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Farewell to CVHS

Parents, friends, school officials, graduates, choral and band members, and dignitaries filled up the Patriot Center for the commencement on June 20.

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Station Expansion Celebrated

Renovation of Fair Oaks District Police Station toured.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When the Fair Oaks District Police Station was built in 1982, it met the needs of the employees. It opened in 1983 with some 65-70 police officers and a handful of civilians.

But by fall 2006, 117 people — including 101 sworn officers — worked there, so money for an expansion and renovation were put on a bond referendum.

“We’ve outgrown the facility and utilized every square inch of space we possibly could,” said then Station Commander Amy Lubas. “We’ve exhausted all our possibilities and pushed the station to its limits.”

Indeed, three people used the conference room as their office. And the nine bike-patrol members worked in the sally port — a drive-through garage for transferring prisoners securely — crammed among the paint cans, ladder, air compressor and other building-maintenance items.

The patrol officers didn’t even have desks; they wrote reports in their cruisers, on a clipboard in front of the steering wheel. Officers also had to haul around all their gear with

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Station Commander John Naylor Jr. (center) and others view the new fitness center’s offerings.

CTB OKs Funding For Roundabout

Residents opposing it say they’ll keep on fighting.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has greenlighted a plan to build a controversial roundabout to improve traffic flow at the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection by Cox Farms in Centreville.

Last Wednesday, June 18, the CTB awarded a \$4.178 million contract to Fort Myer Construction Corp. to do the work. Furthermore, VDOT revealed it had found surplus money to complete the necessary funding for the project whose cost has escalated from its originally anticipated \$2.6 million to \$5.82 million.

The additional funds came from mainly federal, plus some state, surplus Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) money available from two previously completed projects. And while the news has two Loudoun County politicians reveling in joy, many Fairfax County residents are angry, bitter and vowing a fight.

“We are obviously disappointed by the VDOT and CTB decision to

allocate additional funds and to award the construction contract and, frankly, feel that the decision defies logic,” said Virginia Run’s Ted Troschianeki. “The cost has doubled since initial estimates and now exceeds the original estimate for a signalized intersection which — according to VDOT’s own data — is a more permanent solution.”

Also upsetting to him and others who oppose the roundabout is

that only the draft of VDOT’s Six-Year Plan was available online and at public hearings. So, said Troschianeki, the public wasn’t aware that the roundabout would really cost \$5.8 million, instead of the \$4 million shown on the draft, when each county voted on VDOT’s Six-Year Plan.

“Before one shovel of dirt has been turned for this project, it is an astronomical 123 percent over the original cost estimate.”

— Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)

“Officials have continued to ignore the fact that the majority of homeowners in Western Fairfax oppose the project and, instead, point to misleading claims that it has support,” he said. “It remains clear to us that this has been a politically motivated project with the intent to proceed at any cost and is a gross misuse of taxpayer funds.”

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'Greatest Generation' Visits Rocky Run Middle School

Students hear first-hand accounts from WWII veterans on D-Day festival.

BY VERONICA BRUNO
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Students at Rocky Run Middle School received the greatest history lesson on D-Day: first-hand accounts from the men and women who served in World War II.

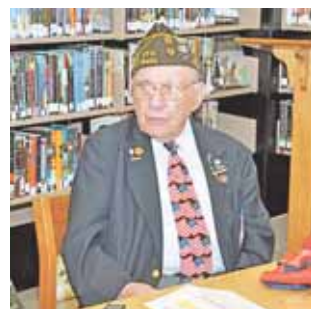
The "greatest generation" officers visited the school for an all-day festival where seventh graders got to hear eyewitness accounts of what happened during the war from the men and women who served there. First-hand accounts included recollections from being enemy prisoners, successful missions, air raids, and special operations. Students had the opportunity to sit down with the veterans and interview them individually. Interviews were conducted all day in the cafeteria as well as the media room.

This is the 14th year Rocky Run Middle School has hosted the event. What originally began as a single WWII veteran guest speaker has grown into an organized event that brings over 100 participants from the war directly to the school. To commemorate the event, framed photos from WWII adorn the halls all year round and photos from the event are displayed. In addition to the WWII participants, the festival also included veterans and eyewitnesses from the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars as well as people who grew up behind the Iron Curtain.

The WWII Oral History Day is Jamie Sawatzky's "baby." Sawatzky, a history teacher, envisioned the event after one of his student's relatives came to speak to his class about his WWII experience. The students who participate research their questions for the interviews. The interviews themselves also become a part of history: many of them are taped and will be sent over to the Library of Congress Veteran's



Clem Irons told Rocky Run students about his experience as a German prisoner during the war. A navigator with the Army Air Corps 385th Bomb Group, his B-17 was shot down on May 8, 1944 and he was held at the Stalag Luft III for the remainder of the war.



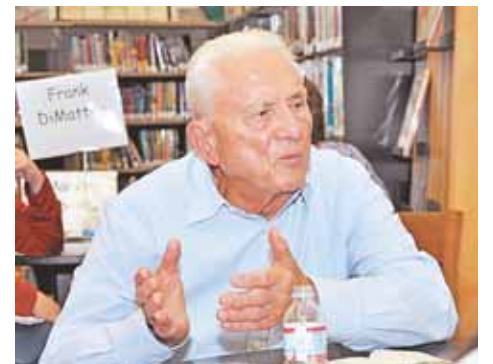
Jerry Wolf had served as a flight engineer and top-turret gunner with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the European Theatre. He described hearing the planes over Berlin after he was taken prisoner. Prior to his plane being shot down, he had completed 25 successful missions during the war.



Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits speaks about his experiences as a concentration camp survivor from Auschwitz-Birkenau in the last panel discussion of the day. Berkowits had been deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau as a teenager from Budapest, Hungary.



Frank Cohn describes meeting up with the Russians during the liberation of Berlin. As a former German citizen, he had fled to the U.S. because of religious persecution and later participated in the Battle of the Bulge, the Rhineland Campaign, and the post-war occupation of Germany.



Frank DiMatteo talked about his aviation engineer experience in the U.S. Navy Air Corps in Hawaii, Saipan, Peleliu, and in the Philippines.



Edward Connor served with the 13th bomb squadron of the U.S. Air Army Corps based out of Papua, New Guinea. He later went on to serve his country in the Korean War and the Strategic Air Command.

"I believe we can be builders. What we do or say matters."

— Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits, Holocaust survivor

History Project.

In addition to the individualized interviews, there were several panel discussions that took place in the school's Little Theatre. Donald Reynolds spoke during the Normandy panel and shared his memories from battling there as well as going back to visit after the war. He included a slide show of his personal photographs from the

Normandy visits, and elicited laughs from the audience when showing the difference between the traffic of the day at the Arc de Triumph in Paris — his old photo showed just two cars and a bike whereas nowadays the traffic circle is completely congested.

The Normandy panel also included William Sheads, Buck Shelton, John Swart and Rolf Valintin. After hearing their stories from

the shores of Normandy, Sawatzky said, "You guys were the real heroes."

The last panel discussion of the day was headlined by Rabbi Laszlo Berkowits, who had been deported to the Auschwitz-Birkenau as a teenager and lost both his parents and sibling in the camp.

He told the audience that "knowledge is power. Power is something special, you can use it for good or you can use it for ill. You are free to make choices and you have a gift for intellectual capacity. The Holocaust was a human decision. We can be noble, constructive; I believe we can be builders. What we do or say matters. How we deal with our fellow human being matters. We can benefit from the generation who came before us."



Lawrence McKinley explains the challenges in trying to find patients among enemy territory. He also discussed the hardships of war and said that [we must] "exhaust every avenue" prior to war. Lawrence McKinley served as a Medevac pilot with the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps in both Vietnam and Desert Storm.



John Krytusa was an Army Air Force technical sergeant with the European Theatre.



Dr. John Bauer recalled harrowing war-time experiences of mass graves.

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Centreville seniors march into George Mason University's Patriot Center on Friday, June 20, to Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance."

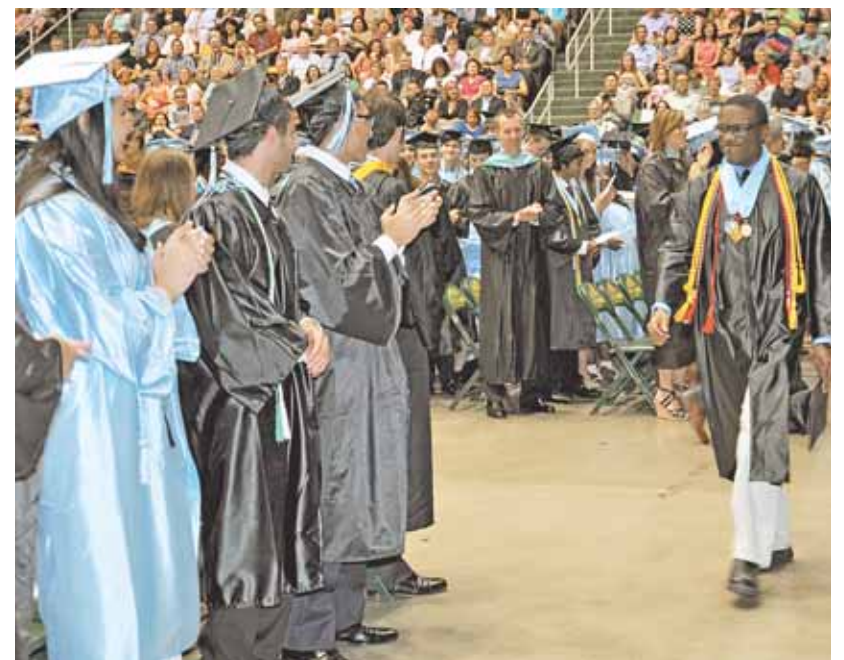
Centreville's Class of 2014 Says Goodbye



The Presentation of the Colors was performed by Lizzy Speidel and the Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC Color Guard.



The choral department sang "America the Beautiful" after the presentation of the class gifts.



Ignatius (Iggy) Ini-Obong Idio received a standing ovation as he accepted the faculty award.



Stephen Kettell leaves the stage after receiving his diploma.



Caps thrown in the air end the commemorative ceremony.



The audience at Patriot Center was filled with enthusiastic friends and family members cheering on their graduates.

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‘Thanks for Making This Vision Happen’

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them, because storage space in the station was all but nonexistent.

The bond issue passed, and the original building project grew to include more space than initially anticipated. It also encompassed renovations to the Fair Oaks District Fire Station next door. Altogether, it cost \$14 million. Work began in June 2010, with the first three phases finished in November 2013. The last phase — renovating the fuel station behind the police station — will begin soon.

Meanwhile, residents, police and dignitaries alike gathered Saturday, June 14, to cut the ribbon on the larger, modernized police station. “This project involved 18,000 square feet of expansion and the renovation of 24,000 square feet,” said Capt. John Naylor Jr., the station commander. “It includes a two-story addition and a single-story training-room addition. It’s expanded immensely to meet the needs for 2030.”

The fire station added 1,900 square feet for an expanded, women’s bunk room; mechanical equipment, new lockers, more parking, plus an apparatus/ready-gear bay. Originally 10,400 square feet, the police station gained an extra 16,400 square feet.

Its interior was completely renovated,



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Supervisor Michael Frey speaks in front of the renovated police station. Behind him (from left) are Wade and Blair Miller, Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Police Capt. John Naylor Jr., Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr.

adding new locker rooms and electrical, security and mechanical upgrades. The roof was partially replaced, a wellness center to share with the fire station was added, and parking was expanded and made more se-

cure.

Naylor thanked everyone involved in the work for their “unwavering dedication and professionalism during the planning and construction. We have a distinctive and

modern facility that the men and women who work here are proud to call home.”

Saying it’s an “exceptional building,” Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said she was pleased to help celebrate its reopening, plus the dedication of a memorial there to a K9 named Thor. “This was in great need,” she said. “It’s reinvesting in our public spaces and in public safety.”

County Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr. said both the Fair Oaks fire and police stations have personal meaning to him because this police station “was mainly my home station until the Sully District Station came on line. [Now this is] a public safety center to serve the growing urbanization of the area.”

Also there was former county Police Chief Dave Rohrer, now the deputy county executive, and Roessler said his assistance “helped us get here today.” To all those who played a part, said Roessler, “Thanks for making this vision happen. This was a great challenge and we made it through.”

County Fire and Rescue Chief Richard Bowers called it a “great day for Fairfax County and public safety. Our response environment in firefighting and EMS has changed dramatically since I was a rookie,

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Station Expansion Celebrated

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and our elected officials helped meet this need. Thanks to the community and our police partners; the infrastructure improvements here at Station 21 are huge.”

“Buildings don’t make quality service,” said Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). “We’d have an outstanding police department and a world-class fire department no matter what, because of the people. But good buildings and equipment maximize their ability to serve the people of the community and keep them safe.”

After the ribbon-cutting, Naylor led a tour of the police station, pointing out the new additions and enhancements, including the ballistic glass and concrete-reinforced walls in the front-desk/reception area. He also noted that 110 sworn officers plus 15 auxiliary officers and civilian employees work out of that station.

Naylor said the roll-call room was enlarged and a new, evidence-collection room is being created. There are now three sally ports, instead of one, and the wellness/fitness area is on the second floor.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW
Checking out the police station commander’s office are Sharon Bulova and Deputy County Executive Dave Rohrer.

“I did lots of my patrol time here, was assistant commander and am now commander here,” he said. “Before, we were crammed into a tight space, with not enough room for meetings and lockers. This renovation was so needed because of the modern upgrades, equipment and police standards. We have plenty of room for the officers now, and room for more expansion if more officers are ever added.”

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OPINION

Celebrate a Safe Fourth

Talking and planning are the best safety measures; SoberRide offers a safety net.

Independence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

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But in case those plans go awry, here is a safe alternative.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30) beginning 10 p.m. the night of July 4 for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2013, nearly 300 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic

deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and

driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

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Visit www.soberride.com.

—MARY KIMM,

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The Pet Centre View, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish on July 23, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by July 16.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Students Need Sleep, Not SLEEP

To the Editor:

Let me start by saying that despite what some proponents to schedule changes may imply, we all care deeply about the wellbeing of our kids. What we disagree on is the cost to benefit realities of proposed solutions.

The University of Cincinnati recently conducted a study of 1000 teens. This study revealed that the biggest factors in teen sleep habits were not biological as claimed by the SLEEP organization. The biggest contributors to proper sleep habits were in fact social ties and parental involvement. Teens that had strong social ties and friends with good sleep habits were more inclined to have better sleep habits themselves. Furthermore, it was found that teens that had parents who were actively involved in sleep schedules had far better sleep habits than those teens whose parents were not involved. The University of Cincinnati research findings are reaffirmed by a 1994 study by Dr. Mary Carskadon. Carefully selected parts of Dr. Carskadon's study are often quoted by the SLEEP organization. However, SLEEP fails to mention that 95 percent of the teens in the 1994 study reported that parents played no part in setting bedtimes.

SLEEP is quick to point out that 72 of 95 counties in Virginia have later start times. Yet Fairfax County outperforms all other Virginia school districts. The average SAT score and average graduation rate in Virginia are 1528/83 percent respectively. Fairfax County averages are 1663/92 percent respectively. The national average is 1498/80 percent respectively. The SLEEP website also lists several districts

from Florida, Texas and Georgia as "successes" for later start times. No individual district listed comes close to Fairfax County averages and all are below national averages. Texas 1434/83 percent, Florida 1457/75 percent, Georgia 1452/67 percent, New Jersey 1521/86 percent. SLEEP has a list of schools across the country with later start times that were ranked by US News. They forgot to mention that the same report shows that 9 of the top 10 high schools in Virginia are located in Fairfax County.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) conducts an annual nationwide survey of students. It includes 8th 10th and 12th graders. This survey is called the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). SLEEP tells us that 30 percent of our surveyed students report having felt depressed. The national average is 30 percent including those schools with later start times. However, Fairfax County students are below the national average for those teens that have considered suicide. We are 50 percent below the national average for those teens that have actually attempted suicide. Fairfax County is below the national average in all age groups for substance abuse/use including alcohol and marijuana. Marion County, Fla., with later start times and listed as a SLEEP success, is above the national average in all categories and their attempted suicide rate is more than double that of Fairfax County. Can somebody from SLEEP explain how that can be true given their later start times? Could it be that later start times is not the solution to teen problems?

SLEEP wants to scare you with the talk of drowsy teen drivers but yet no accidents in the past five years have been attributed to a drowsy teen in Fairfax County. Furthermore, this School Board has told us that elementary students will not be commuting in the dark. They propose

that buses will pick kids up at their front door. What about walkers? With proposed elementary start times of 7:40 and 7:45 and winter sunrise at 7:25, your elementary student will walk to school in the dark.

Next school year, our school system will endure \$98 million in cuts. We will lose 720 staff members. Class sizes will grow and our children will suffer. Two objective start time studies have been performed in the past at great expense. Both studies concluded that this change would not be right for Fairfax County. This board chose to disregard the past studies and instead spent money we don't have and hired The Children's National Medical Center. They did not ask CNMC to determine whether this was a right for Fairfax County. They instead told them to figure out how to make it happen. Curiously, Dr. Judith Owens of the CNMC recently said, "Delaying start times does not guarantee that students will get more sleep." Really?

Fairfax County is the 13th largest school system in the nation but yet we run and maintain the largest bus fleet. Now this fiscally irresponsible School Board wants to add 20 to 60-plus additional buses to support later start times. The cost for this fleet change ranges from \$2.7 to almost \$8 million. They have yet to tell us what the annual ongoing cost of these buses and staff will be. Needless to say, this money will be spent as we continue to endure cuts from the true educational needs of our children.

I have proposed to the board that a better use of time and funds would be to start an awareness program. Give students and parents the information and tools that they need to

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ROUNDUPS

CarFit Event June 27

The Sully District Police Station will host a CarFit event on Friday, June 27, from 1-3 p.m. It's a program designed to help older drivers find out how well they currently fit their vehicles. The program highlights actions they can take to improve their fit and greatly increase not only their safety, but the safety of others. CarFit is voluntary and confidential, and CarFit staff won't make any changes to the vehicle, but might recommend some adjustments be made. No appointment is necessary, but the event will be cancelled in case of inclement weather exists. The Sully District Station is at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

Host a WFCM Food Drive

WFCM needs the community's help over the summer months when it has a critical shortage of food. "For instance, of the 24 schools that we serve, one has over 900 students who count on free and reduced lunches during the school year," said WFCM Community Outreach Manager Jennie Bush. "This creates a financial strain on families looking for food help." But she said local residents can make a tremendous difference by hosting a food drive with their sports team, camp, swim team or place of employment. To arrange a food drive for WFCM, contact the organization's summer intern, Annie Cecil, at intern@wfcma.org.

2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the county expects the 50-and-over population to in-

crease by 40 percent and the 70-and-over population by 88 percent. So the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging and local residents, has been working with the community to create the 2014 Fairfax 50+ Plan. What's proposed is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/fairfax50plus.htm> under the topic headings of Safety & Health, Housing, Transportation, Community Engagement, Services for Older Adults & Caregivers, and Long-Range Planning & Trends Analysis. Comments may be emailed to DFSCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov until June 30.

Food Donations For WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry urgently needs donations of canned vegetables (no green beans), vegetable oil; dry pasta, flour, canned fruit and meat, white or brown rice (1- or 2-lb. bags), cold cereal, pancake mix, powdered and evaporated milk. Also needed are toilet paper, diapers, shampoo and baby wipes. (WFCM clients cannot purchase toiletries with food stamps).

Bring all items to WFCM's food pantry, weekdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Thrift-store needs include spring and summer clothing, quality shoes and like-new houseware. The store is at 13939 Metrotech Drive. In addition, food-pantry volunteers are needed Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m. Contact Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656, ext. 110, or abosley@wfcma.org.

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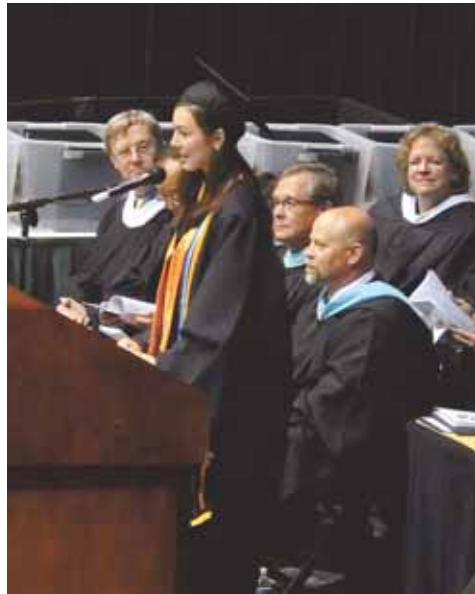
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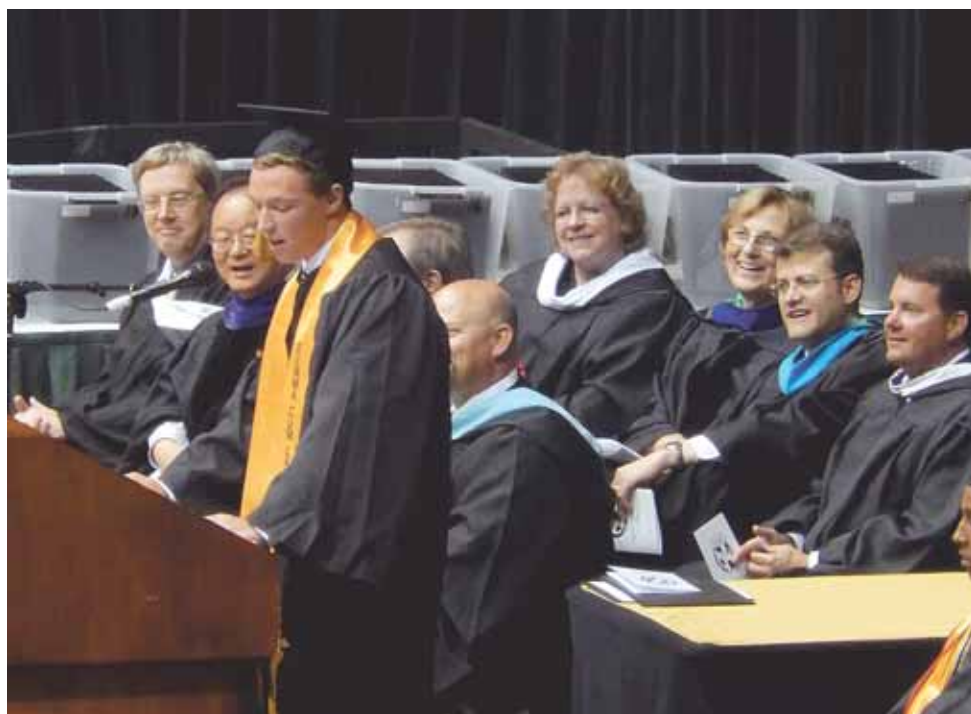
Students and faculty prepare for the start of graduation.



From left: School Board member Ted Velkoff, Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and Principal Tim Thomas listen to student speaker Elena Gavrilu.



Graduate Emily Brubaker with parents Rick and Vicki Brubaker; Emily is headed to JMU.



School Board members enjoy student Ryan Szymanski's speech.

'Your Character Will Lead You to Success'

Westfield High graduates nearly 700 students on June 18.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Turning their tassels and tossing their caps into the air, nearly 700 Westfield High students graduated on Wednesday, June 18, in GMU's Patriot Center. No one brought a beach ball, but two boys did gymnastics flips as they received their diplomas.

Class President Ezra Solomon thanked all the parents and teachers for getting them to this point. Then, to loud applause, he asked, "Who would have thought that an immigrant from Ethiopia would be standing here as president of Westfield's Class of 2014?"

"We had high expectations, but we've finally made it," he said. "Enjoy this moment; we may never see this group together in one place again. But we'll remember practicing for the Rose Bowl Parade, swimming our way to a championship, absconding with the most Cappie nominations ever and surviving all the ice and snow days, and we'll be remembered."

Student speaker Elena Gavrilu told her classmates, "We have the opportunity to take classes and learn what we're passionate about. We have a solid foundation of education that will guide us in the future. [Life] may not always be pretty, but we can approach it with a positive attitude. Westfield pride and our four years here have shaped us."

Quoting author F. Scott Fitzgerald, Gavrilu said, "It's never too late to be who you want to be ... [we should] accept our mistakes and try to become better people each day."

Congratulations, Class of 2014, and may the future hold many bright moments for all of us."

The other student speaker, Ryan Szymanski, noted that Westfield proudly boasts the 2013 FCPS Principal of the Year in Tim Thomas. "When you leave here today, you can do exactly what's expected of you or you can write your own story," said Szymanski. "I urge you to think in a divergent manner and expand your horizons. Use your life wisely and do what you want to do."

"Never fear to say your opinions," he continued. "Whatever you're passionate about, scream it from the rooftops. Your diploma is a symbol of the inherent potential of all of you. Never take for granted that you just got an education in the greatest country on the planet."

Next came the presentation of three special awards by Senior Class sponsors Kylie Eldredge and Amy Sutphin. Receiving the faculty Pride Award for courage in the face of adversity was Jacinta Kwaah.

"She lost her mom when she was barely a teen," said Eldredge. "Her extended family supported her, but she moved to a new country and then from New York to Virginia. But she never made excuses or settled for just getting by. She has a strong work ethic and a great attitude, is polite and helps other students. We feel blessed to have had her."

The faculty Leader of the Pack Award for demonstrating the Westfield Way in school and the community went to Christopher Yang. "He's president of the National Honor Society, has a rock-solid work ethic and always puts forth extra effort," said Sutphin.

"He'll attend Georgetown [University] to major in international relations."

Class Secretary Brandon Sanchez gave Sohumi Shirgaonkar the Student Pride Award for the senior best exemplifying pride at Westfield. He said Shirgaonkar is known for his acts of kindness to others, is an "incredible friend and student" and is motivated to learn.

Before awarding the diplomas, Thomas also addressed the seniors. "We've had a very productive and rewarding experience together," he said. "You're friendly, creative, talented, intelligent and innovative. You've not only maintained Westfield's standard of excellence set when the school opened 14 years ago, but elevated it in so many ways."

Noting that, this year, Westfield started the WeSTEP senior internship program for experience of the real world, he said it's been a huge success. He also listed other school accomplishments of 2013-14, including state championships in field hockey and girls lacrosse; Scholastic art awards and acclaim in theater, music and dance.

"We were named among the top 100 schools in the U.S. for financial-literacy education," Thomas told the seniors. "But it's your character — doing the right thing — that'll lead you to success. You have the courage to stand up and speak your mind and also to know when to sit down and listen to another point of view."

"Like Bulldogs, be strong and courageous, but not vicious or aggressive. Lead by example, with integrity and courtesy, and continue to show compassion for others. I'm grateful for and so very proud of all you've done for Westfield."



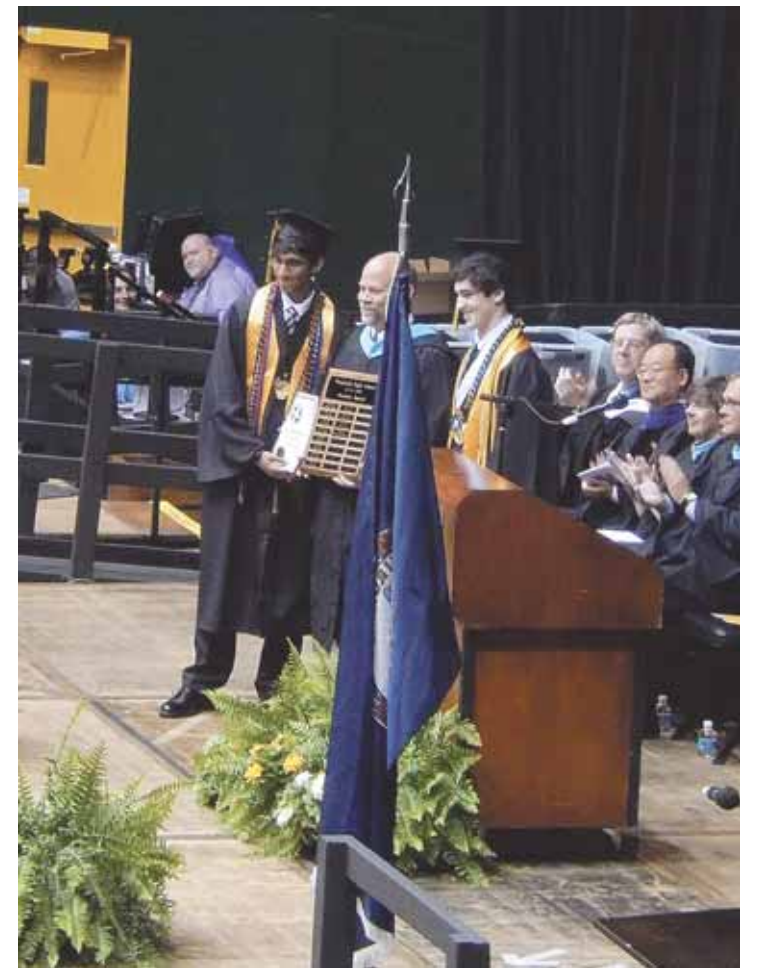
Grad Mateo Carrasco with (from left) brother Martin and parents Mauricio and Maruka Carrasco. Mateo will major in economics at Virginia Tech.



Grad James Alexander McAdoo II and his grandfather Larry McAdoo. James was a member of the American Sign Language and Tri-M music honor societies and received medals for being an exemplary choral student.

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Westfield High graduated nearly 700 students, June 18, at the Patriot Center.



Sohumi Shirgaonkar (left) receives the student Pride Award from Principal Tim Thomas and classmate Brandon Sanchez.



Class Treasurer Julian Sanchez receives his diploma.



The graduates turn their tassels while their families watch.

ENTERTAINMENT

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Girls Basketball Camp. Centreville High School will host a summer basketball camp for girls age 8-16 July 14-17 from 6-9 p.m. The camp will emphasize teaching players how to understand the game, skills development, defense fundamentals and more. Takes place at the Centreville High School gym. \$120 before July 1 and \$150 after. Call 703-815-3362.

Young Actors Workshop. For elementary students in rising grades 2-6 to learn about theatre arts. Runs July 21-25, 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Tuition is \$125. The musical theatre camp includes theatre games, improvisation, acting exercises, songs and dances and culminates with a show from musical comedy classics. Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Westfield Theatre alumni and current students. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6439. Space limited.

Boys Basketball Camp. Centreville and Westfield High School work together to offer three sessions of basketball camp for ages 7-15. Session I runs from July 7-11, session II July 14-18 and session III July 28-Aug. 1, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Cost is \$150 per session for May registrants, \$160 per session for June registrants and \$170 in July. Discounts available. Camps feature free throw contests, a daily raffle, championship tournament and more. Contact coach Doug Ewell at 703-488-6406 or DPEwell@fcps.edu or Coach Patrick Hally at patrickthally@gmail.com.

Girls Field Hockey Camp. Centreville High School will host field hockey camp for girls going into 4th-9th grade. Runs June 26-27 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the new Centreville High School practice field/hockey turf field. \$100 per camper. Participants should bring a field hockey stick, shin guards, mouth guard, turf appropriate shoes, snack, and own water bottle each day. Visit www.wearecville.com/camps/field_hockey_camp_flyer.pdf.

Girls Lacrosse Camp. Centreville High School will host a girls lacrosse camp July 7-9 from 9 a.m.-noon for players age 8-17. The goal of the camp is to improve skills through drills, scrimmages and instruction. Held at the Centreville High School athletic fields. \$100 per player.

Participants should bring a lacrosse stick, mouth guard, cleats or tennis shoes, goggles and a water bottle. Free equipment rental is also available. Visit <http://cvhsboyslacrosse.weebly.com> or contact Coach Griel at 703-915-2068 or cvhslax33@gmail.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Reptiles Alive. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. See how these animals cling, climb and chase in the wild. Presented by Reptiles Alive. For ages 6-12. Call 703-830-2223.

"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children. 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

Ask an Expert. 12:30-1 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. A talk about "Sa-7 Shoulde-Fired Anti-Aircraft Missile." Presented by James David. Meet at the nose of the SR-71 in the Boeing Aviation Hangar. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/ask-an-expert/#hazy>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

The Ice Cream Race 5k. 9 a.m.-3

p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Ice Cream Race 5k is a family fun run that includes an obstacle course. \$69 registration. Visit www.theicecreamrace.com for more.

War Art Sale and Book Signing. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum, 13938 Braddock Road. The Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum will be selling Civil War prints and oil paintings and will also have a book signing by various Civil War authors. Contact Don Hakenson at 703 971-4984 or dhakenson@verizon.net.

Plant Clinic. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

Thriving Three to Fives. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories and activities for ages 3-5 with adult. Call 703-830-2223.

Book Signings of Aviation and Space Related Books. 12-5 p.m. at Boeing Aviation Hangar Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly. Admission is free, parking is \$15. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/book-signings> for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Walkathon. 8 a.m.-Midnight. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. This Walkathon benefits the INOVA Childrens Hospital and BAPS Charities. The Staybridge Suites in Chantilly will match dollar-for-dollar all contributions up to \$2,500. Visit www.bapscharities.org for more.

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Udvar-Hazy Center Summer Concert Series. 6-7 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. The United States Navy Band will play a concert. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/events/calendar/?month=7&year=2014> for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

The Barker of Seville. 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Blue Sky Puppet Theatre presents this musical comedy, all ages. Register each child and adult separately. Call 703-830-2223.

"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children. 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm>.

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy program with stories and activities for children age 3-5 with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

Teen Book Club. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Book discussion group for teens, grades 7-9. Call 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

Professor Parsnip's Lab. 10:30 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. The professor mixes food, science and fun in this Bright Star Theatre production, all ages. Register each child and adult separately. Call 703-830-2223.

"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children. 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

Mystery Book Club. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Mystery book discussion group for adults. Call 703-502-3883.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

"Flights of Fancy" — Stories for Children. 11 a.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy., Chantilly. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm>.

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos provided; come show off building skills. For children in grades 3-6. Call 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Plant Clinic. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Master gardeners with provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Call 703-502-3883.

Lego Mania. 12:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in kindergarten through second grade can show off their Lego-building skills. Call 703-502-3883.

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Residents Vow To Keep Fighting Roundabout

FROM PAGE 1

Near the Fairfax/Loudoun border, the Braddock/Pleasant Valley roads intersection regularly backs up at rush hour. So, at Loudoun's urging, VDOT will construct a 105-foot circle there to move vehicles through more quickly.

The project's funded by a combination of Loudoun, state and federal money. And it seems to be going forward over the objections of thousands of Centreville residents living in nearby communities.

Those in homes along Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads say they won't be able to get out of their streets due to the steady stream of Loudoun drivers on both roads. They say a roundabout would dramatically favor Loudoun residents, to the detriment of Fairfax drivers.

However, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) says other Sully District residents have wanted that intersection fixed for years. "At some point, you've got to build roads," he said. "More traffic's going to come on Braddock, no matter what — Loudoun County development plans call for it."

Nonetheless, many local residents have a slew of concerns. "Just east of Braddock Road is the notorious S-curve," said Trosciancki. "Improving that intersection puts more pressure on the other substandard roads there, as well as on that curve."

He and others also believe the roundabout won't be needed, anyway, once the Route 50 widening is completed. And for several months, they've made their feelings known to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

In a Sept. 23, 2013 letter, Stella Koch, chairman of the county's Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), worried that a roundabout would affect the Rock Hill District Park, Mountain Road District Park and Ellick Preserve. She noted that

wetlands are present in all three parks and that Rock Hill contains a "globally rare forested wetland community, plus two rare plant species that could be adversely affected by the project." She also expressed concern that "a receiving stream south of the proposed project could be negatively impacted by increased flows."

Yet in January, the supervisors endorsed the roundabout after Frey told his colleagues that Loudoun drivers are trying to reach their jobs in the Westfields Corporate Center through Braddock. "I can't tell Loudoun commuters to use Route 50, instead," he said. "People use whatever road they can."

"It's unfortunately become an 'us against Loudoun County' approach, but traffic knows no jurisdictional lines," he continued. Frey also said waiting to see how the widened Route 50 impacts Loudoun traffic would be "sticking our heads in the sand" — and all three other approaches [to Fairfax County] are still congested."

Then after the CTB's action, Loudoun Del. David Ramadan (R-87) and Supervisor Matt Letourneau (R-Dulles) announced in a June 18 press release to their constituents that "the final hurdle has been cleared for construction of [the] much-anticipated roundabout." They also noted that more than \$1 million was allocated for design, engineering and contingency.

"Today's decision by the CTB is a victory for Loudoun's Dulles South and western Prince William commuters," said Ramadan. The document further stated that, "while Ramadan worked one-on-one with his House colleagues, at the direction of the Board of Supervisors, Loudoun County representatives met with every member of the House Appropriations Committee to educate them about the need for this project."

The pair also met personally with Virginia Secretary of Transportation Aubrey Layne to ensure that the new administration would maintain support. Meanwhile, representing his Centreville constituents, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) argued against the project. He, too, met with Layne and also wrote a June



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VDOT's diagram of the proposed roundabout.

17 letter to the CTB.

In it, he wrote that, when the original \$2.6 million was appropriated, "I was assured by Del. Ramadan that a traffic circle was not an option." By April 2013, though, Hugo learned from VDOT that a roundabout was now the preferred approach and that costs had risen."

"I expressed grave concern with the change in the project's scope and VDOT agreed it was prudent to wait until the completion of Route 50 construction to reassess the needs of the intersection before proceeding with this project," he wrote. Since then, continued Hugo, "This project has continued to morph and grow in costs and scope with no re-analysis by VDOT."

Now, with a price tag of \$5.8 million, wrote Hugo, "Before one shovel of dirt has been turned for this project, it is an astronomical 123 percent over the original cost estimate." "I'm concerned that there are other costs, unanticipated in this design-build approach, that have yet to be uncovered — including environmental-mitigation measures that have not yet been identified, nor assessed, for potential costs."

Equally troubling to him, he explained, is that VDOT seems bound and determined to build this roundabout despite widespread community opposition.

"The Sully District Council and Western Fairfax County Citizens Assn. (representing over 100 communities) voted to oppose this project," wrote Hugo. "In addition, the HOA boards of Sully Station, Sully Station II and Virginia Run — which represent 4,000 homes and over 10,000 residents — have all voted to oppose this project."

Still, last week, the CTB gave it the go-ahead, leaving Hugo and many Centreville residents fuming. Construction is expected to begin this fall, with a May 2016 completion. But local residents aren't giving up.

Despite what the Loudoun representatives believe, said Virginia Run's Jim Hart, "I believe there may yet be a 'hurdle' or two after the 'final hurdle,' and we should not lose sight of that. I understand the contractor still has to submit a plan, with the specific design, and still has to get Department of Environmental Quality and Army Corps of Engineers approvals for the wetlands disturbance."

Stressing how many Fairfax County residents are concerned about the project's "obvious impacts on parkland, wetlands, globally rare forest and threatened plants," Hart said they're not yet ready to throw in the towel.

He cited Virginia's Route 460 Corridor Improvements project to build 55 new miles of Route 460 between I-295 in Prince George County to the Route 58 bypass in the City of Suffolk.

"Route 460, which was a larger project, also was approved — even had signed contracts — but they didn't get their Army Corps approval, and they never cleared that 'hurdle,'" said Hart. "The McAuliffe administration pulled the plug after many millions were spent. So 'final hurdle' celebrations may be premature."

"We will continue to explore options to compel VDOT to stop the project and reevaluate signalized intersection alternatives," added Trosciancki. "All options are on the table."

VDOT Six-Year Improvement Program

Estimated Cost (Values in Thousands of Dollars)

		Schedule
Prelim. Eng. (PE)	\$711	Complete
Right of Way (RW)	\$386	Complete
Construction (CN)	\$4,723	Underway
Total Estimate	\$5,820	

Required Allocations (Values in Thousands of Dollars)

Fund Sources	Previous Allocations	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	Required After FY2020
CMAQ: TERMS - Federal	\$0	\$0	\$322	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CMAQ: TERMS - State Match	\$0	\$0	\$81	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CMAQ TERMS: Federal	\$2,244	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CMAQ TERMS: State Match	\$561	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
CTB Formula: High Priority - State	\$0	\$0	\$111	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Revenue Sharing Funds: Local Match	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Revenue Sharing Funds: State Match	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STP: Statewide - Federal	\$400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
STP: Statewide - Soft Match	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Funding	\$5,306	\$0	\$514	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Sully Station SSTs Win Opener

Saturday, June 21 may have started gray, rainy and chilly, but the swimmers of the Sully Station communities didn't seem to notice. The Sully Station SSTs visited their friends, neighbors and cross-town rivals, the Piranhas of Sully Station II, for an "A" meet. The two teams faced off for only the second time in the SSTs' 25-year history. With a final score of 239-176, the SSTs beat the Piranhas, maintaining a lead through every stroke.

The 8U boys were the stars of the meet, securing two of the three sweeps celebrated by the SSTs. Carter Kimmell reached the wall in first place, followed by Tommy Townsend in second and 6-year-old Tucker Whitacre in third. The 9-10 boys also swept their freestyle event with James Kruk leading the way, Jack Townsend in second and Lucas Boettcher, swimming with a broken hand, in third. SST swimmers, Keira O'Neil, Bryan Patten, Allison Hickey and Danial Okhovvatgilani brought home the win in four of the remaining freestyle events.

The 8U boys continued their dominance in Backstroke, with their second sweep of the day, this time led by Tyler Whitacre, with Kimmell in second place and Aidan Kruk in third. The backstrokers grabbed the top spot in seven other events thanks to Kennedy O'Neil for the 8U girls, James Kruk and Madison Moon representing the 9-10s, Jessica Dickinson in the 11-12 girls' event and Michael McPherson for the 15-18 boys. 12-year-old Elise Mozeleski, swimming up to the 13-14 event also came out on top, nearly 2.5 seconds faster than her nearest competitor, while breaking her own team record, just shy of a half-second improvement.

Breaststroke was tougher on the SSTs, and the team faltered a bit. Sully Station took first in only four events, starting with Keira O'Neil, swimming for the 8U girls, Allison Hickey for the 11-12s and the brother-sister team of Sam Wilson and Sophie Wilson for the 15-18s.

The butterfly events were also close but the SSTs maintained control with six first places finishes by Tyler Whitacre, Kennedy O'Neil, Leah Mozeleski, Elise Mozeleski, Danial Okhovvatgilani and Zoe Hemmer.

The individual swims resulted with the SSTs earning 65 personal best marks. Two-thirds of those swimming freestyle and backstroke were among those improving their times. Maddie Hahne bettered her times in both of these events, dropping 4.79 seconds in freestyle for a 10.56-percent improvement over her previous swim and 6.5 seconds from her previous backstroke, 12.24 percent faster. Kennedy O'Neil reduced her butterfly time by 11.70 percent during her win for the 8U girls and 13-year-old Adriana Stockel cut 10.13 percent off her butterfly swim, in the 13-14 girls' event.

The relay events were spirited and tense with two races so close that the SSTs nearly squeezed out a win, falling only hundredths of a second short. The 9-10 girls touched the wall in the 100 medley relay a mere .08 seconds behind their rivals, while the 18U girls fell by a heartbreaking .02 seconds in the 200 freestyle mixed age relay. Ultimately, the SSTs capped off the meet winning eight of the 12 relays.

Monday's "B" meet raised the bar for the SSTs,



PHOTO BY STACEY HUSE

Sully Station's Olivia Southerly captures the win in the 9-10 Girls 50 Meter Breaststroke, Monday June 23, in a "B" meet at home against Pleasant Valley.

as they hosted Pleasant Valley. Sully Station swimmers swept 16 of the 54 events and racked up 79 personal best marks

Starting it all off in the boys' 6U 25 freestyle, Harrison Brooks secured the win, followed by Luke Campet, slashing 16 percent off his time, Cameron Strawderman and Connor Moon. Brooks and Moon also earned personal best marks. Dominating the 9-10 boys' freestyle in the 50-meter event were Bryce Brown for the win, Andrew Zanotti in second, Julian Savage in third and Lorenzo Lopez Olan in fourth. Zanotti, Savage and Lopez Olan improved their swim times. Not to be outdone, the 11-12 boys grabbed the top five spots, with Gonzalo Lopez Olan delivering the win and a 3.10-percent improvement. Logan Kimmell, Nicholas Stockel, Jose Artieda and AJ Hamluk finished next with Kimmell and Hamluk each shaving 1.52 percent from their freestyle time. Brothers Jarid and Jake Bowen battled it out for the win in the 15-18 race, with Jarid besting Jake by .06 of a second. Still, it was Jake beating his previous time by 1.19 percent Jack Tyskowski, Antonio Stockel and Kyle Talley finished third, fourth and fifth respectively. Tyskowski and Talley each earned personal best marks.

The 6U boys were at it again in backstroke, this time with the five best times. Again, Harrison Brooks was the winner, crushing his previous swim time, by 16.60 percent. Luke Campet finished second, with Connor Moon in third, followed by Tucker Whitacre improving by 4.32 percent, and Cameron Strawderman.

The 7-8 girls made quite an impression, with Faith Patten finishing first, shaving 1.41 percent, Kasey Foley in second, Rhea Maran in third and Jacqueline Larsen finishing fourth with an outstanding 14.51-percent improvement. Bryce Brown won for the 9-10 boys, earning a personal best of 3.59 percent, while Nate Hamluk took second with a significant reduction in time of 9.14 percent. Nick Werderman decimated his previous time by 16.94 percent, finishing third, followed by Lucas Boettcher in fourth and Jonathan Kronimus in fifth. Julian Savage grabbed the last of the top spots, finishing in sixth and cutting his time by 2.23 percent. The 9-10 girls also swept their Backstroke event, with Brooke Patten the winner, followed by Helene O'Brien, Olivia Southerly and Avery Moon. O'Brien and Southerly shaved time of their swims as well. The 11-12 event was close with Lara Zanotti beating out Marie McPherson by only .08 seconds. Malika Piazza, knocked off 3.59 percent, finishing third, while Sabrina Piazza came in fourth.

Breaststroke proved to be more competitive, with the only "four-sweep" coming in the 11-12 girls' 50-meter event. Lara Zanotti was the victor, followed by Jessica Molloy, Asha Maran and Emily Huse in fourth. The 9-10 girls scored the last of the four-sweeps in the 100-meter individual medley. Finishing first was Brooke Patten, with Madison Moon in second, Parker Brooks in third and Helene O'Brien in fourth. Of the 79 personal best marks earned, several more were well above the 10-percent mark. Finishing third in the boys 7-8 25 freestyle, Zachary Kronimus demolished his previous time by 14.79 percent, while Emily Krajic's Freestyle improved by 12.51 percent. Adriana Stockel had an amazing swim, besting herself by 24.63 percent in the 13-14 Freestyle event. Finally, Zachary Kronimus again, demolished his previous time by 16.74 percent, finishing second in Backstroke.

Piranhas Open Season

The Sully Station II Piranhas kicked off the official start of summer on June 21 with a meet against friendly rival Sully Station. With their trademark cheer and hard work, the Piranhas gave it their all before ultimately falling 239-176.

Six swimmers captured double victories for the Piranhas. Nine-year-old standout Angela Cai touched first in free (35.82) and breaststroke (46.31). Ten-year-old Harrison Saint Germain had a come-from-behind victory in breaststroke (53.17) followed by a win in fly (25.35). Those same two events were also won by 11-year old Aidan Crisci (47.47 and 39.44) and 14-year old Georgia Stamper (37.73 and 35.24). Harmon Saint Germain captured first in 13-14 boys free (29.75) and fly (35.83) and Madisyn Graham seized victory in free (30.87) and back (33.87).

Single-event winners included Karennia Hall in free (31.37), backstrokers Brantley Cervarich (38.70) and Kellen Campbell (34.54), and breaststrokers Emerson Saint Germain (36.37) and Flynn Crisci (38.48). Many other Piranhas added points to the board, including strong second place finishes by Summer Franconeri, Maddie Stalfort, Caroline Li, Brody Campbell, Delaney Kennedy, Taylor Smith, Michael Jiang, Caitlin Campbell, and Austen Bundy.



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Sully Station II 13-14 girls pictured from left: Georgia Stamper, Lauren Peters, Karennia Hall and Ally Introne.

The 13-14 age group had a strong meet. The boys captured every individual event and cruised to relay victory behind the talent of Kellen Campbell, Flynn Crisci, Harmon Saint Germain, and Max Morris. The girls followed suit with three individual victories and the powerful relay combination of Lauren Peters, Georgia Stamper, Karennia Hall, and Ally Introne. These teens earned 62 points out of a possible 80 for the meet.

The 9-10 girls' medley of Maddie Stalfort, Angela Cai, Caroline Li, and Callie Ver Planck out-touched their opponents by .08 seconds. The final fingertip finish was a gutsy performance by the mixed girls relay. Delaney Kennedy, Angela Cai, Georgia Stamper, and Madisyn Graham showed true grit as they won by .02 seconds.

Virginia Run Riptide Opens Season with Win

On the first day of summer, on a cool and rainy morning, the Virginia Run Riptide opened their 2014 Division 6 season with an away meet at the Cottontail Pool in Burke. The Riptide went fishing for the Cobias and came away with a 219-201 victory.

The freestyle events were dominated by the Riptide boys, who won four out of five races. Charles Beamon (8U), Jason Cheifetz (9-10), Anthony Arcomona (11-12) and Geoffrey Eisenhart (13-14) won their races comfortably. Jordon Banzon (13-14) and Joey Castro (15-18) each took second place and third-place points were claimed by Davis Collingsworth (8U), Owen Thomas (9-10), and Johnny Pace (15-18).

Girls' freestyle firsts were won by Didi Pace (13-14) and Serena Emanuel (15-18), while Natalie Orwat (8&Under), Maddie Whitton (9-10), Chelsea Nguyen (11-12), Chanel Cogan (13-14) and Skyla Davidson (15-18) won every second place point available. Emily Jon (9-10) and Becca Matthews (11-12) secured thirds.

As the back-strokers pushed off, the Tide had a

comfortable 55-35 lead which was widened by performances by swimmers who won firsts: Andrew Boyle (9-10), Natalie Orwat (8U), Olivia Masterson (11-12), Sarah Boyle (13-14), and Mia Newkirk (15-18). The boys collected every second-place point with William Whitton (8&Under), Jason Cheifetz (9-10), Anthony Arcomona (11-12), Geoffrey Eisenhart (13-14), and Joey Castro (15-18), while Caitlin Kelliher (9-10) and Lauren Stovall (13-14) won second place for the girls. Jack Kelly (8&Under), Ella Thomas (8&Under), Gabriella Borsato (9-10), Catie Gunn (11-12), and Alison Meredith (15-18) added third-place points.

With what seemed like a secure lead of 106-74, the Riptide breaststrokers moved to the starting blocks. First-place finishes were achieved by Leo Wang (13-14), Olivia Masterson (only 12, but swimming up in 13-14), and Skyla Davidson (15-18). Seven swimmers took second place: Griffin Osterhous (8U), Tommy Vu (9-10), Thomas Beamon (13-14), Patrick Kearney (15-18), Laney Zimmerman (8U), Gabriella Borsato (9-10), and Chelsea Nguyen (11-12). In addition, five swimmers took third place: William Whitton (8&Under), Brian Pisarcik (15-18), Neha Srinivasan (8U), Megan Vu (11-12), and Reilly Twiddle (15-18).

As the butterfly competition began, Cottontail was swimming hard to challenge Virginia Run. The Riptide took only three firsts with Charles Beamon (8U), Didi Pace (13-14) and Mia Newkirk (15-18), but they captured seven second-place finishes with Andrew Boyle (9-10), Leo Wang (13-14), Patrick Kearney (15-18), Madie Whitton (9-10), Catie Gun (11-12), Sarah Boyle (13-14), Serena Emanuel (15-18), and six thirds with William Brazier (8U), William Beamon (11-12), Neha Srinivasan (8&Under), Caitlin Kelliher (9-10), Katie Conway (11-12), and Alison Meredith (15-18).

As the relays began, the Riptide had seen their lead reduced to 18 points and when the Cobias won the first three relays the nail-biting began. The Riptide team and their supporters almost lost their voices cheering when the 9-10 girls' medley relay team of Caitlin Kelliher, Gabriella Borsato, Maddie Whitton and Emily Jon won their race by a razor-thin .25-second margin. After the 11-12 boys' relay was defeated, the 11-12 girls' team of Chelsea Nguyen, Olivia Masterson, Catie Gunn, and Becca Matthews stepped up with a win to maintain a narrow lead for the Riptide. Then, the 13-14 year olds asserted themselves. The boys' relay of Geoffrey Eisenhart, Leo Wang, Thomas Beamon, and Charlie Gunn won a victory that was followed up by a win by the 13-14 girls' team of Lauren Stovall, Abby Borsato, Sarah Boyle, and Didi Pace. When the 15-18 ladies — Mia Newkirk, Skyla Davidson, Serena Emanuel, and Alison Meredith — won the medley relay the meet was secured and the final win by the girls' mixed age relay of Masterson, Whitton, Pace, and Newkirk was the icing on the cake.

The Riptide Board, chaired by Dana Matthews, announced that Scott Darwin is returning for his third year as head coach. His depth of experience as swim/dive coach at Lake Braddock Secondary and his ability to motivate and teach young swimmers has been a critical factor in the Riptide Team's growth and success.

Darwin has assembled a strong support staff. Assistance Coach Kristina Scollins who has coached in NVSL since 2010, just finished her junior year at James Madison where she is a club swimmer. Junior assistant coaches are Nick Benedetto, Joey Castro, Serena Emanuel, and Johnny Pace. Coaches for the youngest swimmers, the 8 & unders, are Geoffrey Eisenhart, Brooke Guidash, Chloe Hicks, Patrick Kearney, Mia Newkirk, and Didi Pace.



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The Virginia Run 13-14 boys' medley relay team of Thomas Beamon, Geoffrey Eisenhart, Charlie Gunn, Leo Wang.

SPORTS BRIEF

Basketball Summer Camp

Centreville High School and Westfield High School are holding three weeks of Boys Basketball Summer Camp together, at Centreville High School. The camp is open to boys in grades 3 through 10, and will run the weeks of July 7, July 14, and July 28. Visit www.wearecville.com or www.westfieldathletics.org for a camp brochure, or contact Coach Hally at patrickthally@gmail.com.

2013-14 Sports Season Yields Memorable Moments

A look back.

BY JON ROETMAN
CENTRE VIEW

The 2013-14 high school sports season was full of memorable moments and accomplishments. The following is a look back at some of the highlights from the Clifton, Centreville and Chantilly areas.

FALL SPORTS

The Centreville football team crushed the competition in 2013, going 10-0 with an average margin of victory of 38 points during the regular season. The carnage continued in the postseason, as the Wildcats defeated South Lakes, South County, Stonewall Jackson and Westfield on their way to the 6A North region championship.

In the Group 6A state championship game, Centreville throttled nationally-ranked Oscar Smith 35-6, capturing the program's first state title since 2000. The Wildcats finished with overwhelming advantages in total yards (338-88), rushing yards (327-14), and time of possession (34:02-13:58).

The victory improved Centreville's record to 15-0 and jumped the Wildcats into the No. 15 national ranking in USA Today.

"It's certainly the best team that I've ever been around in 21 years of coaching high school football," Centreville head coach Chris Haddock said. "... We actually talked to our kids a lot about our place in history and setting a higher standard and that's something that the kids wanted to do. They wanted to make history. I don't know where you place us in the all-time teams, but we're certainly one of the best in Northern Virginia and we're definitely the best at Centreville."

Centreville center Josh Smith, guard Kainoa O'Connor, running back/kick returner AJ Turner, wide receiver/defensive back Charles Tutt, and linebacker Tyler Love earned VHSL all-state honors. Linebacker Chad Wiggins was the 6A North region and Conference 5 Defensive Player of the Year, and quarterback Scott Walter was the con-



CENTRE VIEW FILE PHOTO

The Centreville football team defeated Oscar Smith to win the 6A state championship in 2013.

ference Offensive Player of the Year. Haddock received conference and region Coach of the Year honors.

The Westfield football team overcame a 13-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Lake Braddock 19-16 in the region semifinals, earning a rematch with Centreville in the region championship game. While the second meeting was closer than the Wildcats' 28-0 victory during the regular season, Westfield still fell short against the eventual state champion, 35-14. The Bulldogs finished the season with an 11-3 record.

In golf, Connor Messick, Juhee Bae, Vishal Giri and Mike Sciorra helped Chantilly win the 6A state championship. Sciorra won the individual state title, and Bae won the girls' state championship.

In field hockey, Westfield won the first state title in Starr Karl's decorated coaching career, which includes more than 300 wins in 24 seasons. The Bulldogs defeated two-time defending champ First Colonial 2-1 in the Virginia 6A state final.

"When the whistle blew and the game was over," Karl wrote in an email, "it was a sense

of pride for a group of young ladies that started off the season fragmented and little by little as the season progressed bought into 'TEAM.'"

In cross country, the Chantilly boys' team repeated as big-school state champion. Ryan McGorty and Dakota Lange were the Chargers' top finishers, placing third (15:45) and fifth (15:51), respectively. Centreville's Bobby Dunn (eighth) and Westfield's Johnny Pace (12th) earned all-state honors. In the girls' race, Chantilly's Xaveria Hawvermale earned all-state with a 10th-place finish.

WINTER SPORTS

The Centerville girls' basketball team defeated South Lakes in the 6A North region quarterfinals, earning the Wildcats a return trip to the semis. For the second straight season, however, Centreville fell one win shy of the state tournament.

The Wildcats lost to West Springfield in the region semifinals, ending Centreville's season with a 22-5 record, but second-year head coach Tom Watson let his feelings be

known that the Wildcats had no reason to hang their heads.

The Centreville girls' program experienced rough times over the last two decades. In two seasons under Watson, however, the Wildcats, led by William & Mary signee Jenna Green, were 46-8 with a pair of deep postseason runs. In 2013, Centreville won its first district championship since 1993.

"Before I had those girls, Centreville was nobody's rival and nowhere on the map," Watson said. "These girls have made Centreville a high school to contend with and somebody that you have to look for and you have to scout. They have completely changed the whole attitude and perception of Centreville girls' basketball. I'm appreciative of what they've done for me. They've made me look like a good coach."

In wrestling, Centreville junior Tyler Love, after winning a state title with the football team in the fall, captured the 6A 195-pound state championship. Westfield's Justin Yorkdale won the 120-pound state title. Chantilly's Walter Carlson finished state runner-up at 145 pounds.

In gymnastics, Westfield's Katie Freix won the region championship on beam and finished third in the state in the all-around competition.

SPRING SPORTS

The Centreville girls' soccer team reached the 6A state championship match, but fell short against Battlefield, 0-0 (4-3), in a penalty-kick shootout. The Wildcats, led by two-sport star Green, finished region and state runners-up despite winning just three of their first 10 matches.

In lacrosse, the Westfield girls' team won a state championship. Westfield defeated Oakton 13-11 in the girls' final after losing to the Cougars in the Conference 5 and 6A North region championship games. The defending state champion Chantilly boys' team lost to Langley in the region semifinals.

In baseball, Chantilly won the first region championship in program history and reached the Virginia 6A state final, where the Chargers lost to Western Branch.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Forrest Gump knew when he voiced over: “Mama got the cancer and died on a Tuesday. I bought her a new hat with little flowers on it. And that’s all I have to say about that.” And if you watched the movie as often as I did (it was one of my mother’s favorites), you may also recall “Mama always said you got to put the past behind you before you can move on.” However, as regularly as I try to follow Forrest’s and his Mama’s sage Greenbow, Alabama advice, being a real-life cancer patient, some days are more difficult than others, especially when your oncology nurse calls the you the day before your every-three-week chemotherapy infusion to tell you that some of the levels tested for in your every-three-week, pre-chemotherapy lab work are abnormal (creatinine too high, GFR too low) which may put a stop to the treatment this week. And if there’s one psychological crutch I’ll admit to having, it’s the need to not miss any of my regularly-scheduled infusions or any of the other scans or miscellaneous appointments as a means not to my premature end.

Although this potential blip in my lung cancer trip has happened previously: white blood cell count too low, potassium too high, blood work hemolyzed; which also led to re-tests, new prescriptions, stoppage of treatment, etc., hearing it is never good news. Among other considerations, it means complications and likely delays concerning things that yours truly, as the patient, doesn’t want to think it means: trouble with a capital “T.” Nevertheless, the experience is not unfamiliar and mostly the results have been overturned on appeal, if you follow my drift. Still, until the new results are posted and/or the new prescription is filled or the infusions continue, it’s difficult to put the past behind you because the present won’t let you.

After the initial disappointment has passed, Ron, my oncology nurse, and I discuss my options since medically speaking, everything needs to be re-confirmed. I opt for a re-test immediately in the hope that a second test – a day later, that very day in fact – would provide whatever time my body and/or the lab needed to determine that my results did indeed fall within the normal parameters, for me, and so the infusion could go on – in, actually. If the results are unfortunately still too high/too low, we have a plan for that but since neither Ron nor I are inclined to beat the rush and panic now, we’ll patiently (no pun intended) wait for the re-test’s results. And since my blood work is always “STAT” (a.s.a.p. for you lay people out there), we’ll receive confirmation by 4 p.m. this afternoon, more than enough time to still maintain my infusion schedule for tomorrow and move forward, which for those of us being actively treated, is crucial. At least to this patient, it is (in my head, anyway).

Approximately four hours after my conversation with Ron, including the 45-minute drive to the lab, the 30-minute wait to be drawn and then the 10-minute drive home, Ron calls to tell me that he’ll see me tomorrow. The re-test came back normal and we can all proceed with the infusion – and caution as usual. Whether you take Roloids or not, you can spell r-e-l-i-e-f now. Now whether a week’s delay due to the levels in my lab work would have actually mattered in the short, middle or long term infusion schedule, one certainly can’t know. At least now, I can go forward and not worry as much about the past since we’re presently on track once again. Life really is like a box of chocolates. Although I like the caramels and soft centers best.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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make good decisions with regard to developing good sleep habits. Begin this program in elementary school and continue it until graduation. Let’s work together to provide our children the life tools they will need meet the world head-on and succeed.

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Email centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

DONATIONS WANTED

Overseas Care Packages. Emmett McKinstry is collecting donations to send care packages to servicemen and women. There will be a collection box in the main office of Centerville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Call 703-802-5400 for more.

THROUGH AUG. 5

Credit Recovery Academy. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at West Springfield High School, Rolling Road, Springfield. For students who are repeating certain high school level courses. Session A runs June 30-July 17, registration ends June 25. Session B runs July 21-Aug. 5, registration ends July 3. English 11 runs June 30-Aug. 5, registration ends June 25. For price and registration, visit www.fcps.edu/is/summer/.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Register to be a potential donor for someone in need — a simple cheek swab can help save a life. Young people of diverse racial and ethnic heritage are needed to help patients searching for a match. Doctors request donors in the 18-44 age group more than 90 percent of the time. For more information and bone marrow transplant stories, visit www.inova.org/bonemarrow or contact Donna Eichna at donna.eichna@inova.org or 703-970-3180.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

ESL Book Club. 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-502-3883.

Dog Adoption Event. 12-3 p.m. at PETCO, Greenbriar TownCenter, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax and another event at Petsmart Chantilly, 13866 Metrotech Drive, Chantilly. The Homeless Animals Rescue Team will be holding a dog adoption event at both stores. Call 703-817-9444 for the PETCO Fairfax location and 703 378-1295 for the Petsmart Chantilly location or visit www.hart90.org.

English Conversation Group. 3:30 p.m. at the Centerville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

WAKEFIELD SCHOOL CONGRATULATES THE CLASS OF 2014



Wakefield School Class of 2014

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Wakefield School Class of 2014

by the numbers

25
students
100%
college acceptance



88% participated in a sport in Upper School

25% attended Wakefield for 12 or more years

\$1,463,884
awarded in merit scholarships
with an
an average award per student of
\$104,563

Of 25 students,

84% took
at least one AP class
average SAT score of

1760

23 took
three or more years of a lab science

20% admitted to the
University of Virginia

Our 2014 graduates will be attending

Amherst College	Randolph-Macon College
Bates College	Roanoke College
Brigham Young	Stanford University
Clemson University	VCU
High Point University	VMI
Kansas State	Virginia Tech
Liberty University	Virginia Wesleyan
Old Dominion University	University of Arizona
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Radford University	University of Texas-Austin
Randolph College	University of Virginia



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