Construction debris landfill to make way for golf facility

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Owners of a construction debris landfill on Telegraph Road plan to build a nine-hole course and other recreational amenities over a closed portion of the landfill.

The Fairfax County supervisors recently approved Hilltop Sand & Gravel Co.'s proposed $8 million recreational complex that will initially include a nine-hole course, miniature golf course, batting cages, clubhouse, picnic area and snack shop.

Lindsay Ervin has designed a nine-hole track. The developers hope to find a firm that can both cap the landfill and construct the course. Construction should begin early in 1999, with the facility ready for play by late summer or early fall 2000.

Another nine holes are expected to be added in about 15 years, once the part of the landfill that remains operational is full and has to close.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Golf course architect Denis Griffiths has begun work on a preliminary plan to expand the city-owned Old Fort Golf Course from 18 to 27 holes.

The course expansion is part of an overall plan to develop a conference center and 150-acre business park next to the course. The city would have to acquire an additional 390 acres and then relocate nine of the existing holes for the entire project to work.

The golf course work would represent $5.75 million of the entire $50 million project.

Peoria tribe plans to build Oklahoma links

MIAJCI, Okla. — The Peoria Tribe is reviewing bids for construction of a golf course the tribe plans to build near here.

The construction contract should be awarded soon, with construction starting in late September. NationsBank is financing the project.

According to Chief Ron Froman, the 18-hole, par-72 public course will be built on a 290-acre tract two miles east of town. Plans include a driving range, clubhouse and a pro shop.

The course should open next fall. Pittman, Poe and Associates is designing the course.

Casper, Nash team in Chicago

HUNTLEY, Ill. — Construction is progressing on Greg Nash/Billy Casper-designed Whisper Creek Golf Course in this Chicago suburb.

The course, owned by Del Webb, will be the centerpiece of Del Webb's Sun City master-planned community.

Whisper Creek, which is expected to open by summer 1999, will be a 7,140-yard layout. Fairways, tees and greens will be planted with bentgrass, roughs with fescues and bluegrass.

Construction management will be handled by Lohmann Golf Designs and final shaping and grow-in by Golf Creations, both of Marengo.

Ala. layout to reopen in Dec.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Developers of the Boswell-Highland Golf Course hope to have 90 acres of new sod laid by the end of September and the renovated course ready for play by December.

The original course was built in 1903 and renamed for local blind golfer Charlie Boswell. The course closed in 1996 and construction began this past April.

Torchmark Development Corp. has contracted with the city to renovate and maintain the course. Bob Culp is the architect.