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Anna Williams and Joelle Luginbill celebrate graduation from Thomas A. Edison High School: Williams is a track star and won first place at the Penn Relays for the triple jump. The Class of 2013 at Edison received a total of \$5.6 million in scholarships.

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



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

Scouts Help Plant Trees at Burke Lake Park

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

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We are grateful for the efforts

cluding 10 located near our community," Caposell said.

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



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



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

Park Authority. Construction on officials, applications will be acthe Burke Lake Dam project cepted and trees will be awarded was completed in February, and throughout the 29-month 95 Exthe trail across the dam is now open.

"The tree will go a long way in keeping Burke Lake Park as one of Fairfax County's most beautiful and prized assets," Herrity said. According to Transurban-Fluor

press Lanes construction schedule until 1,000 trees have been installed.

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

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Jada Carpenter, Selina Chavez and Annmarie Carroll.

A Day to Remember at **Edison High** Thomas Edison High

By Lauren Young The Connection

fter an array of silver and light blue caps and gowns filled Constitution Hall at Thomas Edison High School's graduation ceremony on Friday, June 14, the commencement began with Principal Pamela Brumfield at the podium.

Through references to terms familiar to students such as "lessons" and "schedules," she said, "For the last 10 years or so, everything has been put in front of you, but in life there's no one making a schedule for you ... what's most important is that you learn from the lessons around you." Her speech was very much in favor of leaving the past and learning from the future, and concluded by advising students to "Be a doer and not a watcher ... you can manage and control your destiny."

Following the principal's address was Kira Omans,

an honor graduate, cgiving her reflections on her high school career. Kira asked the students to remember their first day walking into high school as freshmen with big expectations. "What were your values?" she asked. She ended her address of looking back on high school by looking ahead into the future and seeing all the different futures the graduates will have. "We each have something different to contribute to the fields we're interested in."

Before the students received their diplomas, there was one more speaker to be heard. This year's senior voted faculty address was by Scott Racek, a history professor and the social studies department chair at Edison High School. He began by asserting

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School graduates urged to be "doers and not watchers."

that, "Everyone in this room has been through a journey that got them to where they are today." He then asks the seniors, "What are the moments you'll remember and reflect on?" The memory he has of the seniors that he wants to reflect on is how much they have grown. He uses the school building as a metaphor for the students informing the audience that, four years ago, the school was in disarray from renovations. Now, after a few years, the school is polished and grown. Urging them to be "polished individuals," Dr. Racek left the students with advice to remember the rest of their lives: "Life is largely about being there. Dive into life and don't be afraid to get your hands dirty."



Sarah Gubara and Rasul Gupta.





Yasmine Bekheet and Pegah Bakhshi.



Anna Williams leads students into DAR Constitution Hall for Edison High's graduation last Friday, June 14.

VIEWPOINTS

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

-LAUREN YOUNG



Caroline Hayden

"I'm going to Virginia Tech, and have been accepted into their business school. I intend to receive a master's degree, and hopefully work at a business firm."



Vanecia Miller

"I'll be going to West Virginia in the fall and majoring in business. I'd like to own my own spa and nail salon, but eventually I'd like to be a stay at home mom.'



Richard Jones

"I'll be studying music education at VCU. In 10 years from now, though, you'll see me at the Grammy's next to Jay-Z and Kanye West."

Lauren Dawson

"I'm going to Evangeline University to study music education and church music. In the future I hope to be teaching school and have a family."

Fareeda Nasser

"I'm going to start at Northern Virginia Community College, and then transfer to George Mason. I plan on studying business management with a minor in marketing. Ten years from now I see myself owning my own business."



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Air National Guard Airman 1st

Class Scott D. Myers, a Class of 1997 alum of Fairfax High School, graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eightweek program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Myers earned distinction as an honor graduate.

Midshipman 1st Class (senior) Zachary Patrick from Springfield was recently selected to participate in the Naval Academy Trident Scholars Program.

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

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

Navy Seaman Shawn P. Barnes, son of Karen L. Barr of Shepherdsville, Ky, and Patrick W. Barnes of Burke, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Barnes is a 2011 graduate of Bullitt Central High School of Shepherdsville, Ky.

Supervisors Pass Home Day Care Ordinance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

-Victoria Ross

Week in Springfield

Look at 'the Other Side of the Wall'

"From the Other Side of the Wall," a presentation by Palestinian farmer and Director of Tent of Nations Daoud Nassar, will take place June 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace

Faith Notes

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Fairfax United Methodist Church chose Dr. Jonathan P. **Giblin** as the new director of music ministries. Giblin comes to Fairfax after completing his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Cincinnati. Fairfax United Methodist Church looks forward to welcoming him and invites the community to participate on June 9 in a service at 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. Call 703-591-3120 for more information.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a Bible Study Fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and Children's Church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are

Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath Street in Springfield. Tent of Nations, a peace center located on the Nassar family farm near Bethlehem, emphasizes building bridges of understanding, reconciliation and peace in a region torn by conflict. Contact: Mill Olver, 703-569-3099 or beveolv@aol.com.

held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspringfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning

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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.

Editorial

It was, for example, the 25th annual All Night Drug and Alcohol-Free Graduation Celebration for T.C. Williams High

School when the class of 2013 held its party on Saturday, June 15. Since 1989, when this tradition began at T.C. Williams, there have been no drug or alcohol-related graduation night fatalities.

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

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

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

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

many eye-rolls you must endure. Driving while 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.

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

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

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

Letters to the Editor

Train To Help In Emergencies

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

preparedness, and disaster psy-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PEOPLE

Local Author Wins Book Award

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

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

Despite its subtitle, the book that finally emerged from this dilemma, "Faith Beyond Belief: Stories of Good People Who Left Their Church Behind," is not at all a book against religion. Rather it calls readers to a broader, more sophisticated understanding of religious belief than that preached from in the typical pulpit. Identifying correlations in the work of 12 notable theorists in a field that should come to be known as spiritual development theory, "Faith Beyond Belief"



Margaret Placentra Johnston

lays out steps a person must traverse on the road to spiritual maturity. Rigid religious conformity based on outside authority from a religious leader or holy book is not near the top of this journey.

Former Nautilus Book Award winners include Desmond Tutu, Deepak Chopra, Barbara Kingsolver, Thich Nhat Hanh, Caroline Myss, Gregg Braden and Eckhart Tolle.

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

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

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Dr. Kathleen Phillips

that Dr. Kathleen Phillips will be joining our staff as a full time associate starting June 1st 2013. Dr. Phillips grew up in Buffalo, New York and is still a huge Sabres and Bills fan. She attained a Bachelor of Science in Microbiology from the University of Rochester and graduated from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2001. She has been working at a small animal practice in the Springfield area for the past 12 years. She shares her life with two beautiful kitties, one impertinent pug, her husband Matt and their young son Ethan. When she is not busy treating her patients, she is likely enjoying a ballgame at Nationals Park or exploring the Virginia countryside with her family.

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Express Lanes Construction Could Impact Travel on I-95

By Mike Salmon Virginia Megaprojects

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

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

Drivers can expect:

✤ Daytime lane closures during non-peak travel times.

Possible extended closures of existing HOV lanes, during overnight hours and on weekends.

 Multiple lane closures during overnight hours, including intermittent traffic stoppages.

Complete closures on I-95 (one direction at a time) and detours of all traffic to Route 1 during overnight hours to accommodate steel girder lifts, which cannot be done with live traffic underneath. Limited shoulder access.

* Increased heavy truck traffic entering and exiting the work zones along the median of I-95.

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

OTHER VDOT PROJECTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

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

Also over in northern Fairfax County, Route 50 is being widened from Route 28 to Poland Road in See Construction, Page 17



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



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



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Clifton Holding Outdoor Weekend Painting Festival

is hosting the first annual Clifton Plein Air (outdoor) Painting Festival, rain or shine, Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23. That Saturday, concurrent with the Clifton Wine Festival, artists may set up anywhere in the corporate town limits, except for the Town Park, where the wine festival is being held.

The festival also includes an artist competition with cash prizes and awards, including a People's Choice award where attendees may vote for their favorite pieces. It concludes with a silent auction which benefits The Art Guild of Clifton art programs; it's open to everyone and gives people the chance to support the local arts programs and take home a unique piece of artwork.

The Clifton Plein Air Painting Festival is open to all levels of painters, including amateur, inter-

he Art Guild of Clifton mediate and top-level professionals. There are also two special teen categories (ages 13-15 and 16-18).

> Check-in is at 10 a.m. outside the Clifton Wine Shop, 7145-C Main St., and painting runs from then until Sunday at 3 p.m. Judging will be done from 3:30-5 p.m. by Clifton artists Paul Hennesy and Palmer Smith. An awards ceremony and silent auction follow from 5-7 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road.

> Sponsors are Sarah Pichardo with Potomac Mortgage-Fairfax; Fran Rauch, FR Designs; and the Clifton Wine Shop. For more information and registration, go to "Contact us" at www.ArtGuildofClifton.org or mail a registration form with payment to the Art Guild of Clifton, Clifton Plein Air Festival, P.O. Box 288, Clifton, VA 20124. Registration is \$35.

> > -BONNIE HOBBS

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Lee Graduates Encouraged to Explore

Lancer Award to Madison Curtis and Nahom Fissaha, Faculty Award to Adeli Block and Carlos Toro.

By Matthew Auker The Connection

he 417 graduating seniors of Robert E. Lee High School gathered together for the final time Monday, June 16 for the school's annual commencement ceremony at George Mason University's Patriot Center. Family, friends and honored guests were in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's seniors as they received recognition, rewards and finally, their diplomas.

Madison Curtis, the Class of 2013's president, encouraged her fellow classmates to pursue experiences outside of their comfort zones in the years ahead. "In the process of trying new things and taking risks, we will make mistakes; it's inevithat makes up our lives," she said.

Principal Abe Jeffers pre-

Viewpoints

Christine Yohannes

financial advisor.'

"I'm going to Nova in the fall

and in 10 years I hope to be a



table. But we'll continue to learn Christina Tosi addresses the graduating about ourselves and the recipe seniors. Tosi graduated from Lee in 1999 and now owns and operates the popular Momofuku Milk Bar in New York.

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

female student for each, during during their four years" was pre- Block and Carlos Toro. the ceremony. The Lancer sented to Madison Curtis and has been "deemed by their peers given by the faculty at Lee High owner of the popular Momofuku or below any job or any thing."

sented two different awards to to have presented outstanding ser- School for service to the school and four students, one male and one vice to their class, and their school community, was presented to Adeli

The commencement address was that will shape you. Every job, Award, voted on by students Nahom Fissaha. Subsequently, the given by Christina Tosi, a class of big or small, is an opportunity to and given to the recipient who Faculty Award, the highest honor '99 Lee High School graduate and learn and grow. Don't be above



Senior Connor Symons is presented with his diploma at Lee High School's graduation ceremonv

> Milk Bar in New York City. Drawing from her experience rising from someone who baked as a hobby to actually owning a highly successful bakery, "Know who you are, and stay true to yourself," she urged, adding, "Every experience is an experience

> > —MATTHEW AUKER



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

Spartans Come Together for a Bittersweet Last Time

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

By Elizabeth Casey The Connection

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

Assistant Principal Becky Brandt called the class an "inspirational group of young people" and offered ... be the best you possible."

Honor Graduate Address, and did her class changes the world.



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

advice to not "let others limit you not disappoint: She thanked West Springfield teachers and adminis-Anna Goodwin was chosen by tration and said that "high school her classmates to speak during the is not the end" and that she hopes



Kevin Jones "I'll be attending VCU in the fall and in 10 vears I an on becor ing a radiologist.'



Sydney Freeman "I'm going to Catholic University and studying in 10 years I hope to have a job as an architect.



Will Winston "I'll be attending the Citadel in September and hope to be a pilot in the Air Force in 10



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

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Jeffery Huynh "I'll be taking classes at Nova in the fall and then plan on transferring to JMU to finish college. In 10 years I plan on being a

mechanical engineer."

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



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

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

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

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

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

Meronne Teklu,

one of West Springfield's Class of 2013 class officers, will be attending The College of William and Mary next year and plans on major ing in business finance and biomedi cal engineering. She would like to own a biomedical firm in h near future





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

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





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

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



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

—Elizabeth CASEY

Education Learning Fun



Henry Lopez (center) is pictured at home with (from left) 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.



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.

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

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

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL The Connection

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

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

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

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



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.

the obligations of citizenship and still in the eighth grade, Henry was the potential to overcome oblems," according to Anthony Dyer which supports and enriches stu-Hoefer. Ph.D., the director of Mason's University Scholars Program and an Old Town Alexandria resident.

His college application wasn't the first time he impressed George Mason officials, however. While 12 Springfield Connection & June 20-26, 2013

accepted into George Mason's stacles and solve challenging prob- Early Identification Program, dents who will be the first in their families to attend college.

"He was an exceptional first generation college student," said Lewis E. Forrest II, the program's executive director. "Recently, I was looking over his eighth grade application and he stated that his every day," she said. number one goal was to go to college. Not only has he met that goal, he has gained a positive reputation before he has even enrolled in classes here at Mason."

Henry graduated with a 4.3 GPA as a member of the National Honor Society, as well as vice president of the JEB Stuart High School's chapter of the Spanish Honor Society. Among a lengthy list of academic and extracurricular accomplishments, he also served on his high school's Student Government Association and ran on the varsity cross-country team. While he's proud of his accomplishments, he gives much of the credit to the support he received from his parents and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington (BGCGW), Fairfax region located in Falls Church, Mount Vernon and Herndon.

Henry says his appreciation of hard work came from his parents: Emerita Lopez, who works as a housekeeper, and Arnoldo Lopez, a day laborer.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wonhee Kang, regional director of the Fairfax County Region Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, has served an important role in Henry's life. "When I first met him, he was 4," she said. "It was right after he arrived in this coun See Young Man, Page 13

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try from Guatemala. When he first came to the club, he didn't speak any English. He was hiding and he was very shy."

Over the past 14 years, Kang has watched Lopez evolve from that shy little boy into an eloquent orator and a proficient scholar. "I've been watching him grow year after year. He learned slowly about culture, culture of the club and community," she said. "There were times when he didn't have appropriate clothes for speaking engagements and competitions so we made sure that he had a suit. I took him to our Youth of the Year competition in Newport News, Va., and that was his first time staying a hotel. The kids may not have [much] financially, but these are amazing young people."

Kang said that Henry was always interested in academics. "He enjoyed the power hour, which is time for studying and homework. That made him strong academically and helped him earn a scholarship to George Mason University. He got into five universities, but he got a full scholarship from George Mason."

Henry was selected to speak at the 28th Annual Tim Russert Congressional Dinner presented by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington last month, an annual fundraising event for the Boys & Girls Clubs. Kang also invited Henry's family "because this is a once-in-a-lifetime event for Henry.

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

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

DURING HIS SPEECH, Henry told the crowd about the challenges he faced growing up in Virginia as an immigrant with financial limitations. "Looking back, the Clubs taught me to channel my responsibilities and develop a balance, providing me with a normal childhood. If it were not for the Boys & Girls Clubs, I would not be pursuing every resource to make a better future for myself and others."

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

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

Graveside Service for Grace Thomas At Arlington National Cemetery

race Thomas, a longtime Springfield resident, died April 19 in Haverhill, Mass., of natural causes. She was 82. Thomas was born on June 13, 1930, in Saunderstown, R.I. The former Grace Lorena Matterson, she married Walter R. Thomas in 1950. They were married for 59 years.

Thomas was the Ladies Auxiliary VFW Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year for 2006. She was well known at Post 7327 in Springfield, where she worked all aspects of VFW Bingo operations and made many dear friends among her "Bingo family."

Thomas is survived by her son, Robert Thomas, and her daughter-in-law, Brenda Thomas, of Haverhill, Mass.; and her grandson Sean Thomas and daughter-in-law Susan Thomas, of Ft. Collins, Colo. She is pre-deceased by her husband, Captain Walter R. Thomas and by her son, Rick Thomas.

The graveside service will take place at Arlington National



Grace Thomas

Cemetery, at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 21. All attendees are asked to arrive at the Administration Building (off Memorial Drive) by 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 21. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made in the name of Grace Thomas to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, via http:// curealzfund.org/ or by mail to Cure Alzheimer's Fund, 34 Washington St., Suite 200, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.



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THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Fuel. 6 p.m., at Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. The rock band with 3.5 million albums sold plays singles like "Shimmer" and "Innocent" as well as newer songs. \$18-\$20. www.empire-nova.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

The 9. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. The 9 Songwriter Series is a traveling mini songwriter festival based out of the Washington, D.C. Metro Area, founded by singer/ songwriter Justin Trawick. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances/.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

- Art Party on the Quad. 9:30 a.m. group walk, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. events, at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The community gathers for an interactive, educational art fest of art projects, storytelling, music, bubble art, interactive history, artist demonstrations and tours and a community pillow fight. www.workhousearts.org
- The First Annual Clifton Plein Air Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Clifton Wine Shop, 7145-C Main Street Clifton. Come and enjoy a wonderful

There's always more fun to be had-try Rock-N-Kids' summer program, filled with singing and dancing held every other **Friday beginning** June 28 at 11:30 a.m. at Empire in Springfield.

> weekend of art and fun where local artists will be painting throughout the town. \$25. 703-830-1480 or www.ArtGuildofClifton.org.

Enter the Haggis. 7-8 p.m., Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enter The Haggis offers a high energy, Celticbased explosion of blues, funk and rock. www.enterthehaggis.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Drowning Pool, Eye Empire, Even The Dead Love A Parade, Exilia. 5 p.m., at Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. An amalgam of metal bands for a marathon-music night. \$20-\$25. http:// www.facebook.com/events/



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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Powerful Questions for Peace in Parenting. 10-11:30 a.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Coffee tea and homemade treats for moms interested in exploring the hard questions about how to parent their children; round table discussion led by mother-of-six Donna Christophersen. \$7. Email number of children attending at MomsOnTheRun4@gmail.com. www.clear-action.net

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FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Rock-N-Kids Summer Program. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Sing and dance with Conductor Brii & Quentin every other Friday; for ages 5-10. \$5 show; \$10 for lunch and show. 703-569-5940.

Lillian Axe. 6 p.m., at Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. The seasoned band plays songs from their 11th album, XI: The Days before Tomorrow. \$15. www.empire nova.com.

City of Fairfax Main Street Community Band. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. The Main Street Brass Quintet repertoire ranges from Baroque to Beatles including works by Gabrieli, Stephen Foster, Holst, as well as some arrangements by members of the group. www.fairfaxband.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Peter Pan and Captain Hook in the **Fairies.** 1 p.m., in the W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Vianlix Mestey's original adaptation of the fairy tale, in which the magic clock of Neverland begins to wind down and Peter Pan and Hook must work together to stop it. \$12 for adults; \$8 for children under 12. http://workhousearts.org/ events/performing-arts/peter-panand-captain-hook-fairies-land.

Conditions. 5 p.m., at Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. A posthardcore/melodic rock band singing impassioned anthems. \$12-\$14. www.empire-nova.com.

90s Night Dance Party. 10 p.m., at Empire, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. A 21-plus party with 90s music and nostalgia. \$5-\$10. https:// www.facebook.com/events/ 171986569627199/

Sierra Hull. 7-8 p.m., at Workhouse Arts Center at Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A virtuoso on the mandolin, Sierra Hull is one of the brightest new stars in bluegrass. www.sierrahull.com.

Soul of Langston. 8 p.m., at the Lorton Workhouse in the W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A play centered on the life of the legendary poet of the Harlem Renaissance, by Daron P. Stewart, presented by the DC Drama Department. Reservations recommended. \$15. www.workhousearts.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

Kings Park Band. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. The Kings Park Band has grown to a full concert band of over 55 adults with a paid professional conductor. www.kingsparkband.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

Yoga on the Quad. 8 a.m., at the Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, A free, 45-minute long yoga class held outside; bring your own yoga mat. workhousearts.org/events/general-

events/free-yoga-quad-0. Patriotic Fireworks Show. 9 p.m., at the Quad, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Bring your family, friends, blankets and lawn chairs and come watch as the colors lights up the sky. The Workhouse Arts Center is presenting patriotic fireworks show. 703-584-2900 or http://workhousearts.org/ events/general-events/patriotic fireworks-show.

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6007 NASSAU DR	4 2 4 2	2	1 ALEXANDRIA 1 SPRINGFIELD	\$537,120 \$535.000	Detached	0.05	22315	
6171 WINDHAM HILL RUN	3 3	3	1 ALEXANDRIA	\$533,500	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
7695 GREEN GARLAND DR 6611 THURLTON DR	32	2	1 SPRINGFIELD	\$530,000	Detached	0.18	22153	AFTON GLEN KINGSTOWNE
6146 ROXBURY AVE								
5259 BALLYCASTLE CIR	3 2	2	1 ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.05	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8524 KENTFORD DR 5735 BUCKHAVEN CT	5 3	3	1 SPRINGFIELD	\$522,000	Detached	0.27	22152	ROLLING VALLEY
8808 DIANNE PL								
8001 PYRACANTHA CT	4 3	3 () SPRINGFIELD	\$515,000	Detached	0.27	22153	SARATOGA
8804 ARLEY DR 7518 COLLINS MEADE WAY	5 2 2 2	2	1 SPRINGFIELD	\$515,000 \$511,000	Detached	0.23	22153 22315	ROLLING VALLEY
8763 COLD PLAIN CT	4 3	, } !) SPRINGFIELD	\$510,000	Detached	0.37	22153	NEWINGTON FOREST
8008 TANWORTH CT								
8304 TERRA GRANDE AVE 7136 GAME LORD DR								
5930 WESCOTT HILLS WAY								
5613 RATHBONE PL								
8505 THAMES ST 7217 HADLOW DR								
6726 GREY FOX DR								
5517 YORKSHIRE ST	4 2	2	1 SPRINGFIELD	\$484,000	Detached	0.24	22151	KINGS PARK
5603 RAVENEL LN 5613 SEDGWICK LN								
5312 MOULTRIE RD	4 3	3 1) SPRINGFIELD	\$477,750	Detached	0.25	22151	RAVENSWORTH
7504 NANCEMOND ST	4 2	2 1) SPRINGFIELD	\$477,500	Detached	0.26	22150	SPRINGFIELD
5523 VENTNOR LN 6708 PORTREE CT	4 4	ŧ Ι) SPRINGFIELD	\$475,000 \$475,000	Detached	0.24 0.24	22151 22152	KINGS PARK
8287 MORNING DEW CT								
5251 BALLYCASTLE CIR	3 2	2 :	2 ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
5515 EASTBOURNE DR 6501 BYRON AVE								
6020 FRONTIER DR								
5913 LOVEJOY CT	4 3	3 () SPRINGFIELD	\$465,900	Detached	0.27	22152	SOUTHERN GROVE
5507 YORKSHIRE ST 6521 GREENVIEW LN								
7312 INZER ST								
7912 LAURAL VALLEY WAY	3 2	2	1 SPRINGFIELD	\$455,000	Detached	0.20	22153	SARATOGA
7505 CADBURY ROW 6534 KELSEY POINT CIR								
6304 WALKERS CROFT WAY	3 3	3	1 ALEXANDRIA	\$450,400	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
7316 GARY ST	4 2	2 1) SPRINGFIELD	\$450,000	Detached	0.29	22150	SPRINGFIELD
5604 EASTBOURNE DR 7830 PAINTED DAISY DR								
7830 PAINTED DAISY DR 8111 ROLLING KNOLL CT	5 2 5 2	3 1	2 SPRINGFIELD) SPRINGFIELD	\$439.000	Detached	0.05	22152	
5400 WEYMOUTH DR	4 3	3) SPRINGFIELD	\$436,000	Detached	0.25	22151	KINGS PARK
8216 SOUTHWATER CT 8705 WADEBROOK TER								
6029 JOUST LN	4 3	3	1 ALEXANDRIA	\$432,500	Townhouse	0.03	22315	KINGSTOWNE
8303 RIDGE CROSSING LN	3 2	2 :	2 SPRINGFIELD	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.06	22152	OLDE OAK RIDGE
7800 TANGIER DR 6713 JEROME ST								
7013 BRADDOCK MEWS PL								
6244 WALKERS CROFT WAY	2 3	3	1 ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.04	22315	KINGSTOWNE
6308 MILLWOOD CIR			2 SPRINGFIELD					

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Construction Update

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Loudoun County. There are lane closures associated with this project as well, and the completion date is 2014.

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

from Telegraph Road to Richmond Highway was closed after 9/11.

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

♦ Four travel lanes and appropriate turn lanes

Dedicated on-road bicycle

✤ Raised, curbed medians ✤ Landscaping.

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11090 Sandy Manor Dr\$1,200,000Sun 1-4Carol HermandorferLong & Foster703-216-4949
10712 Ox Croft CtGolden571-379-4734
10101 Van Thompson Rd\$899,900Sat 1-4Margaret BodgeKeller Williams571-249-6205
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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.

DeMatha offensive lineman Devante

Fox (center) lets out a victory yell

after successfully protecting his

dummy quarterback in a drill.



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