A. Crumpton delivers the keynote address at the Langley High School graduation.



Class President Natalie Rasmus is awarded one of the Principal's Awards.

of the United States' response to the 9/11 Terrorist Attacks, told his audience to forever continue selfless service throughout their lives to their nation, community and family. "You make a living by what you get," Crumpton ended his address, adding, "you make a life by what you give."

Principle Matthew Ragone awarded Margaret Rosie Mahoney and Zach Dailey the Principal's Service Awards and Senior class President Natalie Rasmus won the Principal's Award. Cameron Ayoub was given the Faculty Award. As promised by Mr. Ragone, there was no rain after the ceremony.



VIEWPOINTS

Where Are You Going Next and Where Do You See Yourself in 10 years?









Kady Kriner (left), Grace MacDougall (right). Kady: "I am playing soccer

-Andrew Miner

Eric Abravanel (left), Ty

Eric: "I will be attending University of Wisconsin, studying engineering and business and hopefully working for an engineering company in the future." **Ty:** "I am going to Univer-

sity of Texas to study govern-

ment and business and want

to be involved in politics in

the future."

Kovacs (right).

at William & Mary and then want to do something with solar energy and engineering afterwards."

Grace: "I am going to Tulane University and then plan on going wherever life takes me, possibly in a public relations."

Grace Goettman "I am playing lacrosse at Stanford University and then be in business after my career."

Paul Bernstein

"I am attending the London School of Economics and then be happily working someplace government related."



From left, Capt. Michael Allen, firefighter Liezel D'souza and Great Falls Volunteer Fire Chief Frank Smith assist the Children of the American Revolution in their annual Flag Day ceremony, properly disposing of damaged and worn American flags.

CAR Hosts Annual Flag Day Ceremony

More than 60 worn and damaged flags "retired" June 14.

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

hile the burning of the American flag is often used as a form of protest or rejection of what it stands for, the United States Code also says that burning is the proper way to dispose of damaged or worn flags.

Title 36, Chapter 10, Section 176 of the code reads, "the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

With that in mind, the Children of the American Revolution held their 10th annual Flag Retirement ceremony Friday, June 14 at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. The date also marked the 236th anniversary of the adoption of the flag by the Second Continental Congress, which is now celebrated as Flag Day.

"We started this ceremony on the far corner of the parking lot in the Great Falls Library as a way to properly dispose of these flags," said Larry McKinley, vice president general of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a resident of Great Falls. "But the parking lot began to fill up with people using the nearby field, and the Friends of the Freedom Memorial offered the use of the plaza to us, which we felt would be very appropriate."

More than 60 flags were retired during the ceremony. Some were large flags that had been flown over homes, businesses and other buildings, while others were from the graves of American war veterans dating all the way back from the American Revolution.

John Sinks, a member of the Fairfax Resolves chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, brought in flags that had adorned the graves of his ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War, which have since been replaced with newer flags.

FIREFIGHTERS FROM the Great Falls Fire Station assisted with the ceremony, with firefighter Liezel D'souza donning her fire suit and safety gear to feed the flags into the flames. While the nylon and other synthetic flags melted

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From left, Vernon Eubanks of the Sons of the American Revolution presents Great Falls Volunteer Fire Chief Frank Smith with a plaque thanking them for participating in their annual flag retirement ceremony for the past 10 years.

quickly, firefighters took care to make sure the cotton flags, which burned much slower, were fully disposed of.

"A lot of people don't know about this type of ceremony, but it's important to know, especially for children to learn at a young age," said Vernon Eubanks, the fire safety chair of the Sons of the American Revolution. "We're grateful for the assistance from the fire department and the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial in carrying out this important task."

Eubanks presented staff from the Great Falls Library and the fire department with certificates of appreciation. Chas Leiss, senior state president for the Children of the American Revolution, continued the annual tradition of giving the Great Falls Library a new American flag.

Also participating in the ceremony were Daughters of the American Revolution Thomas Nelson (Arlington), Prince William Resolves (Woodbridge), Anna Maria Fitzhugh (Springfield) and Mount Vernon chapters.

Worn and damaged American flags can be dropped off at the Great Falls Library and fire station throughout the year, where they will be retired in the annual ceremony.



Students in the Japanese Immersion Program at Great Falls Elementary will be spending two weeks in Japan this summer. During their trip, they will present a copy of this photo to Prime Minster Shinzo Abe, who visited Great Falls in 2010.

Heading to Japan Great Falls Elementary students take two-week trip to Japan.

By Alex McVeigh The Connection

S everal Great Falls Elementary students will be spending the first part of their summer vacation in Japan, as part of an exchange program. While on the trip, they will visit various locales in the country, including a visit with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

"I know there will be huge cultural differences, and that's what I'm most excited to learn about," said sixth grader Sophie Fouladi. "I'm also looking forward to seeing so many different cities."

The students have been learning about Japanese culture and the language since they were in first grade, as part of Great Falls Elementary's Japanese Immersion Program.

Sixth grader Marisa Mihori said she is excited to go shopping.

"I want to see what's popular there," she said. "I've heard that Ginza is one of the biggest shopping areas around."

Ford Rainey, a sixth grader, also said he's looking forward to the shopping.

"I want to see the multimedia signs they have, and look at the electronics that are the top of the line there, technology we won't even see for a few years," he said.

STUDENTS WILL BE spend-

ing four days of their trip staying with Japanese families. Japanese students took part in the exchange program with Great Falls sixth grader Tatiana Ahmed and her family have hosted a Japanese student as part of the exchange program,

and is looking forward to the role reversal.

"It was really fun hosting a student last year, they brought us lots of gifts, and I learned a lot," she said.

Other students are interested in some of the facilities that can't be found in America.

"In the cities they have big racks of electric bikes, which is something I've never seen before," said Laura Warington, a sixth grader. "And they have parking garages in the city that aren't like what we have here. My dad looked them up and showed them to me, and I really want to see them in person."

Sonia Toloczko and several of her classmates are looking forward to seeing the square watermelons grown in Japan, having only seen them before in pictures.

For sixth grader Hana Bett, this won't be her first trip to Japan.

"My grandparents live there, so I've gone almost every year, except for when they had the tsunami," she said. "I love the food and culture, and I'm excited to share that with my classmates. Everything is different, it changes year to year, I can't wait to see what's popular now."

Nick Hodge says he's looking forward to speaking the language he's been learning for the past few years with native speakers.

Abe visited Great Falls Elementary in October 2010, to help them dedicate their Japanese Garden.

"Great Falls Elementary School and Japan have a very special relationship," he said during his visit.

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Update on Proposed TD Bank

Final submission to county planning commission made.

> By Alex McVeigh The Connection

> > destroy it."

— Lori Murphy, an attorney

representing TD Bank

epresentatives for TD Bank presented the latest on the proposed Great Falls branch, which would be located at the site of the former Exxon station at the corner of

Georgetown Pike and Walker Road. This was the sixth such meeting hosted by the Great Falls Citizens Association.

The bank, as currently planned, will be 2,552 square feet, with an exterior of brick. There will be a 39-foot tower in one corner with a clock and the TD Bank logo, as well as a twolane drive through on the south side.

According to a traffic study done as part of the program,

there will be an average of 279 daily trips made, which is a decrease from the 1,069 trips that were made when it was a gas station.

Lori Murphy, an attorney representing TD Bank, said that there will be a sidewalk added to the property on the Georgetown Pike side, which could necessitate the removal of the tree on the property, currently located in VDOT's right-of-way.

"One of the major county comments we received during the process was about the tree. We know that Great Falls loves their trees, and we didn't want to propose anything to destroy it," she said. "But the county said to us that at some point the tree would need to be removed because of age, and asked us for an alternative, which would be for us to remove the tree, and plant vegetation and have a straight sidewalk."

Murphy said there will be further meetings to discuss the landscaping on the site.

Mike O'Hara, site engineer, said that the county has also requested We know that Great a 3 1/2-foot-high board on board fence to be placed at the south Falls loves their trees, side of the lot, to shield the builder next door from the lights and we didn't want to of cars going through the drive propose anything to through.

According to the proposal submitted by TD Bank, the lobby of the bank will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The drive through will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday

through Friday. On Saturdays, the lobby and drive through will be

open 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and both will be open noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays. TD Bank made their final submission to the Fairfax

County Planning Commission at the end of last week, and it will be heard at their July 18 meeting.



Attorney Lori Murphy discusses plans for the proposed TD Bank in Great Falls Tuesday, June 11.



Mike O'Hara, site engineer for the proposed TD Bank in Great Falls, answers questions about the proposal Tuesday, June 11 at the Grange.



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Knudsen Elected **GFCA** President

reat Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) elections were held June 11 for the term commencing July 1. The new president, Eric Knudsen, an IT executive and consultant and a Great Falls resident since 1980, has served on the board for eight years, including two as vice-president and five as an active successful Transportation Committee cochair. The next vice-president, Bill Canis, a motor vehicle industry analyst for the Library of Congress, is co-chair of GFCA Environment, Parks, and Trails Committee and organized the GF Heritage Tree Census, which identified over 150 different trees. David Kondner and Debbie Copito were re-elected treasurer and secretary. Jackie Taylor will replace Ralph Apton as the non-elected immediate past president.

The two new regular two-year executive board directors are Joan Barclay and Alane Dashner. Joan, a Wharton MBA, is a financial and program strategy consultant to major non-profit international banks and global health care organizations. Alane received her B.A. in linguistics, an M.S.N in nursing administration, and currently is a marketing director. Reelected were Ruth Carver, Wayne Foley, Bill Harvey and Amy Stephan. Board members continuing to serve the second-year of their two-year term are Jack Clark, Anne Deatherage, Pam Grosvenor, Scott Knight and Keyvan Moussavi.

The board is expanding from 17 to 21 members via the inclusion of four new board directors specifically representing community homeowner associations. Each primary director will have an alternate. Those elected directors are: Philip Carruthers, Amber Woods HOA, who has a Maryland B.S. in business and is an advanced military and intelligence IT specialist; Effie Hoffman, Ridings of GF HOA, who has a Canadian degree in political science, and is the Northern VA-DC Chapter Head of ConKerr Cancer, a non-profit charity; Philip Pifer, Lake Windermere Community Assn., has a Harvard MBA and works as a venture capitalist and strategy consultant; and, Jennifer Semko, Deerfield Pond HOA, who has a Georgetown B.S.F.S. and a magna cum laude Tulane J.D., and is a litigation, internal investigations, and compliance attorney with Baker and McKenzie. Alternates elected to represent their HOA if the primary director is unavailable are Ed Phillips, Laura Santini and Joan Pifer.



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OPINION Talking, Acting To Keep Them Safe

Reducing drug- and alcohol-related fatalities.

he 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 Al-EDITORIAL cohol-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 or 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

Letters to the Editor

Call to Ban **Outdoor Smoking**

To the Editor:

As a teenager, I really dislike smelling smoke from cigarettes, cigars, etc. I highly agree with Starbucks' ban of smoking on their outdoor patios. The rest of the community should consider banning outdoor smoking also. My family and I want to eat outside, but most times people are smoking. Sometimes, we go outside and nobody is smoking, but after a few minutes, someone lights up. ever, not counting coaches, league Breathing second-hand smoke is not healthy for anyone, and dining outside is more enjoyable without smoke.



Grant Leibow is joined by classmates Alex Frolia, Haley Holder, Michael Evans, Alex Robinette and Cole Fleming in celebrating Marshall High School's graduation Friday, June 14.

many eye-rolls you must endure. Driving while crash. 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

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

ashington Regional Alcohol Pro- SoberRide service. gram 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.

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SoberRide operates during the December/ January holiday season, St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day and Halloween. See http://wrap.org/soberride.

Young Referees Face Verbal Abuse

To the Editor:

Youth recreational basketball has finally ended. These days, children can play in house leagues from November through final playoff games in June. What they need and can't play without howadministrators and venues, are the referees.

My 18-year-old son has been a youth basketball referee for the past six years. At 12 he refereed 8 Great Falls Connection June 19-25, 2013

Alex Cicchetto second grade boys and girls games. Each year he worked his way up, reaching eighth grade games this season. This year, he also spent \$120 of his own money to join the Cardinal Basketball Official's Association; a 10-week program offering a blend of classroom and game-based learning that is intended to get you ready to referee junior varsity high school basketball.

> It is a thankless job, and at times can be stressful when dealing with spectators and coaches. What I've never understood over all these years is the verbal abuse these young referees experience from coaches and parents alike. Approximately 75 percent of youth referees quit within two years due to this abuse. There would be no

games or leagues without a cadre of good, dedicated refs. Countless times my son has been called at the last minute to work a game. I've seen him sacrifice personal time to make sure these games can be played.

So think about that, coaches and parents, the next time you yell at the ref. Leave the Bobby Knight antics for the college and pro games. Nobody gets every call right, but it's not for lack of training or effort. In the end, it's not about wins and losses at this level. It's about teaching children the fundamentals of the sport and more importantly, some basic fundamentals of life.

> **Bill Byrne** Oak Hill



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Great Falls Senior Center Hosts Local Artists for 'Photography for Seniors'

The Old Red Barn in Great Falls.



he Great Falls Senior Center's July event brings together local photographers from Great Falls Studios to engage guests in what makes a winning photographic image.

ated. Led by Studios' Ed Behrens, photographers Robin Kent, Silvia

Gonzalez Roman and Dean Souleles will show several of their favorite images, and explain their own approach to photography and the keys to their artistic success.

The program should appeal to those who enjoy photography on any level—as a hobby, as a critic, or as an appreciator of beauty. Guests will have an opportunity to ask questions and converse informally with the photographers.

The event takes place July 2 at St. Francis Episcopal Church, Assembly Hall, 9220 Georgetown Pike. The program runs 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served; a modest contribution is appreci-

The event sponsor for July is Great Falls Ecumenical Council, representing churches of all faiths in Great Falls, and whose strong and unwavering support has been instrumental in the success of the Great Falls Senior Center.

Reservations are a must. To reserve, e-mail Joyce Trickett at joygoodshepherd@verizon.net or call 703-887-5772. Guests who require transportation to attend. call Gene or Maddie McCabe at 703-438-0810.





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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.

Education Learning Fun



Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) with his mother Emerita, his brother William, his sister Yuri and his father Arnoldo. 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 the help of the Boys & Girls Clubs, a local immigrant student has received a full college scholarship. Henry says that at the time, he was unaware of the danger that

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL dence of intellectual vision, a com-

and he remembers being a pre- exandria resident. school student in a foreign counin, to avoid falling into a gang.

struggle, and Henry was actually just selected as the Boys & Girls Clubs Youth of the Year for District families to attend college. of Columbia and Commonwealth of Virginia

was survival," said Henry, who ing over his eighth grade applicathat there was no money [or] op- gained a positive reputation before way to care for my [family] was to at Mason. come to the United States.

University's Honors College and ciety. awarded a full academic scholarversity Scholar.

THE CONNECTION mitment to the obligations of citizenship and the potential to overoday, Henry Lopez has come obstacles and solve challenga bright future, com- ing problems," according to An-

plete with a full schol- thony Dyer Hoefer. Ph.D., the diarship to college. It rector of Mason's University Scholwasn't always that way, however, ars Program and an Old Town Al-

His college application wasn't try, unfamiliar with the language the first time he impressed George a day laborer. and culture, fighting to learn, to fit Mason officials, however. While still in the eighth grade, Henry was The Boys & Girls Clubs proved accepted into George Mason's an invaluable help to him in this Early Identification Program, which supports and enriches students who will be the first in their

"He was an exceptional first generation college student," said Lewis "For my family, the American E. Forrest II, the program's execudream when we came here in 1999 tive director. "Recently, I was lookgraduated from JEB Stuart High tion and he stated that his number School in Falls Church last week. one goal was to go to college. Not "In Guatemala, my parents realized only has he met that goal, he has portunity to obtain it, so the only he has even enrolled in classes here **THE LOPEZ FAMILY** moved to

Henry graduated with a 4.3 GPA Falls Church 15 years ago. It's as a member of the National Honor an area with affordable housing, THAT DREAM has gone far be- Society, as well as vice president but also gang activity, so the yond survival, as Henry was ac- of the JEB Stuart High School's Lopezes found protection for cepted into George Mason chapter of the Spanish Honor So-

Among an exhaustive list of aca- Girls Clubs. cants who were expected to "pos- cross-country team. While he's babysitters. I was looking for a safe any English. He was hiding and he Henry was selected to speak at lenges he faced growing up in Vir- in search of the American dream sess exemplary records of academic proud of his accomplishments, he place for my kids while I worked was very shy." achievement ... demonstrate evi- gives much of the credit to the sup- long hours. When [they were] at Over the past 14 years, Kang has gressional Dinner presented by the cial limitations.

and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW), Farifax 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 housekeeper, and Arnoldo Lopez,

"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 ton, has served an important role made him strong academically and event for Henry. 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 work hard every day," she said.

the Culmore neighborhood of their children in the form of the Culmore Chapter of the Boys &

the club, I knew that [they were] watched Lopez evolve from that

lurked in Culmore. "I had to grow

port he received from his parents 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 Washing-

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- Henry Lopez

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tor and a proficient scholar. "I've

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community," she said. "There were

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him to our Youth of the Year com-

petition in Newport News, Va., and

hotel. The kids may not have

amazing young people."

that was his first time staying a

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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.

[much] financially, but these are Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington last month, an impor-Kang said that Henry was always tant annual fundraising event for interested in academics. "He en- the Boys & Girls Clubs. Kang also joyed the power hour, which is time invited Henry's entire family "befor studying and homework. That cause this is a once-in-a-lifetime

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 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 tunities. such an elegant event," said Henry's father, Arnoldo, through an

told the crowd about the chal- it is [also] a story for other youth the 28th Annual Tim Russert Conginia as an immigrant with finan- even if they have financial limita-

ship to the Fairfax school as a Uni- demic and extracurricular accom- "I start working at 8 in the morn- him, he was 4," she said, "It was George Mason University. He got ing in front of so many people. plishments, he also served on his ing and finished at 8 at night," said right after he arrived in this coun- into five universities, but he got a Henry was one of 21 students se- high school's Student Government Emerita. "I work as a housekeeper try from Guatemala. When he first full scholarship from George Ma- **DURING HIS SPEECH**, Henry lected from a pool of 1,500 appli- Association and ran on the varsity so we don't have much money for came to the club, he didn't speak son."



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

"Looking back, the Clubs taught

Mason were in the audience for Henry's speech. "There were members of Congress, multimillionaire donors and representatives from to events where the majority of the community who spoke," said people speak English and he 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 oppor-

When Henry begins college this fall, he will be embarking on a lifeinterpreter. "Tears could not stay time of potential and fulfilling one away as [Henry] spoke. It was hard of the first goals that he set for himin Henry's life. "When I first met helped him earn a scholarship to for me to believe that he was talk- self. "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 tions."

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Schools

Churchill Road fourth graders **Emily Mortman**, Arielle Moore, Alewx Zaccardelli, Kevin Kaldes, (fourth grade teacher) Aubrey Beiswenger, Areej Khatri, Jenna Ashtar, Zoe Hendriks and Mazin Khan provide free samples of the chive butter and dip they made from homegrown chive plants at their farmer's market June 4th.



Farmer's Market Held at Churchill Road

hurchill Road fourth graders held their second annual farmer's market in the school's butterfly garden on June 4-5 and thanks to the efforts of fourth grade teachers Aubrey Beiswenger, Rachel Dunleavy, David Ickowski, Nick Kilpatrick, Claire McHale and Mary-Lynn Robosky, these 10-year-olds learned about entrepreneurship firsthand.

Over the course of the year, these students researched colonial herbs by planting them, finding ways to care for them, harvesting them and then turning them into products to sell at this school-based

farmers market. The young business owners participated in lessons taught by professional marketing and business analysts, which were designed to help with the economics behind the market, including the advertising and marketing of their products such as "Wholly Pooh" (homemade worm fertilizer), liquid cleaner, thyme olive oil, mint lemonade and soothing lavender soap. The students also decorated clay pots containing tomato plants as part of the silent auction. The students' marketing and pricing strategies paid off; they were able to turn a healthy profit on their products.



The children communicated with NASA's Mission Control via a live broadcast televised on NASA TV.

Mission Control at Colvin Run

ifth and sixth grade students at Colvin Run Elementary School in Vienna took part in an International Space Station MCC Spe-cial Educational event On Thursday, June 6. The children communicated with NASA's Mission Control via a live broadcast televised on NASA TV. The students generated a wide range of questions and asked them directly to ISS CapCom and Chief Engineer Hal Getzelman of the ISS Mission Control Center. A CAPCOM, or Capsule Communicator, is the primary liaison between the flight control team in mission control and the astronauts in space. He relays information from the flight director as well as all of the flight controllers in mission control. Questions ranged from queries about what kind of research ISS is conducting in preparation for a future trip to Mars, to what kind of training it takes to work at Mission Control.



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Testing, 1, 2, 3; Testing, 4, 5, 6; Testing 7, 8, 9...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Different from last week's column on the testing subject, "Full Circle," this week's column addresses another emotional battleground: the unknown. Other than selling computers out of Frank Costanza's house and reaching a "Serenity Now"-type nirvana with each sale, outlets available to yours truly – one of many terminal cancer patients anticipating results from a CT scan of my lungs/upper torso, and in turn awaiting the electronic exchange from my oncologist advising me of said results - are difficult to come by. And even though I'm experienced at this process, four-plus years and counting, literally; and accustomed as well to the "cycle of loom," familiar it has become; easier however, it has not.

In effect, this testing and waiting for the results is its own test: of patience, self-discipline, endurance, forbearance; so I tell myself: "Serenity Now," and hope there's not insanity later, as there was for Lloyd Braun on this most memorable Seinfeld episode.

However much I want to pretend, deny and minimize the significance of these results, the reality is, my life sort of depends on them. Moreover the digital images that will appear on the computer screen in the doctor's office will indeed tell the tale, hopefully not of woe. Yours truly hemming and hawing and being asymptomatic are all irrelevant once the radiologist hits send and the images/results end up in my oncologist's inbox. That's when the rubber will truly hit the road and I will learn if my future is now or later.

So you bet it's a test, and it's no stinkin' multiple guess/multiple choice test either. It's a test of character, of will; you against yourself. And though you'd like the best man to win and for you to be the best man, the reality is: cancer may be the man and you may not be. As much as you try, there's an inevitability to science and medicine and not always does the best man win. Death and taxes are inevitable, as the old joke goes – for a reason!

Unfortunately, in many patients, cancer kills; it's not a feeling, it's a fact. My job as a cancer patient is to resist and not succumb to its devastating devices. Every day is a test, physically and especially emotionally. One's effects I can attempt to semi control, the other, not so much. As I cycle around to my next scan, I am reminded of how challenging this whole cancer trip has been. And though I've been there and been doing it now for nearly four and one half years post-diagnosis, each scan presents new risks. For cancer patients though, these scans are a necessity of life. Unfortunately – and this is our harsh reality, they may also be a precursor of death. Try studying for that.

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Schools



'Seussical' at Forestville

Forestville Elementary School's fifth and sixth grade musical, "Seussical," played last weekend to sold out houses. Directed by Dodgeball Theatre's Haley Murphy, and with choreography by Heide Zufall and music direction by Irena Chklovskii, 40 Forestville students rehearsed since January to present this challenging and exciting musical. The stage world was enhanced by local set designer Cathy Reider, costume designer Cynthia Adler, and makeup designer Sally Cusenza, all of whom teach artists at Dodgeball Theatre.



School Notes

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. The deadline for submissions is Friday.

Claire Baker, daughter of Mark Baker and Ellen Lokker of Great Falls, was graduated with highest honors from The Holton-Arms School on June 6. Among other activities, Claire was a fourtime MVP pitcher on the Varsity Softball Team and two-time ISL allconference player. This season, Claire helped lead her team to ISL-A regular season and tournament championships. Claire will be attending the University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Marghuerita T. Scott, daughter of Thomas and Betsy Sue Scott of Great Falls, received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a degree in government, from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 26.

Mary Watson of Great Falls has been awarded a scholarship to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Mary was one of 71 students selected for a full tuition scholarship. Scholarship applicants must

submit an application with a detailed description of a science experiment, an essay, a mission patch design and three letters of recommendation. Only 30 percent of students received full scholarships this year.

The following students received Merit Scholarship Awards from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC): Julia L. Keller of the Potomac School, National Merit Washington University in St. Louis Scholarship; Stacey Y. Chiu of the Potomac School, National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship; Ryan Austin Barrett of George C Marshall High School, National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship; and Annmarie K. Brinza of George C. Marshall High School. National Merit Washington University in St. Louis Scholarship.

Katherine Fitzgerald, Alex LaBelle and Sierra Webb, both of Great Falls, have been appointed to the 10th District's Class of 2017 service academies. Katherine will attend the United States Air Force Academy and Sierra and Alex will attend the United States Coast Guard Academy.

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Rohit Kishore, Chip Molster, Ken Sweeney, Janine Sweeney, Sharon Molster and Malia Kishore at the Saturday, June 8, Willem Smith Showroom Opening Party for friends and family. A design community opening for the furniture design and manufacturing store is upcoming.



Karen Briscoe, Mary Smith and Greg Hall enjoyed themselves at the Willem Smith showroom on Saturday, June 8, at an opening party for friends and family.

Great Falls Furniture Designers Open in Merrifield Design and manufacturing company Willem Smith celebrates opening.

he Washington, D.C. area's furniture design and manufacturing company, Willem Smith, located for the last seven years in the Washington Design Center, has now come to Merrifield. The showroom is open to both the public and the trade, and features the work of owners and Great Falls residents John and Marv Smith.

The couple and design team hosted a pri-

vate opening party in their Merrifield showroom on Saturday, June 8, for friends and family, many of whom came from Great Falls for the event. An opening for the design community is upcoming.

John Smith says that, after years of developing, refining and editing their collection in Washington, selling directly to furniture lovers is a big step forward. The Smiths believe they are well positioned to

sell to customers who are predisposed to appreciate the merits of their pieces. For Mr. and Mrs. Smith, furniture is as much art as it is breadwinner.

This is because, as the designers and manufacturers, not simply resellers, the Smiths are the party responsible for the scale, sit-it-to-believe-it comfort, leather, wood, performance fabric and hardware they are selling.

John said that though they may not wow customers with merchandising or literature, they've done their homework on the furniture's quality and composition.

The showroom/warehouse is open Monday to Saturday as well as, by appointment, evenings and Sundays. Take a look in at 2809-I Merrilee Drive, Fairfax. Call in at 703-348-8600 or visit online at www.willemsmith.com.

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Wolf Announces Appointments to Nation's Service Academies

ep. Frank Wolf (R-10) announced the 10th District's Class of 2017 appointments to the nation's service academies, as well as those selected for Academy prep schools.

Those appointed to the United States Air Force Academy from our area include: Katherine Fitzgerald, Great Falls, Langley;

United States Marine Merchant Academy: Rachel Wehlburg, Herndon, Chantilly;

United States Military Academy: Phillip Grant, Herndon, Westfield; Patrick Kearney, McLean, Langley;

United States Naval Academy: Lucia Lee, Herndon, Thomas Jefferson; Catherine Macklin, McLean, Langley;

United States Coast Guard Academy: Alex LaBelle, Great Falls, Langley; Sierra Webb, Great Falls, Langley.

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Entertainment

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Juanes. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Colombian-born Juanes built his musical appeal through Spanish-language songs featuring themes of peace and love, including "La Camisa Negra" and "La Señal." \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

- Sculpture Gallery Talk. 6-7:30 p.m., at the Color Wheel Gallery 65, 1374 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Listen to John Sonnier, a master garden designer for the British Embassy, speak about creating sculptures. 703-356-6345.
- Billy Idol. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Billy Idol comes to Wolf Trap for the first time, performing hits such as "Rebel Yell," Cat Power also performs. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.
- Summer Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m., on Nottoway Park, 9357 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Albare, a jazz band, kicks off the free concert series. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Joan Marie Giampa. 6-8 p.m., at The Red Caboose Gallery, 138 Church St.

– Faith Notes -

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@ connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services and a host of musical, educational, outreach, and fellowship ministries to enrich spiritual growth. The services are: a 7:45 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean will start their new summer schedule June 23 with a 9 a.m. traditional service and a 10:30 a.m. contemporary service. Starting July 14 and continuing to Sept. 1, the contemporary service will be held at 9 a.m. and the traditional worship service will be at 10:30 a.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers a rich and unique Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. Registration for the RE program, which offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings, is now open by calling 703-281-4230.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups



N.E. Vienna. The Washington painter will be presenting her most recent paintings in her newest installation. 703-349-7178.

Andrew Acosta String Band. 6:30 p.m., on Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Andrew Acosta is a traditional/roots/originals guitarist and singer from the Washington, D.C. area. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov/

- The Tenors. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The four Canadian-based singers of The Tenors sing pop ballads such as "Hallelujah" and "Forever Young." \$25-\$48. 1-877-965-3872 or http:// www.wolftrap.org/
- Filene_Center.aspx. **The Journey to Reims.** 8 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A group of international travelers who converge on one tiny spa hotel en route to the coronation of Charles X; performed in Italian with English supertitles. \$35-\$85. http://www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Elevation Burger Grand Opening. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at 142 Branch Road S.E., Vienna. T-shirts for the first 200 guests, tastings, balloons and a

vents in for those with emotional, social, and physical

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed and strength is gained. 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or

www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Wallflowers will play with Counting Crows at Wolf Trap on June 25.

ribbon-cutting ceremony with a donation to the Autism Society of Northern Virginia are planned in celebration of the Vienna opening of the new organic, fast food burger chain; 10 percent of all sales at the five other local Elevation Burger locations made between June 17-21 will comprise the donation. 703-865-7277 or http:// www.elevationburger.com/EB.php.

- **BSA Troop 152 80th Anniversary.** 4-8 p.m., at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. The troop sponsored by the Vienna Presbyterian Church celebrates their 80th anniversary at a party open to current and former Scouts and adult leaders. RSVP.
- troop152.80thanniversary@gmail.com.
 Sing-A-Long: Grease. 8:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The remastered 1978 movie musical will be shown in its entirety, with lyrics, on huge screens in-house and on the lawn. \$20-\$38. 1-877-965-3872 or http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

The Journey to Reims. 3 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Rossini's comedy is about a group of international travelers who converge on one tiny spa hotel en route to the coronation of Charles X; performed in Italian with English supertitles. \$35-\$85. http://www.wolftrap.org/ Barns.aspx.

Barns.aspx. **The Tonics.** 6:30 p.m., on Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. The Tonics cover everything from classic rock songs to popular hits. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov/ index.aspx?NID=879.

Happy Together Tour 2013. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Flo & Eddie from The Turtles, Gary, Puckett & The Union Gap, Chuck Negron of Three Dog Night and Mark Lindsay of Paul Revere and the Raiders, Lewis & The Playboys come together to play hits from the 60's and 70's. \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

MONDAY/JUNE 24 Steve Martin and The Steep

Canyon Rangers ft. Edie Brickell. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Actor/ comedian/musician Steve Martin tunes up for a performance with the Grammy Award-winning Steep Canyon Rangers and vocalist Edie Brickell. \$25-\$42. 1-877-965-3872 or http://www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

Creole for Kidz and the History of Zydeco. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-winning artist Terrance Simien and his six-member band celebrate Mardi Gras style, introducing audiences to history of Louisiana Creole culture and zydeco music. \$10. http:// www.wolftrap.org/ Filene_Center.aspx.

- Counting Crows ft. The Wallflowers. 7 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. California rockers the Counting Crows bring their indie pop-rock hits like "Mr. Jones," "Round Here," and "Color Blind" back to Wolf Trap. The Grammy Award-winning roots-rock band, The Wallflowers, also performs. \$35-\$48. 1-877-965-3872
- or http://www.wolftrap.org. Opera Learner's Permit: Rossini's "The Journey to Reims." 7:30-10 p.m., The Barns, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Wolf Trap Opera Company presents a family event featuring a two-hour performance, behind-thescenes-interview feature, and the chance to meet the singers after the show. \$15; \$50 family 4-pack. Age 10 and older. http:// www.wolftrap.org/Opera.aspx.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Creole for Kidz and the History of Zydeco. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy-winning artist Terrance Simien and his six-member band celebrate Mardi Gras style, introducing audiences to history of Louisiana Creole culture and zydeco music. \$10. http:// www.wolftrap.org/

Filene_Center.aspx. Jerry Garcia Symphonic Celebration. 8:15 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Warren Haynes and the NSO celebrate the life and work of Jerry Garcia, founding member, singer, songwriter, and lead guitarist of Grateful Dead. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

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Sports 703-224-3015 or jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com **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

undreds 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 oneon-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, 6foot-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."

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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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Schools Receive Donations

Celebrate Great Falls donates to three local elementary schools.

By Alex McVeigh The Connection

elebrate Great Falls presented the parent teacher groups for the three Great Falls elementary schools, Colvin Run, Forestville and Great Falls, a check for \$7,104.46 Tuesday, June 11.

The funds were raised at the annual Celebrate Great Falls Golf Tournament, which took place at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston Monday, June 3. Mike Kearney of Celebrate Great Falls said this year's dona-

past six years.

The money raised will be used to upgrade technology and other facilities at each school.

Celebrate Great Falls was formed in 2011, combining several local charitable and nonprofit organi-



PHOTO BY ALEX MCVEIGH/THE CONNECTION Members of Celebrate Great Falls present a donation to parents, students and staff from Colvin Run, Forestville and Great Falls Elementary Schools Tuesday, June 11.

tion brings the total donated to \$117,000 over the zations. The golf tournament has become one of their annual signature events, as well as the Fourth of July Hometown Celebration, Fireworks at Turner Farm, Halloween Spooktacular and Holiday Tree Lighting. More information can be found at www.celebrategreatfalls.org.



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