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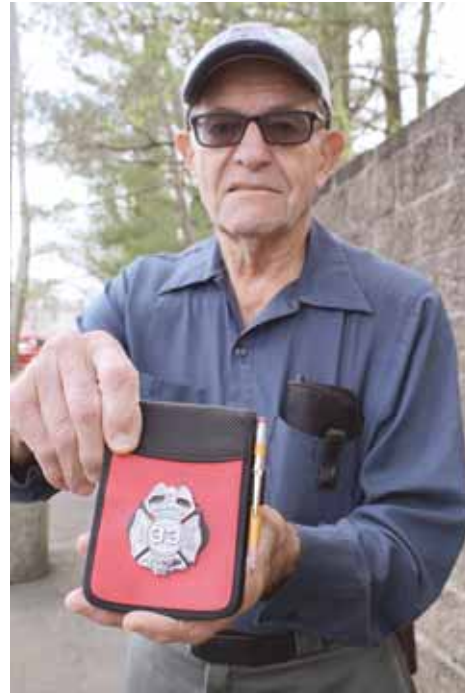
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**Glenn Curtis, a Marshall descen-
dent, was also a Fairfax County
firefighter starting in 1956 when
the county first established that as
a paid position.**



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**Lake Braddock students Areebah
Jahin and Hana Rehman are a few
of the student volunteers that
came out to help.**

Beautifying, Preserving Marshall Cemetery

**Historic Burke family grave has been
target of vandals over the years.**

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Members of the Marshall fam-
ily, Burke Historical Society
and student history group
broke out the weed trim-
mers and shovels to beautify and preserve
the Marshall Cemetery in the older part of
Burke on Saturday morning, sharing local
history in the process.

Mike Young, a Marshall descendent,
brought a sabre from the Civil War that was

passed down through from Marshall descen-
dants. As the story goes, the sabre was
found on the body of a Civil War soldier
that was wounded and crawled under the
porch of the original Marshall house that
stood on a spot not too far from the cem-
etery.

"The initials on the footstone match this,"
Young, pointing to an engraving on the sa-
bre sheath, said. The footstone he's refer-
ring to once was part of the Marshall Cem-

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**Mary Lipsey, a member of the Burke Historical Society and the Fairfax
County Cemetery Association, discusses the plan with the attendees.**

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Daycare Employee Arrested for Aggravated Sexual Battery

A 38-year-old daycare employee is facing charges for the sexual exploitation of two juveniles. FCPD Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr updated the community on the investigation. "The arrest we are about to brief you on is one that is horrific to the safety of our youth in our community. My prayers will continue to be given to the victims and their families as a predator has traumatically harmed their lives" said Chief Roessler.

On March 28, the police report they were contacted along with Child Protective Services after a child disclosed that they had been inappropriately touched by Rolly Hammond, of Burke. This investi-

gation led to an additional juvenile being identified as a victim who had been abused for several years by Hammond, according to police.

Hammond was hired as a daycare teacher with the Department of Family Services School Age Child Care (SACC) program in 2008 and worked at West Springfield Elementary School from 2008 until March 2019 and at Ravensworth Elementary School from 2007-2008. Hammond also participated in the following spring and winter break programs:

Spring Break Program:
2011 – West Springfield Elementary

2012 – Rolling Valley Elementary

2015 – West Springfield Elementary

Winter Break Program:

2015-2016 – West Springfield Elementary

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2017 -2018 – Rolling Valley Elementary

2018-2019 – Rolling Valley Elementary

Detectives would like to hear from anyone who is concerned their child may have had inappropriate contact with Hammond or if they have any form of information that will assist in our investigation.

They've set up a dedicated text-only tip line at 571-234-8055 for anyone who may have information. You can also call our Major Crimes



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Rolly Hammond

Bureau detectives at 703-246-4600.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Solvers by visiting <http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org>, or

text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES (274637). Anonymous tipsters are eligible for cash rewards of \$100 to \$1000 dollars if their information leads to an arrest.

Cemetery

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etary marking the soldier's grave that was once in the cemetery. "The house used to be right here," Young said, pointing to an area just east of the graveyard. The soldier was from New York so he was thought to a Yankee, and his body was eventually re-interred in New York.

The original Marshall house was built in 1850, and Glen Curtis, a descendant of the Marshall's was born near the house location. "I was born over there where the old house used to be," he said. He remembered too the soldier's grave. "There was a Union Civil War soldier buried in this corner," he said.

John Marshall, 1821-1892, and Mary J. Davis Marshall, 1826-1887, are some of the original Burke founders and John Marshall was the postmaster of Burke Station from 1852-1854. They are both buried in the cemetery on either side of the obelisk. There is a sign on the surrounding fence explaining the Marshall story.

Across the road where the original post office was, Curtis noted another Civil War moment. "This is where Jeb Stuart sent the telegram to the Yankees to complain about the quality of the mules captured," he said.

The historic chatter was just a sidebar to the work accomplished at the graveyard where all the underbrush was cleared and the site was neatened up. The actual gravestone was not touched though, they were leaving that for more professional hands. Three different "gravestone guardians" have been hired to remove the graffiti with limited success. It's not just as easy as splashing on some paint remover though. The stone is made of marble so it is not



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The Marshall Grave obelisk has spray painted graffiti all over it.

as durable as other gravestone materials.

The berm to the railroad line that came through Burke stands just outside the fence. Written on it were messages such as "Hell Girl," a peace sign, "Joe," "LS RIP," and "They will live forever." Lipsy pointed across the yard. "There was a marijuana leaf over there, that was taken off," she said. Defacing a gravestone is not legal and the graffiti artists could face charges.

The clean up crew consisted of several members of the Burke Historical Society, family descendants and a group of students from Lake Braddock who were part of the Historic Honor Society. Students included Amy Smith, 17; Nathalie Vadnais, 17; Areebah Johia, 16; Hana Rehmon, 16; and Emily Key, 17. "This is our first project," said Key.

There are daffodils sprouting up all over the area and those probably were planted by a gardener from another time. This perennial plant grows from bulbs. "These flowers have been coming up for years, who knows how long," Curtis said.

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