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Grassroots Government 101
First Braddock ‘Citizen Governance Conference’ draws future decision-makers.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

Sitting in a conference room discussing issues such as land use, aging and transportation may not seem like the perfect way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon. But the opportunity to have a voice in the future of the Braddock district drew nearly 75 residents to the first Citizen Governance Conference, hosted by Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) at Frost Achievement Finance Park on May 5.

“This is exciting to think you can have input in the direction of your community,” said Edie Kasper, a resident who attended the conference to learn more about land use and environmental issues.

“This conference is designed to make you a decision-maker on the course of Braddock’s future,” Cook told participants. “My goal is develop the Braddock philosophy, not the John Cook philosophy.”

Each attendee received a three-ring binder filled with more than 100 pages of facts, figures, and maps about Fairfax County and the Braddock district.

THE MORNING SESSION included a review of the current comprehensive land use and transportation plans for Braddock, and a panel discussion that featured Rob Jackson of the McLean Citizen’s Association and Suzette Kern, who represented the Lee District Budget Committee.

Anne Cahill, Fairfax County’s demographer, gave a presentation on the Braddock District’s demographic characteristics, providing charts illustrating how the Braddock District compared to Fairfax County’s other eight magisterial districts on a number of fronts — from the median age and market value housing to racial and ethnic diversity.

Based on figures from the 2010 U.S. Census, the Braddock District is 55.6 percent residential, compared to the Sully district, which is 35.8 percent residential because of a cluster of commercial and industrial sites. The Mount Vernon district has the least amount of residential space (24.6 percent), owing to the Fort Belvoir complex and the Route 1 commercial corridor.

By contrast, the Dranesville district, which includes the wealthy suburbs of McLean and Great Falls, has the most residential development — nearly 65 percent — as well as the highest median market value of homes at $660,463. Braddock’s median home value is $422,299, close to Fairfax County’s median home value of $429,155.

“We specifically designed the first half of the conference to provide context and background information that will help create Braddock’s new citizen-government structure,” Cook said.

Evan Braff, with the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services, facilitated the brainstorming session on Braddock’s future during the afternoon session.

During the second half of the conference, attendees picked one of five breakout sessions that covered a specific policy area: Land Use and Environmental Management, Transportation, Aging in Braddock, Education, and the Fairfax County Budget.

“It was impressed by how comprehensive it was,” said Kathy Khair of Herndon High School, who organized the event. Now in its 11th year, the Day Prom was conceived by two teachers at Herndon High School: Chris Piscarelli and Anna Albsta, and four schools attended. This year, 179 students from eight schools participated in the three- and-a-half hour event: Herndon High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, Westfield High School, Lake Braddock High School, Centreville High School, South Lakes High School and Centreville High School.

Lake Braddock student Emmanuel Terkper dances with teacher Christine Raeuber at the “Day Prom” organized by Herndon High School and held in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

**Day Prom at Waterford**

On Thursday May 3, Herndon High School hosted a very special prom at the Waterford at Oak Oaks in Fairfax. Called the “Day Prom,” the event is held for students with special needs that might not be able to attend their general education prom. “It is also a learning event. Students get a socialization experience and practice skills that will transfer to any social or family event, from the RSVP to how to dress, to how to behave, dancing, eating and interacting with new people,” said Kathy Khair of Herndon High School, who organized the event.

In the three- and-a-half hour event: Herndon High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, Westfield High School, Lake Braddock High School, Centreville High School, South Lakes High School and Centreville High School.

Fairfax High School students Amal Saleh (left) and Natalia Lopez take a breather during the “Day Prom.”
County Launches Project To Combat Lyme Disease

Twenty feeding stations set up in two parks as part of three-year study.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

After an unseasonably warm winter, Fairfax County health officials are bracing for a proliferation of tick infestations as well as a potential surge in new cases of Lyme disease.

Lyme disease, which is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick, has been on the rise in Fairfax County in the past decade.

“Northern Virginia is ground zero for Lyme disease,” said Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10). “Anything that we can do to raise awareness and educate people is critically important.”

This year, Fairfax County has a new tool in the arsenal to fight Lyme disease. In March, the county set up 20 deer feeding stations—five in Hemlock Overlook Regional Park in Clifton, and 15 in Sully Woodlands in Chantilly— that use corn to bait deer and treat the deer with a pesticide to kill ticks before they infect humans.

**THE FEEDING STATIONS**, called “4-Poster” deer treatment stations, are part of a pilot study to control tick infestations on white-tailed deer at two test sites in the county using a “4-Poster” deer treatment station technology.

According to Jeremy Everitts, an environmental technician in the county’s Wildlife Biologist Office, a total of four posts that resemble paint rollers are placed on the corners of the station next to two shallow feeding troughs.

The posts are saturated with a pesticide (10 percent permethrin) used to kill ticks on the deer. “A deer rubs its head and neck against the rollers as it lowers its head to the trough to feed on the corn at the station,” said Everitts. “This direct contact results in a self-application of the pesticide on the deer. The pesticide is further spread on the deer’s body during regular grooming activity.”

Everitts emphasized that the “4-Poster” pilot study is a tick control study only, not a tick transmitted disease control or prevention study.

The Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist’s Office is conducting the study to see if the pesticide will reduce transmission of ticks to humans and to research the practicality of the feedings stations. The three-year study on controlling tick infestations will run until 2015 and will cost about $380,000, according to county officials.

It’s a program that Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) has been lobbying for since 2009 when he hosted a joint town hall symposium on Lyme disease with Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Wolf that drew more than 200 people.

“It’s about time we got this program started,” Herrity said. “The Board of Supervisors approved the project in 2009.”

Herrity said he became concerned about the prevalence of Lyme disease after hearing from many of his constituents afflicted with the disease.

“We have an epidemic that we’re largely ignoring,” he said.

Jeremy Everitts and Christina Bankert, with the Fairfax County Wildlife Biologist Office, show Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), one of the 4-poster deer bait stations at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park in Clifton on Monday, May 7. Herrity was instrumental in getting the deer bait stations up and running at the parks. “My hope is that we get through the pilot program, and get them on golf courses and other areas where there are concentrations of ticks,” Herrity said.

**What to Do if Bitten**

- Don’t panic.
- Gently pull the tick straight out by grabbing the tick as close to the skin as possible with tweezers.
- Place the tick in a bottle or bag labeled with the patient’s name, address and date the tick was removed.
- Have the tick identified and tested by a lab, health department or veterinarian.
- Seek immediate treatment if tick tests positive for Lyme disease.

Sources: The National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association, Fairfax County Health Department

According to Fairfax County Health Department officials, 260 cases of Lyme disease were reported in Fairfax County in 2009, a record high. Officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that 900 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Virginia in 2009, a number the CDC acknowledges could be ten times higher due to under-reporting and inaccurate diagnostic tests.

**IN 2011**, the number dropped to 146 reported cases in Fairfax County.

But Herrity said he expects this year to be as bad or worse than 2009. “It’s been a mild, dry winter, and I can already tell from being out in the woods that (ticks) are proliferating.”

A deer tick takes about 36 hours to transmit Lyme disease, according to the CDC. The longer the disease goes undiagnosed and untreated, the greater the chances are for brain, heart and joint problems.

“For Swine Flu, we went on full red-alert, but more people are afflicted with Lyme disease, and it’s time we take it seriously,” Herrity said.

On Sunday, May 6, George Mason University’s Habitat for Humanity chapter held their first annual Nat Bresler Memorial 5k on George Mason’s Fairfax campus.

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Around 30 a.m., runners of all ages crowded around the start line in front of the Center for the Arts building and prepared for an exhilarating three mile run around George Mason University’s Fairfax campus.

The race was in honor of Nathaniel Bresler, one of the officers who founded George Mason’s Habitat chapter in 2010. Nat Bresler was an influential member of the George Mason community and devoted a great amount of time and energy to developing the chapter and advocating for Habitat for Humanity. All who knew Nat knew that he was a strong voice and advocate for not only Habitat for Humanity but for many of the social injustices in the world.

Nat’s family was highly involved in the success of the 5k and came down from their hometown in New Hampshire to help out, run in the race and remember their son. Nat’s father, Jon Bresler, briefly spoke at the race about Nat and thanked everyone for coming out saying, “This is a very emotional day for our family, and we could not think of a better way to celebrate our son.”

George Mason’s Habitat Chapter began in the spring of 2010 and has since been in affiliation with HabitatNOVA, the Habitat for Humanity branch of Northern Virginia. Rachel Crowley of HabitatNOVA spoke at the race about Habitat’s success in helping families of Northern Virginia and thanked GMU Habitat for helping to contribute to the 83 houses that have been built.

The proceeds from the race will provide support for both HabitatNOVA and the Nat Bresler Memorial Fund. This fund will be used to award grants to three students who ex...
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Nat Bresler Remembered

Willis Glenn Wright, R.Ph, of Fairfax, formerly of Alexandria, died on April 23, 2012. Beloved husband of 10 years to Ruth J. Montllor. Loving father of William “Addison” Wright (Mala) and Edward H. Wright (Diane). Cherished grandfather of Ashley Carrie, William “Glenn”, John Savage “Jay”, and Emma Addison Wright. Mr. Wright is also survived by his former spouse Patricia Sue (nee Hurst) Wright. He was predeceased by his brothers Robert E. and Kenneth L. Wright. Mr. Wright was the former owner of Claremont Drugs in Alexandria. He then became the pharmacist at the Goodwin House until his retirement. A Celebration of his Life was held on Sunday, April 29, at the Everly Funeral Home, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Save the Children. www.savethechildren.org. Flowers, gifts and the guest register may be found at www.everlyfuneralhomes.com.

Obituary

Willis Glenn Wright of Fairfax Dies

empify Nat’s strong willed personality and enthusiasm for change. GMU
Habitat plans to give this grant annually to three members who will take part in the chapter’s Habitat for Humanity International Global Village Trip.

Overall, the first annual Nat Bresler Memorial 5k brought in about 115 participants. The race was organized through active.com and Amazing Race Timing who supplied ChronoTrack chip timing for the racers. After the race a delicious lunch was provided by Al-Maza, a Lebanese restaurant located in Fairfax City. In addition to the run/walk there were events for children, including face painting, and prizes and awards were given to the top two winners from each age group for both males and females. GMU Habitat for Humanity looks forward to seeing even more people out for next year’s 5k.

For more info about HabitatNOVA visit http://www.habitatnova.org/?page_id=2
For more info about Global Village visit http://www.habitat.org/gv/

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Promoting ‘Citizen Governance’

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said resident Mark O'Meara, a Robinson Secondary School’s Athletic Boosters, who was interested in the education committee.

“This is one of the most exciting things to happen in Braddock in a long time,” said Jan Hedentiemi, a Tysons Task Force member and Braddock resident, who led the breakout session on land use and environmental management.

“You will have a say in what Braddock looks like in the future,” Hedentiemi told participants of the land use session, clearly the most popular breakout session with more than 30 attendees. “We’re on the cusp of developing the means to help the Supervisor get informed and comprehensive input on land use and environmental management.

“I want to foster a group that will develop expertise in land use issues,” he said. “I don’t think I should establish (land-use) policy or approach. It should be residents of the district.”

Cook said an upswing in land use applications in the district was a motivating factor for holding the conference: His office has seen a spike in residential in-fill development applications, where developers seek to add small numbers of homes in still undeveloped lots. In addition to residential development, the new part of the Braddock district, along Lee Highway from Shirley Gate to the Fairfax County Government Center, includes a swath of high-end commercial development.

Fairfax Corner - a mixed-use development that offers main-street style shopping, local boutiques, trendy restaurants, offices space and residential real estate - is the type of development that brings opportunities and challenges.

“Fairfax Corner has significant land use activity,” Cook said, adding that while commercial development increases the economic base and adds jobs, it also creates traffic congestion and impacts the environment, particularly storm water management issues.

COOK SAID HIS GOAL WAS to establish a committee with a non-partisan, rational approach to land use and environmental management for the coming decade. “Our new Braddock Land Use committee will have citizens review these applications, develop expertise in land use law and policy, and over time, establish a ‘Braddock-style’ approach to land use,” Cook said.

Kiel Stone, Cook’s chief of staff, said a lot of the “nuts and bolts” issues still need to be determined. “At the end of the day, there was vibrant communication and this conference will enhance Supervisor Cook’s earlier citizen engagement initiatives.”

Cook said the number of new faces he saw at the conference was the best part of the conference. “Let’s not let this drop today,” he told the group during the wrap-up session. “Stay involved. Talk to your neighbors. A community of engaged citizens has the potential for extraordinary accomplishments.”

News

Dolce Veloce Opens in Fairfax

Casual, elegant wine bar is located at 10826 Fairfax Boulevard.

W hen Guiseppe “Joe” Ricciardi and his wife Sharon were dating, they loved going to restaurants that served good wine and small plates of food.

“They call them ‘cicchetti,’” said Joe Ricciardi, who came to the United States from Italy when he was 14-years-old. “They’re like tapas, and they’re typically served in cicchetti bars in Venice, Italy.”

“We were young, and we didn’t have a lot of money,” Sharon Ricciardi said, “so we enjoyed going to wine and cheese places that were comfortable, a place where you could talk and eat.”

Although Joe Ricciardi established himself as a successful chef and businessman when he opened Dolce Vita in the City of Fairfax in 1995, he said he always wanted to re-create the casual, intimate feeling of the cicchetti bars in Italy.

This year, he got his wish. He opened Dolce Veloce Cicchetti Wine Bar next door to the popular Dolce Vita. The new wine bar stocks more than 300 wines (40 by the glass), and serves an assortment of cicchetti, such as crisp Sicilian rice balls, Panini, fried zucchini, crab cakes, small pizzas, plates of olives, cured meats and Italian cheeses. He often uses herbs he grows outside his restaurant to flavor his dishes.

“He loves making people happy with good food and good wine,” Sharon Ricciardi said. “He treats everyone like family, and he probably knows about 80 percent of the people who come to the restaurant.”

Joe Ricciardi said guests can enjoy wine tastings and cicchetti at the new wine bar, which features a modern, elegant dining room, or they can enjoy pre-dinner drinks if there’s a wait at Dolce Vita.

Wine aficionados can also join the Dolce Veloce Wine Club. Club members receive free wine tastings of monthly features wines, invitations to wine events, monthly newsletters and more.

“The thing I love about being a chef is the creativity you can express, putting things together to create a wonderful dish, and making people happy,” Joe Ricciardi said. “There’s nothing better than that.”

Dolce Veloce is located at 10826 Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax. For more information about the wine bar or Dolce Vita, call 703-385-1226 or go to www.dolceveloce.com.

Guiseppe “Joe” Ricciardi at Dolce Veloce Cicchetti Wine Bar in Fairfax, which stocks 300 wines and serves 40 by the glass.

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Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) dropped in on the transportation breakout session during the first Braddock District Citizen Governance Conference at Frost Achievement Finance Park on Saturday, May 5.
Laura Woollen Cahn

Taking Over American Youth String Ensemble

The American Youth Philharmonic Orchestras (AYPO) welcomes its new Conductor of the American Youth String Ensemble (AYSE), Laura Woollen Cahn of Fairfax.

Cahn earned a Bachelor of Music degree in Viola Performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, a Master of Music degree from Butler University, and a Master of Arts and Teaching degree in Instrumental Music from the University of Indianapolis.

In 2007, Cahn made her debut as the conductor of the NewWorld Concert Orchestra in Indianapolis. She completed her student teaching at the American International School in Vienna, Austria and, after graduation, Cahn accepted the position of Music Director at KIP DC: AIM Academy in Washington D.C.
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to the Editor

Bunny Man Bridge: A Dangerous ‘Attraction’

Some Fairfax County residents are aware of the Bunny Man urban legend in one form or another. Whether it be an axe wielding bunny man or an escaped convict or a depraved rabbit stew connoisseur, versions of the legend abound. Some versions are tied to Colchester Overpass, a Norfolk Southern Corporation (NSC) road overpass spanning Colchester Road in Fairfax Station. Colchester Overpass is sometimes referred to as Bunny Man Bridge. In nearby Clifton, t-shirts advertising Bunny Man Bridge as a local attraction are sold in the General Store. Though some are aware of this local curiosity, very few are aware of a very real danger there. Unconvinced? Just ask the individuals involved in the railroad trespass arrests that have occurred at Colchester Overpass since October 2011.

The recent string of arrests has little to do with legend and plenty to do with a matter of public safety. At the heart of this matter is an active railway. The railroad tracks at Colchester Overpass are the same tracks that run through Clifton. They are NSC tracks used by Virginia Railway Express (VRE), Amtrak, and NS trains. Weekly VRE and Amtrak traffic accounts for at least ninety trains. Add the NSC freight traffic and the weekly total is easily in excess of one hundred trains. As anyone that has waited at the Clifton Road grade crossing can attest, these trains speed by at fifty to seventy-five miles per hour. They are moving at the same speed when they cross Colchester Overpass. Unlike the grade crossing at Clifton this is an overpass so there are no warning signals and the trains offer no approaching whistle. Shouldn’t be a problem since vehicular traffic travels underneath the overpass, correct? Think again.

Though vehicular traffic is safe, Colchester Overpass surprisingly receives an inordinate amount of pedestrian traffic on the active railway. How can this be? During April 2011, local residents discovered a disturbing fact on the Internet. While researching the Bunny Man legend, long embedded on the cyber sphere, multiple YouTube videos and various blogs promoting railroad trespass at Colchester Overpass (Bunny Man Bridge) were discovered. Normally, active railways are not advertised as destination locations. In this case, the location is “advertised” as a great place to experience a thrill on the track!

Curiosity seekers are drawn to the overpass through the Internet exposure. Perhaps unaware of the railway traffic they proceed onto the tracks, twenty five feet above Colchester Road, endangering themselves in the process. Unknown, unattended and often occurring at night, this scenario had been in place for several years. The potentially lethal mix of pedestrians and trains was recognized as a very real public safety danger.

Discovery of this information led to several meetings. As a result, local residents teamed with law enforcement to implement the following actions. First and foremost, enforcement at the overpass has been enhanced. The Sully District Police Station (FCPD) has always done an outstanding job in supporting the neighborhood at the overpass and continues to do so. Starting in October 2011, the NSC police department became engaged. Since then FCPD and NSC police have actively enforced no trespass at the overpass. Second, NSC installed additional No Trespass signage. This may not seem significant but it has increased the consequences of trespass enormously. What was once a Class IV misdemeanor for railroad trespass ($250 fine) is now a Class I misdemeanor for Trespass on Posted Property. In Fairfax County, this is punishable by up to twelve months in jail and a fine of $2500. Finally, in a public service announcement effort on the Internet, a new website has been created and can be found at www.colchesteroverpass.org. The informational website provides awareness of the safety danger and potential consequences at the overpass.

The actions taken to address the insidious Internet “advertisements” for Bunny Man Bridge have changed the circumstances at this local curiosity. This affects not only local residents but others as well. Since October 2011, the strings of arrests related to railroad trespass at Colchester Overpass has included both juveniles and adults. Many were high school students from distant Fairfax County schools. Some were not old enough to drive but caught a ride. In April 2012 alone, five arrests were made. Ironically, by being arrested, these individuals are being protected from themselves. Curiosity seekers of all ages from the greater Washington D.C. metropolitan area and beyond are getting an unexpected surprise when they trespass on the railroad tracks at Colchester Overpass.

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French chandeliers, antique furnishings, original paintings and whimsical collections are among the delights awaiting all those attending the 40th annual Clifton Spring Homes Tour. It’s slated for Thursday, May 17, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and includes a marketplace, silent auction and raffle, from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Paradise Springs Winery.

Lunch will be available at Clifton eateries; and the winery, at 13219 Yates Ford Road, will sell box lunches with advance reservations (made by May 15) at 703-830-9463. Culminating the day’s events will be a “Wine Down,” also at Paradise Springs, from 3-6 p.m., featuring a performance by the Steve Smith Blues Duo.

Tickets are $25 in advance; $30 on tour day; single-home admission is $10. There’s no charge to enter the winery for the marketplace or silent auction. And homes Tour Co-Chair JoAnne Gallo says it’s a great way to have fun.

“We want people to enjoy visiting the houses,” she said. “Then we hope they’ll come to the winery after touring, buy lots of raffle tickets, meet their friends, husbands and significant others and stay for the wine and music.”

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Clifton Rolls Out the Welcome Mat

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By Bonnie Hobbs
The Connection

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Clifton Homes on Display

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There'll be a variety of vendors at the marketplace, offering items including hand-woven baskets, beaded and wire jewelry, name art, ceramics, decorative glassware and tableware, handbags with interchangeable covers, skin-care products, fine-art portraits and pictures made of crushed/fused glass.

Items to be raffled off will include gift certificates and merchandise donated by restaurants, woman's club members and local businesses. Raffle tickets will be available at the winery.

At the silent auction, instead of gift baskets, attendees will bid on gift certificates for items such as golf foursomes, hair-salon and spa visits, fine dining, tickets for the GMU Center for the Arts, and a week at a time share.

All in all, said Gallo, “it'll be a wonderful day – a day to peek in other people's houses, get together with friends, have lunch, shop and have a really nice time.”

BROCKMAN HOUSE

Horses grazing in a field by a red barn, a columned porch and family heirlooms make the home of Paul and Lisa Brockman warm and welcoming. This 19th-century farmhouse on Yates Ford Road contains a bookcase that belonged to Paul’s father and now holds a collection of Lisa’s grandmother’s Quimper pottery. There's also a large, decorative pot from the Waldorf Astoria.

The house features many pieces of furniture custom-made from reclaimed wood, especially the farmhouse table and corner cabinet in the dining room. At each end of the table are wing chairs, upholstered by Lisa in old grain sacks. Whimsical touches include a picket-fence headboard, antique shoe-form collection, African headdress and bunny weather vain.

LUCINI HOME

The Tepper Drive home of Vickie and Joe Luchini is a yellow, New England saltbox in a wooded setting. The couple designed it themselves to remind Vickie of the ones she loved so much in New York and Vermont. Visitors are greeted by a soaring stone

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8238 Tuxton Pl. • $464,900 • Sun 1-4 • Carol Hernandez • Long & Foster, 703-503-1812
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All listings due by Tuesday at 3 P.M.

Spring Homes Tour Returns May 17

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fireplace, and the front-hall walls begin the home’s color scheme of deep golds, greens and reds. Combined with the black-walnut floors and Oriental carpets, they create a dramatic backdrop for the Luchinis’ collection of 18th-century, English oak furniture.

Their oil paintings include impressionistic water- scapes by Kevin Fitzgerald, plus a rendition of West Virginia’s Tygart River by Lynn Boggs. Scenes by Martin Poole hang on the staircase and in the den. Since Vickie loves British things, the home also features a pub sign embellished with the Royal Coat of Arms and a painted chest honoring Lord Nelson.

AIRAGHI-GARVEY-HODGE HOME

Recently engaged, Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Rob Airaghi named their home on Blue Dan Lane “Amami Sempre” (love me forever). Overlooking rolling hills and paddocks, it’s a serene setting for what was originally an 1870s farmhouse and is now adorned with heart-pine floors and five-paneled doors, plus antiques in each room, such as quilts and needlework stitched by previous generations.

Lynne’s own paintings, drawings, watercolors, oils – many featuring scenes of the local area – abound. Also on display are her collection of snails in crystal, pottery and silver, plus international souvenirs from Rob’s career as an Air Force officer in places such as Berlin and Cairo. They include a massive, German cup- board and a decorative, 17th-century French mirror.

ACACIA LODGE

The Acacia Masonic Lodge represents more than 130 years of Freemasonry in Clifton. It was originally built as a saw mill on Popes Head Creek in the 1870’s. The Freemasons purchased the building in 1903 and moved it to Main Street in 1920. It was the first building in town with electricity and is registered as a Historic Landmark.

Baber House - this charming, Victorian farmhouse was built in 1880.

Blue Dan - this home features original paintings and items gathered around the world.
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Mother’s Day Photo Gallery

Picture of Celeste Delahunty with Celia, Liam, Ethan and Steve Delahunty at a recent family wedding.

Iris and Gloriana Smith in 2012. “The photo is of my mother and me on my sixteenth birthday. We had just finished celebrating with cake,” writes Gloriana Smith, of Fairfax.

Bethany and Kai Decker, December 2010. Kai was 15 months old. “This was one of the last pictures of Bethany with Kai before she went missing Jan. 29, 2011. May 13 is Bethany’s birthday and we pray for her safe return,” writes Kim Nelson.

Gloriana (4) and Brandon Smith (7) in October 2000 with Iris Smith (mom). Getting ready to carve the pumpkin for Halloween. Iris was always there for her children. “Mom, you're the greatest pumpkin of them all,” writes David Smith, of Fairfax.

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Robinson Girls Advance to Regionals

Rams win Concorde playoff opener over Chargers

Both teams showcased their scoring prowess last Friday evening, May 4 when Robinson and Chantilly met in a first round Concorde District girls’ lacrosse playoff contest at Robinson Secondary.

With a Northern Region playoff seed on the line and a chance to advance to the district semifinals, both teams played with passion and determination. For the winner, it would be the first game of what could be an extended postseason. For the losing team, it would mark the end of the season.

In the end, Robinson, the six-team district tournament’s No. 4 seed, held off a ferocious late game Chantilly rally and defeated the Chargers, 19-16.

Robinson, with the win, advanced to a district semifinals meeting versus top seed Centreville earlier this week on Thursday, May 8. There, the Rams lost to the powerful Wildcats. Robinson will next set its focus on next week’s 16-team regional tournament. Centreville, meanwhile, will play in the district finals 5:30 this Friday evening, May 11 at Chantilly High School.

“Friday’s win over Chantilly was a nice victory and well played game by our talented group of student athletes on the Ram’s team,” said Robinson coach Liz Case. “The ability to play well together showed against Chantilly. We played a competitive defense game without any yellow cards and everyone played.”

In the quarterfinals game, the action was fast-paced from start to finish as both Robinson and Chantilly continually moved the ball up and down the field.

Over and over again, it seemed, both the Rams and Chargers were making strong moves to their opponents’ net and getting off good scoring chances.

Both starting goalies, senior Elizabeth Graviano for Chantilly and junior Lauren Rauch for Robinson, made several saves in the net throughout the game’s 50 minutes. But the sustained pressure offensively by both teams was constant and there was only so much either netminder could do to stop the scoring flow.

Robinson received an outstanding balanced attack as three players - senior attack Shannon Picard, sophomore midfielder/attack Maggie Hyland, and senior midfielder Catina Boster, countered with a close range chance just over a minute later to tie the score.

The two teams would continue to trade goals over the first 16 minutes of the first half. McHugh, a team tri-captain for the Rams, broke a 6-6 tie with a 10-yard score from straight range with 8 minutes, 46 seconds remaining in the half.

As it turned out, Robinson would never lose the lead thereafter. Collier, another tri-captain for Robinson, scored less than 30 seconds after McHugh’s tally off a picturesque, 14-yard sidearm shot from the right wing area while moving left to right across the goal to give the Rams an 8-6 advantage.

Chantilly’s Cleary scored just over a minute later to get the Chargers within 8-7. However, the Rams would score four times to Chantilly’s none. The Robinson goals during that stretch came from Picard on a driving, 12-yard bounce shot in traffic from the right wing; Collier, with 90 seconds remaining; Barlow, on a catch and shoot from eight yards out, off an assist from behind the net by Hyland at the 30 second mark; and Hyland from close range while moving across the goal area with seven seconds showing.

The Rams, over the first half’s final nine minutes, outscored the Chargers six to one and carried a 12-7 advantage into the half. Robinson’s lead ultimately reached eight - at 16-8 - following a score from McHugh nearly six minutes into the second half.

Chantilly answered with four straight goals, two of those coming from freshman Birnie, to get within 16-12. The Rams then scored three straight to make it 19-12 with less than 10 seconds remaining.

Again, the Chargers showed no quit in their game as they responded with the final four scores of the night, the last one coming with 3:32 remaining on a catch and shoot close range shot by Birnie to make it 19-16.

Coach Case was pleased with her team’s play across the board against Chantilly. “We started the game off strong winning draw controls that are crucial in gaining possession of the ball,” she said. “We have great ball handlers on the circle in our midfield with Campbell Collier, Megan Barlow, Kate Moody, and Sara Jones ready to get the ball. The other key points are our defense with Devon Schircliff, Sarah Koucheravy, Jessica Bond, Sarah Hylton, Lauren Rauch.”

Robinson’s Maggie Hyland protects the ball from a Chantilly defender. The sophomore was one of three Rams players to score five goals in last Friday’s playoff win over the Chargers.

SPORTS

Robinson Girls Advance to Regionals

By Rich Sanders

The Connection

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“Our goal, as it is every year, is to qualify for regionals, win the district tournament, and to qualify for the state tournament by reaching the regional finals,” said Dillow. “There are some very good teams in our district and in the other districts, but I feel, if we can continue to play the way we are playing, we have a great chance of accomplishing all of our post season goals.”

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