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Twins Ashleigh (left) and
Emily Bielen hold their
diplomas at the Westfield
High School graduation on
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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
THE CONNECTION

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.

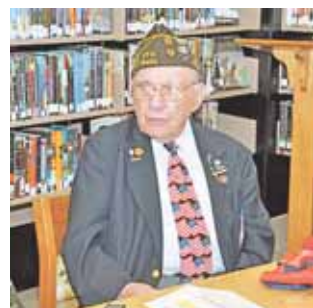
The "greatest generation" officers visited the school for an all-day festival where seventh graders got to hear eyewitness accounts of what happened during the war from the men and women who served there. First-hand accounts included recollections from being enemy prisoners, successful missions, air 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.



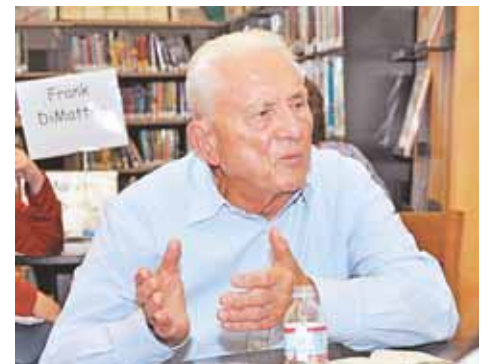
Jerry Wolf had served as a flight engineer and top-turret gunner with the U.S. Army Air Corps in the European Theatre. He described hearing the planes over Berlin after he was taken prisoner. Prior to his plane being shot down, he had completed 25 successful missions during the war.



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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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 increase 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 DFSCCommunity@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.

Citizens Police Academy

People interested in law enforcement and who'd like to learn about the Fairfax County Police Department and meet many of those who serve in it may now do so. They may apply to join the Sept. 11-Nov. 15 session of the Citizens Police Academy. It's a free, 10-week program put on by the Police Department and is open to people who live or work in this county.

Participants complete some 40 hours of learning to gain a better understanding of and appreciation for police via a combination of lectures, tours and hands-on activities. Topics covered include the 911 Call Center, patrol, traffic stops, Adult Detention Center, gangs, financial crimes and SWAT team.

To apply, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm> or email CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov.

NEWS



VDOT's diagram of the proposed roundabout.

CTB OKs Funding for Roundabout

Residents opposing it say they'll keep on fighting.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

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 Trosciancki. "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 Trosciancki, 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.

"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."

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

"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)



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About to cut the ribbon are (from left) Station 21 Volunteer Chief Jack May and Volunteer Deputy Chief Jonathan Wood, Police Capt. John Naylor Jr., Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr., Fire Chief Richard Bowers, Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sully Supervisor Michael Frey.



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.

‘Thanks for Making This Vision Happen’

Fair Oaks District Police Station expansion, renovation celebrated.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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 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



Checking out the police station commander’s office are Sharon Bulova and Deputy County Executive Dave Rohrer.

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, 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 secure.

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.”

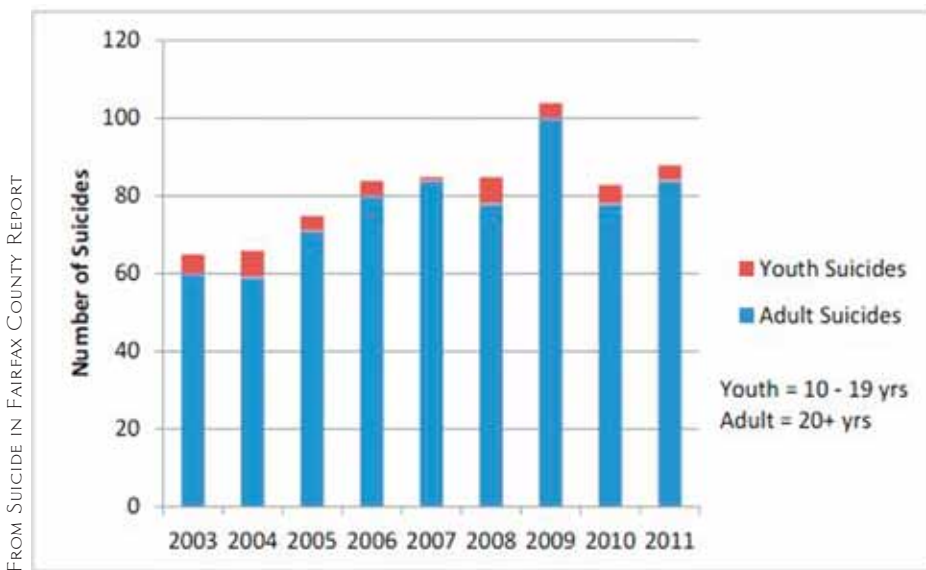
County Fire and Rescue Chief Richard Bowers called it a “great day for Fairfax County and public safety. Our response environment in firefighting and EMS has changed dramatically since I was a rookie, and our elected officials helped meet this need. Thanks to the community and our police partners; the 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.

“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.”



The suicide rate in Fairfax County from 2003 to 2011: 735 people died in total, the report said. CSB's Online Youth Suicide Prevention Training is working to help adults recognize signs of psychological distress in youth to prevent suicide.

Combating Youth Suicide

Interactive training helps adults deal with serious issues.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE CONNECTION

Following several incidents in the community involving youth and suicide, Laura Yaeger, the director of partnership and resource development for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, said the community has recognized the need for youth suicide prevention.

"I think our community has reached a tipping point in terms of people wanting to really work on strengthening our kids and preventing suicide in our community," Yaeger said.

That's where tools like the CSB's online Youth Suicide Prevention Program come in handy. The CSB is working with Kognito, which has a variety of online suicide prevention programs that help adults recognize when a young person is experiencing psychological distress.

THE TOOL is fun and interesting, Yaeger said. It allows the user to interact with students in various scenarios and provides instant feedback.

"It's different from the typical suicide prevention program. Those sort of just talk to you. This is actually a simulation where you become a classroom teacher. You have different scenarios and ages and choose your response," she said.

Each of the scenarios involves youth with some sort of psychological distress, including At-Risk for Middle School and High School, and Step In, Step Up! which involves youth who are being harassed because of the sexual orientation or identity.

So far, the feedback has been pretty positive, Yaeger said.

"When you complete the training, the research shows that people actually gain skills as opposed to just knowledge, which is very important with prevention efforts. It's important to have techniques to intervene. You don't have to be a mental health professional to do that," Yaeger said.

According to Yaeger, this is one of the first times the CSB has had an online program.

"You can be anywhere when you take it. You don't have to be in a classroom. It has a very broad reach," she said.

A new planning grant has also been awarded to

the region, which will allow organizations to work together to ensure effective youth suicide prevention programs.

"We are very excited about the planning grant, as it provides the resources to better allow us to take a regional approach, incorporating partners throughout Northern Virginia so there is better consistency in our efforts," said Jesse Ellis, prevention manager of Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. "Further, it will provide more opportunity to engage diverse stakeholders and community members to ensure we have a well informed and representative plan."

Last fall, a report titled "Suicide in Fairfax County" was released. According to the report, an average of 82 people per year died of suicide in Fairfax County from 2003 to 2011. Between four to seven youth die of suicide each year from 2003-2011.

THE REPORT recommended several short-term recommendations, including a Youth Suicide Review Team.

"The team, which we anticipate beginning operations this fall, will conduct in-depth reviews of cases of youth suicide in Fairfax to determine opportunities to implement changes in how our systems operate in order to better prevent future suicides. For example, the team may identify gaps in referral systems or a category of adults who work with kids who should be trained in recognizing warning signs," Ellis said.

Ellis said he went into the online training somewhat skeptical, but now recommends it to everyone he meets. "The story lines and interactions with the characters are realistic and thought-provoking, and the lessons are wide-ranging," he said. "I have been able to incorporate what I learned, for example, into how I interact with my own kids."

According to Gail Taylor, Prevention Services Manager at Virginia's Office of Behavioral Health Services Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, resiliency is a key strategy to practice. "There is no simple answer to a complex issue and building resiliency is one of the important strategies. In general, it is important that we have supportive adults and systems that have the capacity to promote youth behavioral wellness as it relates to positive youth development, meaningful relationships and involvement, provide access to resources such as effective programming and coordinated community efforts," Taylor said.

Anyone is encouraged to take the online training, which is available at fairfax.kognito.com.

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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.

EDITORIALS 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.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 60,565 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

Visit www.soberride.com.

—MARY KIMM,

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Call for Pet Photos, Stories and Artwork

The Pet Connection, 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.

Our favorite pictures include both pets and humans. We welcome short stories about how you got your pet, a noteworthy talent or anecdote about your pet, tales of the bonds between your family and your pet, plus drawings, paintings or other artwork of your pet by children or adults

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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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Dr. Johnny Nelson, president of CPMSAC, was the Master of Ceremonies.



Natania Haile of Franklin Middle School lines up to receive her honor.



Melanie Chiquillo, a seventh-grader at Liberty Middle School.

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Chantilly Pyramid Holds Awards Ceremony

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) held its annual awards ceremony for middle and high school students on Saturday, June 7, at Chantilly High

School. Another ceremony for elementary students was held at Brookfield Elementary last Sunday, June 8.

The celebrations highlight the achievements of top minority students in grades 4-

12 from roughly 100 families in the Centreville, Chantilly, Oakton and Westfield cluster schools who are members of CPMSAC.

The program also provides incentives and

motivation for students working hard to reach the highest academic achievement possible.

— STEVE HIBBARD



Kaj N. Gumbs, a student from Morehouse College and Westfield High grad, addresses the crowd.



Rafael Diaz, an eighth-grader at Rocky Run Middle School.



Winston Wright from Stone Middle School.



Cindy Rodriguez from Chantilly High School.



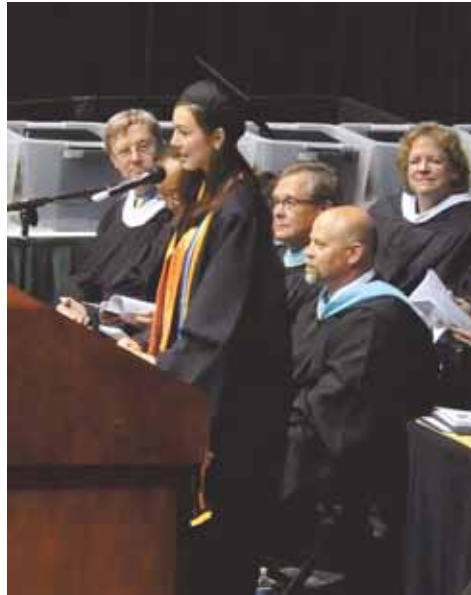
Tatianna Smith from Centreville High School.



Kathy Fernandez from Westfield High School.



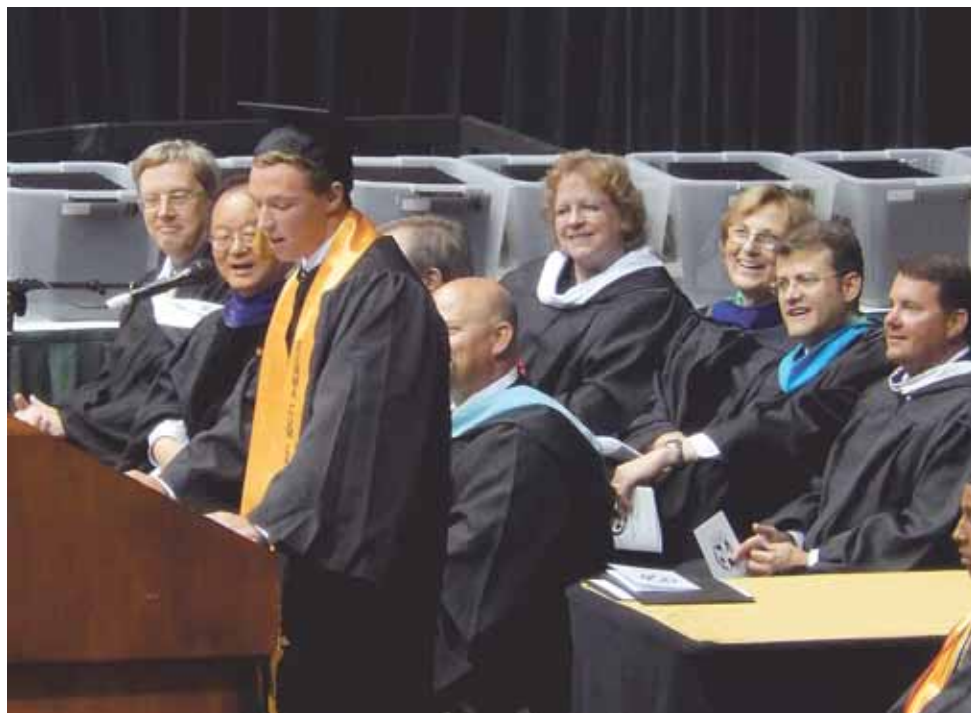
Students and faculty prepare for the start of graduation.



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



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 Gavrila 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, Gavrila 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.



The graduates turn their tassels while their families watch.

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

Class Secretary Brandon Sanchez gave Sohum 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."



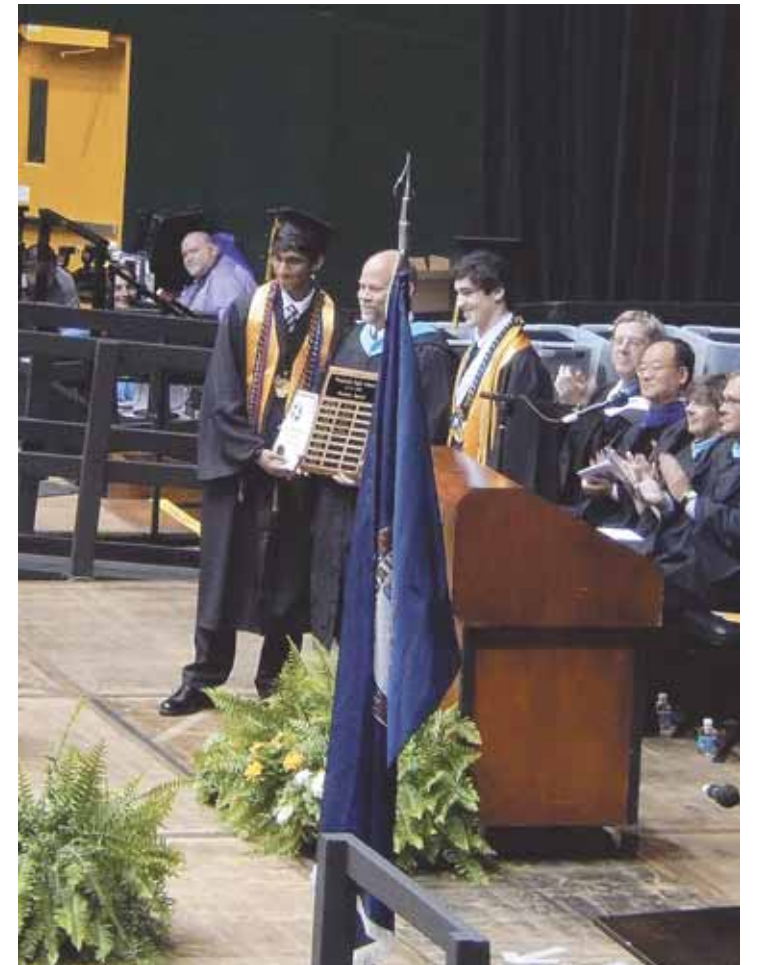
Grad Mateo Carrasco with (from left) brother Martin and parents Mauricio and Maruka Carrasco. Mateo will major in economics at Virginia Tech.



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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BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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



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



Class Treasurer Julian Sanchez receives his diploma.



Residents Vow To Keep Fighting Roundabout

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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 Vir-

ginia 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 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.

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

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MONDAY/JUNE 30

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-830-2223.

MONDAY/JUNE 30-TUESDAY/AUG. 5

Summer Online Campus. Times vary. At West Springfield High

School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Health & Physical Education and Geometry Honors runs June 30-Aug. 5, Registration ends June 23. Algebra Head Start runs July 28-Aug. 1, and other courses run July 7-Aug. 5, registration ends June 25. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/is/> summer for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

English Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

The Dulles Regional Chamber of

Commerce Chairman’s Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Dulles, 45425 Holiday Drive, Sterling. Richard Sarles, general manager and CEO for Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority, is expected to speak about the upcoming opening of the Silver Line through Tysons Corner to Reston, and future plans for the Rail-to-Dulles project. Tickets are \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members and \$60 at the door, if available. Register at dullesregionalchamber.com or 571 323 5304.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library,

4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with other students. Call 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day. Fairfax County library branches and government offices are closed for the holiday.

Independence Day Cab Rides. 10 p.m.-4 a.m.. Rides offered throughout Northern Virginia to curb drunk driving, as drunk drivers cause nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths on July 4th. Free up to \$30 fare. Visit www.soberride.com. Call 1-800-200-TAXI for pickup.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Dog Adoption. Noon-3 p.m. at PETCO,

Greenbriar Town Center, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax. An adoption event by the Homeless Animal Rescue Team. Volunteers needed. Call 703-817-9444 or visit hart90.org for more.

Dog Adoption. Noon-3 p.m. at PetSmart Chantilly, 13866 Metrotech Dr., Chantilly. An adoption event by the Homeless Animal Rescue Team. Call 703-378-1295, or visit hart90.org for more.

MONDAY/JULY 7

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call 703-830-2223.

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Third Place in World Finals

The seventh grade Nysmith Odyssey of the Mind team traveled to the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa, recently and took home the trophy for third place in the world. Odyssey of the Mind competitions require teams to present creative solutions to a variety of STEM-related problems. The World Finals this year included more than 800 teams from countries around the world, such as China, South Korea, Germany, Switzerland, Hungary, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, and Poland. The Nysmith team, the "Know Brainers," were making their third consecutive trip to the World Finals. The team includes Ilina Gobburu, Maxwell Jones, Bryce Nabulsi, Chris Nguyen, Landon Poon and Anika Schipma. Presenting their solution to the technical problem entitled "The Not So Haunted House," the team solved the mystery of who stole the Pink Panther diamond from the Louvre gem exhibit. Nysmith is located in Herndon. The team members are from Oakton, Great Falls, Oak Hill, Herndon, Chantilly and Rockville.



Cesar Chavez-Martinez,
Mountain View High School



Cherry Takawi, Chantilly High School

Apple Scholars Named

Cesar Chavez-Martinez from Mountain View High School and Cherry Takawi from Chantilly High School were honored as Apple Scholars by Apple Federal Credit Union. Each student received a \$4,000 scholarship at a gala breakfast celebration on May 29.

Scholarships totaling \$144,000 were awarded by Apple FCU to a total of 36 high school seniors from nine counties.

This year's 36 "Apple Scholars" were selected from more than 400 applications that were reviewed by a committee of 30 judges from the Apple FCU membership community. To learn more about the Apple FCU Education Foundation, visit AFCUFoundation.org or contact Mike Engley at 571-321-1800. For more information on Apple Federal Credit Union and its products and services, call 703-788-4800, or visit AppleFCU.org.

Rocky Run Student Chosen As NASA Cassini Scientist

Rocky Run 7th grade student Nidhi Nagireddy was recently selected to be a "NASA Cassini Scientist for a Day." Nidhi was among 11 students to be named a Cassini Scientist as part of NASA's Cassini mission to Saturn which was launched in 1997; 1,125 students from across the country in grades 5 to 12 participated in the essay contest. Students chose one of three target areas for Cassini's camera: Saturn's F ring, Saturn's moon Titan, or the north pole of the planet Saturn itself. The students wrote their essays explaining why they thought their chosen picture would yield the most scientific rewards.

The winning essays were selected by a panel of Cassini scientists, mission planners and educators at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Nidhi and the other winners and their classes were invited to participate in a videoconference to pose questions about Saturn to the Cassini scientists and engineers.

Nidhi wrote in her paper, "As a scientist, I would be hard pressed to choose between studying Saturn's F Ring, Titan's northern polar region, or the hurricane at Saturn's north pole with all three options being intriguing subjects



Nidhi Nagireddy

of study. But with Cassini, which arrived in the Saturnian system in 2004, only having around 4 percent of its maneuvering propellant left to burn, we have to choose wisely."

On May 29, Nidhi and several of her classmates, and her science teacher, Jeffrey Sejour, gathered around a large projection screen showing the three Cassini scientists and the other winners from around the country as they conducted a Q-and-A for an hour.



Exploring Greek Culture

Following a unit on Ancient Greece, Pamela Gomez's third grade class at Poplar Tree Elementary School made Greek amphoras and columns with art teacher Steve Watts.

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2013-14 Sports Season Yields Memorable Moments

A look back.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

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,



THE CONNECTION FILE PHOTO

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

and quarterback Scott Walter was the conference 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 Centreville 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.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Meredith Rigby, of Clifton, was named the outstanding student in communications studies/speech communication at Susquehanna University. Rigby majored in communications, is a 2010 graduate of Centreville High School and the daughter of Peter and Susan Rigby, of Clifton.

Kevin A. Casteel, of Fairfax, graduated from Millersville University with a Bachelor of Science in industry and technology.

Chantilly High School has won its ninth Wells Fargo Cup for Aca-

demics in Group 6A. The Wells Fargo Cup is awarded by the Virginia High School League. Winners are determined by a point system based on performance in state competitions. Schools earn points in scholastic bowl, creative writing, theater, forensics, debate, newspaper, yearbook, online news and newsmagazine. Also finishing in the top 20 in Group 6A was **Westfield High School** in 15th place.

Gabriella Ibrahim of Centreville, and **Mee Rae Jun** of Fairfax, graduated from Pratt Institute.

The following **University of Virginia** students received the Harrison Undergraduate Research Award: **April Hyon**, 20, of Chantilly, a third-year human biology major, is researching the role of a specific microRNA in glioblas-

toma, the most common and deadliest primary malignant brain tumor; **Suemin Kim**, 21, of Chantilly, a third-year biology major, is researching the effect of tumor necrosis factor receptor signaling for the development and function of proprioception, in hopes to identify a novel target for movement disorders such as muscle dystonia, which presently has no available cure; and **Sheethal Jose**, 20, of Fairfax, a second-year biology and foreign affairs double major, with a minor in French, is researching possible mechanisms by which helminthes infections play a role in decreasing an organism's susceptibility to autoimmunity.

Christina Lidwin of Chantilly won the Illuminator Award from Virginia Tech University. Lidwin is pursuing a master's degree in creative technologies, serves as the Google Student Ambassa-

dor and works at FourDesign, the university's student-run graphic design firm.

Curtis Koster of Fairfax, a senior computer science major, has been named to the spring 2014 dean's list at Bob Jones University.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology senior **Nikhil Garg**, of Chantilly, has been named a State Winner of the Herff Jones Believe in You Scholarship & Principal's Award.

Lawrence Dick, of Oak Hill, graduated summa cum laude with an AA&S in General Studies from Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville.

Yvonne Chen graduated from Rice University with a Masters in Music.

John Goins earned gold stars at the Citadel for the 2014 spring semester.

St. Mary's College of Maryland announced that **David F. Rice** of Chantilly has graduated Cum Laude with a major in mathematics and a minor in computer science.

The following students have been named to the University of Mary Washington's dean's list: **Bethany L. Apelquist**, a senior from Oak Hill; **Kristen A. Callahan**, a senior from Oak Hill; **ChanMee Chung**, a senior from Chantilly; **Katherine M. Diemer**, a senior from Oak Hill; **Shibani L. Gautam**, a junior from Chantilly; **Deniz E. Halici**, a senior

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Brookfield Elementary School spelling bee winner, 6th Grader Vietthao Ho and runner up 3rd grade Jaeden Persaud, with Principal Mary Miller, Librarian Cathy Wilson and Reading Teacher Jenna Campbell.



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from Chantilly; **Lauren N. Johnson**, a senior from Chantilly; **Leah F. Kacoyanis**, a sophomore from Chantilly; **Elizabeth A. Kapfer**, a junior from Chantilly; **Shuang Li**, a junior from Fairfax; **Alison Litvin**, a junior from Oak Hill; **Gibran A. Parvez**, a senior from Herndon; **Christophe R. Perdu**, a senior from Herndon; **Jenna M. Randall**, a senior from Herndon; **Alyssa J. Stewart**, a junior from Chantilly; and **Yoshinori Takeda**, a senior from Herndon.

Aditi Chandak, of Oak Hill, earned Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and **Spenser Lewis**, of Herndon, earned Master of Science in Nuclear Engineering from The Georgia Institute of Technology.

Cadet **Steven Rutledge** of Chantilly, and Cadet **John Goins** of Herndon, were named to the dean's list at the Citadel for the spring 2014 semester.

These students graduated from Randolph-Macon College: **Keith Ky Hoang** of Chantilly graduated with a degree in arts management; **Andrew Person Leonard** of Herndon graduated with a degree in economics/business; and **Jenna Catherine Marlette** of Herndon graduated with a degree in accounting.

Three Herndon students have been named to the University of Mary Washington's president's list: **Jessica C. Reingold**, senior; **Rebecca M. Arm**, junior; and **Brian E. Burns**, sophomore.

The following students graduated Magna Cum Laude from James Madison University: **Alexander Antonio** of Fairfax, **Sravanti Chaganti** of Chantilly, **Sarah Florjancic** of Oak Hill, **Carly Isakowitz** of Oak Hill, **Jessica Jaeger** of Herndon, **Ashley Manalel** of Chantilly, **Alexandra Middlebrooks** of Oak Hill, **Julia Posey** of Fairfax and **Candice Shedd-Thompson** of Chantilly.

The following students graduated Cum Laude from James Madison University: **Jack Cochran** of Herndon, **Kristen Duffy** of Chantilly, **David Hryvniak** of Fairfax, **Brendan Long** of Herndon, **Brian O'Neil** of Oak Hill, **Anh Pham** of Fairfax, **Natalie Scholberg** of Fairfax, **Lauren Schulte** of Chantilly, and **Anne Wilkinson** of Oak Hill.

Christopher Jewell of Oak Hill earned dean's list honors for the spring 2014 semester at Mount St. Mary's University.

Robert John Smarrelli of Oak Hill was named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Clarkson University.

Erica Spero of Chantilly has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2014 semester at Lycoming College.

Davina Miaw, flute, and **Mari Takeda**, marimba, of Chantilly High School, received Honorable Mention for excellence in solo instrumental music performance as part of the 2014 Fairfax County Band Directors Association Solo Competition.

Students from three Fairfax County public schools won team championships in all four K-12 divisions at the Virginia Scholastic Chess Championships. Fairfax County Public Schools students also won individual championships in the K-3 and K-5 divisions.

The K-3 team from **Greenbriar West Elementary School** won the team title in its age group; team members are **Siddhaarth Balamuthaiya**, **Alice Cao-Dao**, **Richa Misra**, **Kaavya Karthik**, **Jason Seo**, **Aditya Vasantharao**, **Rakendu Malladi**, **Ganesh Rayavarapu**, **Nikhil Vallikat**, **James Tress** and **Vasudha Koneru**.

The **Greenbriar West Elementary School** K-5 team won the team championship; team members are **Aasa Dommalapati**, **Andrew Wang**, **Aashray Manchanda**, **Vedanth Ramachandra**, **Aarav Bajaj**, **Pranav Kanapuram**, **Anoop Nallanagulagari**, **Siddharth Krishnan**, **Om Girase**, **Rithik Sarraff**, **Milan Manjunath**, **Rhea Voddhi**, **Aryan Kumawat**, **Neha Konduru**, **Michael Tress**, **Rishi Sarraff** and **Samhita Vinay**.

In the K-8 category, three teams were named co-champions when they posted identical scores. Earning the co-champion titles were the team from **Greenbriar West Elementary School**, and the team from **Rocky Run Middle School**. Greenbriar West Elementary School team members include **Ryan Xu**, **Vivian Cao-Dao**, **Revanth Vejju**, **Pawan Jayakumar**, and **Rohan Voddhi**. Rocky Run Middle School team members are **Alvin Cao**, **Rishabh Krishnan**, **Maggie**

Luo, Adityasai Koneru, Diego Gutierrez, Neha Pattanaik, Pranav Karthik, Rahil Shah and Brian Dickinson.

The team from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) won the K-12 championship. Team members are **Isuru Attanagoda**, **Brian Li**, **Jeevan Karamsetty**, **Ashley Xue**, **Perry Feng**, **Shicheng Zhao**, **Benjamin Lyons**, **Roshan Sajjad**, **Aaryan Balu**, **Gavin Moore**, **Joseph Chen**, **Saroja Erabelli**, **Aditya Ponukumat**, **Arun Kannan**, **Meredith Lee**, **Nandan Srinivasa**, **Joie Wang**, **Nihar Gudiseva**, **Jonathan Cao** and **Kalyan Madanapalli**.

The team from Greenbriar West Elementary School won the K-5 title. In the K-12 blitz, the team from TJHSST won the top prize and **Jeevan Karamsetty** of TJHSST won the individual title.

Complete results are available at www.vschess.org/.

Matthew Cumpian of Chantilly received a Bachelor of Science in physics from Harding University.

Justin Hugel, Shannon Lochbaum, Ellen Waymire and Paul Zettersten have made the dean's list at the University of Kentucky.

The following students have qualified for the president's list at James Madison University during the spring 2014 semester: **Sravanti Chaganti** of Chantilly, **Margaret Collins** of Fairfax, **Samuel Fine** of Oak Hill, **Joshua Gordon** of Chantilly, **Alexandra Middlebrooks** of Oak Hill, **Julia Posey** of Fairfax, **Soraya Rahnama** of Chantilly, **Jennifer Rau** of Oak Hill, **Natalie Scholberg** of Fairfax, **Eileen Sechler** of Chantilly, **Candice Shedd-Thompson** of Chantilly, **Madelaine Stanley** of Chantilly, **Troy Thomas** of Fairfax, **Jennifer Urban** of Fairfax, **Madison Vance** of Chantilly, and **Kelsey Weathers** of Oak Hill.

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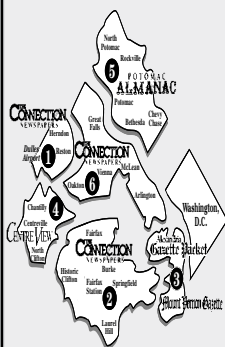
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Notice is hereby given that the Town of Clifton Town Council and Planning Commission will hold a joint Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. The purpose is to consider amendment and revision of the Signs regulations within the Zoning Ordinance, found in Chapter 9, Article 2 General Regulations, Section 9-14 of the Code of Town of Clifton, Virginia.

The proposed revision is available for review on the Town website <http://clifton-va.com> under the Town Council – News from the Council drop-down menu.

A hard copy may be examined at the Clifton Post Office, 12644 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. All interested parties are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing to express their views with respect to the proposed amendment and revision of the Signs section of the Zoning Ordinance.

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Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities for children 12-23 months with adult. Call 703-502-3883.

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

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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.

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

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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

"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. Please register each child and adult separately. Call 703-830-2223.

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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. Free. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/things-to-do/story-times.cfm> for more.

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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