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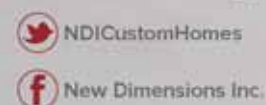


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What's next after graduation?



The Muhanyi family with senior Clinton Muhanyi. The family of 13 lost their house in a recent fire. The whole family attended the graduation to cheer on Clinton.

Woodson Graduates Honored and Applauded

Class of 2015: 492 seniors graduate.

BY DOMINIQUE ESCALERA
THE CONNECTION

W.T. Woodson's class of 2015 graduates entered to Pomp and Circumstance and to the roar of proud witnesses on Tuesday, June 16 at Robinson Secondary. Seniors walked eagerly to take their seats and listen to the last ceremony of their high school careers.

Emma Burke, honor graduate, was the student speaker. She led the class on a journey of remembrance about each year in high school.

"I couldn't decide what my speech should be. Should it be entertaining? Sentimental? Life changing?" she started, addressing her class. "And you, class of 2015, were not helpful."

Burke emphasized the feeling of proving oneself to parents, teachers and even peers. Her advice for the future was simple.

"The only person you have to make happy is yourself. Let's agree to be more about impressing ourselves. We deserve to be proud of ourselves. We deserve to be applauded and honored," said Burke.

For graduate Joshua Arnold, he could see his own face staring at him from the crowd: An enlarged poster of his head hoisted by his siblings Dennis and Brenda and his friend Chris Peterson.

Clinton Muhanyi's family in the audience numbered 12 people. The Muhanyi family house burned down on June 3 and they have spent the past two weeks living with kind friends who took the family of 13 in. "It has been hard recently, but we are so grateful to everyone," said proud father Pastory Muhanyi, watching his son graduate.

Guest speaker Dr. Angel Cabrera, president at George Mason University, wasn't just there to impart wisdom on the class, but to cheer on his own graduate.

"It is unusual to have parents to speak at



One large head above a sea of faces, Joshua Arnold's face was very visible during the ceremony. From left: Dennis Arnold, 2015 senior Joshua Arnold, Chris Peterson and Brenda Arnold.

graduation, so I will be careful so I don't ruin it for another parent who may want to do it in the future," Cabrera said in his speech. He impressed three important lessons on the students, the first being to attend college. Cabrera listed all CEOs who attended non-ivy league colleges and still succeeded, telling the students it doesn't matter where you go but what you do when you're there. He emphasized the hashtag "#BYOP" standing for "Be Your Own Person," encouraging student to embrace what makes them weird. And finally he introduced them to an app. "It is a green app near the bottom of the screen that has an old-fashioned phone on it, use it to call mom," said Cabrera, at the closing of his speech.

A total of 492 graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas from Woodson Principal Dr. Scott Poole, bringing the ceremony to a close with the students performing the customary cap toss while shouting "We did it!"

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Hannah Louise Fritzinger — "I'm going to Nova. I will probably be studying a lot and eating lots of ramen. Regular college students stuff."



Lude Eskinder (Pictured with niece Sainai Eskinder) — "I'm going to Old Dominion University to study biology. I think I want to do something in the medical field."



Jiayin Xie — "I will be attending Carnegie Mellon to get an interdisciplinary degree in computer science and performance clarinet. In 10 years I will hopefully be doing something that combines the two."



Maura Murray — "I'm going to Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. My parents went there, so it just feels like home."



Jack Schappert (pictured with his parents Dave and Meg) — "I'm going to go to college and get a job."



Kea Ke Alani Walters — "I will be studying at Baylor University. I want to be a nurse anaesthetist, the one who gives you anesthesia. I'm going to be your best friend."

— DOMINIQUE ESCALERA

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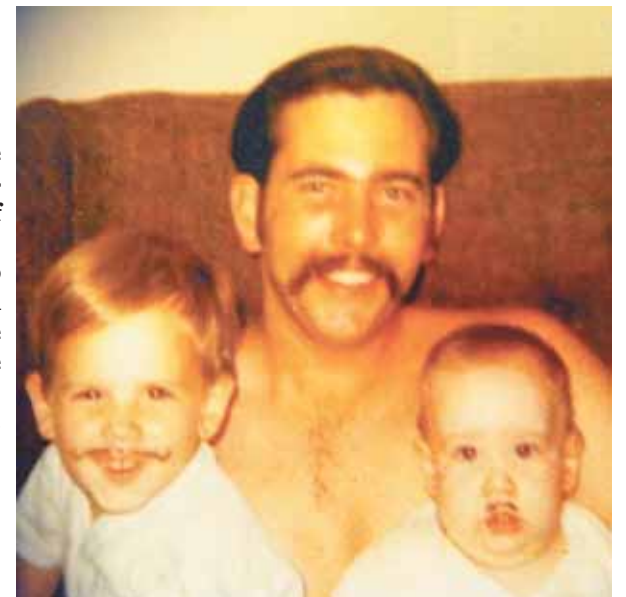
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Tommie and Richard, of Fairfax, who had to have a mustache just like their dad, Noel Rose.



This is a photo of Dr. Mike Maloney, of Fairfax, with his daughter Claire. They are celebrating her first birthday.



This is a photo of Steve Straker, of Fairfax, with his 6-year-old daughter Carly. They are playing in the pool while on vacation in Florida.

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VIEWPOINTS

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Clinton Muhanyi — “I plan on joining the Marine Corps. In 10 years I will hopefully be a federal agent. I hope to work for the FBI.”



Patrick Riley — “I’m attending West Point Military Academy. In 10 years I will be in the army, I’m thinking infantry.”

Nicole Gibson — “I will be doing Navy ROTC at the University of Florida. I want to be part of the Naval Aviation.”

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Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Virginia voters in areas with contested primaries went to the polls last week to select their candidates for the Nov. 3 general election when all seats in the General Assembly are up for election as are many local offices. Primary elections attract mostly party faithfuls in small numbers and are not clear barometers of the mood of voters generally on issues. Some of the results in General Assembly primaries merit attention.

In the Republican dominated Shenandoah Valley, senior Senator Emmett Hanger who was one of the three Republicans in the General Assembly who supported Medicaid expansion had two more conservative challengers who made Medicaid expansion an is-

sue in the primary with both of them opposing expansion. Hanger won easily. In Hampton Roads, the lone Democratic incumbent who opposed Medicaid expansion lost to his primary challenger who supported it. Before

jumping to the conclusion that Medicaid expansion has suddenly become popular in the Commonwealth, there is the primary involving the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker was reported as campaigning in part on his being able to keep Virginia from expanding Medicaid. Of course, his Tea Party opponent opposed Medicaid and suggested that the Speaker's opposition had not been strong enough. After campaigning hard and out-spending his challenger, the Speaker won easily.

Across the state a senate incum-



bent and a delegate incumbent, both Republican who opposed Medicaid expansion, beat their challengers who also opposed Medicaid expansion. The election results do not give a clear indication of the outcome of

what will be a critically important issue for the 2016 General Assembly session. The Governor remains committed to Medicaid expansion, but his having any chance of success is dependent upon the outcome of the Senate races.

In the November state senate races there will be several key contests. At a 21-19 advantage for Republicans, Democrats need to pick up at least one seat to give Democratic Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam the opportunity to break ties. The seats being vacated by the two other moderate Republicans who supported Medicaid

expansion offer hope for Democrats, but Democrats need also to hang onto the seat vacated with the retirement of Democratic State Senator Chuck Colgan. The only Democratic state senator in western Virginia is in a three-way race.

If elections were based purely on facts, Medicaid expansion would be a sure winner. The White House Council of Economic Advisors issued a report recently that said expansion would reach an additional 179,000 Virginia residents with lifesaving care. The report also said Virginia will miss out on \$1.24 billion in federal funding in 2016 by not expanding Medicaid. That is billions of Virginia taxpayer dollars that could come back to the Commonwealth, freeing up state funds for crucial under-funded programs. Go to the polls this November, and in the meantime let friends and families know the importance of Medicaid expansion and that their votes will matter in making it happen.

How to Protect from Scammers

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

No one likes to be taken advantage of, and no one ever wants to hear that they've been scammed. Unfortunately, scams affect people nearly every day, and older adults are the most common targets. According to the AARP, those 65 years and older receive more telephone and mail solicitations than any other age group.

Scams come in many different forms. A scam may come in the form of a call from a "telemarketer" trying to sell something, a knock at the front door offering lawn services, or as a letter in the mail saying that you won the lottery and that you need to send money to cover the processing fee. Some scammers may even try to talk you into donating to a fake charity. Furthermore, today's improvements in technology make it even easier for criminals to get what they want through online shopping, identity



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theft, or false emails claiming to have recovered money on your behalf.

Once a scammer strikes, it is very unlikely that victims will get their money back. This is why it is so important to know how to protect your family from scams before they happen, rather than trying to recover once you've become a victim. Start by having an honest conversation with your loved ones. Remind them not to trust strangers seeking personal information. Make sure that they understand that government agencies don't make unsolicited phone calls asking for personal information, or that a person never has to pay fees to collect lottery winnings.

Solicitation, the offering of goods and services for sale, is one very common tactic used by scammers. However, what many people do not realize is that every door-to-door solicitor must be licensed with the county. The safest

way to avoid scammers making door-to-door visits is to simply not answer the door. However, if you decide to answer the door, it is very important to see their solicitation license, and to do research on a vendor before signing any contracts.

Braddock District Aging in Place—a program that helps older adults live in their current homes longer and offers a support program to help them remain productive in their communities—will continue its series on scams with a presentation focused on how to recognize and avoid being scammed.

On June 17, a presentation was given by Tom Polhemus of the Fairfax County Police Department at my office located at 9002 Burke Lake Drive in Burke. The series will pause for the summer, and seminars on scams will resume again in the fall.

One of the best ways to avoid being scammed is to learn about the new scam techniques and how to avoid them. Make it a point to attend one of these seminars for your security and peace of mind.

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Becoming an Eagle Scout

Bright and early on Saturday morning, May 30, Nico Marucci, a Woodson High School junior gathered with a group of young scouts at Aarondale Retirement and Assisted Living, Springfield, to carry out his Eagle Scout Project.

Marucci worked with the Aarondale activity director, Heidi Travis, to build and implement a raised garden bed for the residents as part of their new gardening program which implements the theories of horticulture therapy. Marucci was mentored by his eagle coach, Mercedes Baker. Marucci is not only an accomplished scout and student, but also a coxswain for the Woodson Crew.



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A variety of summer camp activities are offered at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. 3D printing will be a new activity this summer.

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YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink

Experts say 3D printing can open a world of imagination and critical thinking.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Adonis Gonzales had always wanted to become a master electrician, but when he was asked to leave high school at 16 because of a poor attendance record, his prospects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate Challenge Academy, a tuition-free program that offers 16- to 18-year-old high school dropouts an opportunity to earn a GED and learn a trade. A 3D printing technology class that Gonzales took through the program proved to be eye-opening. "When I first went into the class, I saw the computers and printer and thought that it was going to be too hard," said Gonzales. "But then the instructor said that if we could imagine something, then we can create it. The first thing I made was a heart with my daughter's name on it."

AND WHILE PLEASED, she said she was "quite surprised, because I think there are so many people doing more important work than I am. I hope this honor means that other people will be encouraged to step up and participate in City affairs. The City is open-minded and willing to listen – and that hasn't always been the case. I also urge people to become members of the City's boards and commissions; just contact City Hall."

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organization's founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond technology. The class will be offered as part of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Character Club in Fairfax County. "I discovered that we could use 3D printing to teach critical thinking and problem solving to the kids we served," said Mann. "Many of the kids hadn't learned to think critically or to problem solve. They'd learned that failure was a way of life, but with 3D printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, it's the beginning."

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB staffers agree, saying ThinkLink will inspire students. "It will be an excellent opportunity for the youth here, who sometimes are in difficult living situations, to see that if they work hard

"With 3D printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, it's the beginning."

— Linda Mann, Ph.D., YouthQuest

and put in effort, they can have a bright future," said Chris Roberts, science, technology, education and math (STEM) regional director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "I think the students will be excited. It will be inspirational and have activities that will lead them to think more about what they can do in their future and what the future will bring."

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Details

To learn about the Culmore Boys & Girls Club summer camps, visit www.bggcw.org/culmore

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The group hopes to raise \$8,000 to publish an introductory 3D design and printing curriculum for students of all ages. The campaign will end on July 1 at noon. To donate, visit www.youthquestfoundation.org.

"It will reinforce their existing STEM skills, but we hope it will boost their self-confidence," said Wonhee Kang, D.Min., senior director, Fairfax County Region, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "They can imagine something and then see their idea turn into reality. That will really give their self-confidence a boost." Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. "They showed us that you can create anything that comes to your mind," he said. "If one of us had a problem, then we brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently." Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are basic but foreign concepts to many disadvantaged children. Mann hopes that changes this summer.

"It is important for me to see that they can make a difference in the real world," said Mann. "They could be brilliant scientists or teachers or whatever they want to be," she said. "For people who have succeeded, it's important to give back. That's what keeps our community. It's important to make a difference with the skills and talents that we have."



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Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne and Dorothy Sorrell (center) with members of the Commission for Women.

Fairfax City Council honors resident Dorothy Sorrell.

Recognizing 25 Years of Volunteer Work

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Dorothy Sorrell's been volunteering for a quarter of a century. And at the May 26 Fairfax City Council meeting, she was honored for her many years of service to her community.

The Commission for Women held a reception for her before the meeting. And then, before the Council tackled the items on that night's agenda, Mayor Scott Silverthorne and the Commission presented Sorrell with a proclamation officially acknowledging all she's done to help others.

"This was quite a surprise tonight to see my family, friends, pastors and neighbors here," she said. "Thank you for making it such a special night." Sorrell also thanked the City Council for its "willingness to listen to issues that aren't always politically popular." And she said it's "because of Mayor Silverthorne that there's this openness."

Sorrell thanked the City's human services coordinator, Louise Armitage, as well, for "knowing the needs of the community and having a true desire to serve it."

Then, as he gave Sorrell the proclamation, Silverthorne said the fact that so many people had come to the Council meeting that night to honor her



Dorothy Sorrell

"speaks volumes about her."

SORRELL, who's lived in Fairfax's Green Acres community since 1968, serves on the City's Human Services Committee as a volunteer. The City contracts with Fairfax County for various programs, and the Committee is the City's representative to participate in entities such as the Community Services Board, Disability Services Board, the Agency on Aging, ASAP (Alcohol Safety Action Program) and the oversight of hospitals.

"I've been on the Human Services Committee for 25 years," said Sorrell on Monday. "I was originally appointed as an at-large member on its Long-Term Care Committee to look at the needs of senior citizens and people with disabilities."

After serving on that committee

for several years, she turned her attention toward homelessness. "About five years ago, the county established the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness," she said. "And I served as the City representative to that when the county was developing its five-year plan."

"We submitted our plan and the county and City approved it," continued Sorrell. "Since then, I've been an advocate to the City on behalf of people who are homeless. I attended Council meetings and spoke up when we had new developments coming in that we believed could provide affordable housing."

Then, two years ago, Silverthorne appointed her to serve on a City work group tasked with creating a definition of 'affordable housing' so that particular wording could be placed into the City's Comprehensive Plan. As a result, said Sorrell, "We proposed a definition and a plan on how to incorporate affordable housing, following the guidelines of the county and surrounding jurisdictions."

This work was especially important when the Layton Hall apartments were slated to be torn down and redeveloped.

And although the redevelopment plan was approved before the council could tweak and approve the new, affordable-housing wording as a guideline, the City did OK it, about a year ago. And the Layton Hall developer did agree to provide some affordable housing, but the project is currently on hold.

Meanwhile, Sorrell's

volunteerism continued. She was next asked by Silverthorne to serve on a work group to bring diversity to the City's boards and commissions. "Each of us in the group talked to different cultural and ethnic groups about getting involved in the City," she said. "I reached out to the churches and discovered there are 40 different worshipping communities in the City. And the mayor went with me to almost all the meetings I had with them, so we were able to put the word out – and we're still working on it."

Sorrell also enjoys gardening and is active in her church, Lord of Life Lutheran, and participated on its Call Committee to find a new, senior pastor. The proclamation she received at the City Council meeting honored her volunteer work and praised her community involvement and activism.

AND WHILE PLEASED, she said she was "quite surprised, because I think there are so many people doing more important work than I am. I hope this honor means that other people will be encouraged to step up and participate in City affairs.

The City is open-minded and willing to listen – and that hasn't always been the case. I also urge people to become members of the City's boards and commissions; just contact City Hall."

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Members of the Robinson boys' lacrosse team celebrate their victory over Chantilly in the 6A state championship game on June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.



Robinson senior Griffin Moore won 18 of 20 faceoffs despite suffering a knee injury during the 6A state championship game on June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Injured Moore Helps Robinson Boys' Win State Title

Rams beat Chantilly in double OT to repeat as state champ.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Griffin Moore's religious faith kept him from participating when the Robinson boys' lacrosse team defeated Langley in the 2014 state championship game.

On Saturday, Moore got a second chance to play in a state final, and nothing — not even agonizing pain — was going to keep him off the field.

Moore suffered an injury to his right knee early in the second quarter and had to be helped off the field. Not wanting to end his high school career on the bench, the senior would return to the game and put forth an inspiring performance.

Moore was helped off the field three times during the June 13 contest, but he continued to return to action and won 18 of 20 faceoffs, helping Robinson to a 10-9 double-overtime victory over Chantilly at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Moore said a postgame examination revealed he had likely torn his ACL.

"It hurts a good amount, but I knew I had one half of lacrosse left and that's all it took," said Moore, who doesn't plan to play college lacrosse. "I just needed to get in there and finish it up."

MOORE WON the faceoff at the beginning

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— Robinson senior Griffin Moore

of each overtime period. Midway through the second OT, senior attackman Chapman Jasien scored the game-winner with an assist from senior long-stick midfielder Jack Rowlett.

"I just kept saying, 'Let me play, let me play. It's my last game, ever. I've got it, Coach,'" said Moore, who will undergo an MRI this week. "They trusted me with it."

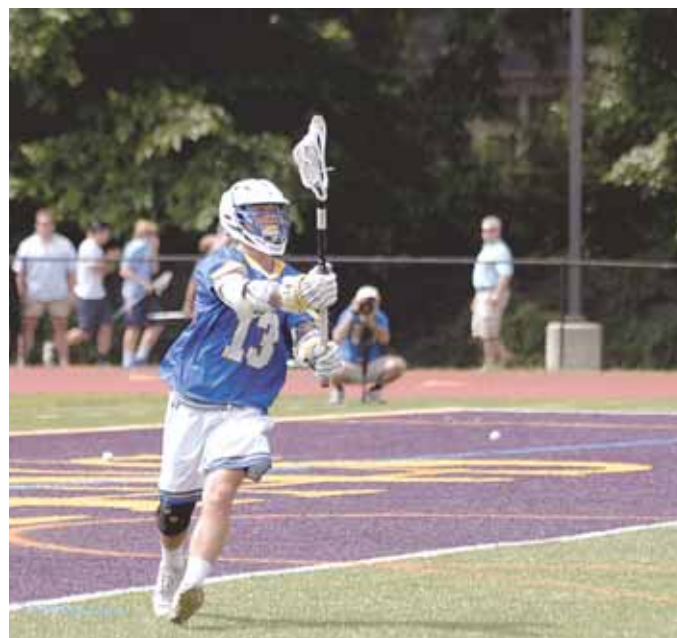
Robinson head coach Matt Curran honored Moore's request.

"When I helped him off the field a couple times, he said to me, 'Coach, I'm not done. I'm going back out there,'" Curran said. "If he could go out there, I was going to put him out there because I knew that we had a solution to him needing to run with the ball."

Last year, inclement weather moved the 6A boys' lacrosse state final from Saturday, June 14 to Sunday, June 15. Moore, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, opted not to play. Robinson beat Langley 9-7 to win its first state title since 2007.

This year's state final was played on its originally scheduled date.

"It feels great — finishing my senior year on the highest note possible," Moore said. "Last year, I actually didn't end up getting to play in the game, so it feels great to be out here with my guys."



Robinson senior Chapman Jasien scored three goals, including the game-winner in double overtime, during the 6A state championship game against Chantilly on June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Not only did Moore play, he was a difference-maker.

"That brought all of us up," Jasien said of Moore playing injured. "He's such a warrior. ... You could see the intensity that he was trying to give."

Rowlett appreciated Moore's effort.

"It means everything in the world," Rowlett said. "... To see him fight and battle as hard as he did in his first real state title [game], it was heart-warming to see him play like that."

Robinson's 2014 state title came with minimal resistance. The Rams won their final 17 games, including a 15-3 victory over Langley in the 6A North region championship game.

Robinson returned most of its talented

roster this season and won 13 of its first 15 games, including a 7-4 victory over Chantilly on March 26. But the Chargers responded with a 10-7 victory over the Rams on May 22 in the Conference 5 championship game, and defeated Robinson 10-4 on June 2 in the region final.

ON SATURDAY, Robinson won the fourth meeting between the teams in dramatic fashion. Trailing 9-8, Rams attackman Johnny Daniel scored the tying goal with 36 seconds remaining in regulation. After a scoreless overtime period, Jasien scored the game-winner in the second OT.

"I do like how we had a little more [adversity] this year, losing to them twice," Jasien said. "We felt like the underdog coming in and I think that helped us out a little bit."

Jasien, Daniel and senior attackman Chris White each scored three goals. Daniel scored each of his goals in the fourth quarter.

White and Rowlett each had two assists. Junior goalkeeper Ryan Keith finished with 14 saves and played "absolutely phenomenal," Rowlett said.

"This one, it felt different because we were the underdog," Rowlett said. "They beat us twice and in the region [final] they actually destroyed us — it wasn't even close — so we felt like we had a lot to prove."

On Saturday, Moore proved his toughness and the Rams proved they were still state champions.

"Anyone can hurt for half an hour if it's your last one," Moore said. "... It's nice that [it] paid off."

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SPORTS

Robinson Girls' Lacrosse Wins First VHSL State Title

Rams defeat Oakton in state final, finish with 21-1 record.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Robinson girls' lacrosse team had several motives for potentially sleepwalking into Saturday's 6A state championship game against Oakton at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

The Rams had already beaten the Cougars twice, each win coming with at least a seven-goal margin of victory.

Four days prior to the state final, Robinson earned a dramatic overtime victory against a Centreville team considered to be the Rams' toughest public school competition during the season.

And if those two reasons weren't enough for the Rams to experience a letdown, Robinson held its prom the night before the championship game.

When Saturday arrived, Robinson built a 9-3 halftime advantage and led 11-5 when sophomore attacker Katie Checkosky scored with 16:10 remaining in the second half. But as the Rams have done in the past, they allowed an opponent to creep back into a game.

Oakton scored five straight goals, six of the next seven and trailed 12-11 when sophomore attacker Stephanie Palmucci found the back of the net with 7:05 remaining.

"When we were on the field ... we rallied behind Danielle [Valenti], our goalie, and ... she would tell us, 'Guys, we are not going to lose this game. We've come so far, we're not going to lose this,'" Robinson sophomore All-American Elli Kluegel said. "When [head coach Liz] Case called a timeout when they started coming back, she ... just pretty much told us there's no other option than coming through with a victory."

Robinson took care of business when it mattered most, scoring four of the game's final five goals on its way to a 16-12 victory on June 13 and the program's first state championship since the VHSL started recognizing lacrosse as a varsity sport in 2006.

ROBINSON CLOSED THE SEASON on a 15-game win streak and finished with a record of 21-1, with its only loss coming against private school power Georgetown Visitation. The Rams won Conference 5 and 6A North region titles, and weren't going to let anything — on or off the field — stop them from capturing a state championship.

"[For] all the players, states is their first priority," said junior midfielder Taylor Caskey, who was one of the Robinson players



The Robinson girls' lacrosse team defeated Oakton to win the 6A state championship on June 13 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.



Junior midfielder Taylor Caskey helped the Robinson girls' lacrosse team finish with a 21-1 record in 2015.

to attend prom. "I know this for a fact: that we all knew this was the big thing. You can have every night of your life to party and have fun, but states is a once-in-a-lifetime — maybe twice, if you're lucky — kind of

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— Robinson junior Taylor Caskey

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Robinson attacker Izzy Obregon finished with a game-high four goals, including a pair in the final 5 minutes, 29 seconds. The senior standout's high school career included playing for three different schools (Woodson, Bishop Ireton, Robinson), committing to the University of North Carolina, de-committing, and finally choosing to play at the University of Maryland.

"It's been a roller coaster — like an absolute roller coaster," Obregon said. "But I wouldn't change it for anything because I have grown as a person through it all."

Kluegel, Checkosky, and senior midfielder Mackenzie Schuler each scored three goals for Robinson. Junior attacker Kaitlin Luccarelli finished with two goals and Caskey added one.

Checkosky tallied five assists, Luccarelli finished with two and Schuler and Caskey each had one.

Goalkeeper Valenti totaled eight saves for the Rams.

Case took over as Robinson head coach in 2012 and led the Rams to a 3-10 record in her first season, according to results from laxpower.com. Robinson improved to 6-8 in 2013, and in 2014 the Rams finished 12-7, losing in overtime to Oakton in the region semifinals.

"I knew last year when we were making that turning point, I was on the right track," Case said. "I just knew that [if I] keep working hard and keep instilling good discipline and habits and keep challenging them every day at practice ... that this was what we could accomplish."

ROBINSON will lose just five seniors — Schuler (captain), Obregon, attacker Sasha Towne, defender Rena Pillow, and attacker Alana Clark (captain) — to graduation.

Caskey, Kluegel, Checkosky, Luccarelli, Valenti and junior defender, team captain and Ohio State commit Emily Skrzypczak project as Robinson's top returning athletes in 2016.

"We're losing some people," said Caskey, a George Mason commit and junior captain, "but at the same time we all know that we have such a strong connection that we can carry that on to next year and make another run at states, hopefully."

Was Saturday's win the start of a multi-year title run?

"That's definitely on all of our minds," Kluegel said. "That's a huge goal for us."



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Stars on Sunday Concert Series. 3 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring a lineup of performances that showcase the diversity of talent and culture in Northern Virginia. Concerts are free to attend and are perfect for families, a special date or a relaxing afternoon of music and dance.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come engage in a discussion on Grand Avenues: The Story of Pierre L'Enfant, the Visionary Who Designed Washington, D.C. by Scott Berg. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19-SATURDAY/SEPT 5

Summer Reading Program. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come to the library all summer for books and events. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 19-21

Taste of Reston. Friday: 3-11 p.m.; Saturday: noon-11 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Carnival games and rides with a family fun zone. Visit www.restontaste.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Family Math Games. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come as a family to have fun playing games that will build math and logic skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Intro to iPads. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn the basics of using an iPad, including such features as Safari, Mail, the App Store, Siri, and iCloud. Bring your fully charged iPad. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Master Gardeners- Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will host plant clinics each Saturday morning through the summer to answer gardening questions. Adults. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/>

Rocknoceros. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Coach Cotton, Willibob and Boogie Woogie Bennie play their music for the whole family. All ages. Sign up each child and adult separately.

Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold a N gauge T-TRAK model train show at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. Museum members, free; adults 16 and over, \$4; children 5-15, \$2; under 4, free.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Cruise. 1, 3, 5, & 7 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Reserve your spot and treat Dad to a special day at Lake Accotink Park. Sit back and listen while your tour boat guide shares interesting facts about the history of the park, the lake and the surrounding area. Boarding Fees: \$3 for dads; \$6 for other adults; \$4 for children ages 3 and up. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/events.htm>

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MONDAY/JUNE 22

Nature's Secrets. 9 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Outdoor fun in nature through hikes, games and crafts. Explore and observe insects, trees and animals on the trails at the park. Bring a snack, lunch and drink daily. Campers will enjoy mini golf on one day. An activity fee is due on the first day (\$10 for 7-hr camps). For info call 703-689-3104 (Katydid camps); to register call 703-222-4664. Download camp forms from <http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/>.

The Wonderful World of Bats. 2:30 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Learn about bats and make a bat T-shirt. Bring a white or light colored T-shirt or buy shirt for \$4. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Music and Movin' With Miss Susan. 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Enjoy story time and music with Miss Susan. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

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Jonathan Austin Magic and Juggling. 2:30 p.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Kick off the Summer Reading Program with magic and juggling from Jonathan Austin. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Honoring WWII Veterans. 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Supervisor John Cook invites you to honor WWII veterans.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Tales to Tales. 4:30 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children read to a trained therapy dog. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

THURSDAY/ JUNE 25

Preschool Science 123. 2:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds

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Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children can stop in with an adult and learn early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Brain Games at the Library. 2 p.m. Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Children 8-12 can stop in and have fun and win prizes with board games and card games that challenge thinking and build skills. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/fx/>.

Chapter Book Chat: Storytime for Bigger Kids. 4 p.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Come listen to a chapter book read aloud. Ages 8-12. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/po/>

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Burke Arts in the Parks. 10 - 11 a.m. Burke Lake Park Amphitheater, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Entertain children, teach them the importance of protecting our natural resources, introduce them to live entertainment in an informal kid friendly atmosphere, and forge a connection between kids and parks. Call 703-323-6601.

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Railroad Artifacts Photography Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Volunteers will offer tips on editing and photo composition of railroad artifacts. Workshop is free but regular Museum admission rates apply. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Space is limited. Register by sending your name to events@fairfax-station.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 29

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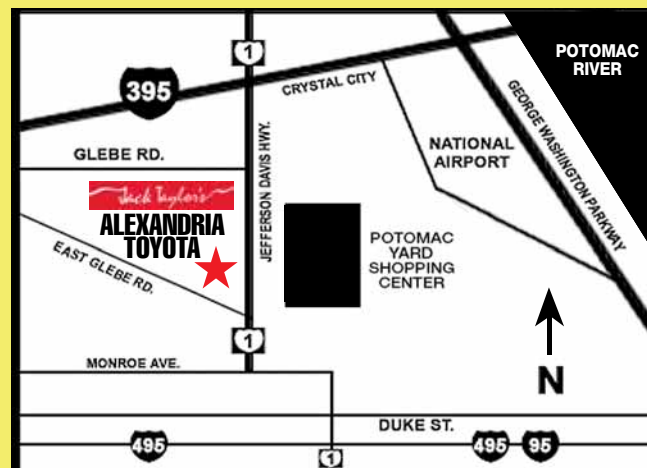
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CARTER LUMBER OF VIRGINIA, INC.,
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v.
DANIEL ROBINSON, et al.
DEFENDANTS.

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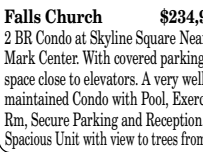
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