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WELCOME to FAIRFAX COUNTY WHERE SPECIAL INTERESTS ARE CRUSHING POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS AND TEACHERS



As a public servant, you understand the commitment of fellow police, fire and teachers to goodwill, community involvement and education.

But here in Fairfax County, local politicians don't share our commitment. Every year it's a fight for funding. Politicians pit police, fire and teachers against powerful special interests like the Chamber of Commerce and the Restaurant Association – *and we're always on the losing end.*

When politicians place the burden on schools and public safety with underfunding and stagnant salaries, *we all lose.*

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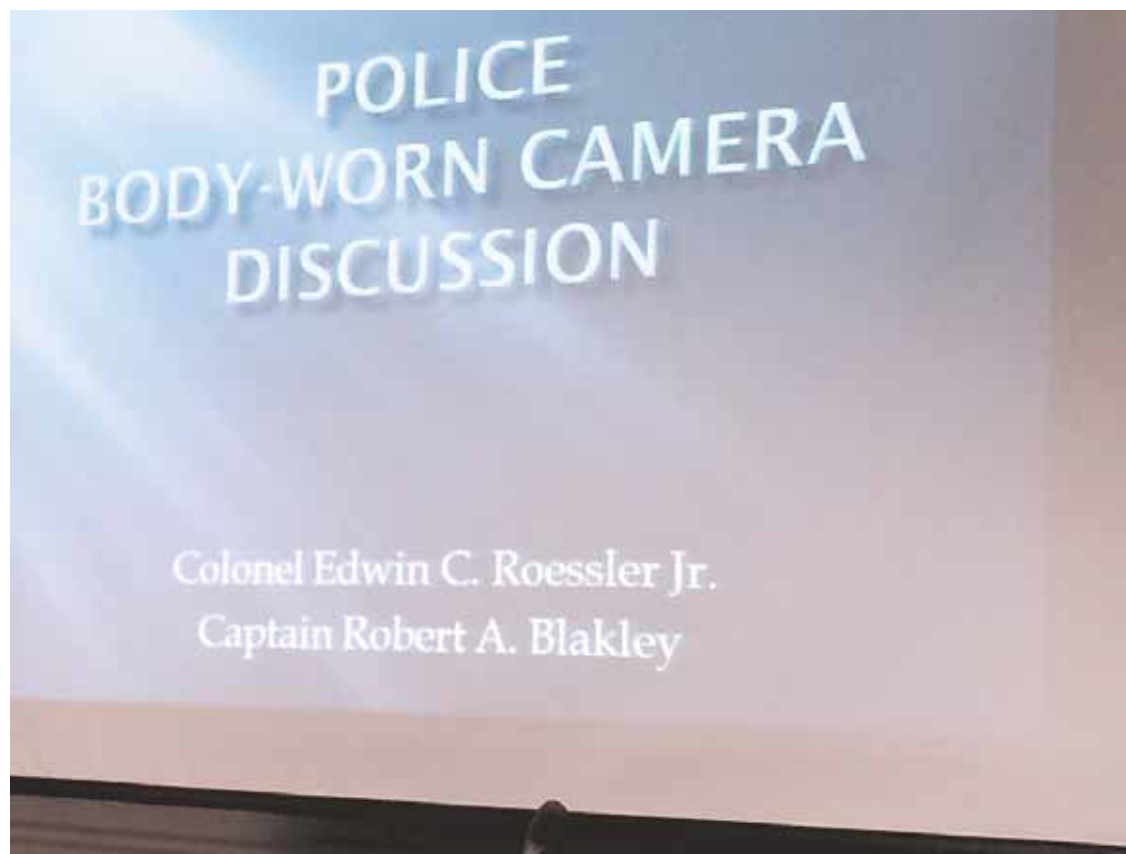
Supervising Public Safety

First meeting since 2011 includes packed agenda, full house.

BY MARY KIMM
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee, chaired by Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), met on Tuesday, June 9 for the first time since June 2011. Since then, there have been six officer-involved shootings in Fairfax County, including the August 2013 shooting death of John Geer. Police handling of the communications and investigation of that shooting led to the formation in March 2015 of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission.

All 10 members of the Board of Supervisors were in attendance, including Penny Gross, who excused herself after about 75 minutes saying: "I'm a little preoccupied today," to laughter. Gross (D-Mason) faced the first primary election challenge of her career, winning with 56 percent of the vote over challenger Jessica Swanson.



Presentation slide on body camera.

POLICE BODY CAMERAS

In a discussion of FCPD proposal to implement body cameras for all patrol officers Police Chief Edwin Roessler described cameras as "another step to total accountability." Cameras "capture officer's actions whether they are good or bad ... technology to hold ourselves accountable," he said, "This is for public trust and transparency," said Deputy County Executive David M. Rohrer.

But the draft policy and procedures accompanying Capt. Robert Blakely's presentation did not list transparency or accountability among the purposes of the body cameras.

Purposes listed included: to capture criminal events and provide evidence of those events in court; to document crime scenes; to document victim, witness and suspect statements; to act as a deterrent for purposes of officer safety; to reduce unreasonable and/or false complaints against officers; to provide training and "performance mechanism to ensure the professionalism of all officers."

Cost estimates were \$4 million for startup and acquisition with ongoing operating costs of \$4 million a year. Estimating that cameras could capture an hour of video for each 8-hour shift for each officer, Blakely pointed to the need for massive data storage of more than two petabytes of data annually. That's more than 20,000 terabytes. Costs include the addition of eight-to-10 positions including a redaction specialist and three Freedom of Information clerks. And three "might not be enough," Blakely said.

Some jurisdictions "had to take action to block certain aspects of FOIA because the

demands were so high," Blakely said. Not all video would be subject to all the provisions of FOIA, he said.

Roessler told the cautionary tale of the early days of dashboard cameras in patrol cars which included VHS tapes, complicated chain of custody issues and a suspension of the program while the technology matured.

"The moral to this is, 'Nothing is simple,'" said Chairman Sharon Bulova. "This is complicated."

POLICE COMMISSION

Michael Hershman, chairman of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission reported to the committee that the commission is undertaking a large scope of work in a short time frame, using five subcommittees: Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Investigations and Oversight; and Recruitment and Vetting. There are 35 members of the commission, plus an additional 25 members of subcommittees.

In addition to reviewing internal policies and data, the commission is looking at other localities, reading independent reports, and reviewing best practices.

"We're trying to do a better job of being transparent and sharing information," said Bulova.

"We have a commitment to finish and give you recommendations in October, and we will be doing that," Hershman said.

It's a complex, emotional topic, and there are differences of opinion among members of the commission, he said. But "the disagreements we've had have been very civil."

"It's very possible there will be majority findings and minority findings when we bring our report to you."

Supervisors pressed Hershman to hold additional public forums in other parts of the county, including Mount Vernon, Reston and Culmore.

"This is a large county, this is a long-term issue," said Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). "I would like to know that we are going to put it to bed as best we can with new policies and procedures."

Hershman responded: "Let me say this about putting this to bed once and for all ... it's healthy to review the state of policing every several years. It's a never-ending process."

Gross asked whether Hershman was comfortable with diversity on the commission.

"We weren't satisfied with the diversity ... of the commission," Hershman answered. "No, I'm not comfortable. But we have worked very, very hard, and we're not stopping, at every turn we reach out."

John Cook (R-Braddock) cited recent statistics indicating that at least 25 percent of people shot by police in the U.S. were people with mental illness: "I want to make sure that we are looking at that issue as a national phenomenon."

All meetings of the Police Commission and subcommittees are open to the public, and the documents and data gathered by the commission are available online. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission/> for schedule and materials.

CRISIS INTERVENTION/PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN JAIL

The committee heard about police department goals to train 100 percent of its officers in crisis intervention, and efforts to re-

duce the number of people with mental illness in jails.

The new Community Services Board facility, the Merrifield Center, was built to accommodate a 24-hour drop-off for people with mental illness instead of having police take them to jail, but more money and resources will be needed to implement that, said, Tisha Deegah, executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

Cook pointed to an 80 percent recidivism rate for people with mental illness who were incarcerated, vs. a 20 percent rate with diversion to treatment, and the economic cost associated with that.

Hudgins expressed frustration that the same goals were in place for mental health reform in 2007, but the resources have not accompanied the goals. "We actually substituted the jail for mental health services," she said.

Rohrer said that the resource shortage wasn't just on the part of county funding, but also state funding and choices made by hospitals to close beds that could serve people

with mental illness in crisis. Many nights every week, for example, officers are dispatched to deliver as far as Salem or Norfolk where a bed is available for treatment, tapping critical police resources, but also putting the person in crisis and that person's family in greater difficulty, Rohrer said.

POLICE & FIRE GAMES opening ceremonies for the nearly 10,000 registered athletes from around the world, are about two weeks away, and organizers appeared before the committee with enthusiasm and a small amount of trepidation. Opening ceremonies will be Friday, June 26, at RFK stadium, including lighting of a cauldron and a flyover. Tickets to the opening ceremonies are free, available at <http://fairfax2015.com>.

Athlete's Village, the social hub for the games, will be in Reston, with major venues around the county.

The public can attend any of the 1,600 medal events in more than 60 sports at more than 50 venues for free, no tickets required. See <http://fairfax2015.com/schedule>

More than 5,800 volunteers have signed up to fill some of the 18,000 shifts, said Bill Knight, executive director of Fairfax 2015. There are more than 930 medical volunteers.

Closing ceremonies will be at Wolf Trap, Sunday, July 5.

The committee also heard plans to develop legislation on animal cruelty that would include regulations on dog tethering. Currently the county can enforce state laws.

Disclosure: Mary Kimm is a member of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission.

OPINION

Safe Planning for Independence

Talking and planning about celebrating July 4, and throughout the summer months.

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

This is true for the young adults over 21 living with you, and unfortunately also for many teens who are under 21. More on that below.

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

But in case those plans go awry, here is an alternative safety net.

On the night of Saturday, July 4, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30), beginning at 10

p.m. for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2014, more than 150 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

EDITORIAL

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

On July 4, historically, nearly 40 percent of traffic deaths in the U.S. are caused by drunk drivers; more than 20 percent of the drunk drivers involved in those deaths during the 2013 July 4 holiday had blood alcohol concentrations of nearly twice the legal limit, said Kurt Erickson of WRAP.

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

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Talk with your teens about the problems of binge drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

This is a message important for the tail end of graduation season and good for the whole summer, which is the time of the highest risk for teen drivers.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided more than 62,500 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

For more information, visit www.soberride.com.

I-66: Who Pays the Price?

VDOT plan makes Fairfax commuters and neighbors pay for I-66 construction.

BY CHAP PETERSEN
STATE SENATOR (D-34)

Over the past weekends, I've been knocking on doors in Vienna, next to the I-66 sound walls. A few quiet. Tall maple trees stand over top traditional ranch-style houses. Kids ride bikes down the street.

Welcome to the I-66 corridor.

Sixteen years ago, I was a freshman Councilman representing Fairfax City at the NOVA Regional Commission. I was young, oblivious and surrounded by the leading minds in local government.

One day, we were reviewing the issue of I-66. VDOT had an ambitious plan for adding four new lanes from the Beltway to Gainesville. I listened to the presentation, then asked a

question befitting my lack of sophistication:

"What's the point in widening I-66 outside the Beltway, if it's still four lanes inside the Beltway? Where will these cars go?"

Sixteen years later and I'm still waiting for that answer.

The latest VDOT I-66 plan adds more pavement from Dunn Loring to Centreville but again fails to add capacity inside the Beltway.

What's even more grating is the idea — apparently originating in Richmond — that this plan, including "multi-modal" improvements, will be financed by lucrative new tolls inside the Beltway. (This may be the motivating force behind VDOT funding the project itself rather than bringing in a private investor).

In other words, my Fairfax County constituents will be paying \$10 a trip to the District, so there can be new bike racks in Clarendon.

Last week, I talked to a VDOT representative about this tolling plan — and when it would be matched with inner Beltway capacity.

I was told that those new lanes were planned for 2040. Yes, that's correct, 25 years from now. This is a bad idea and it's time to start calling it out publicly. Nobody in Fairfax County supports the tolling of a highway that's currently free to the public. If you want to create tolls inside the Beltway, then create new lanes. Don't take away the existing lanes which are open to the public. All friendly kidding aside, I am in awe of my Arlington colleagues who have lobbied to keep I-66 narrowed to four lanes inside their jurisdiction. So why are Fairfax County homeowners not given the same deference? Why do we have to accommodate ten lanes, plus a bike lane? We need to get I-66 right. Yes, the solution should be multi-modal, with buses and trains playing a major role. But we have to drop the mindset of ONLY making improvements outside the Beltway. Otherwise, to cite David Byrne and the Talking Heads, we will truly be on a Road to Nowhere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to Pay for Medicaid Expansion?

To the Editor:

State Delegate Ken Plum's latest commentary on Medicaid expansion ("Political Prospects for Medicaid Expansion," The Connection, June 4) is not the first time he has written on the subject, but he has yet to explain how Virginia would pay for this.

If one understands the proposal correctly, the federal government will fund the program using "federal funds" (a euphemism for taxpayer dollars) the first two years, with Virginia then starting to pick

up increasingly large shares of the program in out years. Virginia's tab would start with 10 percent of the cost after the first two "teaser" years paid by those Federal funds and then progressively increase.

Given Governor McAuliffe's own previously announced multi-year deficit of \$2.4 billion, \$882 million over the next two years, and potential state employee lay-offs, where would that money come from—even for the ten percent? Law enforcement? Education? Transportation? Higher taxes?

What happens when the Medicaid expansion becomes a line item in the Virginia budget for perpetuity?

As a delegate, Del. Plum has fiduciary and fiscal responsibility to manage the budget for all Virginians. Those favoring a Medicaid expansion in the State—predominantly Democrats—who write such commentaries, do not discuss cost specifics—i.e., how to pay for it—when it would become a permanent line item in the Virginia budget. Currently, commendable altruism exceeds the reality of the balance in the state's checkbook—as confirmed by Governor

McAuliffe's own projections. Republican-led fiscal prudence and fiduciary responsibility on this issue is the correct course of action for Virginia.

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Editor's note: Virginia's contribution would be capped at 10 percent.

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Herndon's Class of 2015 enters George Mason University's Patriot Center for its commencement ceremony.



A handful of Herndon graduates received prolonged applause when Principal William Bates announced their intention to serve the United States in the military following graduation.

'World Is Counting on You'

Herndon High School's Class of 2015:
"To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

"Hope is a feeling that everybody understands. It means the same thing in every lan-guage," said Herndon High School senior Fatma Gdoura.

Gdoura was one of the nine senior class council members to address Herndon's graduating class on Wednesday afternoon, June 17 at George Mason University's Patriot Center.

"It is what unites us now," she said, to her classmates, teachers, administrators, school board members, Board of Supervisors, superintendent, parents, friends, family and more.

Herndon High School Principal William Bates told students what he thought of the Class of 2015.

"We encourage you, we support you, we appreciate you," said Bates, who was honored by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors earlier this spring.

"We thank you," he said.

Students selected teacher Christopher Gannon to speak at their graduation.

Although first honored, he said, his emotions started to shift as he analyzed what must have been the true motivation behind his selection by his students.

"I think I was asked to give this speech as a sign of revenge," he said, to laughter from the crowd.

He said he then tried to empathize; he thought about how his students tackled the assignments he gave them throughout the year.

"I contemplated not doing it," he said.

"Then I did what I know all my students do, I texted a friend," he said, to more laughter.

Then, in an act he said he finds just as anthropologically peculiar as parents must, Gannon took a "selfie" of himself giving his commencement address to "immortalize" the moment.

"I believe all students are capable of success. I am eager to see all that you do to contribute to the world," he said.

Emma Rose Hammersley received a standing ovation from her peers as she

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Herndon High School Principal William Bates presented the faculty award to senior Charlie Tong Shen, "one of the most brilliant students" teachers said they've worked with.



Emma Rose Hammersley was accompanied by Ian Herring of the Herndon High School NJROTC.



stepped from the podium with an escort from Herndon's High School NJROTC member Ian Herring.

About 448 of her classmates graduated last Wednesday.

Principal Bates said the last words to his students, before they shifted their tassels, tossed their caps in the air, and left the George Mason basketball floor forever as high school graduates from the Class of 2015. "We know you will change the world," Bates said. "The world is counting on you."

- KEN MOORE

Troy Anthony Brunson, Jessica Frempomaa Addai and numerous other students finished Herndon High School with a grade point average over 4.0.

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GRADUATION 2015

The South Lake Chorus sang “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key and “I Was Here” by Diane Warren.



PHOTOS BY KEN MOORE/THE CONNECTION

More than a thousand spectators rooted for South Lakes seniors on Thursday, June 18.

‘Blessed to Be a Part of It’ 546 students graduated from South Lakes High School on Thursday, June 18.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

English teacher Valerie Padgett sometimes consulted an urban dictionary to understand her South Lakes High School students.

“You all made me laugh,” she said. “I have been blessed to be a part of it.”

The senior class chose her to be the faculty member to give the commencement address at their once-in-a-lifetime commencement ceremony.

“Of all the students I have taught, you have had the most heart,” she told the Seahawks Class of 2015.

“I was both honored and horrified,” she told them, to laughter. “I first want to thank you for the sleepless nights, the generalized anxiety, and right now, the overwhelming feeling of nausea.”

She talked of her first year teaching in 1989 when she was determined to motivate students to love F. Scott Fitzgerald.

After 25 years of teaching, her point of view has changed.

“The goal is not to be inspiring, but to be inspired,” she said to the 546 seniors who matriculated.

More than 110 South Lakes students re-

ceived grade point averages over 4.0.

About six students will serve the United States in the military, and received standing ovations from teachers, classmates and people in the audience.

“The power of your spirit is always within you,” Padgett told the graduating students.

Benjamin Gaiarin was the student speaker.

“My lips are, in a sense, everyone’s lips,” he said. He then kissed a relic spirit swivel stick used by faculty and senior class during the school year. But the words that followed spoke for and to the entire student body.

“Wherever your next steps may take you, notice the little moments,” he said. “The small moments ... bring out the flavor we never expected.”



Students watch classmates walk the stage.



Peter Kownacki’s bow ties were referenced during the graduation ceremony at the Patriot Center. Kownacki told graduating students to always be advocates for their own learning.

Gaiarin reminded everybody of the loss of a classmate in class of 2015, Emma Clark, who died in September.

“We will always remember Emma’s warm smile,” he said. “Today, Emma walks with us.”

Class officer Khoa Nguyen introduced teacher Peter Kownacki, who gave the principle address.

“He gave us a lot more than just an appreciation for bowties,” Nguyen said.

“Always be an advocate for your own learning,” said their teacher. “Remember

never to sit idly by when you don’t understand something.”

“I am in awe of your future potential,” Kownacki said. Students entered the George Mason Patriot Center to hear South Lakes Band play “Pomp and Circumstance” by Edward Elgar and “Fanfare and Flourish II” by James Curnow.

During the ceremony, they heard fellow graduates in the 2015 Senior Chorus sing the “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key and “I Was Here” by Diane Warren. And after receiving their diplomas, students marched off the George Mason University floor to “Keep Ya Heads Up,” “Happy,” “ABC,” and “Shake it Off.”

Valerie Padgett referenced J.R. Tolkien. “Class of 2015, safe travels, until we meet again.”



Zoe Jones and Sarah Kanu enjoy their last minutes together as South Lakes seniors.



Brentan Walter shakes School Board At-Large Member Ilryong Moon’s hand before the ceremony.

GRADUATION 2015

Graduating with Cougar Pride

**Oakton High School
graduates the Class
of 2015.**

BY CAMILLE KIDWELL
THE CONNECTION

“I wasn’t always this good looking. I also wasn’t always this humble. On the first day of high school, I got lost and almost started crying. I even wore my gym clothes and had to wait half the day to change out of them. Now, I’m tall, dark, and handsome.” This is a story of Senior Megh Kumar set the tone in his humor-filled “Reflection” speech at Oakton High School’s 47th commencement ceremony on Monday, June 22. Over 500 seniors crossed the stage at George Mason’s Patriot Center, receiving their diplomas and accolades among proud friends and family. Among these students, 154 graduated with honors, the highest number in school history.

“We have grown and challenged ourselves through our passions and activities,” said class president Millan Khadka. “Our class had athletes, humanitarians, musicians and future leaders. We have achieved the highest of honors, all with Cougar pride.”

“Four years ago, graduation seemed so far away, and finishing high school so overwhelming. Yet, these were the good ol’ days. What really made these moments good was the class of 2015 becoming my family, and Oakton a second home to me,” said Khadka. “We will always share in the pride of being Oakton Cougars.”

Guest speaker, Elwyn “Chip” Comstock, former vice principal of Oakton, challenged students in his speech by posing the question: “How complete is your portrait?” He compared a blank canvas to the life of a student, telling them that they have been “primed” by family and role models. “You may have a masterpiece,” he said, “but some parts need to be enhanced. Think to yourself: What will your portrait be?” He then offered words of advice from his experience in being both a parent and an educator. He told them with a smile: “Today you can clearly say you won the day. Now go out and win every day.”

Students threw their caps in celebration, as Oakton became their alma mater.

And how did Megh Kumar’s story end? “I’m excited,” he said. “We will remember the bonds we made, the tummy-aching laughs we had and the many firsts we experienced here at this school. We look to the future as a beacon of hope.”

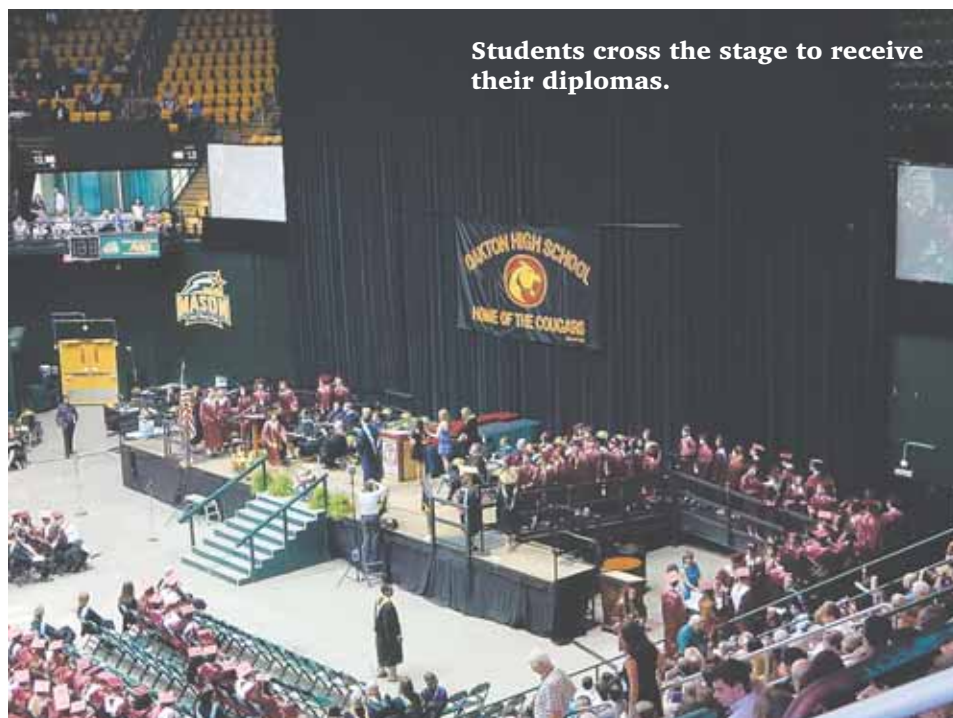


Students and faculty file into the Patriot Center.

PHOTOS BY CAMILLE KIDWELL/THE CONNECTION



Oakton’s class of 2015 at the school’s 47th commencement ceremony on Monday, June 22.



Students cross the stage to receive their diplomas.

VIEWPOINTS

Oakton Graduates: Where do you want to be in five years from now?

— CAMILLE KIDWELL



Jonah Driessen:

“In five years I see myself living in an apartment with a roommate. I hope to be living a happy, productive life.”



Abby Javer:

“I want to be directing movies.”



Alexa Villafior:

“I am planning on doing an accelerated master’s program at Virginia Tech.”



Lillie Dustin:

“Hopefully in five years I will be in the Peace Corps.”



John Shebat:

“In five years I will have graduated from the University of Texas, where I will be swimming.”

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THROUGH SUNDAY/JUNE 28

HestiaMa'at Exhibit. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. In Hestia Ma'at artists Milagros Pongo from Paraguay/Peru, Alex Garcia from the Dominican Republic, Celso Trufel, from the Dominican Republic, and Vicky Benitez, from Uruguay/Paraguay present a bold exhibit of art and photography resonating with the artists' spirit of inner peace and faith in life.

THROUGH FRIDAY/AUG. 28

Herndon Friday Night Live. 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. herndonrocks.com/schedule.php.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

Young Science Explorers. 11 a.m. Herndon Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Story time with naturalist Ken Rosenthal from The Walker Nature Center (STEAM). <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/he/>.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 24-AUG. 19

Frying Pan Farm Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m. Frying Pan Farm Park Amphitheater, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. 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 703-437-9101.

THURSDAY/JUNE 25

International Songwriters Collective U.S. Tour 2015. 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. International Songwriters Lily Kiara (Holland), Floatstone (Belgium), and Jimmy Robinson (USA) make Herndon a stop on their 2015 U.S. Tour. Tickets \$15.

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 7-Nov. 12. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn St., Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

FRIDAY/JUNE 26

Frying Pan Fridays. 6:30 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Delve into a different piece of your favorite Farm Park on a stress-free adventure including hands-on activities and short hikes.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Towne Square Singers Spring Show. 7:30 p.m. Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Come join the Towne Square Singers at their next concert, "Poetry in Motion," to not only experience choral music, but to hear an array of poems written by great masters. Call 703-787-7300 to purchase tickets.

MONDAY/JUNE 29

Lego Club. 2 p.m. 768 Center Street, Herndon. Stop in and practice engineering and problem solving skills with LEGO bricks. Age 6-12. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/he/>.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 29-JULY 3

World Police & Fire Games Athletes' Village: Billiards. 8 a.m.



"Inter-Play" is a show of a new series of oil and acrylic paintings by Claudia Samper on exhibit from June 5 until July 2 at Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza.

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Friday, June 19 there was an opening ceremony at Dulles Expo Center for the 18th Annual Korean American Sports Festival. The festival included athletes of many ages from cities across the United States.



Town of Herndon Council member Grace H. Wolf along with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova attended the opening ceremony for the 18th Annual Korean American Sports Festival held in June.

Herndon Hosts Korean American Sports Festival

18th Korean American Sports Festival hosted in Herndon.

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

From June 19 - 21, Herndon helped host the 18th Annual Korean American Sports Festival. The 18th Korean American National Sports Festival (KASF) is a semi-annual national

event where Korean American's celebrate heritage through sports. Festival President Ahn Kyung-ho said Washington D.C., had been the host to eight successful events. "Korean-American's are the only minority to have multi-sports events in the USA and I am very proud to host this year's event in D.C.," said Sam Chung, chair of the 2015 KASF Organization Committee. Sam Chung said the Korean American community, including sports figures, politicians and churches, helped pull together for the event. On Friday, June 19 there was an opening ceremony at Dulles Expo Center. Chairman

of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova and Town of Herndon Council member Grace H. Wolf attended the ceremony. "I commend the Korean American Sports Association of Greater Washington dedication to enhancing Korean American athletics and supporting athletics excellence," stated Wolf. At the Friday evening opening ceremony, the festival's Grand Marshall, 1984 Olympic gold medalist Seo Hyang-Soon demonstrated her archery skills. "This festival is truly a remarkable gathering of sportsmen and women from across the nation and a proud presentation

of diversity and investment in our community," said Del. Mark L. Keam (D-35). Many of the sport events took place within Herndon. On Saturday, the tennis, track and field, judo, soccer, and taekwondo events were held at Herndon High School. Herndon Community Center was the festival headquarters and helped host the games. On Sunday, June 21, a 10K and 5K race were held. The courses went through historic downtown Herndon, and were USATF certified. The closing ceremony was Sunday, June 21, at Herndon's Bready Park. Sponsors for the sports festival included Telos, Delta and Rally Sports.

Summer Kicks Off with Swim Meets

RSTA swimmers got their summer off to a good start on the first morning of summer break by showing up bright and early to participate in the third meet of the season. With a 7 a.m. warmup time, there's no sleeping in on Saturdays for swimmers! Results of the meets are as follows:

**Hunters Woods
Blue Marlins 553,
Newbridge
Dolphins 501**

For Hunters Woods, triple event winners were Andrew Chen, John Evans, Marissa Jerome, Liam Tolbert, and Brian Zhou. Double event winners were Jack Henry Ham, Andrew Li, Jonah Medler, Seth Parcell, Ben Szeto, Ashley Thai, Chloe Tuberson, Katie Vintimilla, Chris Yang, and Roger Zeng. For Newbridge, triple event winners were Justin Compton, Lily Compton, David Joyner, Sofia Milosevic, and Sarah Zhong. Double event winners were Elise Baldwin, Niki Chava, Celia Compton, Mary Carol Cook, Jean-Louis Guill, Ian Ha, Ryan Ha, Amrita Khalsa, Megan Slater, and Sabine Soltys.

Lake Newport

**Lightning 665,
Autumnwood
Piranhas 455**

For Lake Newport, triple event winners were Jeffrey George, Amanda Jacobson, Dan Ni, Grant Romero, Meghna Sharma, Lauren Spar, and Vania B Zeledon. Double event winners were Fabricio Alvarez, Grant Bommer, Kent Bommer, Alexandra Connelly, Jack Edgemond, Sophia Egge, Michael George, Caroline Kohn, Anna Redican, Emi Redican, Joseph Redican, Siena Shannon, Alyssa Spar, Zoe Van Winkel, Zach Wang, and Michael Zhou. For Autumnwood, double event winners were Donovan Willson, Toren N Greenfield-Tuthill, Emily Hur, John M Lyons, and Phineas Ulmishek-Anderson.

**Lake Audubon
Barracudas 617, Lake
Anne Stingrays 450**

For Lake Audubon, triple event winners were Sydney Cook, Max Daum, Matthew Fritz, Sabrina Groves, Suya Haering, Conor McBride, Sophia Randall, and Aidan Scanlan. Double event winners were Emily Fritz, Kaliyana Haering, John Hughes, Dylan Mulvaney, Alana Pudner, and Griffin Scanlan.

For Lake Anne, triple event winners were



Lake Audubon's Suya Haering, Brenna Scanlan, and Danielle Elliott compete in the girls' 9-10 50-meter butterfly.



Kali Majoros, Autumnwood coach, swims the 15-18 50-meter butterfly.

Rowan O'Connor and Jocelyn Wulf. Double event winners were Arianna Barkhordari, Luke Bowen, Andrew Cramer, Francisco

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SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
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SALE TO BE HELD AT THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT
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July 2, 2015, AT 4:00 P.M.

In execution of a certain Credit Line Deed of Trust and Security Agreement dated November 19, 2008, and recorded November 20, 2008 in Deed Book 20183 at Page 0376 among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (the "Deed of Trust"), made by HUNTER MILL WEST, L.C., a Virginia limited liability company, now securing CATJEN LLC, a Virginia limited liability company (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees, will offer for sale the property described below at public auction by the main entrance to the Fairfax County Circuit Court, located at 4110 Chain Bridge Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 on July 2, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The public auction for the sale of the property previously scheduled for June 18, 2015 was continued to July 2, 2015.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is commonly known as 10736 Sunset Hills Road (Tax Identification Number: 0183-02-0004) located in Reston, Fairfax County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the Deed of Trust, and all improvements, fixtures, easements and appurtenances thereto (the "Property").

TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The Property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, rights of first refusal, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over and being superior to the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the Property.

The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the Property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the Property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date and time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the Property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").

A bidder's deposit of \$150,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check shall be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memo-

randum of sale. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within thirty (30) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation.

Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Tysons Corner, Virginia 22182 or other mutually agreed location. Purchaser shall also pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments, together with penalties and interest due thereon. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees, congestion relief fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As Father's Day approaches, (written Thursday, June 18th) I am reminded of one of my father's standard lines which characterize his positive attitude on life, for which I am eternally grateful - because I inherited it. My father would say that every morning that he woke up was a good day. Ultimately, my father would die a few months past his 87th birthday, having lived longer than either of his parents and his seven siblings. A child of the Depression, born in 1919, he spent his formative years not playing Little League baseball as I did, but rather selling newspapers and hot dogs at Fenway Park in Boston. Upon his return home, his mother would hold out her apron, into which my father would pour his day's earnings. At that time, life was not so much an adventure as it was finding a job way to make money so the family could eat. His mother/my grandmother worked for a caterer, and at the end of her day, she would bring home remnants of her day's/evening's work: food that was discarded before the meal (chicken wings were not so highly regarded then as they are now.) My father/the Lourie family ate chicken wings often. And throughout his life, my father was happiest when eating chicken wings. The experience did not weaken him; it seemed to make him stronger and more grateful for what good fortune fell upon him later in life. In fact, all he ever wanted in life - aside from the obvious things, was "a hot meal and clean sheets." His upbringing and the hardships he endured seemed to simplify his life.

Another story he would tell - with a smile - was concerning the bathroom in the tenement building where he lived with his nine other family members: it was down the hall, outside of the apartment in which he lived. There was no toilet paper; toilet paper cost money, money which they didn't have. There were, however, catalogues (Sears, Montgomery Ward, etc.) that were mailed and thus were free. Tenants would cut the pages into squares and hang them in the bathroom on a nail convenient to the commode. My father never complained about this; they were too poor to complain. Occasionally though, staples were not removed from all the squares. Unfortunately, my father, like many other residents I'm sure, found out a bit too late. I imagine there was some pain and suffering, but my father always laughed when he told this story, as much for others' benefit no doubt as it was for his.

And so too do I try to make people laugh when I am asked to share my cancer stories. I do this because my father always found the humor in things. And before I realized what I was doing and/or why I was doing it, it became clear that unbeknownst to me, I had been following a family tradition and one I am most proud to be continuing. This is not to say that being diagnosed with "terminal" cancer is a wonderful opportunity to find humor and attempt to make people laugh. Nevertheless, I'm not going to be negative. After all, I am my father's son. Of that I'm positive.

One of the other things I'm super-positive about was how helpful my father would have been had he lived to see me diagnosed with cancer. He would have been my biggest booster, my 24-7 support staff, my unwavering source of encouragement, my inspiration, my up whenever I was down; a man anyone would be lucky to call dad; although I actually called him "Beez," the nickname given to him by his fellow knothole gang members (Benet was his given name). Whatever good fortune I'm able to experience going forward though, I'll do so with gratitude and the acknowledgment that none of it would have happened without having had the father I did and hearing about the life he led. Thanks for everything, "Beez." I'll see you Sunday.

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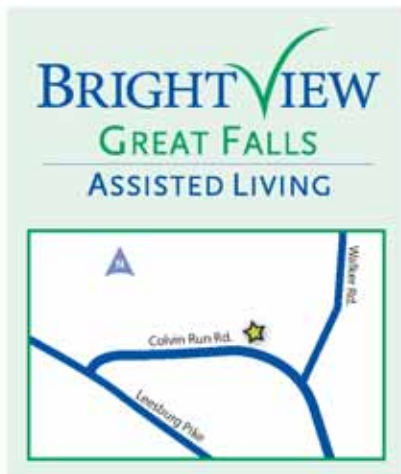
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