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County Confronts 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 station, 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



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Fences have been constructed around all 20 treatment stations. Signs have been clearly posted at each fence plot site and park patrons are prohibited from handling any equipment or entering the fence plots. Each station is under police surveillance.

to county officials.

It’s a program that Supervisor Pat Herry (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,” Herry said. “The Board of Supervisors approved the project in 2009.”

Herry 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.

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 Herry said he expects this year to be as bad as 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,” Herry said.

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- ❖ 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*



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 Fair 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. Now in its 11th year, the Day Prom was conceived by two teachers at Herndon High School: Chris Pascarella 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, Kilmer Center School, South Lakes High School and Centreville High School.



On left, Lake Braddock student Christopher Wyatt dances a popular line dance with Oakton High School students Matthew Nelson and Mike Charlton during the “Day Prom” organized by Herndon High School and held in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

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Clifton GOP Women Host Constitutional Scholar

The Republican Women of Clifton's (RWC's) May 21 general meeting will feature Constitutional scholar Dr. David Bobb. The event will take place in the Media Center at Centreville High School. A bit earlier than usual, refreshments and social time will begin at 6:30 p.m. so that invited Senate candidates, or their representative, can speak briefly beginning at 7, a timely opportunity before the June primary elections. At 7:30, President Marianne Gearhart will open the business meeting. Bobb's topic will be "Does the Constitution Have a Future? Presidential Power and Constitutional Authority." Please RSVP on or before May 17 to MissBunnyM@aol.com.

Healthy Paddles at Occoquan Park

The Occoquan Watertrail League, OWL, in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, will unveil a new

family fitness program, Healthy Paddles, at National Kids to Parks Day on Saturday, May 19 at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Healthy Paddles is a family program that encourages families to hike, paddle and bike on local trails and streams. Families will create an online log to monitor their progress and achieve preset goals of miles walked, paddled or ridden.

May 19 hiking and paddling professionals from REI and LL Bean will be on hand to lead family hikes and paddles. Health professionals will also be on site to help families establish outdoor exercise goals. OWL will be handing out maps and information on local trails, water trails, hiking and paddling groups and events, and where to rent and purchase equipment.

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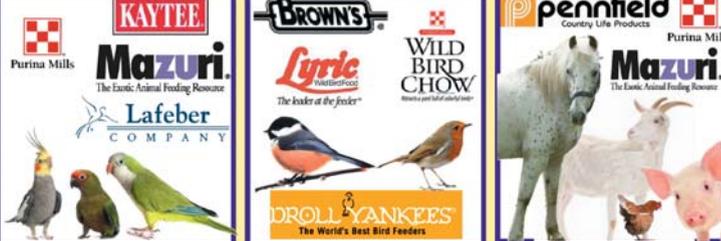
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Despite the high number of drivers in Northern Virginia who already have an E-Z Pass transponder, when the HOT-Lanes open on the Beltway, there will be pressure for many more drivers to subscribe.

VDOT is now proposing to tack on an additional \$1 a month fee for each E-ZPass transponder. Note that is per transponder, not per account, so in a household with multiple cars and multiple transponders, the additional annual charge could be \$36, \$48 or \$60.

There are 900,000 transponders in use in Virginia now, with an expected need for more than 400,000 more coming with the new I-495 Express Lanes.

Driving through the E-ZPass lane on the Dulles Toll Road without stopping while cars without a transponder line up to slog through

is one advantage. The two other places one can use the E-ZPass in Northern Virginia are the Dulles Greenway and, soon, the "express lanes" on the Beltway.

One of the disadvantages of using the E-ZPass is that you seldom know how much you are paying, and it's significant. Signs with full information about tolls are few and far between, and so far nonexistent on some roads.

Motorists will need an E-ZPass transponder to ride in the Beltway express lanes. Vehicles with three or more people will be able to drive in the express lanes for free if they have a Flex transponder which has a switch that identifies carpoolers, but which also costs more than a regular transponder.

It is worth noting that 100 percent of the tolls from the Beltway HOT-lanes will be col-

lected by the private company that is building them, without any revenue sharing with the Commonwealth. If it is really VDOT's responsibility to maintain the system to collect those tolls, then that is a failure in the crafting of the contract to build the lanes. Apparently all E-ZPass account holders will be paying for the contractor's collection of funds.

Meanwhile, we're still not sure what it will cost to drive in the express lanes, but we do know that the amount will vary depending on traffic. We can only hope that signs will make it clear how much it will cost.

Today VDOT approved four new signs for the Greenway that will at least let drivers know how much they are paying. The answer is more than \$5 each way, not counting the new fee per transponder.

VDOT will not hold public hearings on this, although it should. It will be accepting emailed comments. Visit www.virginiadot.org/e-zpass or submit comments directly to vdotinfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS 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) railroad 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 NSC 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 rail 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 oc-

curing 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 in implementing 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 "advertisement"

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 string 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.

Increased public awareness of the safety danger and potential consequences at the overpass could prevent additional arrests or most importantly, save a life.

Randy M. Abeyta
Fairfax Station

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Jennifer K. Wall Smetek of Fairfax Station and her daughter, Alexa Smetek, age 3, ride the Virginia Railway Express annual Operation Life-saver Santa Train, Cupid Express, out of the Burke Center Station on Dec. 10, 2011. The Burke Center Station also served as a drop-off site for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign.



Jennifer K. Wall Smetek of Fairfax Station tries to get her two youngest children, Connor (age 4) and Alexa (age 3) to smile for a good picture. Summer, 2011.



Brenda K. Wall of Springfield, her daughter, Jennifer K. Wall Smetek of Fairfax Station, and her granddaughter, Alexa Smetek (age 3), also of Fairfax Station, get ready to celebrate Alexa's 3rd birthday with lunch and shopping at the American Girl Café in Tyson's Corner on Dec. 3, 2011.



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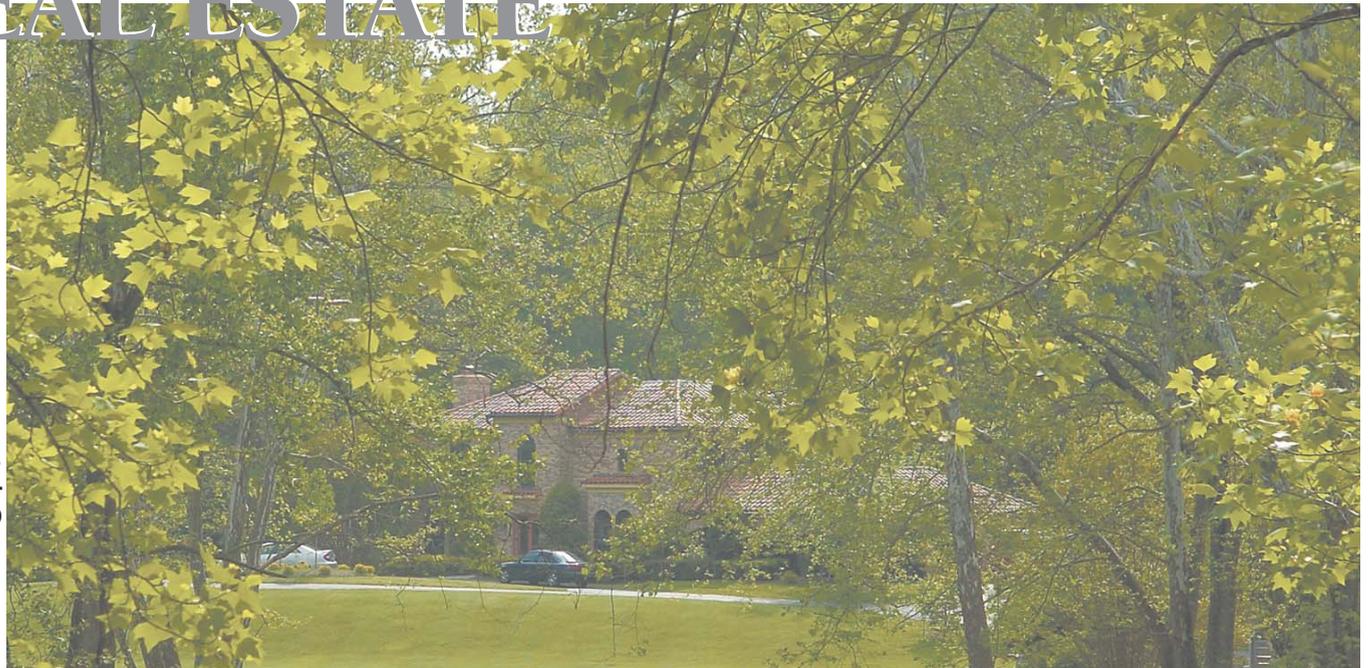
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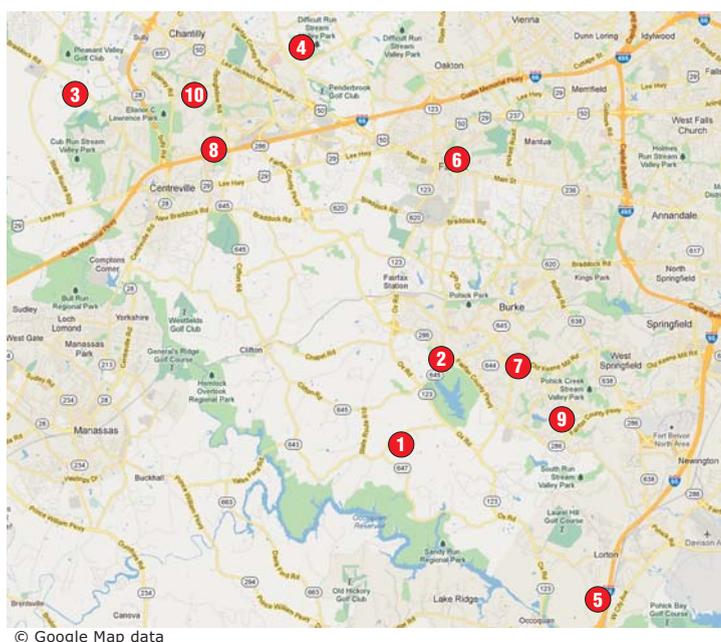
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Home Life Style

(From left) Rob Airaghi, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Joe and Vickie Luchini and Brant Baber hold the paintings of their homes done by artists Trudi Arnold and Peggy Cranston. They were honored Sunday at a homeowners' reception at the Fairfax Station home of Sharon and Mark Gottlieb. (Not pictured are Kathy Kalinowski and Lisa and Paul Brockman).



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Clifton Rolls Out the Welcome Mat

It's the 40th annual Spring Homes Tour.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

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 homes," 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."

Putting on the tour is the Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC), and all net proceeds support its Charitable Trust which contributes to several local charities, student scholarships, food banks and causes including the Yellow Ribbon Fund, which aids injured soldiers and their families.

The homes tour is the trust's primary fundraiser and generally attracts some 600 visitors from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. As a result, over the past six years alone, the Trust has contributed more than \$120,000 to help others.

"Every year, we're able to donate approximately \$20,000 to our Charitable Trust," said Gallo. "We're a small club of just 80-90 members, and we work hard to make the money to donate to the trust."

SEE CLIFTON HOMES. PAGE 10



Luchini House - this is a yellow, New England saltbox in a wooded setting.



Brockman House - family heirlooms make this home warm and inviting.



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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Home Life Style

Clifton Homes on Display

FROM PAGE 9

This year's event features four homes, plus the newly renovated Acacia Lodge on Main Street. Opening their houses to the public are Kathy Kalinowski and Brant Baber, Lisa and Paul Brockman, Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Rob Airaghi, and Vickie and Joe Luchini.

"This year, we have three homes older than 100 years," said event Co-Chair Diane Smith. "And our tour is fairly compact; people won't have to drive a long way between houses. The Acacia Lodge has never before been on the spring homes tour. And inside the lodge will be an information table with a video of what the CCWC does, plus cookies and lemonade."

For ticket-sales locations and more information about the features homes, go to www.cliftoncwc.org or contact Gallo at jgallo.jbg@verizon.net or Smith at mds727@cox.net.

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."

"This year, we have three homes older than 100 years."

—Event Co-Chair
Diane Smith

BABER HOUSE

Built in 1880, the Victorian farmhouse of Kathy Kalinowski and Brant Baber on Ford Lane boasts its original tin roof, white-oak siding, yellow-pine floors, banister and mantelpieces. A 19th-century gas chandelier (now electrified)

adorns the two-story hall in the home they've lived in for three decades.

Also decorating the home are a Chippendale sofa, Queen Anne chairs, a gilded French-horn chandelier made in Paris, an antique French bookcase and a floor-to-ceiling mirror which once hung in an English manor house. There's a painting of George Washington which was in the Smithsonian 100 years ago, plus an Andrew Copen painting of the Boston Market that came from John Kennedy's senate office.

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Spring Homes Tour Returns May 17

FROM PAGE 10

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 weathervane.

LUCHINI 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 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 waterscapes by Kevin Fitzgerald, plus a rendition of West Virginia's Tygart River by Lynn Boggess. 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 fea-

turing 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 cupboard 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.

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Robinson Girls Advance to Regionals

Rams win Concorde playoff opener over Chargers.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

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 seeding 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 Tuesday, 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 clean defensive 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 nifty 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 net-minder 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 middle/attack Katie McHugh - each scored five goals. Senior midfielder Campbell Collier added three and junior midfielder Megan Barlow scored as well.

"Our attack, with Katie McHugh, Shannon Picard, and Maggie Hyland, has really started to connect with each other," said Case.

CHANTILLY'S Gonzalez sent a sizzling ball high into the right side of the net from close range to open the game's scoring less than two minutes into the start of play. Robinson's Hyland, off a pass from jun-



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.

ior 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. Over the final seven-plus minutes of the half, 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 scores, 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."

Ready for Postseason

South County softball playing outstanding ball as regular season winds down.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

With one game remaining in the regular season, the South County girls' softball team is beginning to get geared up for the upcoming postseason.

The Stallions, one of the top teams in the Northern Region, are set to close out the season schedule with a Patriot District home game versus Lake Braddock on Thursday, May 10 of this week. Going into that game with the Bruins, South County was 17-2 overall and 12-1 in the district. The Stallions' lone district setback came to Lake Braddock, 3-2, in the first meeting between the two teams on April 17. South County's only other loss this season came way back in its season opener, a 4-2 loss at defending Northern Region champion Westfield on March 15.

The district tournament is set to begin next Wednesday, May 16 with quarterfinals round games. The Stallions have won the district tournament five consecutive years.

"I think we are peaking at the right time of the season," said South County coach Gary Dillow.

During one recent four-game stretch of play, all against district opponents, the Stallions won all four in shutout fashion. Those wins, in which South County scored 43 total runs, came at Lee High, 11-0, on April 24; home versus Woodson, 14-0, on April 25; home versus Annandale, 6-0, on April 27; and home versus T.C. Williams, 12-0, on May 3.

Earlier this week, the Stallions won district home games over West Potomac, 8-2, on Monday, May 7, and West Springfield, 10-0, on Tuesday, May 8. The game versus the Spartans on Tuesday was South County's Senior Night.

"Pitching and defense have been outstanding, and the hitting has been pretty consistent," said Dillow, whose team has nine shutout wins on the season.

The coach said playing a tough team like Lake Braddock is good for his squad.

"That should just help us be better prepared for the district



Sophomore shortstop Whitney Burks makes a play versus the Bruins.

and regional play-offs," he said, of playing talented teams in general.

MOST TEAMS across the Northern Region view the postseason as the opportunity to put everything together and make strong playoff runs at their respective district tournaments and the region tournament. Four teams from each of the region's four districts (Concorde, Patriot, Liberty, and National) will qualify for regionals.

Once teams get to regionals, they are two wins away from advancing and competing at the festive Memorial Day semifinals games. The teams which win those region round of four contests advance to the region title game and also qualify for the eight-team Virginia State playoff field.

Last year, Westfield High captured the region crown with a title game win over McLean. South County, which has been among the region's top teams for several years now, enjoyed a successful 2011 season with a region playoff run to the semifinals.

There is lots of softball yet to be played and there is nothing wrong with teams dreaming about the postseason possibilities.

"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 continue to play the way we are playing, we have a great chance of accomplishing all of our post season goals."

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

An Evening with The Avett Brothers.

8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$39, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.

Overkill. 6 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$22-\$25. www.empire-nova.com.

Overkill Belphegor, Aborted, Black Guard, System Divide and Diamond Plate. 8 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.empire-nova.com.

"West Side Story." 7:30 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Musical drama about two rival gangs, the Sharks and the Jets. \$10, \$9 students and seniors. southcountytheatre.org.

FM Williams. 6:30 p.m. The Vine, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Songs from the album "Crowded Room." weston@keymgc.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Adam Golka. Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem, Debussy's La Mer, Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand, and Elgar's Enigma Variations. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Clifton Caboose Twilight Run. 6 p.m. The Big Red Barn, 7139 Main St., Clifton. 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. \$15-\$21. 703-968-0740 or www.cliftonva.org.

"West Side Story." 7:30 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Musical drama about two rival gangs, the Sharks and the Jets. \$10, \$9 students and seniors. southcountytheatre.org.

Symposium on Historic Clothing. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Pohick Episcopal Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Topics include "The 18th Century Woman" with a display of original clothing and accessories, "The Federal Era's Virginia First Ladies—Martha Washington, Dolley Madison, and Elizabeth Monroe" and "The Ceaseless 18th Century: How 18th Century Fashion Influenced Dress in the 19th, 20th, and 21st Centuries." Tickets \$65-\$75, including lunch and a tour of the historic church. Register at 703-339-8196.

Art on the Block. 2-6 p.m. Historic Occoquan. Over 55 local artists will be participating, with a reception at each participating gallery. janemernst@verizon.net.

❖ Art A La Carte, 310 Mill St. Artwork by 20 artists.

❖ Artists' Undertaking Gallery, 309 Mill St. The works of 16 local artists.

❖ Kelly's Artbox, 304 Mill St. Works by Kelly Campbell.

❖ The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St. Artwork by 21 local artists.

Meet the Artist Reception. 1-4 p.m. The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St.,

Occoquan. "CONNtexture: Works in Watercolor and Collage by Deborah Conn" will be on exhibit from May 8 through June 3. www.loftgallery.org.

"Rapunzel." 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Studio 3 Theatre for Young Audiences, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A lost prince, a two-headed monster, an unscrupulous baker, a lonely witch and a flax-tressed maiden. \$8-\$12. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School Main Parking Lot, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. Proceeds benefit R.E. Lee High School athletics programs. 703-440-4015 or thollowood@gmail.com.

Fairfax Jubilaires Barbershop Chorus: A Salute to the Troops and Moms. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Ernst Theater, NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Barbershop chorus and quartet singing. \$20, military in uniform half price. www.fairfaxjubilaires.org or 703-975-7844.

Paws to Read. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice reading aloud to a trained therapy dog. 15-minute sessions available. Age 6-12. 703-339-7385.

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D.R.I. 6 p.m. Empire, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$17-\$20. www.jaxxroxx.com.

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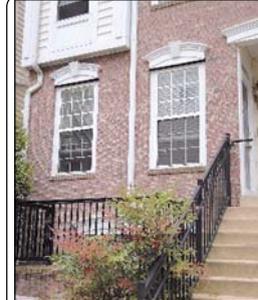
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