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New Hope Housing Dedicates Gartlan House

In late April, New Hope Housing dedicated one of its programs in honor of the late Virginia State Sen. Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. Several friends and Gartlan family members joined New Hope Housing staff and residents to dedicate Gartlan House, a permanent supportive housing program, located in the Groveton community, providing a home for adult men who had previously been chronically homeless.

During his long public service career, Gartlan was an ardent and effective advocate for homeless persons and persons with disabilities. He was an espe-

cially active supporter of many local agencies that provide help and support to disabled and homeless persons in the southern Fairfax County area that he represented, including serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of New Hope Housing.

New Hope Housing opened Gartlan House in spring 2008 as part of its efforts to increase supportive housing targeted to help chronically homeless persons regain permanent housing with the ongoing supports they need.

State Sen. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller (D-36) and State Del. Kristen Amundson (D-44) joined in the dedication ceremony. Puller presented a Senate Resolution honoring Gartlan and recognizing the Gartlan House dedication.



Members of the Gartlan family attend the dedication of a home for chronically homeless men.



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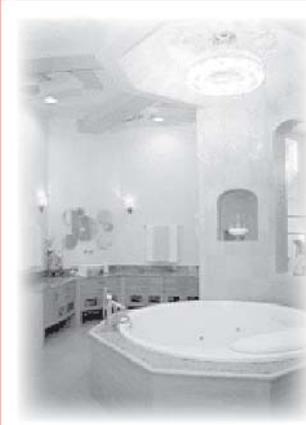


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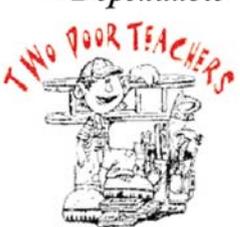






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What Are They Waiting For?

Board to vote on mall improvements, public anxious for work to get underway.

BY JULIE O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Betty Froehlich does not want to go to the Springfield Mall by herself anymore. When she visited the mall's JC Penny store May 9, it was the first time she had been to the shopping center in a year, even though she lives in nearby Burke.

Instead of Springfield Mall, Froehlich often chooses to go to the Fair Oaks Mall because the Fairfax shopping center offers more retail options and she feels safer.

Several years ago, Froehlich and her children were sitting in the Springfield Mall's food court when a fight broke out in front of them. Since then, the family has been anxious about going to the shopping center.

"There was a fight, right here, in front of us. It was very scary," said Froehlich.

It also doesn't help that many of the storefronts in Springfield Mall are vacant and that the movie theater is no longer around, said Froehlich's husband Howard as he ate in the food court.

"They took the entertainment away and the restaurants are gone. ... It is not that we don't come this direction. It is just that



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

The retail space on either side of this FootLocker at the Springfield Mall goes unfilled. The mall owners are keeping many storefronts empty on purpose because they plan to make changes at the mall site.

there is no reason for us to stop here," he said.

VORNADO REALTY TRUST is hoping to bring shoppers like the Froehlichs back to the 79-acre mall site it owns in central Springfield.

The company bought the property a little over three years ago with the hopes of transforming the traditional suburban shopping center into a transit-oriented urban hub that includes office, residential and retail tenants.

"In terms of real world examples of what the [Springfield Mall] will look like, it will probably be similar to Pentagon Row, the development adjacent to the Pentagon City Mall and Metro station," said Mark Looney, Vornado's zoning lawyer.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission already approved Vornado's rezoning application in February, which will allow for the Springfield Mall overhaul. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is expected to vote on the plans May 18.

Many supervisors said the mall decision

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— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

is not controversial and likely to pass with a unanimous vote.

"For me, this mall should have been improved years ago. ... There is nowhere I have gone in the Lee District where people have said 'Please don't improve the mall,'" said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), whose district includes the shopping center.

In fact, the Springfield Mall case is unusual because opposition to the project is almost nonexistent. Normally, Fairfax County land use cases on the scale of the Springfield Mall redevelopment draw some opponents. They can bring out residents with "not in my backyard" sentiments who worry about the impact on traffic in the area and other personal quality-of-life issues.

"What is remarkable about this application is people are not asking 'How does this affect me?' The questions and statements we are get are along the lines of 'How come you haven't started yet?'" said Looney.

"This is one of the few land use projects where everybody wants to know how quickly it is going to get done. That is everyone's first question. They want it to get done tomorrow," said Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield).

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Partners in Learning **Kirkwood Presbyterian, Lynbrook Elementary celebrate 12 years of tutoring.**

BY JACK DOWNING
KIRKWOOD PRESBYTERIAN

For the past 12 years, Kirkwood Presbyterian Church and Lynbrook Elementary School have joined in a program of weekly tutoring for students.

On May 6, the end of another successful year was celebrated with refreshments and a decorated cake in the school library after the final tutoring session of the school year. Deanna Johnson of Kirkwood presented Mary McNamee, principal of Lynbrook, with the children's book "Leprechaun Tales" in addition to a \$1,000 check for books given to all of the students in the school as part of a summer reading program.

"The entire student body benefits from the Kirkwood-Lynbrook relationship due to the generous donation given to Lynbrook," said Julie Brannan, school librarian and tutor coordinator. "We are able to purchase a book for every student in the school. Next year, we will be using the money donated

by Kirkwood to fund our new schoolwide Reading Is Fundamental program. This program will enable us to use the same money, with additional local and federal money, to provide three books for every student each school year."

At Christmas, Kirkwood presents each student being tutored a book. Kirkwood has also arranged for Lynbrook to receive a substantial donation of children's books from Pohick Regional Library after its annual book sale.

"Lynbrook Elementary School is the Home of the Leprechauns," said McNamee. "Every Wednesday during our after school tutoring program, you can feel even more magic amongst the students at Lynbrook. Tutors from Kirkwood Presbyterian church and our community very generously volunteer their precious time to work with our students to complete homework assignments, practice reading and math skills and

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Erin Bowmin, center, tutors Yocelyn Bonilla and Nancy Salazar.

Springfield Man Arrested In Undercover Operation

A year-long, undercover police operation at a shopping center in Bailey's Crossroads culminated, May 6, in 143 criminal charges, including the arrests of one Springfield man. Kwame Garnette, 18, of 6700 block of Metropolitan Center Drive, Springfield, was charged with transporting and distributing stolen property. Garnette has a June 10 court date.

Operation Build America was launched in May 2008 to better understand the criminal activity taking place in and around the Build America Shopping Center in the 3800 block of South George Mason Drive. Community concerns of illegal activities in the shopping center, coupled with indicators that crime was in the upswing, were the catalysts for the operation.

According to Fairfax County Police, the investigation successfully infiltrated several criminal organizations and businesses operating around the center. Undercover police officers identified nearly 40 people suspected of criminal activity ranging from property crimes to crimes of violence. The undercover operation successfully recovered stolen firearms and illegal narcotics, including cocaine and marijuana.

Kings Park School Expansion Part of Fall Bond Referendum

When voters go to the polls for Virginia's gubernatorial race this fall, they will also choose whether to fund a new group of schools construction and renovation projects, through \$232,580,000 worth of bonds.

The bond referendum includes money for a building addition to Kings Park Elementary School.

Both the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board approved a list of projects that would be benefited by the bond on the voter's ballot Nov. 3.

Money from the bond would also be used to cover the construction of a new South County Middle School (\$50 million), renovation of Marshall High School (\$100 million) and planning for the renovation of Sandburg Middle School (\$2.5 million).

Building expansions are not just limited to Kings Park. The school system wants the bond to pay for \$9.75 million in extra modular classrooms and \$40.76 million in building additions overall.

Those building besides Kings Park that are expected to receive structural additions are Cunningham Park, Lynbrook, West Springfield, Woodley Hills, Springfield Estates, Spring Hill and Crestwood elementary schools as well as Whitman Middle School.

The school system said it needs the extra modular classrooms and building capacity to address higher student enrollment. School officials said the number of students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools has increased by 5,200 students over the past two years and will continue to grow in the future.

Some county officials, including Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield), have questioned whether the school system's projections on growing enrollment over the next few years are correct. Herrity is skeptical that the number of students attending Fairfax County Public Schools would continue to increase dramatically.

By 2013, school officials predict 50 schools would be over building capacity by 10 percent and 31 schools would be over building capacity by 20 percent. School officials said the nine schools slated to receive building additions could not address their capacity problems through other means, such as school boundary adjustments.

During deliberations over which projects to fund through the bond, School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) did attempt to eliminate South County Middle School from the construction list. His motion failed.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

NEWS



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Andrea Gagnon of Lynnvale Studios sells flower arrangements at the Kingstowne Farmers Market on May 8.

Fresh Taste of Spring

Weekly Farmers Market returns to Kingstowne Town Center.

Shoppers looking for farm-fresh produce need look no further than the Kingstowne Town Center. Every Friday, from 4-8 p.m., the Fairfax County Park Authority's Farmers Market is open at the Town Center near the Sunoco Gas Station. The market will be open through Oct. 23.

The Park Authority has many Farmers Markets open around the area, including one at Wakefield Park and another in Lorton. The Wakefield Park Farmers Market is open Wednesdays, 2-6 p.m., through Oct. 28. The Lorton Farmers Market is open Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 25, in the VRE parking lot.

For a full list of Farmers Markets, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm.



Erin Rogers of Kingstowne shops for a variety of plants on the opening day of the Kingstowne Farmers Market on Friday, May 8. The market is opened each Friday from 4-8 p.m.

Mom & Me

Maryn Soroka and her mother Ellen Soroka of Springfield spend the day together at Central Park in New York during a visit to the city to see 'Jersey Boys'.



Mall Plan Moves On

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Herrity and others said one of the reasons people are so supportive of project has to do with the current rundown and empty state of the mall.

According to Looney, nearly 50 percent of the mall's retail slots are empty. People also have safety concerns about the mall, particularly after a middle-aged woman was abducted from one of the shopping center's parking lot in the middle of the day last September.

"The mall was part of the community. It was a part of the community where I grew up. Now, people are afraid to go there," said Herrity, who attended West Springfield High School.

Springfield Mall is the most convenient large shopping center for many people living in McKay's district, but the supervisor knows many of his residents go to the Pentagon City Mall instead.

"That means we are losing sales tax revenue to Arlington. ... There are a whole lot of reasons I want people to come back to the Springfield Mall," said McKay.

VORNADO'S UPGRADE of the mall includes several changes to the existing shopping center's interior that would address safety problems and concerns, said McKay.

The new Springfield Mall would have better artificial and natural lighting. The openings from the upstairs floor to the downstairs floor would also be widened and allow for more visibility.

With its renovation, Springfield Mall would also attract new and higher-quality retail tenants, according to the Lee District supervisor.

"You can only put so many police officers into a mall and expect to have success. The single most important thing we can do to improve safety at the mall is to improve the quality of tenants. We need to bring in the people who have buying power. ... One

of the safety problems there is that you don't have foot traffic in certain parts of the mall," said McKay.

ACCORDING TO MCKAY and Herrity, the Springfield Mall has the potential to rival any other major shopping center in the region, including Tysons Corner, which is the single largest source of sales tax revenue in Virginia.

Located just east of the Springfield Mixing Bowl, the shopping center is at the crossroads of Northern Virginia's two busiest corridors, the Capital Beltway and Interstate 95. The mall is also in close proximity to two major transit hubs, an asset that is the envy of several other more successful malls in Fairfax County.

"Springfield already has Metro, [Virginia Railway Express] and one of the most extensive bus networks in Northern Virginia. It already has everything we are trying to get in Tysons Corner," said Herrity.

Central Springfield, where the mall is located, also has quick access to the Pentagon, National Airport and Fort Belvoir, which is set to be one of the region's largest job centers following completion of the Base Realignment And Closure process.

"People don't think of Springfield as being close to the Pentagon. It is right between the Pentagon and Fort Belvoir, making in prime real estate for the government contracting community," said Herrity.

The ability to attract government contractors and firms to the area was one of the things Lee District planning commissioner Rodney Lusk considered when reviewing the Springfield Mall project.

"[The new mall] will be a valuable amenity to the government contractors that might locate in Springfield. It will provide an amenity base for them to shop and eat. ... It will make it more likely that they will locate in the office space adjacent to the mall," said Lusk.

To Learn More

Vornado Realty Trust, owner of the Springfield Mall, has set up a Web site about the Springfield Mall redevelopment at www.springfieldtowncenter.com.

Church, School Partnership

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encourage our students to do their best every day. This is a program that is so valuable to our students and we greatly appreciate the time and energy our tutors give weekly to support our student's academic, social and emotional growth." "I can see that the relationship between the tutors and students benefits both," said Brannan. "Teachers have told me that the students that participate in tutoring show improvement in their academic skill as well as their attitude toward learning."

The tutors are members of the Kirkwood congregation who devote an hour a week after school as volunteers to help students with their schoolwork. Regular tutors include tutor coordinator Jack Downing, Linda Warren, Steve Suetterlein, Wally Benham, Donna Ross, Bob Hemm, Amy Schindler, Helen Keim, Claire Schlinder, Erin Bowman, Cliff and JoAnn Collins and Paul Gebhardt'sbauer. Other Kirkwood members, including Marty Wessman and Bill Olin, have tutored part-time. Each year, McNamee starts the school year with an address to the church congregation on the importance of tutoring and appealing for continued support by Kirkwood. The appeal is always answered.

The tutoring provided by the Kirkwood members assists the students in learning the principles being taught in the classroom. Because it is one-on-one, the student receives the full attention of the tutor and the interaction between the two extends over a longer period than the classroom teacher can normally give. The subjects cover math, history, spelling, geography and especially reading, which is valuable because many of the students come from a foreign country and speak another language at home.

"Not being a teacher, I really didn't know what to expect when I started tutoring at Lynbrook this year," said Linda Warren, a tutor. "Although I had to buy a math book to refresh my math skills, I think I ended up getting as much out of tutoring as my student did. He's a neat little guy who told me he'd like to be an architect someday. It was a joy to see his face light up when he'd 'get' a concept or when he'd finish a problem before I did. I would encourage anyone who has an hour a week to give tutoring a try."

Two of the tutors from Kirkwood are in the eighth grade at Washington Irving Middle School and receiving school credit for community service. About her experience, Helen Kiem said, "Tutoring was a great experience. It felt good to be able to help my student."

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Five Clifton Houses Open Their Doors

Annual homes tour, boutique, silent auction, art show raises money for local charities.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Gracious homes, shopping, artwork and an auction are in store Thursday, May 21, for attendees of the 37th annual Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace.

From 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., five Clifton-area homes will open their doors to the public, and a marketplace in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall and in Clifton Presbyterian Church will run from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The town hall will host a boutique and silent auction, and the church will house an art show featuring paintings and framed photographs by local, women artists.

"We have five, very diverse homes — a nice cross-section — and every one of them has a story to tell," said event Chairman Linda Beckman. "There's a farmhouse, one of the oldest buildings in Clifton, a Civil War-era home, one owned by a POW and one filled with beautiful antiques. Some of them started as one room and were added onto, several times, and it's fun to see the evolution over 150-200 years. The tour gives people an intimate look at these homes in Clifton and Fairfax Station, and docents give guided tours of each."

Advance tickets are \$20; on tour day, \$25; single-home admission, \$10. Admission to non-tour activities is free. To order tickets by mail, send checks to: CCWC, P.O. Box 229, Clifton, VA 20124. Pick up ordered

tickets at Will Call in the Town Hall on tour day.

Advance tickets are also available at The Clifton Store, Adler's Art and Frame in the Colonnade at Union Mill, The Flower Gallery in Manassas, 5 Star Salon or Picket Fence in Burke, Judy Ryan in the Twinbrooke Centre in Fairfax and Banner's Hallmark in Centreville. For more information, see www.CliftonCWC.org or call Beckman at 703-266-0213.

"This is the CCWC's major fundraiser," said Beckman. "All the net proceeds go to our Charitable Trust Fund for scholarships for GMU and NOVA. This year, we'll also be giving a scholarship to a senior at Fairfax High. So not only will people have a fun and entertaining day, but they'll also give back to charity."

Over the past five years, the Trust has distributed more than \$100,000 for scholar-

ships and to local charities including Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding, Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, Bethany House Women's Shelter and various food banks.

Nine vendors at the boutique will offer items including home décor, food, clothing and jewelry. The CCWC's cookbook, "May I Have that Recipe?" will be available at the town hall and at one of the homes. The silent auction will feature an array of some 70 items, ranging from restaurant gift certificates to four Washington Redskins club-seat tickets, plus parking — a \$1,000 value. Winners need not be present to win.

"There'll be a bake sale on the front porch of the town hall, so we hope people will have lunch at a restaurant in town and stop by here for dessert," said Beckman. "We're also serving lemonade and cookies in the garden of the Jennings-Prillaman home."

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CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/MAY 14

Redemption Thursdays. 8 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Live reggae music all night. Ages 18 and up. Tickets: \$5/advance, \$7/at door. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 15

Lorton Community Action Center Fund-Raiser Tournament. 3 p.m., at Pohick Bay Golf Course, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Course closed for tournament, which is sponsored by and benefits the LCAC. For

more information on tournament sign ups and the LCAC, visit www.lortonaction.org. 703-339-8585.

Bella Morte. 9 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ego Likeness, Middle Child Syndrome and Blind Til Now will perform. Tickets: \$15/advance, \$18/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT for tickets.

Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza presented by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra. 8:15 p.m., at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will feature Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major" with Natasha Bogachev, violin, and Zino Bogachek, viola; tribute by Robert Aubrey Davis. Seniors and groups, \$12; adults, \$18; advance purchase, seniors and groups, \$10; adults, \$15. All students admitted free. 703-758-0179.

Complementary reception will follow. Additional information is available at www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

Train Show. HO and N-scale model trains will be running 12-5 p.m., in the community room and the caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. \$2/adults and \$1/child. 703-425-9225. www.fairfax-station.org.

Recession-proof Advocacy: Leveraging Your Pro-Arts Message, a seminar for the arts community featuring Jay H. Dick, Americans for the Arts' director of State and Local Government Affairs, 10:30-12 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

Clifton Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Weaver House. For more information, contact Trisha Robertson at 703-815-0992 or

rtrishr@gmail.com.

Invasive Plant Removal. Join Invasive Management Area (IMA) volunteer site leader in preserving a natural meadow area 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Pohick Stream Valley. Participants younger than 15 must be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 703-324-8681.

Wonderful Web of Life. Enjoy relaxation exercises, walk to the observation tower and practice basic yoga positions while hearing, seeing and feeling the world around you 8-10 a.m., at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per adult. To reserve, call 703-768-2525.

Exercise Paddle Adventure. 4:30 p.m. to sunset, Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations are required. Paddle trip with interval training and endurance. General good health

required. Must be 18 or older. Kayak experience necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations.

Murder in Movieland. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet colorful Hollywood characters, gather evidence and figure out whodunit. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Multicultural Celebration of Dance and Canned Food Drive. 12-3 p.m., at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Presented by the School-Age Child Care Program. Free.

Up In Smoke Fest. 1:15 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Emmure, A Life Once Lost and Thy Will Be Done headline a festival featuring 11 bands. Tickets: \$13/advance, \$15/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT

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CALENDAR



Winners' Concert

Christopher Yi, co-winner for the first place award in the May 3 Youth Music Competition sponsored by the Alexandria Performing Arts Association, will be a featured violinist in the May 17 Winners' Concert at the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. Schwartz is a ninth grade student at West Springfield High School in Springfield. He is also the concertmaster of the Lake Braddock Chamber Orchestra. The concert, free to the public and sponsored by the Alexandria Performing Arts Association, begins at 4 p.m.

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for tickets.

Herb Festival. Learn to grow and use fresh herbs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Heather Hill Gardens, 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Meet magazine editor Barbara Jacksier who will lead planting and cooking demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. Rain date May 17. 703-690-6060, www.heatherhillgardens.com.

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Architecture in the Afternoon Tours. Discover the stunning architecture of George Mason's home. 2 p.m., at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. This 90-minute tour explores the mansion's exterior and interior. For the first time this tour features the cellar. Find out why Gunston Hall's carpenter-joiner William Buckland and master carver William Bernard Sears continue to be highly regarded. Regular admission. Friends free. Adults and children over 12. 703-550-9220.

1759 Conversations: Establishing Gunston Hall. 3:30- 4:30 p.m., at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Encounter a member of the household, portrayed by a re-enactor, and learn about the origins of the Gunston Hall community. Regular admission. Friends free. 703-550-9220.

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Looking To Give 'Full 80'

Three area soccer teams advance to Northern Region tournament.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Facing a Patriot District quarterfinal matchup with West Springfield on Monday, May 11, the Lee boys' soccer team picked an opportune time to play its first complete contest of the season, an effort that second-year coach Marvin Sim called "a full 80."

"Everyone played within the structure that the coaches gave them," Sim said.

Thanks to Mulu Asihel's goal in the 43rd minute of play, which came off of an assist from Wali Eshaqzai, Lee was rewarded with a 1-0 win, as the Lancers will advance to the Northern Region tournament for the second time in as many seasons.

Lee (4-8-1) also played host to Hayfield on Wednesday night, but that game ended after this edition went to press. Hayfield, meanwhile, earned a 1-0 upset of Lake Braddock on Monday to earn its own berth in the region tournament.

Monday's upset of the Spartans (6-7-1) was not perfect. With about 10 minutes to play, a defensive

lapse left West Springfield's Bayron Gudiel alone on the back post but his attempt sailed wide of the goal.

Still, the confidence gained from such a victory has been immeasurable, according to Kim. The team has finally realized the completeness required to win, and it has given Lee's coaching staff a certain amount of credibility with the message they've been trying to deliver.

"The team is confident," Sim said. "They know they're better than what their record shows."

THE GIRLS' soccer team at West Springfield can be described as an offensive juggernaut, as the Spartans had scored 46 goals in 14 goals through Wednesday morning, which works out to an average of about 3.8 per contest.

West Springfield has also been rather stingy. In those 14 games, goalkeeper Beth Ann Nowak has allowed all of four goals, with only one such tally since March 17. So while attaching a

reputation to West Springfield (11-1-2) might start to seem necessary, first-year coach J.T. Alukonis would agree with only one label for her players.

"I would identify them as a team because they really do play together and everyone is on the same page," said Alukonis, whose team squared off with Annandale Wednesday after this edition went to press.

The defensive wall of Lauren Sipple, Danielle

"The team is confident. They know they're better than what their record shows."

—**Marvin Sim, coach, Lee High**

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PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

West Springfield sophomore Danielle O'Brien has helped a Spartan defense that has allowed only one goal since March 27.

With District Title, Spartans Eye Upset

Spartan lacrosse laying low, hoping to surprise in region tournament.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

From the beginning of the season, West Springfield boys' lacrosse coach Scott Settar knew that he had a complete team. Maybe even one capable of snapping the school's decade-long streak of not winning a Northern Region tournament game.

The Spartans have several players capable of scoring from anywhere on the field and a long line of distributors with which to work. Of course, Settar didn't let his mind wander to that point, but he had confidence in his team nonetheless.

Seventeen games later, Settar's dream became reality.

After capturing the Patriot District title with a 16-10 win over Annandale last Friday, West Springfield (14-3) barreled past Yorktown on Tuesday, 15-5, winning a first-round regional tournament game for the first team in at least 10 years, according to anyone's recollection at the school.

"Hopefully we can sneak up on one of these teams."

—**Scott Settar, coach, West Springfield High**



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With a 16-10 win over Annandale Friday, May 8, the West Springfield boys' lacrosse team (14-3), captured its first Patriot District title since 2007.

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SPORTS



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During a 5-0 win over Lee on Monday, West Springfield's Jessie Gonzalez scored her 12th goal of the season. As of Wednesday morning, the Spartans had 46 goals in 14 games.

3 Local Teams in Tournament

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O'Brien, Maggie McGavin and Paige Babel have been chiefly responsible for keeping West Springfield's opponents scoreless, while Amalya Clayton (13 goals) and Jessie Gonzalez (12 goals) have provided the offense.

During the Spartans' 5-0 win over Hayfield in the

district quarterfinals, two new names appeared on the score sheet. Tina Rader and Mariah Peters both got on the board for the first time this year, giving West Springfield a well-rounded attack.

"We've shown that we can score a lot of goals," Alukonis said, "but we've also shown that if we don't score a lot of goals, we can also hold the other team off the scoreboard and get a victory."

W. Springfield Patriot Champs

FROM PAGE 8

Though Settar said his team has operated under the David-versus-Goliath model all season, the Spartans are starting to look more like the big guy than the little one throwing stones.

"We've been trying to play the 'card' as long as we can," said Settar, whose team will now host W.T. Woodson on Thursday night in the region quarterfinals. "The longer it takes us to get recognized, the better. Hopefully, we can sneak up on one of these teams."

THOSE TEAMS to which Settar alluded reside in the Concorde and Liberty districts, which have long been the class of the Northern Region lacrosse landscape. In the past six Virginia AAA state championship games, two Concorde teams have been featured in each one.

With Langley (Liberty champion), Madison and W.T. Woodson having their typical, successful years too, the Liberty District's depth does not fall far below that of the Concorde, if at all.

By playing the card, as Settar said, he's hoping that his team could fly under the radar as long as possible, though beating Annandale by six goals in the district final doesn't exactly help the cause.

"I think that helps our kids get ready in the offseason and in practice," Settar said. "They have something to prove."

Despite an 8-5 win for the Spartans during the regular season on March 30, Settar said his team struggled to adjust to Annandale's inverted attack last Friday, which pushed his long-pole defenders outside of their comfort zone.

So after the first quarter, Settar shifted into a zone defense for the rest of the game, holding Annandale to only three goals in the next 36 minutes.

As has been the case all season, West Springfield's offense came from everywhere, with nine different players scoring goals. Hayden Angulo and Zach Hart led the charge with three goals apiece, while Eric Schauder added six assists.

"Our kids didn't hang their heads, they stuck with it," said Settar of the school's first district title since 2007. "It was a nice win for everybody."



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OPINION

Money, Money, Money

Virginia places no limits on donations; It's time for change.

Would-be big donors to presidential candidates over the last election cycle know that on the federal level, there are strict limits to how much one donor can give to a candidate: \$2,400 per election to a Federal candidate or the candidate's campaign committee. The limit applies separately to each election, so including the primary and general election, one person could give \$4,800 to one candidate.

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Make Use of Disclosure

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you want to any candidate for office in Virginia. So can businesses, political action committees and advocacy groups.

Just five states, Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Virginia, place no limits on contributions at all, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. The only requirement in Virginia is that all contributions of \$100 or more must be disclosed.

EDITORIAL

Individuals and businesses have contributed in remarkable fashion to the four candidates vying to be Virginia's next governor, the presumed Republican nominee, former Attorney General Robert McDonnell (R), and three Democrats who will face off in a June 9 primary, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D), Central Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) and former head of the Democratic National Committee Terry McAuliffe of McLean.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe had raised a total of \$5.16 million for his campaign as of March 31. Moran had collected \$2.95 million and Deeds had garnered \$2.15 million for their respective campaigns by the same deadline.

McDonnell had raised \$5.14 million by the

More Than \$15 Million

By the end of March, candidates for governor in Virginia had raised more than \$15 million between them. The three Democrats face off in a June 9 primary; the winner of the Democratic primary will face Republic Robert McDonnell on Nov. 3.

- ❖ Terry McAuliffe (D) \$5.16 million
- ❖ Robert McDonnell (R) \$5.14 million
- ❖ Brian Moran (D) \$2.95 million
- ❖ Creigh Deeds (D) \$2.15 million

end of March, though he has spent less than the other campaigns because the Republican does not face a primary opponent.

Three of the four candidates for governor in Virginia could have, in their time in the General Assembly, worked for sensible campaign finance reform. Is it meaningful now for these candidates to complain about the fourth candidate's ability to raise huge amounts of money from many sources?

Virginia ranks among the best states in disclosure, but disclosure itself is not enough. The next governor should propose sensible limits on political contributions.

Meanwhile, voters should recognize the importance of the June 9 primary, and the November general election.

— MARY KIMM

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What We're Up Against

Delegates from rural areas making decisions on issues concerning Fairfax County.

BY DEL. DAVID MARSDEN
D-41

The structure of the Virginia House of Delegates presents challenges for the delegates that represent Fairfax County. The membership of a number of committees is configured to ensure that bills important to our county are heard predominately by individuals who are indifferent to urban and suburban issues.

I have over 30 years of experience in juvenile justice and have made a life long commitment to child safety. As a result, the Gang Unit in Fairfax County approached me to introduce legislation that would prohibit the concealed carry of air soft guns (bb guns and pellet guns). Youth gang members are taking them to school and in some instances, such as in Chesterfield County, have committed armed robbery using these weapons. Some pellet guns can be configured to propel an object by the force of air to almost lethal proportions and they look exactly like real handguns. Together, the Fairfax Gang Unit and I discussed the need to make concealing these weapons, which propel projectiles faster than 350 feet per second, illegal in the Commonwealth without a concealed weapons permit.

When I introduced this bill, HB 2227, it was referred to the Committee on Militia, Police, and Public Safety. The bill was heard in front of three rural members of the House of Delegates who sit on the subcommittee. These members, who do not have gang problems in their districts, do not see that the misuse of these weapons represents the possibility of serious permanent injury or death, not to mention the intimidation these weapons presents.

COMMENTARY

It was of no concern to them that these weapons are dangerous in the hands of gang members and, under Virginia law, are currently defined as "toys." No one made a motion on the bill, and with little recognition of the problem these guns create in suburban communities, the bill died in committee.

Unfortunately, these dangerous weapons can still be concealed legally in Virginia. If caught concealing one in school, a child might face a suspension or expulsion but could not be arrested or charged with an offensive.

This issue is not going away in Fairfax County, and I hope to work with members across the aisle and across the state to find a solution. Public safety is too important to let this issue be dropped.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men Not Immune To Breast Cancer

To the Editor:

Breast Cancer occurs in 1 percent of men and is often overlooked, delaying diagnosis. In 30 years of practice as a dermatologist, I have diagnosed three breast cancers in males by biopsy of a suspicious lesion. Currently, I am fighting with Medicare to cover a claim of a biopsy of a breast cancer in a male. They have not paid it because they claim "the diagnosis is inconsistent with the patient's sex".

I bring this to everyone's attention for two reasons. First, breast cancer does occur in 1 percent of men. It is often overlooked delaying diagnosis and worsening prognosis. Second, I am concerned that in this environment of "reforming healthcare," as a means of cost cutting, if reimbursement for these important procedures is already being denied, what will happen when health care is rationed!?

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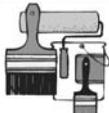
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Clifton Homes Tour May 21

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Graine-Evans Home

Dating to 1771, the Chapel Street home of Robin Graine and Michael Evans is the oldest building in Clifton. During the Civil War, it housed Union Gen. John Pope. The floors are of burnished, heart pine and the cozy dining room has a stone fireplace, plus ancient timbers and beams. It's definitely a warm and welcoming home for their family, and artwork done by Robin's mother adorns the walls.

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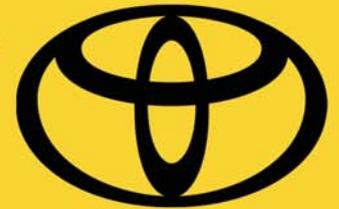
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