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South County freshman Jade Williams followed teammate Haylea Geer's third-inning three-run homer with a solo shot, giving South County a four-run lead en route to a 7-0 victory on May 3 at West Potomac High School.

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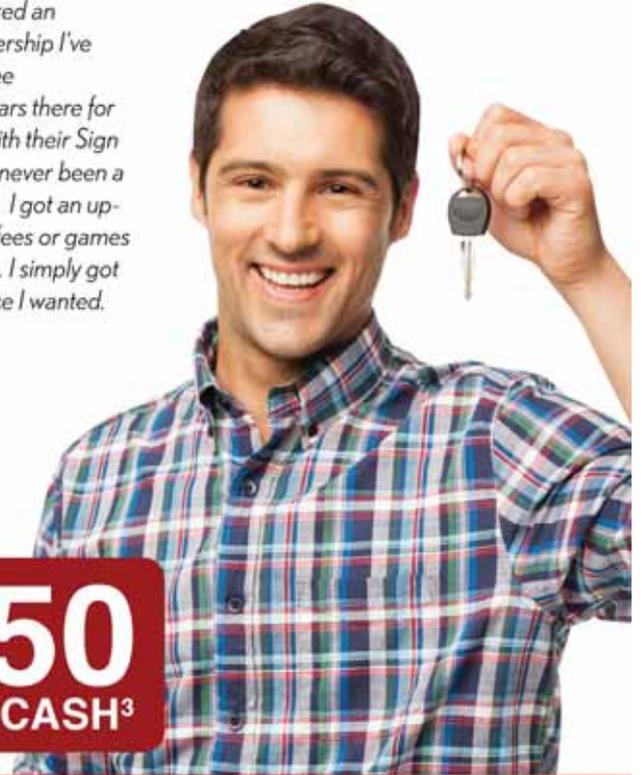
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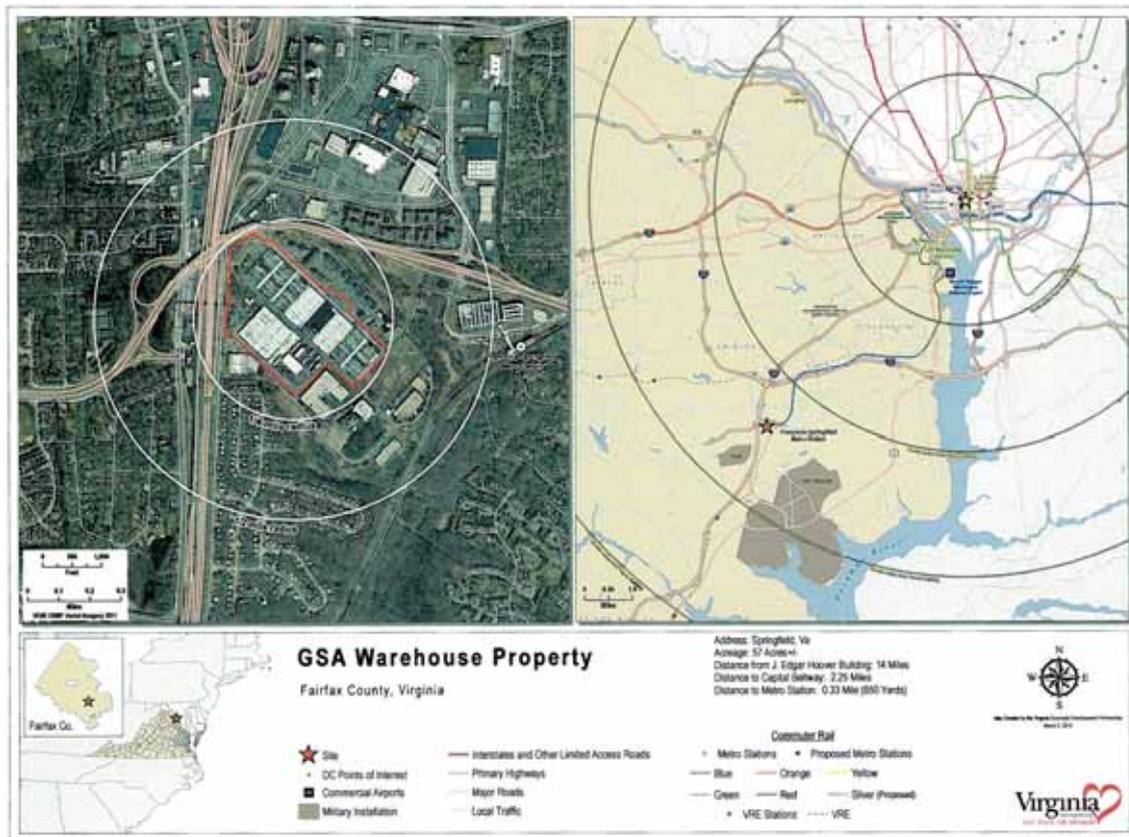


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The General Services Administration warehouse site, which Fairfax County is proposing for the relocation of the new FBI headquarters, is located in Springfield, near four million square feet of office space and bordering the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station.

“In short, the GSA Warehouse property is a natural solution to satisfy the December 2011 Senate resolution and meets the organizational goals of the FBI as stated in a recent congressional hearing.”

—Governor Bob McDonnell

An aerial view of the GSA warehouse property in Springfield. The site is 14 miles from the J. Edgar Hoover Building in Washington and sits on 57 acres.

Governor Endorses Springfield for FBI Headquarters

In letter to FBI director, McDonnell says Fairfax County site will advance “national security mission.”

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell publicly endorsed the Springfield warehouse site for the new FBI building headquarters, supporting Fairfax County in its bid for the new headquarters. The move is expected to bring at least 12,000 jobs and a \$1.2 billion complex to Northern Virginia.

In an April 30 letter to FBI Director Robert Mueller and Dan Tangherlini, the acting administrator of the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA), McDonnell said the federally-owned warehouse 57-acre site is the best choice for a number of reasons.

THE GSA ALREADY OWNS the Springfield warehouse property, which will save the government more than \$44 million per year in lease payments and make the transaction “both clean and easy,” McDonnell wrote in the four-page letter. The site also satisfies the FBI’s stringent post 9/11 security guidelines.

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property is a natural solution to satisfy the December 2011 Senate resolution and meets the organizational goals of the FBI as stated in a recent congressional hearing,” McDonnell wrote.

McDonnell invited Mueller and Tangherlini to accept his personal invitation to visit the site “at your convenience to discuss its unique attributes with community leaders and state officials.”

McDonnell outlined many of those attributes in the letter, including the intelligence community’s “considerable footprint in the commonwealth.” He also noted the Springfield location would allow collaboration with Fairfax County’s nine federally-funded research and development centers and 10 laboratory consortium partners.

“We are confident collaborations with these and other partners will result in the development of new technologies for law enforcement and intelligence gathering, thus greatly advancing the FBI’s national security mission,” McDonnell wrote.

McDonnell also took the opportunity to tout the General Assembly’s historic bi-partisan



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The FBI is currently headquartered in the J. Edgar Hoover building.

transportation bill this session, a bill, McDonnell wrote, “that will provide for billions more in new funding for Northern Virginia alone in the next five years.”

“The governor’s support is consistent with the unanimous endorsement of the site by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors,” Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said Friday. “I thank Gov. McDonnell for recognizing all the reasons why this should be an easy decision for the federal government, and for further highlighting the reasons why Springfield makes the most sense for the FBI.”

Fairfax County board members have been lobbying FBI and GSA officials for more than a year.

IN JANUARY 2012, Fairfax County joined Prince George’s County and the district in placing its marker on the table in the high-stakes competition soon after the Senate passed a resolution authorizing the GSA and FBI to seek new headquarters in December 2011. The new headquarters would consolidate more than 21 separate locations and relocate the FBI from the J. Edgar Hoover Building at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, built in

1975 and in deteriorating condition.

McKay said the benefits to the federal government of relocating to Springfield “would be substantial.”

“The FBI needs 2 million square feet of office space, located within two miles of a Metro station and within 2.5 miles of the beltway according to the GAO. Redeveloping existing sites in DC would be extremely expensive, especially given the post-9/11 security features that are now required. ... It is adjacent to the Franconia/Springfield Metro Station, VRE, AMTRAK, bus service, and every highway except Route 66.” He pointed out that airport access will soon be served by two Metro stations once Rail to Dulles is complete.

Fairfax County would also benefit.

“In addition to the high paying jobs that would come to the area, redevelopment of this site could spur construction of other office projects nearby and expand our commercial tax base,” he said. “You just can’t pick a better spot than Springfield,” McKay said.

According to Fairfax County officials, the GSA has received 35 responses to its request for information by its March 4 deadline, and is continuing to study those requests. The GSA is expected to begin accepting formal requests for proposals this summer.

A Race, Picnic, Music and Fun Clifton Caboose Twilight 5K is May 18.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Runners don't have to get up early to compete in the Town of Clifton's annual 5K race. They can sleep in, enjoy their afternoon and then head to town for the 15th annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run.

It's Saturday, May 18, with the 1-mile fun run/walk starting at 6 p.m., and the 5K at 6:30 p.m. It'll happen rain or shine; and in this event, not only the winners receive prizes, but the last-place, or caboose, finisher also gets an award.

The course begins near the triangle intersection of Clifton and Newman Roads and Main Street and is popular with participants because of its scenic, country atmosphere. The route goes straight out Newman Road and back again; it's somewhat hilly and fairly challenging.

Last year's event attracted 581 participants—107 in the 1-mile and 474 in the 5K—and race Chairman Gary Anderson expects at least that many this time. And that includes students, ages 8-10, in the



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Children and adults begin the Clifton Caboose 1-mile fun run/walk.

running programs of Fairview and Willow Springs elementary schools, who'll be in the 5K.

Registration is at www.signmeup.com/89591. Entry fees are \$21 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1-mile; but they increase to \$24 and \$18, respectively, after May 15. Race-day registration is from 4-5:30 p.m. at the barn at 7139 Main St.

Packet pick-up (cash/check only) is Friday, May 17, from 5-7 p.m., at the barn, or on race day, just prior to the event. Participants will also receive a commemorative Clifton Caboose T-shirt designed by resident Bill Ference.

THE RACE is sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association

(CBA), dedicated to improving the Town of Clifton. This year's proceeds will go toward resurfacing and repairing the basketball court in the town park.

Parking is available at the end of Chapel Street, in the floodplain and at Clifton Elementary. Water will be provided along the course, and snacks such as fruit, cheese and rolls will be offered after the race. All children participating will receive freeze pops from The Clifton Store.

The Reston Runners Club manages the finish line and will record each runner's time via computer. Gift certificates and medals go to the top three male and female finishers. Medals are also awarded to the top two finishers in each age

group. The top two CBA-member finishers receive medals, and a caboose award goes to the person coming in last. In the fun run/walk, all finishers are given ribbons.

And the good time continues when the race is over, because everyone who attended may join the party afterward at the barn. Parents are encouraged to bring picnic suppers and beverages for children. The celebration also features music by a live band, Acoustic Burgoo, which describes its music as "soulgrass."

This year is Anderson's ninth as race chairman, with help from town residents Michelle Stein, Steve Bittner, Dawn Van Dyke and Lynne Strang. Also lending support are the volunteers and CBA, plus resident Fred Ansick, who helps mark the course and gets the VDOT permit for the road closure.

In January, race-committee members pick the date and get onto local race calendars so runners may find and prepare for this event. In the spring, they alert businesses and residents along Newman Road that it'll be closed to traffic during the race.

The major sponsors are Del. Tim Hugo (R-40th) and Anthony Reid Tax & Accounting Services. Students seeking service hours may volunteer to help at the 5K at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EAEAA2C7-clifton3.

HAPPY TO RETURN as chairman, Anderson said, "It's great to be involved with the community and I like being around the people putting it on. It's a great event for the town. And it's fun seeing all the kids involved and how excited they are to participate in the race. I think it's a great activity for them and, with any luck, they'll turn it into a permanent habit."

Most people in the Caboose Run are from Northern Virginia; but the 2012 event also attracted people from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Texas. This'll be the second time the twilight race is held in May, instead of June.

"It worked out so well last year, we decided to keep that change," explained Anderson. "Last year's participation from the elementary schools was up, and there's a better likelihood of cooler weather."

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Absentee Voting Starts Now For Democratic Primaries

Primaries held for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

The State Board of Elections reported Monday, May 6, that absentee voting began for the June 11, 2013 primary and all localities met the required 45 day deadline for mailing absentee ballots to voters.

The primary on June 11, 2013 will be a statewide Democratic party primary for lieutenant governor and attorney general. The Republican Party will be nominating its candidates for statewide office in a convention to be held on May 17-18, 2013.

There are also numerous primary elections for the House of Delegates and local offices. In some parts of the state, voters will have to choose whether to participate in the primary for the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. Voters in Virginia are free to choose which primary to participate in, but they cannot participate in both.

For more information on candidates, visit the SBE website at www.sbe.virginia.gov. Click on "What's on my ballot" on the home page.

CURRENT ELECTION INFORMATION

❖ Poll hours: The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on June 11, 2013. If a voter is in line by 7 p.m. he or she will be able to vote.

❖ Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor: Ralph S. Northam
Aneesh Chopra

❖ Democratic candidates for attorney general: Mark R. Herring
Justin E. Fairfax

ABSENTEE VOTING OVERVIEW

❖ Absentee voting allows qualified voters to participate in upcoming elections even though they may not be able to go to the polls on Election Day.

❖ There are two ways to vote absentee, either by mail or in person.

The deadline to submit an application to vote by absentee is Tuesday, June 4, 2013 by 5 p.m. Applications may be received by mail, fax or as a scanned email attachment. The voter's local registrar must receive the application by the deadline.

The deadline for applying and casting an absentee ballot in-person at the local registrar's office is Saturday, June 8, 2013 by close of business.

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AREA ROUNDUPS

South County Student Wins DECA Competition

Natalie Pasquel, a student at South County High School, won first place at the DECA International Career Development Conference held last week in Anaheim. Pasquel took top honors for her entry in the Entrepreneurship Participating-Franchise category.

South County High School is a Fairfax County public school.

The team of Zach Carter and Carter Niehoff of Lake Braddock Secondary School won second place in the Entrepreneurship Innovations Project category, and the team of Dan Dallen and Sam Travis from Marshall High School won second place in the Buying and Merchandising Team category.

Connor Shaffer of South County High School was named the winner of a \$1,000 NAPA Scholarship.

Help the Lions Help the Blind

The Clifton Lions Club will hold its annual, White Cane fundraiser this weekend, May 10-11, at the Colonnade at Union Mill and University Mall Giant Food stores. Besides cash donations, the Lions will collect used eyeglasses.

Donations will support the renowned International Lions eyeglass-recycling program, Lions Re-

cycle for Sight. Volunteers collect used eyeglasses that are then cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged.

Many then go to people in need in developing countries. Proceeds also support blind charities such as Leader Dog for the Blind and the Lions' SightFirst program.

Workhouse Arts Center Collects

Food Donations

The Workhouse Arts Center has partnered with the Lorton Community Action Center to be a food donation center. Contributions will be accepted during the Workhouse monthly campus wide 2nd Saturday Art Walk. The next 2nd Saturday Art Walk and donation opportunity at the Workhouse is May 11.

LCAC seeks to provide basic necessities and empowerment opportunities to individuals and families in southeast Fairfax County by offering self-sufficiency programs and emergency assistance.

Along with the Workhouse, LCAC partners with several community organizations, religious groups, corporations, individuals and local businesses to fulfill its mission.

Needed food items include breakfast cereal, canned fruit/applesauce, canned soup, canned tuna/chicken, small cans of pasta sauce, brown rice/pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil and wheat crackers. Jars are not accepted.

Openings in Preschool Classes

The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool has openings in all classes for the fall. Schedules and classes have been adjusted for greater flexibility to meet the changing needs of the area. Call with questions or check the website. Pass the word along to any families who may be looking for a preschool home for their children. Go to www.cliftonpc.org/cpcpreschool.html or call Gretchen at 703-830-3175 for more info.

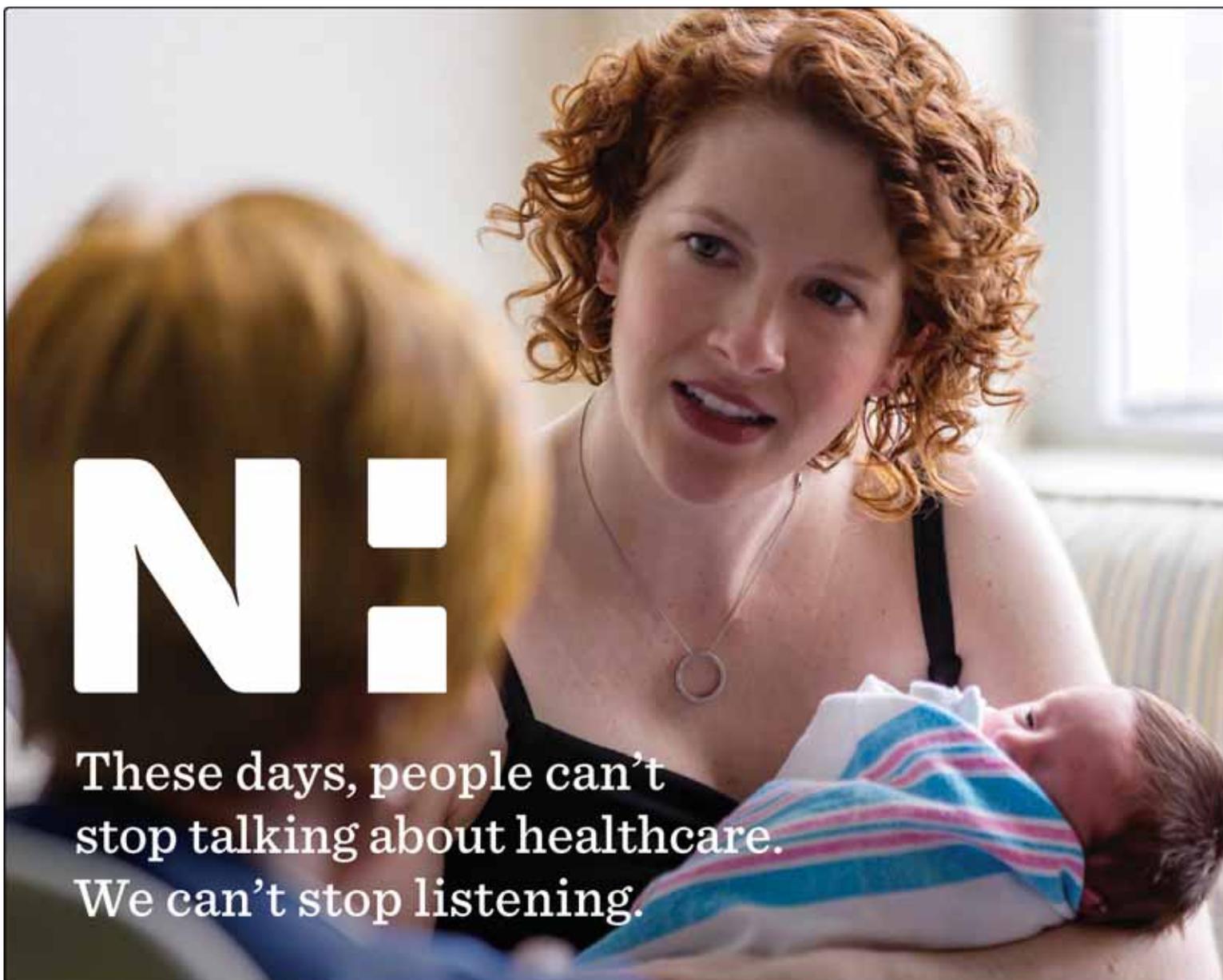
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Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

FRIDAY/MAY 10

NEXUS 10: Supporting Transitions. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at FCPS Virginia Hills Center, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) shares state funding and legislative news; county and FCPS professionals discuss the continuum of opportunities for challenged students and youth in Fairfax; Bradley MacGarry, Asberger's Initiative coordinator at Mercyhurst College, speaks on challenged college students mentoring at-risk youth in the community; and more area directors and officials speak on the topic of mental health issues. Reservations. laingebailey@earthlink.net.

Rummage Presale. 9 p.m., at the Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Net proceeds from the sale will benefit various community service organizations including domestic violence program.\$5. jjgrant@verizon.net.



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Clifton Homeowners Welcome Visitors



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(From left) are CCWC President Kay Gilbert; Tom Reynolds, representing sponsor GMU Center for the Arts; homeowner Mary Presta; and event co-chairs JoAnne Gallo and Diane Smith. Gallo's presenting a painting of Presta's garden to her. Presta, the other homeowners and the homes tour sponsors were honored Sunday at a reception at the Fairfax Station home of Sharon and Mark Gottlieb.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINNY AX

The Huntsman house is in a French country Romanesque style.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINNY AX

The Presta home features 18th-century furniture.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINNY AX

This home's mantle came from the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GINNY AX

Built in 1874, this was originally the house of Clifton's first postmaster.

It's time for the 41st annual Spring Homes Tour.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

An English garden, 18th-century furnishings and a pool with waterfalls are among the delights awaiting all those attending the 41st annual Clifton Spring Homes Tour. It's slated for Thursday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and the fun includes a marketplace and silent auction at the Paradise Springs Winery.

The silent auction ends at 5 p.m., but the marketplace goes until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 on tour day; and single-home admission is \$10. For ticket-sales locations, go to www.cliftoncwc.org. There's no charge to enter the winery for the marketplace or silent auction.

Lunch is available at Clifton eateries; and the winery, at 13219 Yates Ford Road, will sell lunches with advance reservations (made by May 14) 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.

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 Spring Homes Tour is the trust's primary fundraiser and generally attracts some 600 visitors from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Over the past seven years, the trust has given more than \$160,000 to help others, so the tour organizers hope for another successful event.

"After almost a year of planning, the tour will present amazing and diverse homes with easy access," said homes tour Co-Chairman JoAnne Gallo. "Hopefully, we will have record-breaking ticket sales and our profits will enable CCWC to provide even

more money to our community charities. This year, we've had more sponsors than ever and we thank them all so much. It means a great deal to be supported by the community."

This year's event features four homes, plus the historic Acacia Masonic Lodge on Main Street. Opening their houses to the public are Marci and Ken Huntsman, Mary and Frank Presta, Mary and Pete Mills, and Jean and Tom Peterson.

There'll be a variety of vendors at the marketplace, offering items including handmade jewelry, beaded glassware and tableware, women's clothing, purses, scarves, watches, glass ornaments, beaded wine bottles, organic Haitian blue coffees and cookies.

At the silent auction attendees may bid on a variety of items. They'll include a 30-day membership at a fitness club; rounds of golf, with carts; overnight stays at bed-and-breakfasts and gift certificates for local businesses such as restaurants and hair salons.

As for the homes tour, CCWC President Kay Gilbert says it promises to be as special and enjoyable as always. "This year, people will see Clifton as it has transitioned through more than a century," she said. "They'll see houses built in the 1880s and 100 years later."

"All the homes are really great," added homes tour Co-Chairman Diane Smith. "They were all on the tour years ago and were such big hits that we brought them back again, by popular demand. And there's plenty of parking at all the homes."

Huntsman House

The 12,000-square-foot home of Ken and Marci Huntsman on Balmoral Greens Avenue is in a French country Romanesque style. There's a Spanish sandstone fireplace with allegorical carving, heavy paneling and intricately laid flagstone floors with artistic tile insets.

Ken used his engineering talent to install a high-tech computer system to run the house. And the furnishings were all custom-made or hand-chosen by

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OPINION

Some Limits, More Disclosure

Virginia does not benefit from elected officials being awash in cash donations and gifts.

It seems prescient now. Virginia's "corruption risk report card" in March 2012 ranked the state 47 out of 50, with an overall grade of "F." That's "F" for failing, mostly because Virginia is one of four states that place no limits on political contributions at all.

Virginia got a failing grade for vulnerability to corruption. Corruption in the commonwealth is probably not any more rampant than voter fraud, as we said last year. But in terms of practices that could undermine trust, Virginia has vast room for improvement.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts with some reporting loopholes is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as recent news about state elected officials and gifts well demonstrate. It could be better for businesses to have some limits as well.

The National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org summarizes how states handle contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political

parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle. You don't have corporations and CEOs giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

From 2009-2013, Dominion has made \$2,838,506 in political contributions to candidates and committees, 58 percent of it to Republicans, 39 percent to Democrats, according to the Virginia Public Access Project www.vpap.org.

In 2012, Pepco donated \$2,000 to Friends of Martin O'Malley, Maryland's governor, \$10,000 to the state Democratic committee and \$5,000 to the state Republican committee.

In 2013, Pepco's total contributions currently reported are \$2,000.

In 2013, Dominion Resources' total contributions currently reported are \$450,000.

In 2010, Pepco donated \$4,000 each to Friends of O'Malley and Friends of Anthony Brown, his running mate. In 2008, Pepco donated \$10,000 to state Democratic committee and \$10,000 to the state Republican committee. (Pepco contributions are according to the Maryland Campaign Finance Reporting System.)

Dominion donated \$52,500 to McDonnell's campaign and another \$50,000 to his inaugural committee. Dominion also gave \$80,000 to the campaign of state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D), \$26,500 to Ken Plum (D) for delegate, \$25,000 to Mark Sickles (D) for delegate, \$18,500 to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Power of Tourism

BY BARRY BIGGAR

From May 4 through 12, we celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week—a time when we applaud the impact our multi-faceted industry has on our community, the commonwealth and the nation.

Travel and tourism is easily one of America's largest industries. In fact, it is the country's number one service export industry. In 2012 alone, it contributed \$2 trillion to the U.S. economy, supported 14.6 million American jobs, and delivered \$129 billion in tax revenues.

In fact, without travel and tourism's contribution to the tax base, each household would have been taxed an additional \$1,060 to maintain the same level of services that they enjoyed. That's something everyone likes to

hear—especially in the midst of cutbacks and furloughs.

Travel's impact is significant and growing. It can drive our nation's economic recovery and resurgence as a great nation by creating and supporting American jobs. The travel industry contributes substantially to those businesses that depend on tourism, across the country and right here in our community.

Consider the impact that leisure and business travelers have on Fairfax County's hotels, restaurants, retailers, museums and countless other businesses. Visitors from around the world travel to Fairfax County, directly supporting over 30,000 local jobs with earnings of more than \$571 million. Last year alone, Fairfax County hotels sold more than 4.7 million hotel rooms, and tourism spending in the county generated an additional \$175.2 million in state and local taxes.

Given this level of economic importance, travel needs to be

easy and accessible. Metro's extension through Tysons Corner out toward Dulles International Airport, the Route 495

Express Lanes, and the increased development along the Route 1 corridor, among other capital development initiatives, are opening up the county to greater opportunities and easier access—not only for residents but indeed visitors.

On a national front, it is critical that our airports continue to maintain the highest degree of security for all travelers, but it is also vital to ensure that all visitors experience the friendliest of welcomes. Fairfax County hosts travelers from across the nation and around the globe each year. These visitors spend, on average, more than \$2.6 billion in our area. Great effort is underway to ensure a more effective and efficient visa processing system in key markets that are vital to the growth of this industry, notably China and Brazil. The U.S. Travel Association is working dili-

Toddy Puller (D) for Senate, \$17,000 to Mark Herring (D) for Senate, \$14,157 to Tim Hugo (R) for delegate, \$12,000 to Tom Rust (R) for delegate and \$11,000 to Janet Howell (D) for Senate, just to cover some of the larger, local contributions.

Does it matter? Given the history of power outages, it's unlikely anyone would want to trade service from Dominion for service from Pepco.

Gifts are another question. In Virginia, even if an official does violate the very limited rules on gifts, the code states that "Violations of this subdivision shall not be subject to criminal law penalties."

Call us naive, but we would have bet that neither Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli nor Gov. Bob McDonnell would be susceptible to taking gifts under dubious circumstances, yet both are in the news for having failed to report gifts totaling tens of thousands of dollars. McDonnell says disclosure of gifts to his immediate family members are not required. Cuccinelli says he forgot about some gifts he received.

The State Integrity Investigation is "designed to expose practices that undermine trust in state capitols — and spotlight the states that are doing things right." See <http://www.stateintegrity.org/virginia>

Virginia's access to information on campaign finance is overshadowed by "lax oversight rules, weak consumer representation protections, dwindling capitol press corps and coziness between political and economic elites. ... Meanwhile, the few ethics and disclosure requirements that do exist tend to be flawed, limited or fraught with exemptions and qualifications," according to the report.

— MARY KIMM,

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gently with our elected officials on reducing air travel inconvenience at security checkpoints and creating a smarter visa policy to allow one of our strongest economic industries help America get back on track. If successful, these initiatives will not only be significant on a national scale, but will make a huge impact right here in our backyard.

So this week as we celebrate our colleagues and neighbors who are a vital part of this industry, I urge all of us to use National Travel and Tourism Week as an occasion to encourage our local leaders and elected officials to ensure that the travel and tourism industry continues to thrive, and to reflect on the profound impact travel has on all of us—from personal memories that will last a lifetime to the global economic benefits that affect our world today and into the future.

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

Mom Kimberly Salameh and her 3-year-old son Shepherd, of Fairfax Station, share some love on a windy day on the Potomac in early spring aboard the water taxi from Old Town Alexandria to National Harbor. The former Joe Gibbs-era Redskinettes and her young son enjoyed family time with (not pictured) husband Nick and other son 26-year-old Chris on the cool day.



Mom Kimberly Salameh walks with 3-year-old son Shepherd, who wore his favorite color, orange, while climbing over the rocks by the water hunting for treasure (assisted by mom) in Old Town Alexandria.



A kiss on the beach: Susan Robertory and her daughter Sophia Robertory



Lauren Robertory, of Fairfax Station, and her mom Paige Robertory.



Thanksgiving at the beach: Bailey Robertory and his grandma Ruth Robertory.



Michael and mom Meredith Kloman, of Fairfax Station, do what they love to do best: swing in their hammock together.

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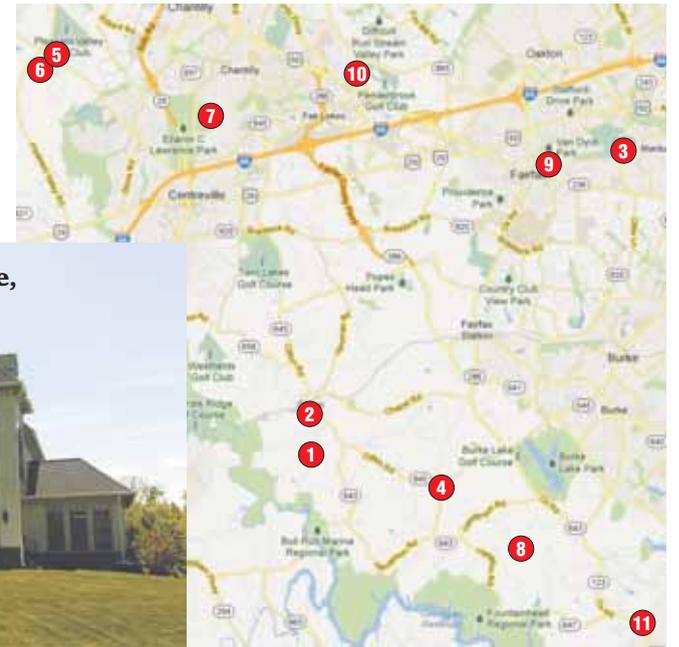


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Mother's Day Gift Ideas

Suggestions for honoring mom on her special day.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Mother's Day is less than a week away. For some, choosing the perfect gift for mom can be a nerve-wracking exercise. If you're still looking for the perfect present, local style gurus offer suggestions that they say will please even the most discerning of women.

For stylish mothers, Allison Priebe Brooks of Queen Bee Designs in Alexandria recommends the sentimentality of matching parent-child jewelry: "It is fun to match or coordinate fashions with your child, especially on Mother's Day," she said. "You can do that with dresses or bold prints, but you can also do it with your jewelry. Little girls love to dress up and match their mothers, and jewelry is one thing that just about always fits and it can be passed down from generation to generation."

A spa day at home will give exhausted moms a chance to unwind, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Treat Mom to a spa day at home [with] a new line bath line from The Charleston Soap Chef [which includes] lotion, hand and body wash, body butter and sugar scrub. We've been encouraging customers to put a few pieces together and pamper Mom without having to go to a spa."

Hand creams by Pre de Provence, rich in shea butter and available in crisp scents like lavender and verbena, are luxurious choices, said Angela Phelps, of Le Village Marche in Arlington. "Every woman can use a good hand crème in her purse," she said.

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Perfumes, lotions and candles from lines including Lollia, Tocca and Niven Morgan are a luxurious treat for moms."

For those thinking ahead to summer, O'Shields suggests a brightly hued tote bag. "Scout bags are the perfect accessory for summer at the beach, baseball games and every day." She also suggests colorful handbags, wallets and tech accessories.

MOMS WITH SOPHISTICATED palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass. SEE GIFT IDEAS, PAGE 12



PHOTO COURTESY OF QUEEN BEE DESIGNS

Allison Priebe Brooks, of Queen Bee Designs in Alexandria, recommends color-coordinated, mother-daughter jewelry and clothing on Mother's Day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKET FENCE

Courtney Thomas, of The Picket Fence in Burke, suggests presenting mom with an array of bath and body treats to create a spa experience at home.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NEST EGG

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says jewelry like bangles and charm bracelets are great for Mother's Day.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PICKET FENCE

Courtney Thomas, of The Picket Fence in Burke, recommends buying "The Gathering of Friends" cookbooks for mothers with a penchant for cooking and entertaining.



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Moms with sophisticated palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass.

"For moms who enjoy relaxing with a glass of wine, hand-painted wine glasses are a great gift."

— Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke

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Mother's Day Gift Ideas

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glass. "For moms who enjoy relaxing with a glass of wine, hand-painted wine glasses are a great gift," said Thomas. "They are all hand-painted by a local artist and are available in a variety of colors and designs."

For moms who love jewelry, O'Shields suggests putting a ring on it — or even a bracelet. "Jewelry ranging from bangles and charm bracelets ... are great for Mother's Day." For a personal touch, she adds, "Engraved monogrammed charms and necklaces with children's initials are a special way to give Mom jewelry that reminds her of family. Precious Metal Prints include a kit for making a fingerprint mold that is then mailed to the artisan to transfer to a charm."

Epicureans with a penchant for entertaining would relish a cookbook line called "The Gathering of Friends," says Thomas. "It ... comes in five volumes, complete with table-setting ideas, shopping lists and beautiful photography. They are more than your typical cookbook."

Another idea for mothers who enjoy all things culinary: kitchen accessories. "If mom still has dishtowels from 40 years ago, why not swap them out for some new ones?" said Phelps of Le Village Marche. "I love ... vibrantly colored French towels from Jean Vier. Coming from the Basque region and made of 100 percent cotton jacquard, these oversized tea towels [32 inches by 23 inches] are beautifully and delicately woven. They can be machine-washed and dry wonderfully with no need for ironing."

For moms who enjoy photographing their off-



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Moms who enjoy taking pictures of their offspring might enjoy "Photographing Your Children: A Handbook of Style and Instruction" by Jen Altman.

spring, O'Shields recommends the book "Photographing Your Children: A Handbook of Style and Instruction" by Jen Altman.

And for displaying those photographs, Thomas said, "We [have] ... frames ... that all have a sentimental words and saying and are a step beyond the traditional frame. They also have 'memory magnets' with a clip to attach a picture ... great for hanging pictures, notes and favorite art."

O'Shields said, "Picture frames make a wonderful gift and they are even more special when you take the time to have a picture printed and include it in the frame when you give the gift."

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The Acacia Masonic Lodge was the first building in town with electricity.

Spring Homes Tour on May 16

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famous designer Barry Dixon. Outside, the grounds contain a tennis court, stables and a peaceful, boulder-lined pool complete with cascading waterfalls.

niture and fabrics in soft yellows, blues and teals. This home also contains the original woodwork and heart-pine floors, in contrast to the modern, renovated kitchen.

Presta Home

Frank and Mary Presta's classic colonial house on Redlac Drive features floors of 100-year-old Virginia pine and 18th-century furniture. Highlights include a Scottish grandfather clock, a British bonnet-top highboy and a Dutch cupboard.

There are also paintings and sculptures in equestrian and hunting themes, as well as colorful antique quilts adorning walls and railings. And visitors will enjoy seeing the colorful, springtime flowers in the English garden outside.

Peterson Home

Also on Main Street, Tom and Jean Peterson's home is the only house in town built in the Second French Empire style. The town's first postmaster, Lewis Quigg, had it built for his wife in 1874. Highlights include an open, three-flight staircase in the center hall, plus four working fireplaces.

An old farmhouse table is in the glass-enclosed sunroom overlooking the garden. There's also sports memorabilia from Tom's career in sports, as well as an 1850s high chair that Jean used as a child.

Mills House

Owned by Pete and Mary Mills, this home on Main Street was built in carpenter-gothic style in 1884. It features steep gables and pointed arch windows, and the mantle in the parlor was originally in the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Mary Mills decorated the house with damask wallpapers, some French country fur-

Acacia Lodge

The Acacia 16 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 for \$250 in 1903 and moved it to Main Street in 1920. The next year, it became the first building in town with electricity and was later registered as a historic landmark.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Help the Lions Help The Blind

The Clifton Lions Club will hold its annual, White Cane fundraiser this Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, at the Colonnade at Union Mill and University Mall Giant Food stores. Besides cash donations, the Lions will collect used eyeglasses.

Donations will support the renowned International Lions eyeglass recycling program, Lions Recycle for Sight. Volunteers collect used eyeglasses which are then cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. Many then go to people in need in developing countries.

Proceeds also support blind charities such as Leader Dog for the Blind and the Lions's SightFirst program that provides

new glasses to low-income families.

South County Student Wins DECA Competition

Natalie Pasquel, a student at South County High School, won first place at the DECA International Career Development Conference held last week in Anaheim. Pasquel took top honors for her entry in the Entrepreneurship Participating-Franchise category. South County High School is a Fairfax County public school.

The team of Zach Carter and Carter Niehoff of Lake Braddock Secondary SEE ROUNDUPS, PAGE 16

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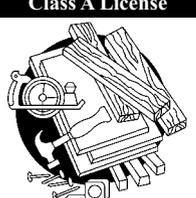
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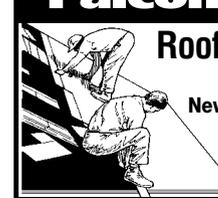
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Notice of Public Hearing
Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Easements Necessary for Public Purposes by Eminent Domain or Other Means
May 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
The Fairfax County Water Authority will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903 on **at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013**, to receive public comments on a proposed Resolution authorizing the acquisition of easements necessary for the improvement and expansion of Fairfax Water's water system infrastructure adjacent to sections of the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Fairfax County. The improvement and expansion is required to provide adequate capacity to serve existing and future customers. The necessary easements are to be located across several parcels of land adjacent to U.S. Route 1, more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcels 083-3-01-0037, 083-3-01-0038, 083-3-01-0040, 083-3-01-0041, 083-3-08-B, 093-1-01-0019, 093-1-01-0025, 093-1-16-0013, 092-2-18-06-0001A, and 093-1-18A-0001. Following the public hearing, the Water Authority Board may vote on or after June 6, 2013, to adopt the proposed Resolution.
The proposed Resolution and other related information can be viewed at Fairfax Water's Website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>.
The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed resolution should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:
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The fast-paced musical features updated dialogue and new arrangements of such classic Disney songs as "I'm Late," "The Un-birthday Song" and "Zip-A-Dee-Dee-Doo-Da."

Northern Virginia Players has been entertaining audiences of all ages since their start. Shows are co-directed by theater veterans Kate Wittig and Ann Eul, and the cast is from throughout Northern Virginia. NVP is known for its exceptional talent, costumes and staging, which supports professional quality theatre at the community level.

Northern Virginia Players will dedicate these performances in loving memory of Bobby Collar. Collar, a friend and fellow actor, died unexpectedly Feb. 14, 2013. Part of ticket proceeds will be donated to the



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From left, **Victoria Conner (Queen of Hearts), 16, from Woodbridge, Spencer Post (Mad Hatter), 13, from Fairfax Station, and Hannah MacGregor (Alice), 14, from Fort Belvoir.**

Bobby Collar Memorial Fund.

Show Dates & Times:

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South County catcher Haylea Geer hit a three-run home run against West Potomac on Friday night.



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Geer, Williams Provide Power For South County Softball

Stallion duo hits back-to-back home runs against West Potomac.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Friday's South County-West Potomac softball contest had the makings of a pitcher's duel when Haylea Geer came to the plate in the top of the third inning.

With two on and two out, the South County junior catcher broke a scoreless tie with a three-run laser over the center-field fence.

"It was really exciting," Geer said. "I think right off the bat I kind of knew it was over — plus the wind really helped."

Jade Williams was on deck for the Stallions when Geer went deep. What was Williams' reaction to the blast?

"She was like, how am I supposed to compete with that?" Geer said.

Williams' encore provided plenty of power.

THE FRESHMAN FOLLOWED GEER'S BLAST with a solo homer to left-center, giving South County a four-run lead en route to a 7-0 victory on May 3 at West Potomac High School. The home run was Williams' second of the season. Geer also has two.

"I think it set the tone pretty well," Williams said about the Stallions' back-to-back bombs.

South County extended its winning streak to 10 games while improving its record to 15-1 overall and 11-1 in the Patriot District. Success is nothing new to the Stallions, a program with six consecutive Patriot District championships under its belt, but this year South County is lighting up the scoreboard in a brighter fashion.

South County averaged 7.9 runs per game in 2012. In 2011, the Stallions averaged 6.4. In 2010, when Yale University pitcher Chelsey Dunham was a senior at South County, the Stallions scored 6.8 runs per game.



South County freshman Jade Williams followed teammate Haylea Geer's third-inning three-run homer with a solo shot, giving South County a four-run lead en route to a 7-0 victory on May 3 at West Potomac High School.

years, it was all about pitching and defense and getting enough hits to win the game when Chelsey was here. [This year,] we've got good pitching and then we can hit with anybody."

After South County's back-to-back homers Friday, Burks delivered an RBI single in the fifth inning and later scored on a wild pitch, increasing the Stallions' lead to 6-0. Sophomore second baseman Cara Yates drove in a run with a single in the sixth.

Junior pitcher Rebecca Martin earned the victory.

THE STALLIONS, who have outscored their opponents 114-2 during their 10-game winning streak, will travel to face Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. South County's senior night will be Friday, May 10 against Woodson. Senior night was originally scheduled for May 7 but was postponed due to inclement weather.

"We're peaking like we want to be," Dillow said. "This is the time of the year that we want to start playing our best softball and that's what we seem to be doing right now."

This season, South County is averaging 11 runs per contest and has scored fewer than 10 runs in a game only four times. In 16 games, the Stallions have outscored their opponents 175-12. Seven of the 12 runs South County has surrendered came against Lake Braddock on April 3, when the Bruins handed the Stallions their only loss to date.

"I think that we have a great chance to go really far this year," Geer said. "This is one of our most powerful offensive teams that we've had."

Along with Geer and Williams, junior shortstop Whitney Burks and junior third baseman Caitlin Maglich have also homered this season for South County. Freshman outfielder Carley Kastner just missed hitting a home run on Friday, instead settling for a double off the wall in left field.

"Pretty much everybody in this lineup's got the potential to hit the ball over the fence and we've never really had that," South County head coach Gary Dillow said. "Prior



PHOTO BY DAVE SULLIVAN

Woodson senior Laura Dunn (6) scored six goals against Annandale on Tuesday night.

Woodson Girls in Championship Game

Dunn, Lightfoot lead Cavaliers past Annandale in district semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Laura Dunn was the first of the Cavaliers to introduce herself to Patrick Mahler, who this year became the Woodson girls' lacrosse program's third head coach in as many seasons.

From that moment, Mahler said, Dunn has been the team's "consummate leader."

"She's like the rock," said Mahler, a former Annandale boys' assistant who graduated from Woodson in 2000. "We have four captains, but they all kind of defer toward her. She's just a natural leader — kind of an alpha dog kind of thing."

Dunn has been on the varsity since her freshman year, experiencing three consecutive Patriot District titles. Now a senior captain, Dunn led the way as the Cavaliers earned a trip back to a familiar championship stage.

Dunn scored a game-high six goals and top-seed Woodson defeated No. 4 Annandale 18-8 on Tuesday night in the semifinal round of the Patriot District tournament at Lee High School. The Cavaliers secured a berth in the district championship game, where they will face No. 2 Lake Braddock at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10 at Lee.

Dunn scored four goals in the first half as Woodson built a 9-5 halftime advantage. Her final goal gave the Cavaliers a 16-5 lead with 16:22 remaining in the second half.

"It's like all the pressure is on me now being a captain and a

senior," Dunn said, "but it's good. It's a good feeling."

Dunn was not alone as two other Cavaliers scored at least four goals. Junior attack Alex Lightfoot tallied five goals and three assists and senior midfielder DeeDee Montgomery finished with four goals.

Woodson jumped out to a 5-1 lead, thanks to two goals from Dunn and one goal and two assists from Lightfoot. Annandale responded with three straight goals, cutting the Woodson lead to 5-4 with 7:36 remaining in the first half. Lightfoot and Dunn each scored again before a goal by Annandale's Janan Gokturk cut the Cavalier advantage to 7-5 with 3:43 left in the half.

It was all Woodson from that point as the Cavaliers embarked on an 11-0 run, holding Annandale scoreless for a stretch of more than 16 minutes.

Lightfoot scored three of Woodson's first six goals of the second half.

Kelly Stegner, Jasmine Kim and Claire Swanson each scored one goal for Woodson.

Woodson improved its record to 11-2 and extended its winning streak to 11 games. The Cavaliers lost to Langley and Madison by a combined three goals to open the season and haven't lost since.

Woodson moved from the Liberty District to the Patriot District in 2010 and proceeded to win the Patriot championship each of its first three seasons. The Cavaliers will face Lake Braddock in the district final for the second straight year.

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 10

SingleMarriedGirl. 8 p.m. at the W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A film which premiered at the Capital Fringe Festival and most recently at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland, follows the hilarious antics of Laurel Spears, a Chicago native who, when finding herself at the crossroads of a dead-end marriage and major identity crisis, decides to take herself on a date. \$20 general admission; \$15 military/senior; \$10 student/member. workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Fairfax Station Swim and Tennis Club Open House. Noon-3 p.m., at Fairfax Station Swim and Tennis Club, 6203 Arrington Lane, Fairfax Station. A free lunch and a dip in the pool accompany the opportunity to meet coaches and representatives of the swim, dive and tennis programs. 703-608-8144.

Concerts from Kirkwood's 10-year Anniversary Big Band Concert. 3 p.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, West Springfield. The "Difficult Run Big Band" will perform music from the last 80 years. 703-451-5320 or concerts@kirkwoodpres.com.

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Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Masterworks VI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Conductor Christopher Zimmerman, tenor Brennen Guillory and soprano Joni Henson perform Wagner's "Prelude and Liebestod," Tristan und Isolde and Prelude to Act 3, Lohengrin; Verdi's Overture to La Forza del Destino, Overture to I vespri siciliani, Love Duet Finale Act 1 Otello, "Dio ti giocondi, O Sposo" Otello, "Dio mi potevi, scagliar" Otello, Willow Song Otello and "Libiamo," La Traviata. \$25-\$55. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

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