





Graduating Lee seniors Allison Fantz and Rence Derwin Flores adjust their mortarboards before marching into the George Mason University Patriot Center.



Parents, friends and relatives became emotional as the Lee graduating class marched into the Patriot Center.

# They Made It

# Robert E. Lee High School: 386 graduate

By Tim Peterson
The Connection

s one of two "senior marshalls," Simran Batra was responsible for guiding Robert E. Lee High School seniors to and from their seats with a two-foot wooden mace, engraved lovingly with graduating class dates back to 1987.

Once the June 16 program began, Batra put down the mace and took the stage at the George Mason University Patriot Center to address the graduating class of 2015 as secretary.

"We find a part of ourselves looking at the future and another part reminiscing about the past," she said. "Imagine if you could progress that much every four years for the rest of your life."

Lee's first-year principal Deirdre M. Lavery followed Batra on the speakers list, commenting that of the 386 graduates, 229 of them took at least one International Baccalaureate class at the school.

"That's extremely impressive," she said. "Approaching the end of my first year, I'm continually amazed by your achievements," Lavery continued.

To be successful on a path that she said would "be much different" than the one their parents have taken, the principal offered three pieces of advice to the seniors: "Be an enquirer," "Stay focused on the jour-



Lee senior
Jamonte
Puryear (left)
plays clarinet
with the school
Wind Ensemble
in a prelude to
the classic
graduation
march "Pomp
and Circumstance."

ney but keep your eye on the outcome," and "Maintain balance in your life."

Commencement speaker Lesli Foster, a WUSA9 evening news anchor, also chose to advise graduates with a list. "You're going to have to declare a few things," she said. "You put them in motion so they become yours."

To be certain they sunk in, Foster had students repeat the five declarations at the

conclusion of her speech:

- ❖ I will choose faith over fear.
- ❖ I will find a door and open it.
- ❖ I will figure out who I am and who I intend to be.
- ❖ When I can't find the strength to do what's necessary, I will ask for help from those who do have the strength.
- ❖ I will continue to give back to others while I am here in the universe.

VIEWPOINTS

# Where do you see yourself in ten years?



Adrianna McCoy (left) plans to attend nursing school and acting school after graduating. "I see myself helping people — nursing — on Broadway," she said.

**Elisabeth Michetti** (right) plans to attend Christopher Newport University and study history. "I see myself maybe teaching. I have a love for history and want to pass it on."



Stephanie Vera (left) plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and then join the U.S. Air Force. "I see myself working in criminal justice as a profiler. I like studying criminals' minds, why they do the things they do."

**Francisco Pavon** (right) plans to become a Navy SEAL. "I see myself working for the Central Intelligence Agency. I just crave that craziness, that vibe."



Raina Payne (left) plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study music education. "Music has helped me find where I wanted to go. In 10 years, I see myself possibly getting used to my first career as a

— Tim Peterson

Amber Wilson (right) plans to attend Northern Virginia Community College and study English and business. "I see myself hopefully married with some kids and a job I enjoy — anything not behind a desk."

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# Richard Byrd Library Holds Book Sale

Friends of Richard Byrd raise money for library at annual spring book sale.

By Caroline Alkire
The Connection

wice a year, the Friends of Richard Byrd Library display hundreds of carefully curated and organized books in the lobby of Richard Byrd in hopes of raising money and educating children.

The 2015 spring book sale took place June 4-6. Parents, children and teenagers gathered within the stacks of the sale to search for great deals and even better books.

The Friends of Richard Byrd work long hours for months ahead of time to prepare for two book sales a year. These book sales fund the library's activities, but the Friends also find the educational aspect of books in a child's life equally as important as raising money.

"Our community is surrounded by four title one schools," said Christine Peterson, President of the Friends of Richard Byrd



Book sale customers browse through the various sections of books the Friends of Richard Byrd organized.

Christine Peterson, president of the Friends of Richard Byrd Library, poses next to the gift table at the library's book sale.

Library. "These schools are full of children whose parents are new to America and speak English as a second language. We want to make sure these children have books in their homes that they can learn from, and the book sale makes it affordable for everyone."



Every year the book sales raise enough money to fund activities the library hosts. Richard Byrd partners with scientists who offer explorer programs at the library, and children can learn about science and subjects such as optics or computers. The library also offers a reading buddies program,

and donates books to elementary school teachers.

"Parents and children are the heartland of this library," said Michele Duell, member of the Friends of Richard Byrd. "These books can inspire children and change lives. They can give a child a new idea or help a student with an important project."

Awarded the best adult volunteer group two years in a row by Volunteer Fairfax, the Friends of Richard Byrd Library have a lot to be proud of. "The group was the friendliest nonprofit I had ever worked with when I first started," said Peterson. The Friends not only organize and fund the book sales and library programs, they are the first Friends of the Library organization to have won a Volunteer Fairfax award.

The spring book sale featured hundreds of books for children and adults of all ages. From fiction to new age, Richard Byrd had it all.

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"Without these books, children may not know how big the world really is," said Eleanor Lamb, a Friends of Richard Byrd volunteer. "People love coming to this li-

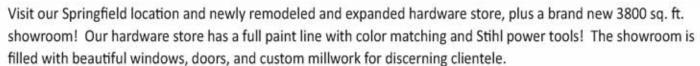
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# New Giant in Kings Park Opens June 19

Less than a week after the opening of a new Wegmans grocery store in Alexandria, the Landover, Maryland-based Giant Food is answering with an all-new store in the Kings Park Shopping Center, set to open Friday, June 19, 6 a.m.

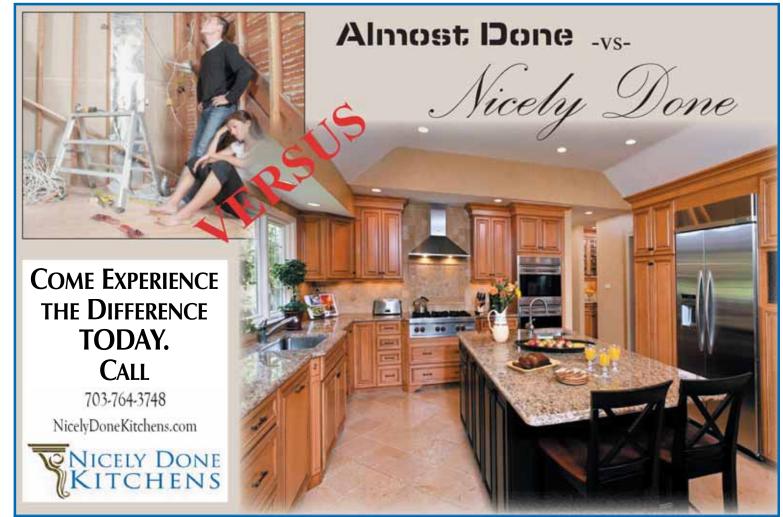
"We are delighted to bring a brand new 50,000-square foot store to Kings Park, which offers an enhanced shopping experience to our customers in Burke," Gordon Reid, president of Giant Food, said in a statement.

The new store will employ about 120 people, feature pollution-reducing carbon dioxide refrigeration technology and pursue Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification from the United States Green Building Council.

Giant has announced it will donate \$2,500 to the Braddock Road Youth Club at a private ribbon-cutting event.

The Kings Park Giant Food is located at 8970 Burke Lake Road in Springfield.

- TIM PETERSON



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"The Pub" full-service restaurant and bar at the new Alexandria Wegmans seats 80 and is the first of its kind among the Virginia stores. Some of the craft beers on tap include locals Port City and Dogfish Head, Chicago heavyweight Goose Island and a Wegmans collaboration brew with Pennsylvania-based Sly Fox brewery.



Deb Funk from The Connection (left) talks with Kathy Haines, Wegmans director of restaurant operations in The Pub full-service restaurant and bar in the Market Café area of the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans.

# New Wegmans Opens in Area Nearly 2,000 in line for June 14 opening morning.

By Tim Peterson
The Gazette

t any other Wegmans grocery store in Virginia, Woodbridge resident Braden Cheney's job wouldn't exist. A 2000 graduate of W.T. Woodson High School, Cheney is manager of The Pub, a full-service restaurant and bar operating within the store.

It's a first for any Wegmans outside of Pennsylvania, also the first with its kitchen in the back of the house.

"It's different from a typical restaurant," Cheney said. "The values — we listen to our employees and empower them to come up with new ideas, things I might miss."

Cheney, who's spent seven years with Wegmans including a role as manager of the Café in the Woodbridge location, gave the example of the large napkin dispensers found in the dining area. Employees came up with the idea, thinking it would be less wasteful for people to take what they need. The company went for it.

**THIS NEW WEGMANS** in Alexandria opened its doors to customers Sunday, June 14 at 7 a.m.

According to Wegmans vice president of media relations Jo Natale, between 1,800 and 2,000 people were in line at the opening. Some of the first customers arrived at 3 a.m.

"The lines went in both directions from the front entrance and wrapped around both sides of the building," Natale said in an email

Though she wouldn't release specific figures, Natale said it was a banner day: "In terms of sales, it was our biggest opening day ever, breaking the previous record of Northborough, Mass. in October 2011."

Spanning 126,000 square feet, the immensely popular grocery store is more than just that. With 550 employees, it stands as a career launchpad opportunity for commuwww.ConnectionNewspapers.com



Wegmans vice president of media relations Jo Natale displays a large napkin dispenser in the Market Café area of the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans.

Fine wines are kept in a cool, climate-controlled room at the new Hilltop Village Center Wegmans in Alexandria.

# Wegmans Invites Customers to Help 'Fill the Bus'

From Sunday, June 21 through Saturday, July 4, Wegmans Food Market stores in Maryland and Virginia will hold a two-week "Fill the Bus" food drive to support local food banks' increased summer needs. Customers are invited to help "Fill the Bus" by donating items that provide healthy meals for children when they do not have access to free or reduced-price meals at school.

Customer service desks at the 14 participating stores will post wish lists of non-perishable items that are intended to be nutritious and easy to prepare, like tuna fish, peanut butter, and canned soup. Products to donate will also be displayed by the registers and can be purchased at checkout and

nity members joining the family-owned company.

Stacie Henley of Manassas started as a cashier in the Syracuse location. A manager happened to come through her line and recruited her to the cheese department because of her "bubbly personality." Twenty years later, Henley is still with the company and managing Alexandria's vast cheese shop.

"Cheese is so versatile," she said. "For appetizers, entrees, there's so much. Not everyone can be experts, so we try to help."

There's also executive chef Joe McCarthy, a Fairfax Station resident, who serves up

then placed in the "Fill the Bus" collection bin located by the front of the store.

"The summer months are an especially challenging time for food banks because there's an increased need for meals when children are home from school. These donations will help meet that critical need and reduce hunger in local neighborhoods," said Wegmans Community Relations Manager Linda Lovejoy.

Donations will be collected and transported to the food banks that partner with each store, remaining in the immediate community. The food banks that will receive donations include: Capital Area Food Bank (Alexandria) and Food for Others (Fairfax).

Cucumber Roulades in The Pub — ribbons of cucumber rolled with roasted tomato and feta cheese — that can be replicated with ingredients found in the grocery store.

With the globe-crossing variety of prepared food in the Market Café as well as The Pub, Wegmans becomes more of a total gastronomic experience.

With this model, the line between where to go to eat and where to go to prepare to eat is blurring.

"We're a dining destination as well," said Kathy Haines, Wegmans director of restaurant operations. "People eat and shop, shop and eat — some take a split shift. We're just giving them another option."

**ASIDE FROM THE PUB**, this new Wegmans will feel familiar to anyone who's shopped at different location. Each layout is meant to be custom, though navigation through the departments of bakery, deli, dairy, produce, health and wellness, household items, seasonal items, dry goods, wine and beer is fairly consistent with other stores.

One area that is expanded relative to those other locations is the prepared produce counter in the store's midsection. "Every Wegmans starts with fresh produce," said Natale. "It really is our crown jewel. And prepared vegetables are big."

Customers at other locations can purchase pre-cut and washed produce, saving them from some of the more tedious and time-consuming aspects of cooking at home. Seeing this as a growing market, Alexandria devoted more real estate to this effort.

The Hilltop Village Center Wegmans is located at 7905 Hilltop Village Center Drive in Alexandria

Normal operating hours after the June 14 opening will be Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. until midnight.

# **OPINION**

# Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

irginia 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

# COMMENTARY

elections attract mostly party faithfuls in small num-

bers and are not clear barometers of the mood of voters generally on issues. Some of the results in General Assembly primaries merit at-

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 issue 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-



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

bent and a delegate 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.

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# How to Protect from Scammers

By John C. Cook Supervisor (R-Braddock District)

o 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

# COMMENTARY

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



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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**MONDAY/JUNE 22** English Conversation. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice speaking English with others, Adults, http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/

### **TUESDAY/JUNE 23**

**Tuesday Morning English** 

Conversation Group. 10:30 a.m. 10360 North Street, Fairfax, Practice English with others to improve speaking skills. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/fx/.

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# VIEWPOINTS

# What did you like about the Richard Byrd Library book sale?

— Caroline Alkire



**Melissa Monoki**, client delivery director, Springfield — "I love the variety of books here and how well it is organized. They have a bunch of kid's books which is great for my son, and I was particularly interested in the teacher research center section."



**Fran Stamoin**, book sale volunteer, Springfield — "I like to see all the books and what people are buying. I especially love to see the older books. As you age you remember the books you used to read when you were young, and it's neat to meet people who recognize those too."



**Michele Magana**, independent consultant, Burke — "What I like best about the book sale is the different assortment of books. Today I'm looking for books about how to make myself the best parent I can be. I'm also interested in new age books, and they seem to have a great selection here."



**Victoria Lizarraga**, elementary school student, Springfield — "What I like most about the book sale is the amount of kids books they have. I really like mystery books and I've found a lot here, along with every other kind of book."

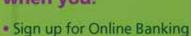


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# YouthQuest Runs ThinkLink

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

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

donis Gonzales had always cause of a poor attendance record, his pros- acter Club in Fairfax County. pects looked bleak. He enrolled in Freestate ChallNGe Academy, a tuition-free program ing to teach critical thinking and problem 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-open-

"When I first went into the

The class was part of an initiative called 3D ThinkLink, a program designed to teach critical thinking and problem solving skills through 3D design and printing. The class was run by YouthQuest, a Chantilly-based nonprofit that provides at-risk youth with educational scholarships to pursue their college or vocational aspirations.

Linda Mann, Ph.D., one of the organization's founders, believes young children can benefit from ThinkLink because the lessons and life skills learned extend beyond wanted to become a master electechnology. The class will be offered as part trician, but when he was asked of a camp this summer at the Boys and Girls to leave high school at 16 be- Clubs of Greater Washington, Culmore Char-

"I discovered that we could use 3D print-

"With 3D printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, it's the beginning." — Linda Mann, Ph.D, YouthQuest

class, I saw the computers and printer and solving to the kids we served," said Mann. thought that it was going to be too hard," "Many of the kids hadn't learned to think said Gonzales. "But then the instructor said critically or to problem solve. They'd learned that if we could imagine something, then that failure was a way of life, but with 3D we can could create it. The first thing I made printing, they learn that failure isn't the end, was a heart with my daughter's name on it." it's the beginning."

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

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 at noon. To donate,

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 and put in effort, they can have a bright fu-

> ture," 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." "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

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.

idea turn into reality. That will really give this summer. their self-confidence a boost.

Gonzales said troubleshooting was an unexpected skill he acquired during the class. said brainstormed as a group on how to do it differently.'

Learning to solve problems like that, work through difficulties and simply dream, are and talents that we have."

Girls Clubs of Greater Washington. "They basic but foreign concepts to many disadcan imagine something and then see their vantaged children. Mann hopes that changes

> "It is important for them to see that they can make a difference in the real world,"

"They showed us that you can create any-"They could be brilliant scientists or teachthing that comes to your mind," he said. "If ers or whatever they want to be," she said. one of us had a problem, then we "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

Ideas for Summer Learning

Experts offer suggestions for avoiding summer brain drain.

fun, it can also be a breeding present,' and then kids get involved trying Northern Virginia Community College. the National Summer Learning Association reports children can experience blue foam blocks at the learning loss when they are not engaged National in educational activities while on school break. From summer reading programs at local libraries to nature walks in the option. It's a hands-on, inwoods, local educators offer ideas for teractive space that offers combining enriching experiences and weather "Most local libraries have a reading pro-

gram that offers kids incentives for reading books during the summer," said Peggy Woodstock, a Bethesda, Md., based reading specialist. "They add an element of competition which can offer a boost to

Think of the natural world as an interactive classroom as well. "Hiking and camping are great ways to get kids excited Adams, director, Aspiring Scientists Sumand guided walks."

THE CONNECTION always nice to give guidance as well," said ground for stagnation. In fact, determine which animal it was." "You can build things at home with your

"Allow children to

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guidance as well."

explore, but it's

Trading video games for Museum's "Work, Play, Build" exhibit is another children an opportunity to fun. see the work of architects and engineers.

The National Zoo and the Natural History Mu-

Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland and the shoeboxes, etc. and provide duct tape and Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-paints. Kids can build castles [and] space kids." Hazv Center in Chantilly are also good ships," choices for children. In addition, the For more inspiration, Multop recom-Potomac Overlook Nature Center in Arlington is "great for teaching kids about birds, about science and nature," said Amy turtles and birds of prey," said Adams. families.naeyc.org/blog/124. "Farms or petting zoos are also great for mer Internship Program at George Ma- teaching kids about animals and nature. courage learning about science in a fun son University in Fairfax. "There are some "4-H programs at local fairs would be an- way," said Multop. local parks that have nature programs other great way to learn about nature and animals," Adams continued. "Parents can inquire and for parents not to give them Adams recommends Eleanor Lawrence look online for at-home science experiments the answer, but help them find the an-Park in Chantilly and Great Falls Park in for kids," on sites like http:// swers."

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL McLean. "Allow children to explore, but it's www.curiosityzone.com/Experiments.

There is plenty of inspiration to be had Adams. "For example, 'Let's go on this hike at home as well, says Gail Multop, who hile summer is opportunity for and look for evidence that an animal was teaches early childhood development at

> kids," she said. "Experiments with water are great. Use funnels and buckets of water and experiment with how water flows." Multop shares ideas for learning on her blog, "The Arts and Early Child-- Amy Adams, George hood Education."

**Mason University** For building projects at home, "parents

seum in Washington, D.C., the National should save cardboard, paper towel rolls, mends a blog by Alexandria-based educator Peggy Ashbrook: http:// "She has lots of activities on it that en-

"What's really important for kids is to

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# Citizens Speak on Upcoming Family Life Education Vote

LaTeef honored at June 11 School Board meeting.

> BY TIM PETERSON The Connection

he Fairfax County School Board's May 7 meeting drew a passionate and boisterous crowd that filled the Luther Jackson Middle School auditorium and spilled out into the main lobby. That night the board voted in favor of adding "gender identity" to its nondiscrimination policy for students, employees and applicants for employment.

On June 25, the board may face a similar scene. It's scheduled to vote on proposed updates from the Family Life Education Curriculum Advisory Committee, including adding the topics of gender identity and sexual orientation, beginning in seventh grade Family Life Education, classes out of which parents may opt their students.

a portion of the curriculum from Family Life Education to students' health courses. This would be done to comply with the Virginia and suicide Board of Education's recently revised health standards of learning for kindergarten business at the school board's May 21 meet- Email comments can be sent to fight," he said. through tenth grade.

According to Fairfax County Public the 10 citizen speakers and one additional Schools, the topics that would no longer be speaker on a prepared video addressed the upcoming meeting by either registering to focus on the future." 10 Springfield Connection Sune 18-24, 2015



**Harris LaTeef** 

part of Family Life Education (and therefore

Personal development (emotions/feelings, self-image, self-concept, personal characteristics, skills to work and play successfully in a community)

Healthy relationships (includes conflict resolution skills)

abilities, ethnicities, cultures)

ing. At the June 11 meeting, eight out of FLEcomments@fcps.edu.

recommendations. Each of those speakers opposed the proposed changes.

"How one identifies should not take the "black, ordained, evangelical reverend" who works in higher education. "Here's the truth we need to hang on to: Man cannot determine his gender just like I can't determine my race. Both these things are gifts from God and affirmed by science."

teach lessons on the development of LaTeef's work. transgender identity.

online at www.fcps.edu/schlbd/meetings/ requestspeak.shtml or calling the School Board office at 571-423-1075 during norplace of science and truth," said citizen mal business hours, beginning three days Steven Mosley, who introduced himself as a prior to the meeting. Ten spots are available and are filled on a first-come basis.

THE SCHOOL BOARD also recognized its outgoing, 44th student representative Harris LaTeef, a senior at Langley High School. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Karen Garza Citizen Mary Beth Style said, "Fairfax followed the individual board members and County Public Schools have no expertise to summed up their effusive compliments of

"You're one of the most impressive young "This religious belief that the soul is sepamen I've ever been around: intelligent, arrate from the body and that man creates his ticulate, calm under pressure and wise beown reality is not supported by science," yond your years," Garza said. "Being the stu-Style continued. "There is no agreement in dent voice on the board, you always added the therapeutic world and certainly no significant value to our work and reminded agreement in society or even among the us why we're doing this." In his remarks, theorists who are fighting among them- LaTeef thanked the board for teaching him selves. Yet you are teaching it anyway. That about "politics, education, human nature is arrogant." Community review of the board and the true meaning of serving one's comaction will continue until Friday, June 19, munity." He also offered the public some through the website www.fcps.edu/is/hpe/ commentary from his perspective. "Though they may seem divided at times," he said, "each The page contains frequently asked ques- has the same goal, to make Fairfax County Pubtions and answers from Fairfax County Public Schools a great school system to send your • Mental health areas such as depression lic Schools, as well as contact information kids to each and every morning." LaTeef's fifor Elizabeth Payne, health and physical nal thoughts were directed back at the School The recommendations came up as new education coordinator for the school system. Board members: "Keep fighting the good

> "Don't let petty politics or gamesmanship dis-Citizens may also request to speak at the tract you from why you are here, and that is

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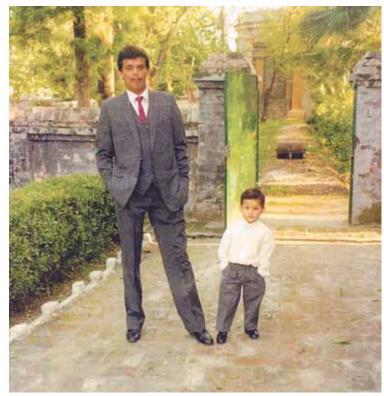
# FATHER'S DAY GALLERY



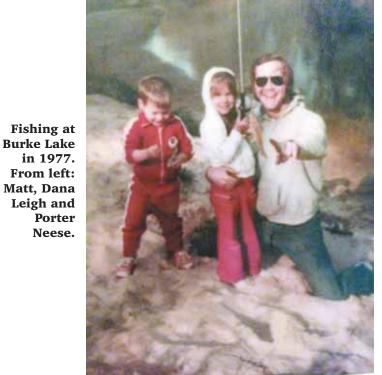
At Pohick Bay Regional Park in 2011. "This would be the last fishing trip my brother and I would have with our dad. He passed away later that year of Multiple Myeloma. Just before he left this earth, he gave a framed copy of this photo to my brother and I, writing on the back: Life is Good - Be Happy Love, Dadddy-O. Fishing was always more than 'just fishing' It was his way of showing us the importance of making time to be still," writes Dana Leigh Neese of Springfield.

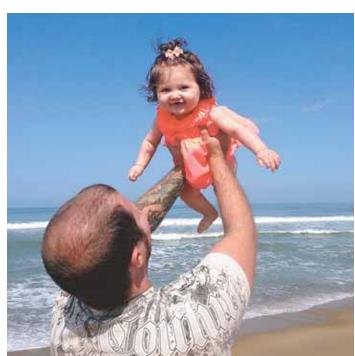


Quintessential toddler on shoulders picture! Taking evening stroll after dinner, kid got tired so dad, Stephen Bokan, offered him a ride. Bubba was slightly scared so grabbed onto his dad's hair!



Bobby and Wayne, like father, like son.





"Just beachin' with my Daddy! Happy Father's Day, I love you so much! Love, Bella Kirkman."



Gabby and first born princess Abigale.



Tintin, Kyle and Kyndra Michael of Springfield.



Neil and his army, Cy, Nia, Jerry and Chanel.



Damien and his first born Theeran, enjoy a special moment.



Jose and Joaquin, could not be a better bonding.



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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

### SUNDAY/MAY 31-AUG. 30

**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

Springfield Writers' Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults.

Cinematic Guitar Poetry. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Original acoustic compositions blending American folk & jazz with Japanese music performed by consummate artist, Hiroya Tsukamoto, on his Hongoh Handmade Guitar. Teens and adults. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

### FRIDAY/JUNE 19

**Cinema Under the Stars:** 

**Grease.** 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Celebrate the '50s with a sing-a-long of Grease: The Musical.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

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/

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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.
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library/branches/kp/

SRP Kickoff Party! 1 p.m.
Kingstowne Library, 6500
Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria.
Join in welcoming summer and
SRP with a party! Come sign up
for our Summer Reading
Program, enjoy free food and fun
activities. http://
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/
branches/kn/

Lunch, Tea and Fashion Show Event. 11:30 a.m. Waterford Springfield, 6715 Commerce Street, Springfield. This events help to benefit scholarship funds and other projects relating to domestic violence victims. Tickets: \$36.

The Plights of Urban Bees. 10-11 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Rd., Alexandria. Honey bees have a lot to show us about our food production, and our relationships with nature. Author Alison Gillespie followed mid-Atlantic beekeepers and shares their stories with you. \$12. Call 703-642-5173 to register.

### 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

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Celebrate Father's Day at Sully's 42nd Annual Antique Car Show with more than 400 antique and classic cars. You can buy the car of your dreams at the Car Corral or search for the perfect accessory in the flea market with more than 100 vendors. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$7 for children. For more information, call 703-437-1794.

### MONDAY/JUNE 22

Junior Lakeside Explorers. 9 a.m.
Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink
Park Road, Springfield. Younger
campers will enjoy this half-day camp
focusing on exploration,
environmental awareness and fun.
Campers will enjoy a variety of
games, guided park walks, treasure
hunts, nature lessons and arts and
crafts. Register at http://
parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov/

Style Club. 3 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Get together and decorate old clothing to create wearable fashion. Please bring item of clothing to decorate and parental note approving clothing choice. Limited sign-up. Age 10-13.

Blue Sky Puppets Presents
Superpig. 10:30 a.m. Pohick
Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road,
Burke. Chester A. Pig dreams of
having superhero powers. All ages.
Register each child and adult
separately. http://
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/
branches/po/

Storytimeplus for Preschoolers and Parents. 11 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. A three-part storytime series for parents and children that uses books, songs and activities to develop early literacy skills. Ages 4-5 with adult. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rb/

### TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Short Book Conversations. 1:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Discussion of Sula by Tony Morrison. Adults. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/bc/

The Kindercise Show. 2:30 p.m.
Richard Byrd Library, 7250
Commerce Street, Springfield. Sing and dance with Wolf Trap teaching artist John Taylor. All ages. Sign up each child and adult separately. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rb/

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.

# Clifton Wine Festival: June 20

Trattoria Villagio is proudly hosting the 8th Annual Clifton Wine Festival on June 20. The festival will be held in historic town of Clifton with more than 15 local wineries. Several selections of fine wines for guests to taste and purchase will be available. With the Taster Ticket, guests can taste over 100 wines while at the festival. Come be a part of this event on June 20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Children's Park, 7140 Main St., Clifton. Visit www.cliftonwine.com.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Tiny Tots. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join instructor Susan Alverson for music, movement and song. Ages 1-2 years with adult. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

### THURSDAY/ JUNE 25

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/

Author Event: Martha Jefferson Randolph. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Author Dr. Billy Wayson will discuss the world of Martha Jefferson Randolph and her famous father, Thomas Jefferson. Wayson illuminates life at Monticello via family correspondence. Book sale and sign. Teens and adults. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/kp/

### FRIDAY/ JUNE 26

Classic Tails. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Develop children's early literacy skills with stories, song and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

Fun Flicks. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Watch movies based on children's books. Register each child and adult separately. All ages welcome. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/po/

branches/po/ **Game On!** 6 p.m. Pohick Library,
6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke.
Food and movies. Grade 6-12.
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# SATURDAY/ JUNE 27

Creative Writers Club. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Join for sharing, discussion and feedback on fiction, poetry and non-fiction works. Teen volunteer facilitates. Ages 13-18. http:// www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/ branches/bc/

### MONDAY/JUNE 29

The Kindercise Show. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sing and dance with Wolf Trap teaching artist John Taylor. All ages. Sign up each adult and child separately.

Sheep Dog Detectives. 10:30
a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500
Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria.
Kaydee Puppets presents Dudley
Dog and friends, who solve
crimes in a fun show. http://
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# SPORTS



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

riffin 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 doubleovertime 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 one half of lacrosse left lege lacrosse. "I just and that's all it took. I needed to get in there and finish it up."

MOORE WON the faceoff at the beginning

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

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.

my guys."

"[My knee] hurts a good "It feels great — finishing my amount, but I knew I had senior year on the highest note possible," Moore said. "Last year, I actually didn't end up getting to just needed to get in play in the game, there and finish it up." so it feels great to be out here with

— Robinson senior Griffin Moore



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

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 champion-

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 fi-

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 gamewinner 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."

# 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

he 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

thing. I think that's something we weren't going to take for granted as we went into this game and [prom] last night."

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 he 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 multiyear title run?

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

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