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Scout Searching For Help With History

A Boy Scout working on his Eagle Scout project is asking for some help with history.

Jack Craig is restoring graves in the Arnold Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro. He and his helpers are looking for more information about the soldiers buried in the cemetery. They would also like any descendants to know their relative is being honored. Following is a list of the soldiers buried at the cemetery:

Revolutionary War Veteran:

Roberts, Stephen; 1762–1842. Sergeant, served in Captain Thomas Moultrie's Company, Colonel Francis Marion's South Carolina Regiment in 1779.

War of 1812 Veterans:

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Vanvactor, Solomon; Date of birth Unknown–1812. Private, 1st VMR (Taylor).

Scatterday, Aaron; 1795–1872. Veteran of the War of 1812.

Clendening, Samuel; 1786–1873. Private, Green's Regiment, Mounted Infantry.

Ogden, Andrew; 1782–1855. Ensign, 56th VMR, Capt. John B Stevens, Loudoun County, attached to 5th VMR.

Butts, William; 1791–1871. Private in Capt. Robert Wilson's Artillery Co. and in Capt. Van Bennett's Co. as part of

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**HAPPY
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Read Across America Comes To Culbert Elementary

Every year, Culbert Elementary celebrates reading in a big way! The students began the Read Across America Week with a fabulous assembly and a reading challenge. Many community members visited Kenneth Culbert, participated in the

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Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad Wins Prestigious Presidential Award

Congratulations to the Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad (PVRS) for earning the U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Overall, Virginia residents volunteer an average of about 38 hours per year, while the average in the Washington Metro area is about 33 hours. The average for individual Loudoun County Fire-Rescue volunteers totaled 389 hours during 2012. The average for a PVRS volunteer was 720 hours. Based on



number of volunteers with PVRS, the approximate total hours for 2012 were 83,000 man-hours volunteering. This does not include trainings, meetings, and special events. There are three levels of awards for those 26 and older: Bronze for 100 to 249 hours; Silver for 250 to 499 hours; and Gold for 500 hours

or more. The number of PVRS members receiving each of the awards: Bronze: 17, Silver: 16, Gold: 38. The Loudoun County Fire Rescue Volunteer Program has provided the U.S. Presidential Volunteer Service Award to all Loudoun County Fire Rescue volunteers that contributed at least 100 hours during this past points year. The volunteers received a certificate from the White House as well as a pin with

their designated award level. Residents are encouraged to find out more about PVRS at www.purcellvillerescue.org. PVRS responds to approximately 2,000 calls per year and is the only All-Volunteer Fire or Rescue Company in the western end of the county.



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Ask Dr. Mike

*Dr. Mike,
My husband has
Bipolar Disorder,
and we recently saw
Silver Linings Play-*

book. I realize the movie is a big hit and that a lot of people really enjoy the movie's feel-good message, but we are both very offended by the story. Bipolar Disorder is a serious mental illness, and it has compromised my husband's life, and our family's life, in many ways over the years. To portray Bipolar as something that you can get over in a short period of time is not only ludicrous but also insulting to those of us who live with Bipolar, and its painful realities, everyday. I don't know if you saw the movie, but I know you were the head mental health advisor to the Bipolar Support Alliance of Northern Virginia, so we are curious to get your thoughts on this.

P in Loudoun County

P,

I did see the movie, and I enjoyed it very much. I enjoyed it as entertainment, however, and not as a fully accurate portrayal of a mental health condition or treatment/recovery process. Whenever Hollywood attempts to address a mental health condition or mental health treatment, they will get some things right and they will get a lot of things

wrong. As a psychologist, there are many errors in the film – regarding the diagnosis and symptoms, the therapist's behavior, the rate of recovery, etc. But I think that there are many positives in the movie that make sense to me as well, the main point being that one's environment and one's relationships are essential for bringing about meaningful change. In my opinion, Bradley Cooper's character, Pat, does not really start addressing his problems until after he is released from the mental hospital. The hospital served to over insulate Pat, and once he was released, he was forced to deal with real life relationships and experiences. Over time, and with several painful moments, he began to take responsibility for himself, including his feelings and behaviors, in the context of his important relationships. With small relational successes, he was then able to stay in reality more and more to get his needs met, as opposed to retreating quickly into fantasy or acting-out destructively. In the end, Pat was able to redefine himself, and he was able to find love again. He did so with therapy, medications and a strong support system. Individuals with Bipolar Disorder typically require all three of these very necessary ingredients in order to live successful lives. The movie got those parts

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Grand Jury Impaneled In Delgaudio Case While Opponents Prepare For Removal

The criminal investigation of Sterling Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio is continuing, with reports that a grand jury has now been impaneled to review the evidence, a review expected to take place over the next few months. The investigation was handed over to a special prosecutor, Arlington Commonwealth's Attorney Theo Stamos, in November, following several weeks of controversy sparked by a Washington Post article detailing allegations by three former staff aides to Delgaudio. During that time the Board of Supervisors first authorized, then suspended, its own internal investigation, and it came to light that York and then-Vice-Chair Janet Clarke had been in possession of former aide Donna Mateer's statement and supporting documents from Delgaudio's office since April. Mateer alleged that Delgaudio mistreated staff and instructed her and other aides to engage in political fundraising while being paid by the county.

In a surprise move, the board voted unanimously at its first 2013 meeting to give Delgaudio no standing committee assignments. Delgaudio had previously served on the Finance/Government Services and Transportation/Land Use Committees. Late last year, Broad Run Supervisor Shawn Williams had announced his intention to "push for Supervisor Delgaudio to be removed from his positions on [the committees] while he is under

criminal investigation," but the meeting at which Williams would have done so was cancelled in favor of a November 20 town hall meeting called by York to address the issue.

Although Delgaudio voted along with his colleagues to approve the 2013 committee assignments, which according to York were available for prior review, his attorney later released a statement accusing York of using "parliamentary rules" to make the change, and calling on the board to conduct a hearing at which Delgaudio "could defend himself." Despite the board vote stripping him of committee assignments, Delgaudio attended and participated in the Feb 12 meeting of the Finance/Government Services Committee as if nothing had changed, seating himself at the table with the official members.

Delgaudio's attorney, Charles King, has also released a statement responding to reports of the grand jury, in which he claims to have reviewed the documents provided by Mateer in addition to "other documents provided by Supervisor Delgaudio." King asserts that the material will exonerate Delgaudio.

Those other documents are an object of interest to the Real Advocate PAC, a local political action committee pushing for the investigation of Delgaudio. An officer of the PAC, Jonathan Weintraub, issued a request

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Clarifying Supervisor Clarke's Newsletter

In February, Supervisor Janet Clarke (R-Blue Ridge) sent out a newsletter to correct "false information" being circulated about the Purcellville Urban Growth Area Management Plan (PUGAMP) – a 50-year plan, recently abolished, which gave the town and the county joint control over lands surrounding Purcellville. The newsletter did not provide details about the misinformation, but, offered to provide facts and invited readers to contact Clarke, the other supervisors, county staff or Purcellville Town Council members "to verify these facts or to get further information."

Unfortunately, as laid out below, research of county and state documents indicate that Clarke's newsletter is not exactly accurate in all points. This is important because while Ms. Clarke favored elimination of PUGAMP, others saw the elimination of PUGAMP as a threat to the rural zoning around Purcellville.

"Four of the seven incorporated [Loudoun towns] have a Joint Land Management Area [JLMA] around them ..."

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**...Purcellville is not “just another Town”
following a precedent established by other towns.**

True. The four towns are Leesburg, Purcellville, Round Hill, and Hamilton. (Loudoun County Revised Comprehensive Plan)

“... and a couple that have gotten rid of their JLMA's and agreements.”

It is not clear to what agreements Clarke refers. Lovettsville is the only town that completely eliminated its JLMA. This occurred during the county's 2000-01 comprehensive planning process. Hamilton reduced, but did not eliminate, its JLMA in September 2000. Middleburg and Hillsboro have, for decades, declined to establish an Urban Growth Area or JLMA. (Loudoun County Revised Comprehensive Plan; Loudoun County On-Line Land Application System)

“Purcellville happens to be just one others Town, in agreement with the County, that has voted to eliminate their planning document and annexation agreement.”

False. “Only Purcellville and the County have jointly adopted plans.” Thus, Purcellville is not “just one other Town” following a precedent established by the other

towns. Although Hamilton and Lovettsville reduced or eliminated their JLMAs, it does not appear that the elimination of a plan accompanied those changes. The Leesburg Annexation Agreement with the County – the only other annexation agreement in recent history – remains. (Loudoun County Revised Comprehensive Plan).

“In doing so, development in the JLMA can no longer be developed by Purcellville by their ordinance ...”

Not exactly. Neither PUGAMP nor the annexation agreement allowed the town to develop the JLMA; only the owner of a property can develop it. Rather, the documents authorized the town to annex properties within the JLMA by ordinance instead of through the state-mandated annexation or boundary-line adjustment process. (Annexation Agreement; PUGAMP).

“... and instead the County becomes the lead governing body ...”

False. Under the annexation agreement between Purcellville and the county, the county is the lead governing

body within the JLMA prior to annexation with two exceptions – subdivision applications and rezoning applications filed concurrently with a request for annexation. (Annexation Agreement)

“... and annexation can only occur under the terms of VA State Code.”

True, with a caveat. Annexation is not the only option for changing the town's boundaries. The county and town could undertake a boundary line adjustment or negotiate another annexation agreement. Further, the town could also “petition the Commission on Local Governments (CLG) for an order establishing its rights to annex territory by ordinance under specified agreement terms.” (Virginia Municipal League; Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development)

“This will make all annexation applications have to go through the Circuit Court ...”

True with a caveat. Annexation applications are submitted to the Circuit Court, but decided by a special three-judge panel convened by the Virginia Supreme Court. Boundary-line adjustments are submitted to and judged by the Circuit Court. Caveat: Agreements Defining Annexation Rights (ADARs) do not receive court review. They are reviewed by the CLG. (Virginia Municipal League)

“... a more protective process.”

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Letters To The Editor

The Real Cost Of Development

Dear Editor:

Both Malcolm Baldwin and David La Rock are wrong about their assessment of growth, the Metro and the developer situation. Yes, the Metro will definitely bring lots of development. But the reason that the taxpayers are increasingly burdened for everything is that developers are paying less and less in proffers. We shouldn't be paying for the Metro at all, it should be paid for by the big developers because they will benefit the most from it.

Every state is now competing to woo commercial businesses by giving these companies millions of dollars in tax breaks because if you don't do it, the next state will. So when the need for more roads, schools, and services are created when the jobs do

come, the taxpayer is paying more and more for the needed improvements, much of it in the form of grants.

LaRock is, like so many other people who have never understood the value of open space, dead wrong about the “wealthy elites” with their large horse farms. That nonsense was spread around by the Right Growth Policy Institute through its contemptuous cartoons. Rural space never has and never will cost the taxpayer a dime. It costs the county 50 cents for every dollar it contributes, while housing demands \$1.50 in services for every dollar collected in taxes. The real question is why growth is considered such a positive thing, since everyone seems to feel that the quality of life goes down when growth takes over. Five and 6 percent growth used to be considered “booming”. Purcellville was growing over 11 per cent per year for six

years during the housing boom. This rapid growth caused the crowding of schools, traffic congestion, light and air pollution and divided communities, not to mention costly and wasteful litigation with the county. Many people who lived through the boom have voiced concerns about the deterioration of that quality of life they found so attractive when they moved here.

It is difficult to believe that the Republicans who keep insisting that the government spend less, which means hire less, subsidize less, tax less, don't seem to realize that what makes Loudoun so rich is in large part its extensive government connection. Any true constriction of government will cause the kind of pain our wealthy county has never experienced. Whether that's good or bad depends on what kind of future you are looking for.

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Purcellville On Fast Track To Explosive Growth

The Purcellville Town Council will soon be deciding on an application to change zoning and amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow the construction of a Low-Income Tax-Credit Apartment Complex (LIHTC) on Hirst Road, which borders Catoctin Creek. The complex would be situated on 13 acres of a 20-acre parcel with 176 units (and up to 205). Residents are banding together to oppose the change to allow residential building instead of the permitted commercial use (CM-1).

As part of their application, S.L. Nusbaum Realty stated, "there is no Comprehensive Plan adopted by the town for this property." However, the Comprehensive Plan shows the area as "professional office use" and specifically states that we should "ensure that new residential construction is compatible with the Town's existing small town character." The plan also calls for the "protection and conservation of these mature trees within the community and especially along Catoctin Creek."

The developer is requesting four separate smaller buffers than what is required (the Comprehensive Plan specifically mentions, "maintaining a 100-foot wide buffer around streams and creeks to filter pollution").

The Hirst Road Charrette, a resident/town initiative states, "New development will enhance the historic fabric of the community, exhibit architectural excellence, and create quality-scale environments." At a recent Board of Architectural Review meeting, the developer presented the Catoctin Creek Apartment plan. Several board members expressed concern over many aspects of the project and when



asked to use more "time-honored" materials, the developer's representative stated it would be "cost prohibitive."

"Making development predictable" as a key principle was recommended in the town Comprehensive Plan. Residents rely on zoning ordinances to protect their land and allowing exemptions erodes that equanimity. Allowing this zoning ordinance change and a Comprehensive Plan amendment may create a benefit for one property owner to the detriment of other owners.

The growth rate predicted in the Comprehensive Plan was that the town's population would "not undergo the magnitude of increase it has experienced during the past decade." The

apartment complex, if built as proposed, would add over 6 percent growth to Purcellville when fully occupied and yet the traffic study commissioned for the development predicted only a 2 percent growth rate. The availability of water and sewer utility capacity is a concern and who will bear the brunt of the costs associated with capacity expansion and the ability to provide sufficient capacity should another drought occur.

There are three apartment complexes in Purcellville, all of which are LIHTC and less than .5 miles from the proposed apartment development. At 4.6 percent, Purcellville has the highest saturation rate of LIHTC apartments than any other community in Loudoun County today. With populations hovering around 45,000, Ashburn has a saturation rate of 1.5 percent and Leesburg is 2.9 percent. (Developers capture a greater amount of profit when they build where land costs

are lower relative to market rents set by HUD, which explains their desire to build in Purcellville as opposed to other areas in Eastern Loudoun.)

In a statement to accompany the proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment, the developer wrote: "The nature of who lives in higher-density housing – fewer families with children – puts less demand on schools and other public services than low-density housing." Contrary to this, family size is relative to the rent level, with luxury rentals being occupied by the fewest children and lower-rent apartments occupied by both large and small families with a higher average number of school-age

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View From The Ridge

Keeping Citizens At Arm's Length

– By Andrea Gaines

Purcellville, arguably the single most powerful governmental force in western Loudoun, has made significant changes in the way it makes decisions on the major development and zoning issues of the day, including decisions relating to annexations and the town's comprehensive plan.

In earlier times, the developer for a particular project would present his or her idea to a town committee tasked with reviewing the developer's plan. Important committees included Infrastructure and Ways and Means, recently disbanded by the town. Once in committee, key documents and ideas would be shared with citizens in open meetings on the specific proposal. Citizens could also follow the issue as it made its way through the decision making process – by attending future committee meetings, accessing minutes from meetings, following press reports, and reviewing documents put forth by the developer.

As the process was drawing to a close, citizens would have been involved in all stages of the town's decision-making process, all the way through Planning Commission deliberations and the ultimate vote by the Town Council. And, their input would have been meaningful.

Today, under the guise of "streamlining" and "saving taxpayers money" developer proposals enter the process at the staff level of various town departments (such as Economic Development), effectively bypassing

the open and deliberative process characteristic of the committee system. Various committees track the proposal made by the developer, but, often, that amounts to nothing more than a one-line summary or staff report on where the proposal is at any one time, and does not include any input from the public or any level of detail – unless a citizen went to the trouble and expense of submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

This is exactly what has been happening to the proposal for the 176 unit (and up to 205) Catoctin Creek Apartments. In this case, a one-line reference to the project, in committee, was picked up by the Blue Ridge Leader. Our newspaper submitted a FOIA request for documents related to the project, and, miraculously ... approximately four days later documents related to the project appeared on the town website. These documents included ...the comprehensive plan amendment and zoning amendment.

The Catoctin Creek Apartments development is the largest residential development proposal to come before the town council in over six years. This application is 176 (and up to 205) units of one, two and three bedroom apartments, approximately the size of the Locust Grove development.

There is significant concern about the size and scope of this apartment complex. Yet, if not for the FOIA request citizens – including the project's closest neighbors – would have been hard pressed to understand what was

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Interview With Upper Loudoun Little League President, Norris Beavers

– By Tim Jon

If we selected a 'Mister Loudoun County,' Norris Beavers would certainly be a top candidate: Middleburg Postmaster for 18 years (retired in 2007), pillar of his church (Emmanuel Episcopal in Middleburg) and long-running President for Upper Loudoun Little League (ULLL). Born and raised in Loudoun County, he attended Lincoln Elementary and Loudoun Valley High Schools. Just think of the local residents he has known in his time, and the lives he has touched: Beavers served as Postmaster for the historic community of Waterford before his tenure in Middleburg, and he worked at the Leesburg Post Office prior to that. He's held several positions for his local church (vestry member for five terms, cemetery committee chairman, and co-treasurer, not to mention lay ministry member for many years). His service to ULLL includes almost three decades as Board Member, and 13 years as President. No surprise that his three sons all played Little League, as well. Norris Beavers also does some 'hoopin,' with about 15 years of refereeing for the Western Loudoun Basketball League, and Board Membership for that organization approaching two decades. We're happy to share his views on local youth sports, from this recent interview ...

Tim Jon: How did you get started in youth sports – and, what do you enjoy most (these days) about being involved in kids' athletics?

Norris Beavers: With 3 sons, I wanted them to have a positive experience playing sports. I realize I could make a positive experience for many other kids also. That is what motivates me today.

TJ: Not everybody's going to be a Ray Lewis or a Roberto



NB: No. For many reasons.

TJ: We hear stories of distractions caused by 'sideline parents.' I imagine you've learned a lot of field diplomacy over the years?

NB: Parents most of the time can be your biggest problem. I always try to be level headed and make sure that everyone realizes it is only a game and let the kids enjoy playing the sport. As parents and citizens we have to show good examples for our children.

TJ: The nature of games ends with a 'winner' and a 'loser.' How do you help kids transcend that- even though our society reinforces it over and over?

NB: I am OK with winning or losing a game. As a coach or parent you instill in your kids to play their best and to always enjoy playing whatever sport they are playing at the time. No matter how good you are, there is always somebody out there who is better. Winning is not necessarily reflected in the score, it is doing your best and giving your best effort.

Clemente, but team sports can still help in our development. What are your thoughts on this?

NB: All kids should play a team sport. It teaches teamwork, discipline, success, failure... all things that are needed to function in society.

TJ: Sorry, but I just gotta ask: would you let your son play 'tackle' football?

TJ: Isn't all of this (running Upper Loudoun Little League) really time-consuming – and a lot of work?

NB: It is like having another full-time job, but I think all people should volunteer their time and give something back to the community. Many people volunteer at fire/rescue, work at a food bank, volunteer at a hospital. My volunteer time has always been working in youth sports. I think volunteer work makes this country great.

TJ: How have local youth sports changed in your lifetime?

NB: So many more kids play sports today. Having the necessary facilities to make this happen is always a challenge.

TJ: What are your favorite memories of all of this: big wins, kids who went on to play on higher levels, family involvement, other moments...?

NB: Being involved in ULLL for so long, it is hard to remember a favorite memory. I do enjoy when an older kid or adult comes up to me and tells me how much they enjoyed playing Little League baseball. I have been in it so long that I am now seeing grand-kids of people that I started with 28 years ago.

TJ: A lot of people think that sport activities just happen. Can you share with us the work that goes into running Upper Loudoun Little League?

NB: For one game there are 100's of volunteer hours that go into making Upper Loudoun Little League happen. There are board members, coach volunteers, parent volunteers, parents who run the concession stands and do the ordering, coaches and parents who mow the lawn and work on the field, scheduling the games and make up games and also scheduling the umpires. We play over 400 games and in addition to that there are tournaments.

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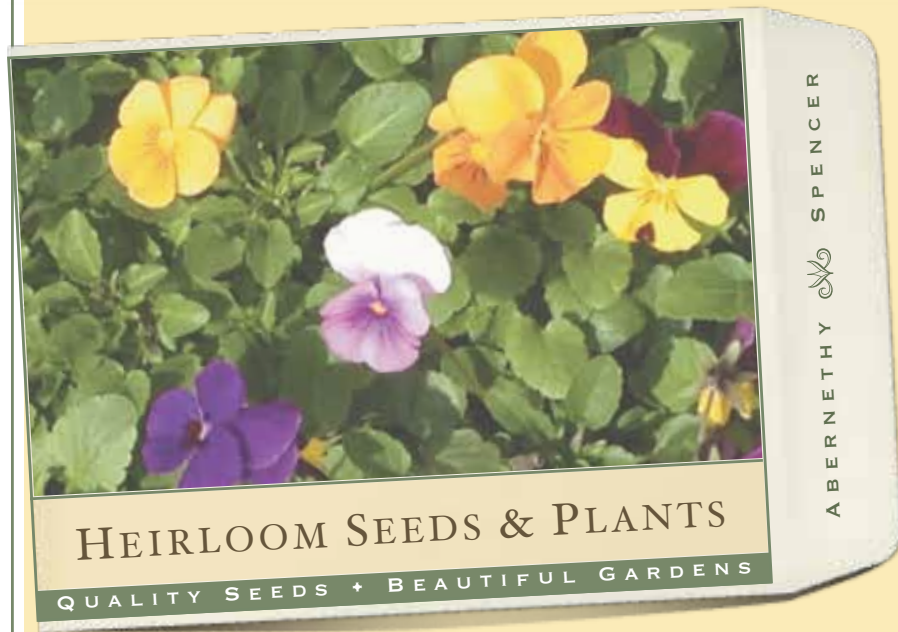
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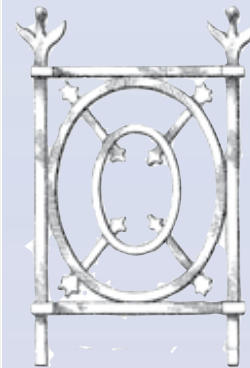
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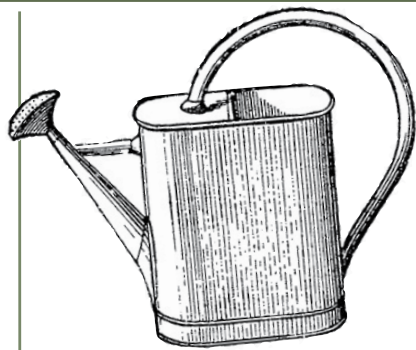
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“This year’s event is actually the third job fair aimed at recent college and high school

graduates, as well as current high school students, that has been held in Leesburg in recent years, although it is the first to be sponsored by the town,” said Leesburg Town Council Member Kelly Burk.

Burk was instrumental in organizing two previous job fairs when she was a member of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

“The Expo will focus on career oppor-

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Amy V. Smith's Money Talks

What Has Changed for 2013?

– By Amy Smith



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Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) with barely an hour left on New Year's Day. A number of changes came out of the act that will affect your overall tax bill and financial plan for 2013 and beyond. While the outcome and resolution of the fiscal cliff means higher taxes for many, we now have certainty on the tax landscape for 2013.

This month's column summarizes the changes resulting from ATRA. I will be offering financial planning strategies in future month's columns for you to consider in 2013 that by taking action where appropriate may help you avoid an unexpected tax bill next April.

The following highlights the most significant changes that took effect January 2, 2013:

- **Income Taxes:** Highest income tax bracket increased to 39.6 percent from 35.0 percent for individuals earning \$400,000 or more and joint filers earning \$450,000 or more a year. The maximum corporate income tax rate remains at 35 percent.

- **Long-Term Capital Gains and Dividends:** Capital gains and dividend taxes increased to 20 percent from 15 percent for individuals and families in the new 39.6 percent tax bracket.

- **New Medicare Taxes:** As part of the healthcare reform bill, an additional 3.8 percent Medicare surtax on investment income for individuals earning more than \$200,000 a year and joint filers earning more than \$250,000 per year took effect as well as a 0.9 percent surtax on wages in excess of the same thresholds.

- **Roth 401(k) Conversions:** Greater

flexibility for in-plan Roth conversions in 401(k)s, 403(b)s and 457 plans.

- **Personal Exemptions:** Personal exemption phase outs were reinstated with exemptions reduced by 2 percent for each \$2,500 of income that exceeds a threshold of \$250,000 for individuals and \$300,000 for joint filers.

- **Itemized Deductions:** The limitation on itemized deductions was also reinstated, reducing the value of most itemized deductions by 3 percent of adjusted gross income in excess of \$250,000 for individuals and \$300,000 for joint filers (but no more than 80 percent of impacted itemized deductions).

- **Estate and Gift Taxes:** The maximum federal gift and estate tax rate increased to 40 percent with a \$5,250,000 (2013) exemption amount indexed for inflation; exemption portability was also made permanent.

- **Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT):** Annual AMT adjustments for inflation were made permanent.

- **Payroll Taxes:** The 2011 temporary cut to Social Security payroll taxes was not extended, increasing them from 4.2 percent to 6.2 percent.

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Purcellville Passion Play Returning To Firemen's Field: Sunday, March 24



On Palm Sunday, March 24, the Purcellville Passion Play will stage its 26th annual performance in Purcellville. The Play will take place at 3:00 pm at Firemen's Field, adjacent to the Historic Bush Tabernacle across from the Purcellville Town Hall on Nursery Avenue.

The Passion Play was last performed at Firemen's Field in 1999. Since then, it has been staged at Franklin Park and at Yaxley and A streets, behind Purcellville Baptist Church.

"We are all very excited about the play returning to Firemen's Field where it was a key fixture of the Easter season in Purcellville for so many years," said Peter Buck, one of the producers. "The intimate setting of Firemen's Field really encourages the audience to be part of the story not just spectators," Buck added.

The Purcellville Passion Play re-enacts Jesus' last hours on earth. The public is invited to attend this free event and experience Christ's journey to the cross by joining the cast in the crowd scenes. The audi-

ence will greet Jesus with palm branches as He enters Jerusalem; dine with Him at the Last Supper; feel His agony on the cross at Golgotha; and claim the victory and hope of His resurrection.

"The Purcellville Passion Play is a wonderful way for family and friends to celebrate the Easter season and experience the reality of His sacrifice," said Father Tom Simmons of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Purcellville, a co-producer who plays the Centurion in the play.

The event was started as a youth ministry activity by several churches in western Loudoun in 1987 and has evolved into a full reenactment of the Passion of Jesus Christ. Since 1987, more than 500 individuals and 70 churches, organizations and businesses from the community have participated as cast, crew and supporters of the Passion Play. This is truly an ecumenical event shared between many churches in Loudoun County.

For more information on the 25th anniversary performance visit www.purcellvillepassionplay.org.



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The Cellar at Hops & Vines is a wine bar and intimate hangout. The Cellar offers craft beer and wine, tastings and pairings. On select Friday and Saturday nights, The Cellar

offers a variety of live music entertainment.

Hops & Vines is also a gourmet market with cured meats and aged cheeses. It also serves as an venue for private events complete with catering for up to 500 guests.

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March Madness

— By Hannah James

With the weather getting warmer, more and more teenagers are seen frolicking in the fields ... actually, upon closer observation, one can see that they are actually hard at practice for their next athletic event. Coaches are yelling, players are sweating, and balls of all sizes and colors are flying. Spring sport season has begun.

Spring sports season officially started at the end of February. Lacrosse, soccer, field hockey, baseball, and track and field are some of the common spring sports. Many students participate in these extracurricular activities, for many different reasons.

Many teens play sports because it looks great on a college application. Colleges are interested in team athletes because sports teams help build a teenager's ability to work with other people, communicate, and persevere. "Three years on a varsity team should really give me a boost," said junior Rachel Sims, who plays lacrosse for Potomac Falls.

Some students participate in sports for the social aspect. Very few teens join high school sports unless they have at least one other friend with them. However, teams are great places to bond and make many new friends. "It's fun to be a part of a team, and cheer for my friends," said junior Carmen Garcia, who runs track.

When asked why she plays soccer, junior Sarah Abbott said, "It's a family thing. My grandpa started a [soccer] league and after he

died a field was dedicated to him." The love of sports is often passed down generation to generation. If a father played baseball, his son might be more apt to join a baseball team, and his daughter a softball team. Athletic events are able to bring families together through their excitement and friendly competition.

While sports are an incredible opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills, athletics are not for everyone. To participate in a sport, one must be willing to dedicate a lot of time. Many sports teams have two hour practices at least three times a week, and school teams add games twice a week that, with the addition of travel time and

referee stops, average three hours at the minimum. For some students this means making a choice between athletics and school. "I just don't do my homework unless it's really important," said honor student Karen Hood.

Spring is in the air and students are preparing for end of the year exams, the summer, and their sports seasons. They pour their energy, time, and interest into making their season the best they can. Unfortunately, their drive for excellence in athletics often overpowers the value they place on academics. Students often have to learn how to balance sports and studies, especially as they begin to take more difficult classes. However, all in all, sports build character, resumes, and friendships.

Hannah James is a junior at Potomac Falls High School, and a member of the GSA Student Board.



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Reggie Simms – Hometown Artist At Heart

– By Andrea Gaines

All truly great artists have one thing in common: they do the kind of art that they do, not because of some outside force, but because their inner creative spark sends them in that direction, period.

Reginald Simms is that kind of artist.

As a young child, Reggie was fascinated by the covers of National Geographic Magazine. (“I couldn’t get a library card but sometimes they’d ask me to help mend the bindings in old books and magazines,” said Reggie.) And so, today (naturally) he is a man on a mission to paint a set of 12 huge oils depicting in minute detail his favorite covers from the magazine. One of the most iconic magazine covers ever ... turned into a breathtaking piece of art.

Reggie was born in Round Hill and raised in Purcellville. His grandmother and grandfather worked on Purcell’s Farm and Orchard, from which the town takes its name.

His life reads like a local history book. He attended the historic Carver Elementary School – now the Carver Community Center – and also attended the historic Douglas High School in Leesburg.

As Reggie tells it, “I was always drawing.” After high school he attended the National Art School in DC. He says that at the time

he “was a little too into baseball,” and so his next stop was the service as he entered the Air Force at the age of 21. He was stationed in Korea, but after the service he headed to New York “to become a big-time artist.”

In the New York area Reggie worked for a local food chain while taking classes at Newark Fine Industrial Arts, eventually working for a series of graphic design and silkscreen companies.

Drawn back to the area, Reggie worked in the graphics department at the Washington Metro and eventually built he and his wife, Marion, a home in Purcellville.

Walk into Reggie’s expansive finished basement, which functions as his studio, and you understand, once again, that this is an artist that simply does what he likes to do.

“I do oils and watercolors,” said Reggie. “I do sculpture, restore old things like toys, documents and photos, antiques.” He also has a deep love for history – including local black history. In the corner of his studio is a large poster board with the names and photos of African American veterans from the area. He plans to contribute the collection to a local restoration project known as the Grace Multi-cultural Center.

Yes, this is an artist who simply does what he likes to do.

Delgaudio Case, continued from page 3

for the additional material under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, a request that was rebuffed by Delgaudio’s office citing “attorney/client privilege.”

“That’s an interesting argument to make about documents which, if they actually have relevance to the allegations, must be concerned with public business,” said Weintraub. If attorney/client privilege were a valid reason to withhold the documents, he said, “It would mean that an elected official could exempt [from the Freedom of Information Act] any document he wanted to keep secret by just handing it to his attorney. That’s not the way it works.”

Meanwhile, disagreement over how to proceed is brewing among Delgaudio’s opponents in the Sterling District. Longtime Sterling resident Tony Barney has announced his candidacy for the supervisor seat - and also called on Delgaudio to resign, saying that the ongoing criminal investigation and removal from standing board committees has left the supervisor unable to negotiate for the needs of his constituents. Barney has also

released a statement about the formation of a citizens’ group dedicated to having Delgaudio removed from office by the Circuit Court, a remedy available under Virginia law when a public official is convicted of a crime or shown to have misused their office in a manner which has “a material adverse effect upon the conduct of the office.” The group, Sterling Deserves Better, is gathering signatures of Sterling voters as a first step in the removal process. On its website the group acknowledges the ongoing criminal investigation, but asserts that even in the absence of formal charges or a conviction Delgaudio’s conduct “has established sufficient grounds for removal.”

In Barney’s statement, he asserts that while he agrees that there are grounds for removing Delgaudio from office, “under the law, he has the right to due process” while the criminal investigation proceeds. Launching a petition for removal before charges are filed is premature and risks interfering with the investigation, he said.

Franklin Park, March 2013

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Bring your pony, negative coggins, approved helmet and appropriate footwear. For more information and to register call (540) 338-4634.



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Purcellville First Friday

A big thank you goes to the following business leader for their sportsmanship and enthusiasm to participate in this community event. (Left to right) Shawn Malone - Magnolias at the Mill, Matt Barbagallo - Above Ground Winery, Scott Harris - Catoctin Creek Distillery, and Rocky Westfall - Atoka Properties.)

Men in Kilts kicked off the 2013 season of Purcellville First Friday. Visitors to downtown tried to match the legs with the business owner to win a \$100 gift card to Magnolias At The Mill Restaurant. The first correct entry selected from the random drawing was Jill Perla of Round Hill, VA. The evening

was filled with music and art as downtown Purcellville brought back the long awaited family event. After a previous season of carriage rides, this year focuses on interactive challenges. "It was a great theme brought to light in the downtown merchants monthly dinner. It never ceases to amaze me how much creativity the merchants have. I have to credit Janet Mulhern of Atoka Properties for her love of kilts," said Mary Beth Barbagallo of Above Ground Winery, who organized the event. Visit Purcellville First Friday on Facebook for more upcoming events.

Master Gardeners Announce Annual Gardening Symposium

Master Gardeners Kick Off Spring Gardening Season

Loudoun County's Master Gardeners kick off this year's spring gardening season with their fourth annual symposium packed with topics ranging from "Ten Steps to a Greener Lawn" to "Have Your Yard and Eat It Too."

Registration is open now for the event, which will be held at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg on April 6 and 7.

"We have a wonderfully diverse group of speakers this year, each with a deep knowledge of subjects near and dear to the hearts of gardeners and nature lovers," said Becky Phillips, a veteran Master Gardener and the symposium chairperson. "Anyone who attends will walk away educated, entertained and inspired."

Participants can register for one day (\$45) or two (\$70), with lunch included.

The Annual Symposium helps deliver on the Master Gardeners' core mission of working with the Virginia Cooperative Extension to encourage and promote environmentally sound horticultural practices through sustainable landscape management education for the Loudoun County Community.

Among the twelve speakers over the two days are landscape designer and filmmaker Catherine Zimmerman, who will discuss "Meadowscaping: A Recipe for Restoring Native Habitat." She is the author of "Urban & Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadowscaping to Big and Small Spaces."



Also scheduled are Joe Murray, a consulting arborist and biology professor at Blue Ridge Community College, who will talk on "How We Hurt the Trees We Love: A Caregiver's Dilemma" and Michael Judd, founder of Ecologia, LLC which specializes in edible and ecological landscapes, whose talk is:

"Have Your Yard and Eat It Too."

Other topics include:

"Bugs and Blooms: Growing Insects" by Jim McCormac, a biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, specializing in wildlife diversity. He also is a columnist with the Cleveland Dispatch, a blogger and an author.

"Suburban Yard to Native Landscape" by Connie Schmotzer, consumer horticulture educator for Penn State Extension.

"Native Ferns for Every Garden" by Joan Feely, curator/horticulturist at the U.S. National Arboretum.

Local notables on the agenda include:

Debbie Dillion, extension agent for Virginia's Culpepper, Madison and Orange counties, who will speak on "Hydrangeas - Old Fashioned Glamour for the Garden." Dillion formerly was the Loudoun County extension agent in charge of the local Master Gardener program.

Paul Gibson, a Prince William County Master Gardener, who will talk on "Organic Sustainable Vegetable Gardening."

David Lohman, the owner of Abernethy and Spencer Greenhouse, Nursery & Garden Center in Purcellville.

John Magee, a Middleburg, VA, landscape designer, whose talk is on "Design to Implementation - Proper Execution to Avoid the Perils and Pitfalls of Landscaping Projects."

Jim Miller, an award-winning Prince William County Master Gardener, who will talk on "Ten Steps to a Greener Lawn."

Kim Miller, Loudoun County Animal Care and Control, who will talk on "Basic Wildlife Animal Control."

For more information and to register: www.loudouncountymastergardeners.org.

More online at www.brleader.com

Two Fox-Hunting Artists to Share Display Space

Carver welcomes the work of Anita Baarns and Jill Garity during March and April.

Anita Baarns was born in Fontainebleau, France. She majored in Studio Fine Arts at the University of Maryland. That same year she moved with her husband to Loudoun County where she established her studio at Meadow View Farm. She

started fox hunting with the Piedmont Fox Hounds and The Fairfax Hunt, and fell in love with the sport and the hounds. She became interested in sporting art and started creating oil paintings and pastels of hounds, foxes and other works by commission, including paintings of horses and dogs for their owners, as well as portraits of those animals in landscape together with their owners.

She has been the official artist for the International Gold Cup Races in Great Meadow, Va., and the official artist for the Upperville Horse Show in Upperville. Her work is ex-



hibited at Dog and Horse Fine Art & Portraiture in Charleston, S.C.

A selection of her hound paintings were reproduced on paper and will be shown at the Carver center. To view more of Baarns' work, visit her website at www.anitabaarns.com, or www.dogartdealer.com

Jill Garity is a native Virginian currently living and painting in Philomont. She is an active foxhunter. She has been strongly influenced by the American Tonalist movement and the Hudson River School. Look for more of her work at the Burwell-Morgan Mill in Millwood, Va., this April.



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happening at the staff level and where the Town Council was in their decision-making process. As it is, the town will vote on this project shortly, and, some say, quietly – without real meaningful citizen participation in the process.

The effect of all of this is that the town holds citizens at arms length – ostensibly inviting public comment, but actually making meaningful public participation really difficult. Once a month town council work session meetings, open to the public, were intended to replace the public sessions once managed by the Infrastructure and Ways and Means Committees. But, the town has cancelled three work session in recent months – once-a-month meetings, open to the public, that let citizens in on the nitty-gritty of how small town government works.

The town council also votes on major projects on the same night as the formal public hearing, rather than stepping back, carefully taking stock of what everyone has to say, and making a final decision at the appropriate time. As former councilwoman Beverly MacDonald Chaisson recently commented, Purcellville is one of the few localities that casts their vote up or down on the same night as the public hearing. Citizens are allowed to speak their piece ... but only at the last minute. Most localities wait a month after the public hearing to give consideration to the public comment before casting their final vote. Not to delay the process, but to carefully make sure all points of view are understood and applied.

Citizen participation is critical to a democracy. And, there is no more effective way to effect participation as a citizen than by attending the town hall meetings and committee deliberations that occur in every small town. In a fast-growing town like Purcellville, the increasing number of changes impact more and more citizens and in more and more drastic ways. But, if small towns in transition are abandoned to special interests they will all go the way Purcellville is going. They will become another Anywhere, USA, and that means so many of the places that the shifting population would love to live in will become unrecognizable. The town you or your neighbor might have loved to move into will have been transformed through the indifference of its population, to a place you or they no longer want to live. It can happen surprisingly fast.

In “streamlining” the process of how the town goes about making it’s decisions – sending the deliberations to the staff level and out of the purview of the public, where the only people in the room are often the developer and town staff – the town is keeping the public at arms length and grinding democracy into the ground.

Two recent comments by councilwoman Joan Lehr and Mayor Robert Lazaro – with Ms. Lehr urging citizens to stick to the town’s “processes and procedures” and Mr. Lazaro saying: “I’ve seen an email that this was a done deal. I’ve seen another email that says we’re going into secret sessions ...” highlight the gap between what due diligence to democracy means to many citizens and what it means to the town. Because, while the mayor and select members of the town council see nothing wrong with how they do things, and even seem to be saying opponents are spreading false rumors about their procedures, there is a tremendous amount of discontent out there. Citizens really do feel left out of the process. Held at arms length as decisions are being made.

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True with a caveat for boundary line adjustments. Annexation applications are reviewed by the” Commission on Local Governments and a special three-judge panel. The panel considers an extensive list of criteria to decide “the necessity for and expediency of the proposed annexation.” Caveat: Towns and counties typically agree on boundary line adjustments prior to submitting the request to the Circuit Court. Where both governing bodies agree, the only decision before the court is whether the town and county submitted proper paperwork and complied with mandated advertising requirements. (Virginia Municipal League)

“The Joint Policies Review Committee voted to get rid of PUGAMP and the Annexation Agreement and will be holding a meeting to hear from County staff regarding whether it is recommended to eliminate JLMA as well.”

There are two separate aspects of the JLMA – planning and zoning. For planning purposes, the JLMA defines the boundary of a town’s growth, specifically the limits of town water and sewer extension. The elimination of PUGAMP and the Annexation Agreement eliminates the JLMA as a planned urban growth area for Purcellville. However, properties within the JLMA also carry a JLMA zoning designation. This designation determines allowable uses, maximum densities, and requirements of development. The decision before the Board of Supervisors does not eliminate that designation. (Loudoun County Staff)

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children. With 176 units, the majority being 2 and three bedrooms, this complex could add more school age children to our local schools than a community as large as Locust Grove, for example. Concern for residents is the ability of the School Board to allocate funds in a timely manner to keep up with this growth, and this apartment complex, coupled with continued growth outside of town limits, could lead to overcrowding in the schools and boundary changes.

The Purcellville Town Council has committed to increasing the commercial presence in town to “keep the tax burden for residents more reasonable.” Renaud Consulting is advertising for lease/sale over 200,000 square feet of retail/business space next to the proposed Catocin Creek Apartments. The Hirst Road Charette and town Comprehensive Plan suggest light commercial within this corridor, which the current CM-1 zoning supports. The developer

“I have been told by County staff that this is a complicated process and which could negatively affect the zoning in existing residential developments in the JLMA, so it may not make sense to get rid of the JLMA.”

It depends. If the intent is to rethink all of the aspects of the current zoning -- allowable uses, maximum densities, yard buffers, etc. – then yes, this is a complicated process with possible unintended consequences. If the intent is simply to change the designation used (say from JLMA to TR) without changing the underlying requirements, not so complicated. Any such effort along that continuum would require a Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOAM). Such amendments can take from six to 18 months (or longer) depending on the level of complexity. ZOAMs often accompany CPAMs and are frequently processed concurrently. (Loudoun County Land Use Regulations; Loudoun County On-Line Land Application System)

“The last time a JLMA was eliminated was in 2003 when the County did an overall County rezoning.”

False. The last time a JLMA was eliminated was in 2001 as part of the Comprehensive Plan review. (Loudoun County Revised Comprehensive Plan)

“This took close to three years ...”

False. The Comprehensive Plan Review began in January 2000 and was completed in July 2001. The elimination of the Lovettsville JLMA was only a small portion of this overall effort. (Loudoun County Revised

Comprehensive Plan)

“...and the JLMA that was eliminated was Middleburg’s.”

False. Middleburg has never had a JLMA. (Loudoun County Revised Comprehensive Plan)

“We will take this item up in our next JPRC meeting.”

Problematic. The Joint PUGAMP Review Committee (JPRC) was established as part of the Annexation Agreement. Termination of the agreement will terminate the JPRC; continuation of the JPRC would either require an amendment to the motion terminating the JPRC or a separate Board action. (Annexation Agreement)

“... and has to be approved by both governing bodies in order for a property owner to be brought into the Town.”

False. Joint approval is only typically required for boundary line adjustments. In the case of annexations the decision is made for town, county, and landowners by the special three-judge panel. Where a town petitions the CLG for an order establishing its rights to annex by ordinance, the CLG makes the decision, although the county can appeal a CLG decision in the courts. (Virginia Municipal League)

“This is also a lengthy public process.”

It depends. Annexations and CLG petitions are typically lengthy. Boundary line adjustments can occur quite quickly. The 2004 boundary line adjustment between the County and the Town of Round Hill was completed in two months. (Loudoun County On-Line Land Application System).

wants to include a hotel in addition to an events center to be used as a drive-in movie theater and flea market; the concern for many is the unintended consequences of this type of expansion. “Retail is not economic development. People don’t suddenly have more money to spend when stores come to town,” says Greg Leroy, executive director of Good Jobs First, a non-partisan economic development watchdog group based in Washington, D.C. “All that happens is that money spent at local mom and pop retailers shifts to these big box retailers. When government gives these big box stores tax dollars, they are effectively picking who the winners and losers are going to be.”

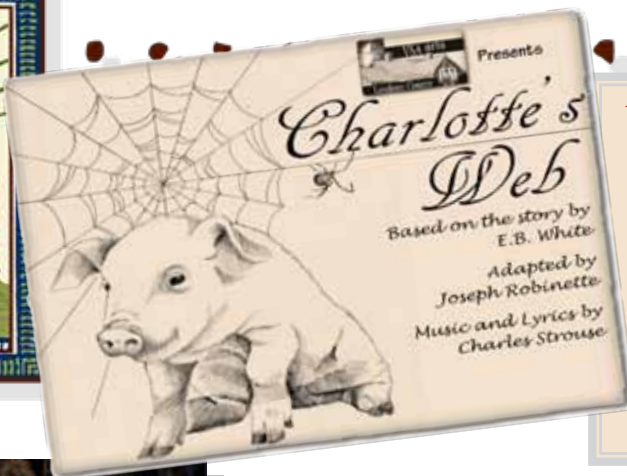
The traffic study conducted by S.L. Nusbaum for the apartment complex did not include any impact of any future development, so residents are concerned about the true impact on traffic

if all development within the Hirst Corridor being suggested by Renaud were to be built. The ability to reduce light pollution and promote the protection of dark night sky in Purcellville would be close to impossible with such a large-scale development.

The Town of Purcellville acknowledges the challenges of business growth in the Comprehensive Plan and how such “growth can affect the historic character and small community ambience that residents of Purcellville desire to preserve.”

Purcellville has changed in the past decade and is at a threshold for its future; whether via high-density housing or massive new commercial development.

The question is how best to protect the small town character and the reason most people moved here.



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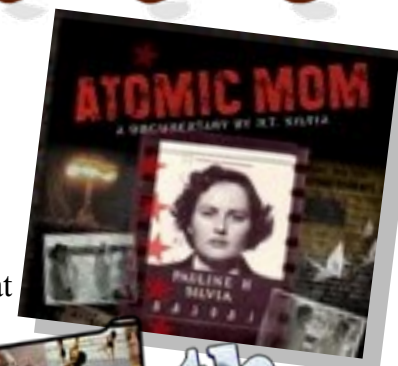
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Round Hill Church To Package 150,000 Meals

By Mark Gunderman

The Round Hill United Methodist Church (RHUMC) will host the third annual Western Loudoun community "Stop Hunger Now Meal Packaging Event" in Round Hill on Saturday, April 6. RHUMC Pastor Jeff Witt confirmed that this year the event plans to package an ambitious 150,000 meals in only four hours.

According to church representative Michele Jones, RHUMC learned about Stop Hunger Now in 2010 at the United Methodist Churches Virginia Annual Conference. "It was such a great event that we thought we could bring it to our church and more importantly our community at large," Jones said. "Everyone from 4 years old to well into their 90s can participate. It is a great community service activity that attracts teenagers too."

Jones praised the event as being really gratifying and fun and said people are drawn to it. Getting folks involved in neutral facilities where they feel comfortable



actively helping others is a powerful way to show them the results of God's love. "It's a great way to reach out to those who do not currently attend church," said Jones.

In 2011, RHUMC and its host of 100 volunteers packaged 25,000 meals to send to Kampala, Uganda. The following year, the event tripled with 300 volunteers churning out 50,000 meals for a school in Manila, Philippines.

Pastor Witt cited this year's goal is to provide a whopping 150,000 meals for the

people of Burkina Faso in West Africa. There are certainly enough eager volunteers. In 2012, the church actually had to turn helpers away because the floor space was already filled to capacity. In order to get the most meals out of the most volunteers, more floor space has been acquired with the approved use of the Round Hill Elementary School Gymnasium. Based on previous years, Pastor Witt believes it will take between 600 and 1,000 volunteers to reach their goal in the four hours allotted.

This entirely volunteer operation is broken down into an efficient assembly line.

First, at the funnel stations the rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and vitamin pack are placed into bags.

Second, at the weigh stations the bags are weighed to make sure they are within the acceptable range.

Third, the bags are sealed at the sealing stations.

Finally, the bags are boxed, sealed and packaged for shipping.

The church has volunteers maintain

the funnel stations supplied with the rice, soy, veggies and vitamins and move the "product" from station to station until each meal is ready to go out the door. Stop Hunger Now ships the food product to a warehouse in Lynchburg, Va. Through their partners at LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry, these meals are then shipped to a third world destination.

The past two years saw participation from church members from over a dozen churches; Boy and Girl Scouts; athletic teams of all sorts; school administrators, teachers, and students from many western Loudoun schools; attendees of a local dance studio; local police; fire and rescue personnel; and the local community at large including business owners and employees.

If you are interested in being a part of the 1,000-strong, meal-making machine, please register at: <http://events.stophungernow.org/Roundhill>. The Church also appreciates your donations in support of this event. Each meal is a donation of only 25 cents.

Remembering Abram David Groy

ABRAM DAVID (DAVE) GROU, 89, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2013, at his home in Purcellville, Virginia. Abram David was born in Coatesville, Pennsylvania on May 13, 1923 to Sarah and Arthur Groy. He was the youngest of three children. He graduated from S. Horace Scott High School in 1943, and served in the Army Engineer Corps during World War II. He built bridges throughout Europe, and received the Bronze Star for his actions under fire in Thionville, France, on November 12th through November 14th, 1944.

Mr. Groy's U.S. Army service fighting with Gen. George Patton in his famous race across Europe was printed in last November's Blue Ridge Leader. He was honored for having built the largest Bailey Bridge in the World while under enemy fire and in total darkness. The 190-foot span crossed the Moselle River in France and its construction and crossing was described as "epic" by General Patton in his memoirs.

He married his high school sweetheart, Hel-



en Miller, in 1945. They had two children, Cheryl and David. Dave worked for Carlton's Floor Covering in Coatesville for 24 years before he began in the insurance business.

He was the State Sales Director for United Sun Life for many years in Lakeland, Florida. He recently worked for Fuog Interbuild in Purcellville, Virginia. He invented, patented and sold his "Ladder Caddy" to PPI in Ashburn, Virginia, in 2012.

He is survived by his wife, Helen

Groy, his son, Dr. David Groy of Leesburg, Virginia, and his daughter, Cheryl Peavyhouse of Atlanta, Georgia. He is also survived by four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The visting is 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday, March 5th at the Hall Funeral Home, Purcellville, Virginia, with a service at 1:00 pm. A graveside service with military honors will follow at Leesburg Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made in lieu of flowers to: Disabled American Veterans, Attn: Gift Processing, P.O. Box 4301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 or www.DAV.org/donate.

Watermelon Park – A River And Country Music Jewel

– By Andrea Gaines

With both cool serenity and a penchant for water and musical fun, the 26-acre Watermelon Park, located on the banks of the beautiful Shenandoah River about 10 miles west of Purcellville, has something for everyone – from the child eager to take her first river-tubing trip, to the country music lover who longs for the days of Patsy Cline.

The park bills itself as "Family Owned and Operated Since 1939." And, in this case, that old-timey notion of a business that started out doing things the right way, and has never stopped doing it, is absolutely true to fact. Today's Watermelon Park is owned and operated by John U. Miller Jr. & Family. "Junior" as most folks know him, grew up and still resides in the old stone house which sits upon the hill-top overlooking the park.

At Watermelon Park, individuals and families can spend a few hours picnicking, make a day of it drifting down the river in a tube, kayak or a canoe, or set up camp for a night or a week. An old-fashioned camp store operation rents out or sells all the simple river and camping gear you'll ever need, and also provides transportation to a point up river that allows

you to float back down to where you started.

Watermelon Park has a reputation for being the home of many great and historical music events. The first "Bluegrass Day" was held on August 10, 1960. Over the years, performers have included Johnny Cash, Bill Monroe, Merle Haggard, Dolly Parton and many more. This rich history and tradition continues today with the park's signature event – the Watermelon Park Fest. (Upcoming musical events



include the June 14 & 15 Shenandoah Riverside Festival and the Watermelon Park Fest, September 19-22.)

The park is very active in the local and surrounding communities as well, offering fund raising packages and other non-profit opportunities. Annual events have benefited the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center. Many events also benefit conservation activities focused on the Shenandoah River.

Watermelon Park is a great outdoor venue for weddings and receptions, family reunions, company picnics, church and civic groups, team building workshops, Chamber of Commerce events, and sports team outings as well.

The park is open from April 1 to November 30. Come hold your small or large event "at the 'Melon" as they say.

Don't Worry ... Bee Happy Antiques Now Open

Bee Happy Antiques opened its doors in Loudoun County in 2009, with an assortment of eclectic antiques. Bee Happy Antiques and more has opened a larger store in the Old Purcellville Hotel at 142 East Main Street in Purcellville. Debbie Coates and Karen Gaines offer period antiques, home furnishings and

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tunities for young people just entering the work force," Burk continued. "Recent graduates will be able to meet with a variety of local businesses that are looking for employees. There are tremendous entry-level job opportunities in Leesburg and Loudoun County, but often young people don't know where to start. The Expo will help them get their foot in the door."

In addition to the chance to meet face-to-face with prospective employers, the Expo will offer attendees interview skills and resume writing workshops.

"The Youth Career Expo is a win-win proposition for both job seekers and businesses," said Marantha Edwards, Leesburg's Economic Development Director. "Based on attendance at the previous events, participating businesses can expect to see several hundred prospective employees."

Entry to the Youth Career Expo for job seekers is free. Attendees should wear business attire and bring copies of their resume. Businesses interested in participating should contact Doug Parsons, Leesburg's Business Development Manager, at dparsons@leesburgva.gov.

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- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
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- 1 bay leaf
- 2 teaspoons flour
- 1 teaspoon tomato paste
- 1 cup beef stock
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 to 2 lbs. potatoes
- 2 tablespoons butter

Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add the lamb/beef and cook until starting to brown, about 3 minutes. Add the onions, carrots, peas, 3/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of the pepper, and cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Add the mushrooms and bay leaf, and cook, stir-

ring, until their liquid is almost all gone, about 4 minutes. Add the tomato paste and cook, about 2 minutes. Add the flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Gradually add the stock and Worcestershire sauce, and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer until thickened, about 20 to 25 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Place the potatoes in a medium pot and cover with salted water. Bring to a boil and cook until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and return to the pot. Mash the potatoes with a potato masher. Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, and salt to taste, 1/2 teaspoon of pepper, nutmeg, and mash to incorporate. Add the heavy cream and mix well. Add cheddar cheese and Parmesan. Remove from the heat.

Remove the pot with the meat from the heat. Remove the bay leaf. Spoon into the prepared dish and top with the mashed potatoes, smoothing the top. Sprinkle the cheese over the top and bake until browned and bubbly on top, 10 to 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve immediately.

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assembly and read to students after the assembly. The Loudoun Valley Girls' Basketball Team helped open the assembly, and School Board Vice Chairwoman Jill Turgeon lead in reading the oath. The challenge this year is for students to read a total of 100 minutes during the week. If they meet that goal, a check to the American Cancer Society will be written for \$510 (\$1 for each student) on behalf of Culbert Elementary. This year, Read Across America challenge is linked directly to the Mini Relay for Life which will begin on that Friday, March 8, at Culbert Elementary right



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Sushi – Tails From The Barnyard Taming the Leprechaun in Me

Hi there, it's me, the Mighty Cairn Terrier Sushi. We're coming on early spring here at Fields of Athenry Farm. Baby lambs are bouncing around in the sun, doing happily frivolous things. But, that's not where my head is right now, certainly not feeling frivolous, more like down in the dumps and unloved.



will paint a little lamb green as green can be! My plan is just divine! Everyone knows it is Clover who watches over the lambs. I can hardly stand my brilliance. Her glorified days are over!

Gnarly Gander, our stately farm goose, intercepts me on the way to the house. "Sushi, you look funny, like

you might be down, but at the same time, you might be up to something?" "Are you all right?" Gnarly says with a touch of concern. Gnarly's compassion touched me, but I was still in my part angry part mischievous mood and so I said "Go away Gnarly Gander, I don't feel like talking to you or anybody else!" "Sushi; what's wrong little man?" Gnarly asked. "I'll tell you what's wrong!" I snapped. "Everything is all about Clover. No one notices me anymore. I feel invisible. Mrs. B is dotting on that Irish imposter and Clover is down at the barn primping and preening and I just can't stand it!" "Awe, Sushi," said Gnarly, "You know Mrs. B and everyone loves you; but more than that, Clover is crazy about you! Just the other day Clover lay with me in the warm sun and reminisced how wonderful it was doing guard duty with you for the entire farm. She rolled on her back, carrying on about that time you alerted her to the hawk aiming to steal Lady Miss Gracious for his chicken dinner. She went on story after story about how grand you two work together – you, fast on those four little legs, and she with the brawn. What a perfect team you are together. It was so much togetherness Sushi about you two; I had to duck my head into Quackery Pond.

Well, that did it. I looked at Gnarly Gander, a glint of tear in my eye and said, "You know, when one of us is down, here on the farm, another one of us always knows how to lift us up, remind us we are part of a plan, part of a family. Thanks, Gnarly, for reminding me of that. It's not about one of us, it's about all of us. I think I'll go back to the barn and surprise Clover. We have some birthday party planning to do!"

– All my love, Sushi.

You see, one of the "other" farm dogs, that stage-stealing bulldog Clover, is down at the barn primping and preening herself – quite frankly, I think she is acting more like a duck! – All in preparation for her upcoming birthday. She was born on Saint Patrick's Day, one of my master Mrs. B's favorite holidays of the year, and, a really big birthday bash is being planned for her here at the farm.

I mean, really? The dog isn't even Irish! She's English for goodness sake and for weeks on end it's been Clover this and Clover that. The dog can do no wrong. It is so annoying. And, that's when it hits me. Sushi, I say to myself, you're of Irish descent, you know ... and Saint Patrick's Day is coming up ... and since you are in a rather mischievous mood ... why not morph yourself into a silly little leprechaun and play some kind of practical birthday joke on Clover?

I am giddy at the thought of a good practical joke on her queenship! It must be something fun. Ahhhhhh, I got it, me as a leprechaun, doing something very mischievous to the queen bee. Fun, fun, fun. (And, it's just a joke, after all ... right?)

And, so, I scheme. I scheme in my small but very inventive Cairn Terrier head and come upon a decidedly Irish idea – perfect for Saint Patrick's Day. I decide to dye one of those cute little lambs green, and blame it on Clover. It's such a brilliant idea my mood is almost instantly elevated and so I set out for the house and that special basket Mr. B keeps all of those big chalk crayons – the perfect weapon of choice as when they get wet and gooey, mixed with a little green Easter egg coloring, they

Wild Loudoun

Our Magnificent Backyard Birds

– By Andrea Gaines

Looking out my snowy, overcast window in late February I was transfixed by the incredible color pecking and swooping and snacking at my backyard birdfeeder. I've seen perhaps dozens of species of birds on this farm. And, although it is a real thrill to see a soaring red-shouldered hawk or late night owl, it is equally captivating to watch common, everyday wild backyard birds feasting on the mix of sunflower and safflower seeds in my birdfeeders.

Between the incredible blue, white and black of our common blue jay, to the royal red of our cardinals to the exotic orange head of our red-bellied woodpecker, for me, it's all about color and movement and habit. Against a snowy backdrop, silhouetted against the white, you come to understand how important these three things must be to the life of a wild bird. And, here's a little bit about what those lives are like ...

Red-Bellied Woodpecker:

This bird is common in our mature woodlands. It's a larger bird with what I'd describe as a "hot orange" swath of color that goes from the base of its beak to the nape of its neck. Other parts of the bird are dramatic black and white, and it has a soft wash of red on its belly. These birds are cavity nesters and have a beautiful undulating flight pattern.

Blue Jay: We think of these birds as the "bullies" of the birdfeeder ... but they are just doing what they have evolved to do. I often see them working my birdfeeders in large groups, and when they fly in everything else



flies out, at least for a moment. They are part of the bird group that includes crows, magpies and ravens. And, although they can be aggressive at the feeder, they are inconspicuous and private when nesting.

Cardinals: This bird also travels in pairs or small groups. The male is the bright red bird you see with the distinctive black facemask; the female is a pretty reddish olive. Cardinals are here year round and feed on seeds, fruit and insect larvae. They also have that beautiful head crest – like the blue jay – which seems to twitch up and down ... maybe as some kind of communication device?

Chickadees, Titmice and Nuthatches: These birds often travel together in what the *Sibley Field Guide to Birds* calls "mixed-species flocks" – I like that term! While not as brightly colored as other common backyard birds, I love the combination of black, white and grey they display. Each also has patches/washes of pale yellow to a rust sort of color. Chickadees move

about quickly from branch to branch. You often see nuthatches moving head down on a tree trunk – the pattern it is very recognizable. The titmouse as a small grey head crest and a black "forehead."

Lots of other colorful and distinctive wild birds frequent my feeder – warblers and sparrows and juncos; cowbirds, with their dramatic copper head and black body. A bluebird showed up in the early morning hours a few weeks ago, but it didn't venture onto the bird feeder – more interested in insects that seeds, I suspect.

Applications Available For High School Seniors Leadership In The Law Summer Camp

Applications are now available for the Town of Leesburg's Leadership in the Law Summer Camp. Twenty-four rising high school seniors from Loudoun and Fauquier Counties will be selected to participate in the camp, scheduled for June 16 through June 21.

The weeklong camp provides students with the opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of the legal system. Students will work directly with local judges, lawyers, law clerks and other professionals who provide instruction and hands-on demonstrations. The program introduces students to the practices of criminal and civil law, courtroom procedures, crime scene investigation and the handling and preservation of evidence. Student legal teams receive case outlines and through the week, they study the facts, visit the crime scene, interview witnesses and experts, analyze evidence, develop ex-

hibits, and prepare witnesses and experts for trial. The camp concludes with mock jury trials in which the students act as attorneys for the prosecution and defense, with sitting circuit court judges presiding. Volunteers will serve as the plaintiffs, defendants, witnesses and jurors. The mock trials will be held at the Loudoun County Courthouse on Friday, June 21. Students may also participate in recreational team-building activities such as a ropes course, orienteering at Balls Bluff Battlefield Regional Park and salsa dancing, and will visit the United States Supreme Court in Washington, DC.

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Just Like Nothing (Else) on Earth: The Place Of The Long-Hair Cows

– By Tim Jon

It's those cows. They just seem so appropriate in this place - sorta like the yaks of the Himalayas - those shaggy critters used to lug supplies up and down the dizzying inclines. Well, these guys have it a little easier - from what I can see - until their conversion into table products, anyway. Nice, lean beef on the hoof ...

Oh, and, yeah - I know there are several places in Loudoun County where you can see these things - Highland cattle, I mean - originally bred along the cold, windy slopes of Scotland's high ground and Western Isles. That memorable day I visited, the low-sweeping clouds of a spent tropical storm made it all the more fitting - as if this local herd and their stumbly patch of earth had risen to meet the weather. And, like a lot of other mountaineers I've come across, they don't really have a lot to say: they seem content just to BE - too busy living their lives to spend too much time on commentary and self-analysis. Cow gurus, as it were. Well, like I say, they're not in a bad spot; I could sure think of lots of worse places to plod out an existence - on which many of us two-leggers actually do - to my way of thinking.

So - in practical terms - where is this place,



JON



if it's so special?

Well, it's just at the tail-end of a relatively long, windy, very bumpy dirt road with lots of ups and downs - and some good-sized boulders thrown in, for good measure. That's about all the specifics you'll get out of me - I'm guessing that the folks who live back that way chose their plots for a good reason: they like it there, and if they wanted you over, they'd probably let you know.

Anyway, I wouldn't just go gallivanting up that rocky path for no reason except to get to the end of it - which is pretty much all there is at the terminus: you can turn around and go back - that's about the extent of it. Oh - a little privately-owned 'drive' (more like a

goat path) extends from this point - to hook up with another - similar - gravel road about a half-mile away; I don't 'go there,' nor should you. Another reason to avoid this particular spot I've found is that the road itself barely allows for one vehicle to negotiate its course; if you meet somebody out there, one of you has some reversing to do - as in, like, professional-grade.

So, relax, enjoy the coffee (or other liquid of your choice) and use your imagination to travel to this peaceful little wild place in the heart of the heart of our County. I never even would have found it myself, had it not been for my need to pay a mortgage by delivering mail for about half the population in Western

Loudoun (in relatively small portions, I'll admit). It's just the right kind of spot to reflect for a moment - as you're carefully pivoting a clumsy vehicle in a very tight space - checking in all directions for possible obstructions - getting a few glimpses of those cows as you turn your head for clearance - wishing them a good day as they dozily note your existence - like well-fed royalty. These shaggy, long-horned beasts seem to have as little interest in my presence as the trees or the road itself - maybe it's the 'Highland' blood that makes them a bit more independent, or something.

So - if you ever have reason to really travel to this local little hideaway, and see that long-haired herd of bovines in a big, grassy field right at the tail end of the road - maybe you'll feel like you've been here before - even if it's just in some other imaginary time or another existence, perhaps. But don't worry. You're in good company. For all we know, those big, lumbering denizens of isolation may understand - in some strange way. And don't get flustered if they look at you with that "We've seen this guy before," countenance.

Heck, they even helped write the story.

Someday, when I return, several bovine generations from now, perhaps they'll help me on something more advanced - like Buddhist haikus or dialectics.

And, I've got it on good authority that some new youngsters out there are doing just fine.

Our farm dog's birthday party is just the start of March madness here!

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Pruning Roses And Other Ornamentals

– By Donna Williamson

There are always days in March that warm a gardener's heart and bones. Little leaves are starting to show themselves and there is spring in the air.

Pruning roses might seem difficult but it is simple. Of course there will be scratches from thorns you rub against in the process. Take long gloves if you have them, sharp pruning shears, a lopper for work at the rose base, and a small container of white glue.

The glue is for the end of the branches – it will make it hard for borers to tunnel into the rose cane. Just dab a bit after pruning and let it harden.

Roses have many visible buds along the cane. Prune to an outward facing bud. That will encourage the next branch to grow out rather than in or sideways. Congested leaves and branches don't allow air to move easily within the rose bush and encourage diseases. Rose diseases don't need any help.

Cut the canes to about 1.5 to 2 feet tall. I know that might sound severe. The roses can put on three-four feet of growth in the summer. So now that is a five to six foot tall shrub.

Roses bloom on the ends of the branches. Cutting them for a display of fragrant flowers in your home will be lovely. Make sure to cut just above a leaf with 5-leaflets. That is where the next flower bug is hiding.

Of course you will want to remove any dead or broken branches, and any branches that head into the center or into another branch. Look for a moment and decide which one to sacrifice.

Climbing roses should be pruned to 2-3 strong canes which will bloom over several years along the lateral/side branches.



As the rose ages, let one or two new canes emerge and after they get strong, you can remove the older cased.

One tip on pruning caryopteris, sage, lavender, santolina – pretend that there is a mixing bowl over them and cut off everything else. Should look like a tight mound. I know there will be fresh growth at the far ends of the plants. Ignore it. They will last years longer in your garden if you are ruthless and merciless.

Donna Williamson is a master gardener, garden designer, and garden coach. She has taught gardening and design classes at the State Arboretum of Virginia, Oatlands in Leesburg, and Shenandoah University. Author of The Virginia Gardener's Companion: An Insider's Guide to Low-Maintenance Gardening in Virginia, contact Donna at dw@finegardening.com, 540-877-2002.



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the 57th VMR from Loudoun County.

Confederate Veterans:

Beans, William H. 1841-1915. (Corporal) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; enlisted on October 1, 1862 at Snickersville (Bluemont). Paroled at Winchester on May 8th, 1865.

Spates, John Thomas (Private) Co. A, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry, 1838-1916. Wounded in the leg at Greenland Gap on 3-25-1863. Paroled at Harper's Ferry 4-17-1865.

Lay, Craven C. 1845-1933. (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry, enlisted on October 1, 1863 at Hillsboro.

Mayo, Joseph Robert, Born 1839. (Private) 28th Virginia Infantry, re-designated the Bedford Artillery. Co. D, 38th Virginia Light Artillery Battalion.

Hough, Samuel W., 1847-1902. (Private) Co. A, 8th Virginia Infantry; post war roster only.

Thompson, William Hugh (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; Born in 1843, enlisted on October 1, 1862 at Snickersville (Bluemont). Wounded on May 5, 1864 during the Battle of The Wilderness: died of wounds on January 14th, 1865.

Hammerly, John William (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; enlisted on Oct. 1, 1862, at Snickersville (Bluemont). Wounded on June 9, 1863, at Brandy Station. Captured in Loudoun County on June 9, 1864, paroled from Camp Chase, Ohio on June 5, 1865: Died in 1911.

Hough, Thomas E., 1843-1902. (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; Captured Dec. 17, 1863, at Snickersville (Bluemont), listed as deserting.

Clendening, William T., 1843-1889. (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; enlisted Oct. 1, 1862, at Snickersville (Bluemont). Wounded on May 6, 1864, during the Battle of the Wilderness. Paroled at Harper's Ferry on May 25, 1865.

Follin, Ira (Private) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; enlisted on July 20, 1863. Joined the 43rd Bn. Virginia Cavalry in September of 1864. Captured on Sept. 28, 1864. Paroled from Fort Warren Massachusetts on June 15, 1865.

Leslie, Thomas (Corporal) Co. A, 8th Virginia Infantry; Wounded at 1st Manassas on July 21, 1861; died at home of typhoid fever on Feb. 27, 1862.

Leslie, William A. (Private) Co. A, 8th Virginia Infantry; Enlisted on Oct. 1, 1862, at Winchester: K.I.A. Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

White, John R. (Lieutenant) Co. A, 8th Virginia Infantry; enlisted April 19, 1861 at Hillsboro. No record of service after March of 1862, may have resigned due to age.

Milton, John, 1840-1918. (Private) Co. C, 8th Virginia Infantry; enlisted by Capt. Heaton on April 20, 1861, at Hillsboro. Discharged on May 7, 1862 by certificate of disability.

White, Thomas W. (Lieutenant) Co. C, 35th Bn. Virginia Cavalry; enlisted Oct. 1, 1862, at Snickersville (Bluemont). Killed in action on May 8, 1864, during the Battle of the Wilderness.

If anyone has any information about the soldiers buried at the cemetery, please send that information to beckonhall@aol.com or call 540.338.4024. On May 11 there will be a service at the cemetery presenting the work that has been completed.

Hamilton Day Coming Soon



Mark your calendars to celebrate together at the annual Town of Hamilton parade and festivities. This year Hamilton Day will be held earlier than past years to be the third Saturday in April, which is April 20, 2013. The day will start with a parade at 11 a.m. beginning at our Hamilton Safety Center and ending at the corner of Reid Street and W. Colonial Highway (by Lowry's Crab Shack and the LDS church). Any interested participants for the parade can contact Carri Michon at cmichon@aol.com - all decorated bicycles, walking costumed children, 4H, ball teams and more are welcome.

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Landscaping Tasks For March

March is the perfect time to start spring maintenance tasks in your landscape. Thorough and thoughtful maintenance will benefit the look, health and longevity of your landscape. Listed below are few things that can make a big difference.

Clean-up: A great place to start is to clean all of the past season's debris from the yard including limbs and leaves. Also, pick deep down into the middle of your plants and remove any wads of collected leaves where disease and damaging insects like to hide and breed. Leaf removal also greatly improves the air circulation through your plants which helps to keep down fungal related issues.

Pruning: March is a great time for all kinds of pruning. Cut back any remaining perennials and grasses not yet addressed. Most perennials can be cut down to about 2 inches above ground level while most of your ornamental grasses are best left to about 6-8 inches above ground level.

If you wanted to get those overgrown shrubs under control with a heavy pruning, now is your time. Shrubs such as boxwood, hollies and cherry laurels can take a heavy pruning in March. The good news is that the new growth starts filling those bare cuts as early as April. There are many deciduous shrubs that benefit from a heavy March pruning including roses and butterfly bushes. Of course there are those early flowering shrubs and trees that are best pruned later in the season, usually immediately after flowering, unless of course you're not concerned about this season's flowers. Their buds begin to form in late winter, so be sure to leave them be if you want to enjoy their blooms. Regardless, March is a forgiving month when it comes to pruning. There is even still time to

prune most of your deciduous shade and flowering trees.

While pruning, observe the branching structure and thin out any excess branches that might be competing with each other or rubbing together creating wounds. Think about the form and structure of the tree.

Feeding: Early spring feeding will get your plants off to a strong start. The specific nutrient needs of your own plantings are best determined with a soil sample but using organic fertilizers are a safe bet. Organic fertilizers will build life back into the soil which will continue to generate its own food and help sustain your plants.

Mulching: Of course, adding a fresh layer of organic mulch has plenty of benefits including moisture retention and root insulation. But whether or not you put a fresh layer of mulch, take the time to break up the old layer of mulch. Many types of mulch get a hardened crusty layer that actually limits water and air exchange. Breaking up the crusty layer will allow the mulch to continue to work for you and assist in its decomposition into the soil, adding much needed life into your soil eco-system. You only need a 2-3 inch layer of mulch over your beds and root systems. Make sure you do not build mulch up directly on the trunks of your trees. Too much mulch on the trunk itself creates moist soft areas in the bark where insects and/or disease can enter.

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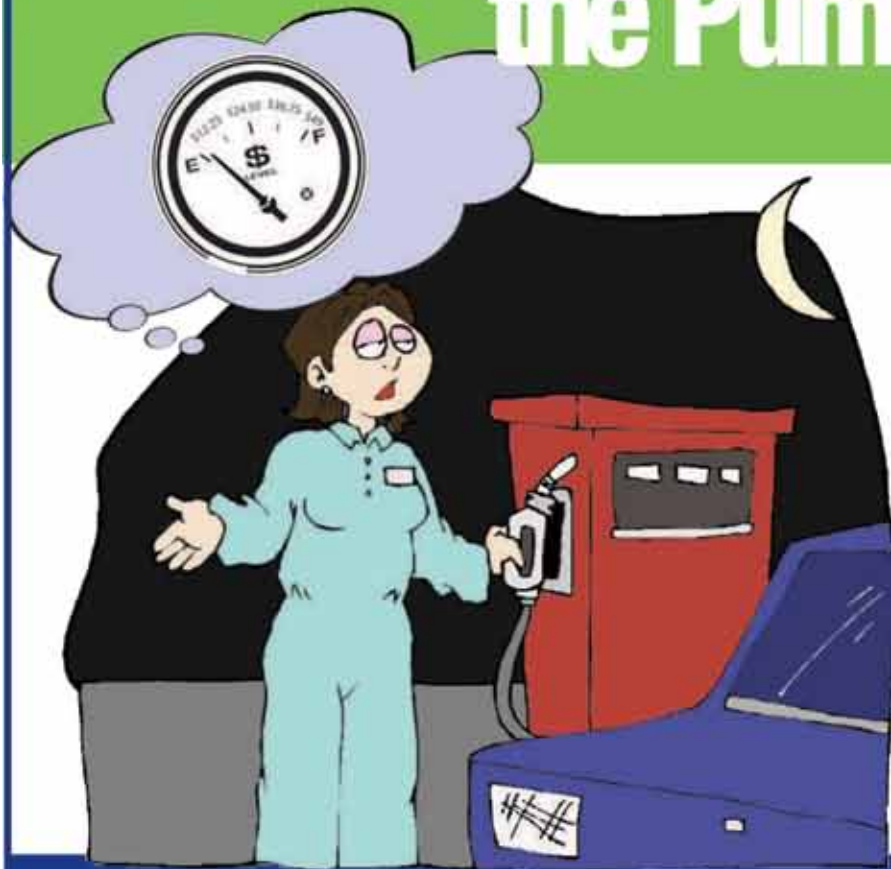
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Carver Center March Events

All events at the Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way in Purcellville

Saturday, March 2, Carver Center Swing Dance, 7 to 10 p.m. The Loudoun Valley High School Big Band provides the music, \$5 admission.

March 7 to April 18, Strength Training With Lyme, Thursdays 3 to 4 p.m. Fee of \$61, Registration number # 330711-01. For ages 16 and older, Classes will progress in length, lasting a half hour initially, then three quarters of an hour, and finally, a full hour. Instructor Alison MacPherson, who has experience working with clients with Lyme disease and understands the way that symptoms like fatigue and joint pain impact exercise routines, will be giving participants manageable tasks to work on at home in between classes.

Friday, March 8, Carver's monthly

movie, "The Sting," 12:30 to 2:45 p.m. \$1 includes popcorn, additional \$2 fee for non-members of Senior Center.

Friday, March 15, St. Patrick's Day Celebration, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A traditional Irish lunch, Irish dancing by the Celtic Rhythm School of Dance, a sing-along with Joe Grieco, and a cake marking Carver's sixth year of service in Loudoun. For ages 55 and older. Get your tickets early as they always sell out. Registrations taken until March 13.

Tuesdays, March 26 to April 30. New computer classes: Computers for Beginners 9 to 10:30 a.m. Get More out of Word/Excel, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Get More out of Word/Excel, 6:30 to 8 p.m. All classes \$49.

March

☉ **Saturday, March 9**, Between the Hills Community Country Breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m. or until food is gone. Country biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, home fried potatoes, pancakes and more. Neersville Firehouse at 11762 Harpers Ferry Rd., (Rt.671). Free will offering.

☉ **Sunday, March 10**, Lovettsville Historical Society Lecture: "Furniture Making in the Loudoun Valley." St. James United Church of Christ, 10 East Broad Way, Lovettsville at 2 p.m. Dr. Fred C. Johnson, an acknowledged expert on Loudoun County's rich heritage of local furniture making will speak.

☉ **Saturday, March 16**, pancake breakfast by the Methodist Men at Harmony United Methodist Church, 380 E Colonial Hwy, Hamilton from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Freewill offering accepted.

☉ **Saturday, March 16**, old-time contra dance by the Bluemont Concert Series. Dance

starts at 8 p.m. at the Hillsboro Old Stone School, 37098 Charles Town Pike. A workshop for new dancers starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, \$7 for Bluemont friends, students, and seniors. For more information, go to the Bluemont website, www.bluemont.org.

☉ **Saturday, March 23**, 21st annual Egg Hunt at Ida Lee Park in Leesburg. For children ages 1 to 7 from 12 to 4 p.m. The price of admission, \$10/advance and \$15/gate, includes all attractions except food vendors. Tickets can be purchased in advance by stopping in or calling Ida Lee Park Recreation Center or online at www.idalee.org.

☉ **Easter Extravaganza at Ebenezer United Methodist Church**. Come out on March 30 from 10am-4pm and enjoy fun for the whole family with egg hunts, games, crafts, food, and special performances by Tuesday's Fine and Nancy's Hands Puppet Ministry. Donations accepted. Located at 11590 Harpers Ferry Rd Purcellville, VA 20132 Questions? eumcprogram@gmail.com or 703-346-4439.

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Ask Dr. Mike, continued from page 2

of Bipolar Disorder correct, but, I agree with you, that the movie also took several liberties with this serious condition.

Dr. Mike,

What are your thoughts on the 6 year old boy from Maryland that was suspended from school for pointing his finger like a gun at another student and saying "pow?" My husband and I feel that the suspension was absurd and that it just shows how politically correct we have become as a society.

G in Loudoun County

G,

Yes, I agree that the suspension was absurd. The decision was absurd because first graders developmentally do not have a complete understanding of killing or murdering, and thus they should not be punished or held accountable for what they cannot grasp on a cognitive level. That moment, in my opinion, should have been handled between the teacher and the student, where the teacher should have corrected the student privately. But I do not agree with you that the suspension happened because of political correctness. The Sandy

Hook Elementary School shootings, as well as the other horrific shootings over recent years, have left us shaken as a society. I think that school systems are still trying to figure out the new normal when it comes to child safety, and in doing that, perhaps they may go too far at times. So, while I think you are correct in your position, there is also a part of me, given the several school tragedies we have suffered as a nation, that thinks erring on the side of conservative with guns (and even inferences to them) with students is actually a good thing.

Dr. Mike,

Our 15-year-old son recently told me that marijuana is safer than alcohol and that there is research to support his position. He even went so far as to say that if we were living in Washington or Colorado or parts of Europe that smoking marijuana would be the norm for us all. Our son has denied using marijuana, but my husband and I are concerned about his newfound excitement for the drug. We have a zero tolerance approach to drugs and alcohol for our children, but we're not sure our son does anymore. Your thoughts are appreciated.

W in Loudoun County

W,

At 15, I would not be surprised if your son has been exposed to marijuana given its undeniable presence. I would also not be surprised if he has tried it or is actively using it given his excitement and advocacy for it. I think it is interesting that he has come to you to argue his points, and it makes me think that he is still looking for some direction from you on the topic as his parents. I think you should start by asking your son why getting high or using marijuana (or any mind altering substance for that matter) is so attractive to him. You can also ask him if any of his friends share his thoughts on marijuana. By letting your son discuss marijuana openly with you as parents, you will get a better sense of his exposure to it. Instead of arguing or reminding your son of your family's zero tolerance rules, I would speak to him more from a place of concern. It is not that he cannot smoke marijuana, but rather that you would be very worried about him if he did. You should let him know that recreational marijuana use may or may not be worse than alcohol but that you are certain that both are bad for children and teens. You can let your son know that at 15 his brain and body are still developing, and

there are some very real dangers in using substances for him now. I think you should also make the strong point that marijuana is still illegal in VA, and it likely will be for some time to come. Should your son get arrested for marijuana use or possession, he could face some very real consequences – consequences that could follow him through high school and perhaps even into college. At 15, your son is aging out of childhood, and police and the legal system will begin to treat him more like an adult for his crimes. Your son may or may not have tried marijuana yet, and he still may, but your talks should challenge him to think through his decisions. Teenagers sometimes do stupid things in attempting to assert their independence. If that happens for your son with marijuana, he should be held accountable and he should be supported to not repeat the behavior.

Michael Oberschneider "Dr. Mike" is the Founder and Director of Ashburn Psychological Services (APS), a private mental health clinic comprised of 12 MD and PhD level mental health clinicians. He and his team are here to serve our Loudoun children, teens and adults. To learn more about Dr. Mike and the APS team, please visit: www.ashburnpsych.com or call (703) 723-2999.

A New Location For The Hair Mill Salon

The Hair Mill Salon has found a new home in Purcellville. After 9 years in their old location at the renovated Adams Mill in Purcellville, they are now at 201-G North Maple Ave. in the Purcellville Plaza.

"This is a great location for us. We were tucked away at our old place and a lot of people didn't know we existed. We are very visible here and easy to find," said owner Tony Salahi.

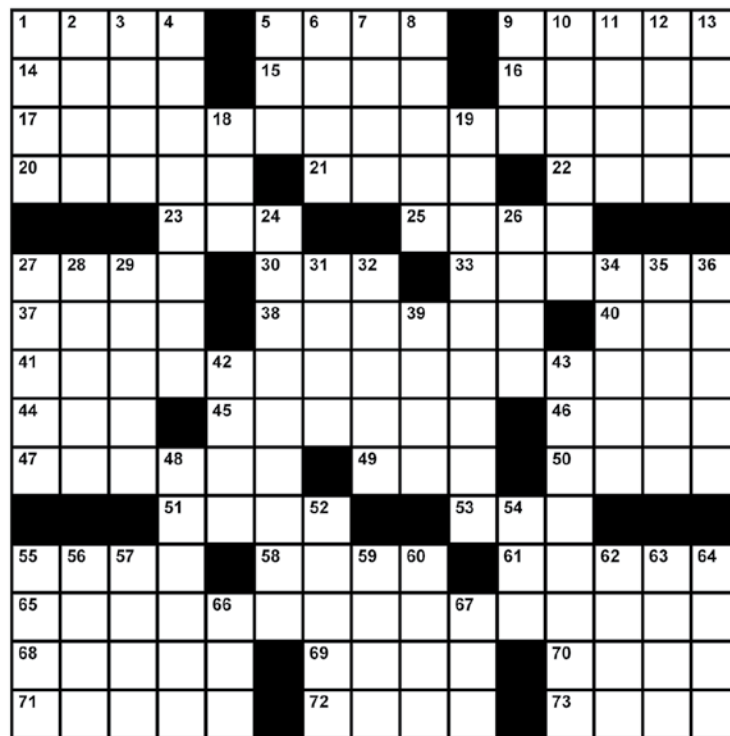
Salahi started his career in New York City. He then managed salons in Georgetown and Tyson's Corner. After moving to Lovettsville in 1999, the commute became too much of a challenge and he decided to open his own place. In 2004 The Hair Mill opened its doors and nine years later is still going strong. Working alongside Salahi is Anne Loveless, Sally Livesay, Diann Perry and Jennifer Biggs. His wife, Ann Marie, manages the front desk.

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Farm Life – By Myles Mellor and Sally York



ACROSS

- 1. Aug. follower
- 5. Some Olympians, nowadays
- 9. Foreword, for short
- 14. "Aquarius" musical
- 15. Hair colorer
- 16. Apple gizmo
- 17. Blame unjustly
- 20. Clipped
- 21. "Felicity" star, familiarly
- 22. "What are the ___?"

- 23. Islam's global gathering
- 25. Inner: Prefix
- 27. Seth's father
- 30. Georgian, for one
- 33. Lots
- 37. ___ Strip
- 38. Flowering shrubs
- 40. ___ grass
- 41. Arrogant and inflexible
- 44. Moistest flax
- 45. Eurasian grass

- 46. Freshman, probably
- 47. Guru's pad
- 49. "To Autumn," e.g.
- 50. Home of Vigeland Park
- 51. Arabic for "commander"
- 53. Bro's sib
- 55. Pinocchio, at times
- 58. It's super, in the sky
- 61. "Beat it!"
- 65. Noiseless
- 68. Squarely
- 69. Cash in Denmark
- 70. Eating disorder
- 71. Porridge ingredient
- 72. Handwoven rugs
- 73. "Idylls of the King" character

DOWN

- 1. Word with "up" or "out"
- 2. "___ on Down the Road"
- 3. Dock
- 4. Collector of detritus
- 5. School grp.
- 6. Classic board game
- 7. Fraction of thrice
- 8. Gawk
- 9. "Rocks"
- 10. Shot
- 11. Put one's foot down?
- 12. Go through

- 13. Crumbs
- 18. Caribbean, e.g.
- 19. 40-point melds
- 24. Kentucky county
- 26. Brit's "Baloney!"
- 27. Ancient assembly area
- 28. Copenhageners
- 29. Alchemical solvent
- 31. Essen basin
- 32. Kind of group, in chemistry
- 34. Traditions
- 35. Atelier item
- 36. Court figure
- 39. Ancient
- 42. ___ cheese
- 43. Medical device
- 48. Nickelodeon staples
- 52. Chopper blade
- 54. An end to sex?
- 55. Arctic native
- 56. "Cast Away" setting
- 57. Band with the hit "Barbie Girl"
- 59. Be different
- 60. Fishing, perhaps
- 62. Archaeological site
- 63. Fungal spore sacs
- 64. "Beowulf" beverage
- 66. Mamie's man
- 67. Balaam's mount

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Tiptoeing Towards The "Spring Market"

- By Carl Fischer



FISCHER

If you are having difficulty understanding what our real estate market will actually look like as we move into warmer weather, don't feel alone; so do I. It's true that there continues to be a sense of "cautious optimism" when it comes to our economy in general, but speaking with folks dropping by my office or calling, there is still a very pronounced air of caution in everyone's comments.

Residential resale prices are showing some improvement...

However, the month-over-month rate of sales fell off dramatically this past month, though they were still higher than the same month last year. According to the MRIS, the active number of listings is down from 1,282 to 1,005, compared to the same month last year. The number of new contracts was up 4.96 percent for the same period.

The single-family resale inventory is also down a lot, causing many buyers to flock to new home subdivisions, much as they did five years ago; that's a big change. Townhouses are moving well, and condos are finally beginning to turn in credible numbers

Here's a look at Loudoun numbers for January from the MRIS:

January 2013 Real Estate Market Statistics for Loudoun County, VA

		MoM	
Total Sold Dollar Volume	\$137,688,025	+ 13.79%	- 28.62%
Closed Sales	322	+ 10.65%	- 25.46%
Median Sold Price	\$375,500	- 0.2%	- 6.13%
Avg Sold Price	\$427,603	+ 2.84%	- 4.24%
Avg Days on Market	63 days	- 7.35%	+ 8.62%
Avg Sold to Orig List Ratio	96.84%	+ 1.3%	+ 0.09%

But the outlook going forward still is unsettling

A recent article (Feb 6, 2013) in MoneyMarket by Newsmax Wires caught my attention. It states:

Despite the 6.5 percent market rally over the last three months, a handful of billionaires are quietly dumping their American stocks... and fast.

Warren Buffet, who has been a cheerleader for the U.S. stocks for quite some time, is dumping shares at an alarming rate. He recently complained of "disappointing performance" in dyed-in-the-wool American companies like Johnson & Johnson, Proctor and Gamble, and Kraft foods.

The article represented that John Paulson, who made a fortune betting on the subprime mortgage meltdown, through his hedge fund, Paulson & Company, "dumped 14 million shares of J P Morgan Chase" as well as "its entire position in discount retailer Family Dollar and consumer-goods maker Sara Lee".

The article went on to cite huge sell-offs by George Soros (nearly all of his bank stocks, including shares of J P Morgan Chase, Citigroup, and Goldman Sachs... more than a million shares).

.....So why are these billionaires dumping their shares of U.S. companies?

After all, the stock market is still in the midst of its historic rally. Real estate prices have finally leveled off, and for the first time in five years are actually rising in many locations. And the unemployment rate seems to have stabilized.

It's very likely that these professional investors are aware of specific research that points toward a massive market correction, as much as 90 percent.

The belief is that the Fed is printing too much "paper money"

Which, when it finally floods our economy (as it already has boosted the stock market), inflation will begin to rise rapidly,

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Paddy O'Brien's Potato Patch

In Ireland, potatoes have been an important source of nutrition for centuries. Today's page is packed with fun facts about the tasty tater!

Welcome to Paddy O'Brien's Potato Patch. Can you find your way through the patch to the pot of gold?

How many shamrocks can you find on this page?

What is a tuber?

A tuber is a swollen part of a plant that stores energy. The potatoes we eat grow underground and the plant above ground uses the energy stored in the potato to grow. So, potatoes are tubers.

Lookalike Leprechauns

Find the two identical leprechauns.

Taters are Tops!

Potatoes are packed with vitamin C and minerals your body needs for energy. A potato is one of the best sources for potassium you can find in the produce section. Potassium helps keep blood pressure at a normal level.

Presidential Potatoes

French fries were introduced in America when they were served in the White House by this president. Use the code to reveal his name.

A = H = M = R = E = I = N = S = F = J = O = T =

Sports Search

Look through the sports section of the newspaper and see how many times you can find these words:

WIN LOSE MATCH GAME

Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.
 Special thanks to the U.S. Potato Board for their help with this page. Visit them at www.potatogoodness.com for a free classroom poster and more!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In October 1995, the potato became the first vegetable to be grown in this environment. NASA and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, created the technology with the goal of feeding astronauts on long space voyages, and eventually, feeding future space colonies. Color the even-numbered squares green to reveal the answer.

9	5	7	9	5	1	9	7	3	1	5	3	1	5	9	9	5	3	1	5	9
5	8	4	2	3	4	6	2	5	4	8	4	5	2	4	8	7	2	4	2	7
3	2	1	3	9	2	5	4	9	2	9	6	7	6	7	1	9	8	5	9	5
1	6	8	2	3	8	2	8	7	6	4	2	5	2	1	5	3	4	6	2	7
7	5	3	4	7	4	9	7	5	8	5	4	3	4	9	7	5	2	9	5	3
1	3	9	8	5	6	3	5	3	2	3	8	1	8	3	5	7	8	5	7	1
3	6	2	6	3	2	7	9	5	8	1	6	9	2	2	6	5	6	4	2	5
9	7	9	5	3	9	5	3	1	5	9	3	5	9	3	1	5	9	7	7	3

Double Double Word Search

POTATOES LEPRECHAUN ENERGY TUBERS SWOLLEN NUTRITIOUS TATER PATCH STORED WEIGHT TOPS SOURCES BLOOD GOLD POT

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

T	O	P	S	D	E	R	O	T	S
N	U	A	H	C	E	R	P	E	L
S	Y	T	T	D	L	O	G	D	T
E	G	C	P	U	T	U	O	A	H
C	R	H	D	A	B	O	T	S	G
R	E	R	T	G	L	E	P	O	I
U	N	O	O	B	R	D	R	S	E
O	E	N	E	L	L	O	W	S	W
S	U	O	I	T	I	R	T	U	N

The Online Scoop

Watch a video to discover how you and a parent can make healthier, non-fried French fries at: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Potato Poetry

Pick 10 words at random in today's newspaper. Then, try to write an amusing poem about potatoes using all 10 of the words you chose. Ask your teacher if you can read your poem to your class.

Why would the reporter not leave the mashed potatoes alone?

ANSWER: He wanted to get a scoop.

Kid Scoop Together: Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the articles below and correct the eight spelling and grammar errors you find. The first one is done for you.

Potato Famine *major*
 In the 1840s, a *major* outbreak of **potato blight**, a plant disease, swept through Europe, wiping out the potato crop in many countries. The Irish working class lived largely on potatoes and when the blight reeched Ireland, their main staple food disappeared. This famine left many poverty-stricken families with no choose but to struggle to survive or leave Ireland. Over the course of the famine, almost one million people died from starvation or disease. Another one million people left Ireland, mostly for Canada and the United States.

Standards Link: Writing: Edit text to check for correct spelling and grammar.

Kid Scoop-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word TUBER in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

T	B	U	
U		E	
B	T		
E			B
R		B	

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SWOLLEN**
 The verb **swollen** is the past tense of the verb **swell**, meaning to become larger.

The creek was **swollen** after the heavy rains.
 Try to use the word **swollen** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Write On! Potatoes Anyone?

How do you like to eat potatoes? Write an advertisement to sell others on your idea of the best way to eat potatoes.

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and Americans, by virtue of that inflation, will be at risk of losing significant equity and retirement assets once again.

In another timely article, Mohamed El-Erian, CEO of PIMCO, one of the largest active global fixed income managers in the world, observes that Fed officials are actively speculating about the potential downside of the cash infusion they have been using to help move our economy forward, pointing out that a recent 200+ point sell-off in the stock market demonstrated investor's distaste for this likely inflationary process.

From my perspective, with this much uncertainty, I would:

1) Make my buy or sell decisions about residential real estate based on the facts as they present themselves today!

2) Keep in mind that FHA rates and qualifying metrics change significantly on April 1, 2013. Talk with your lender and learn exactly what impact these changes may have on your decisions. Focus on the impact of full-term PMI, which costs you \$\$\$\$\$.

3) Pay close attention to consumer sentiments and buying habits. Treat any demonstration of rising interest rates or inflation indices with appropriate caution.

4) Keep a close eye on what continues to transpire in Europe relative to their problems arising from a weak economy and huge debt. It will have an impact on us here in the states; our economies are too closely intertwined.

Call me any time to discuss this, or any other questions you may have about real estate. 703-727-5025

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Got Mulch?

The Woodgrove Wolverine Athletic Booster Club will be holding their annual fundraiser to raise funds for ALL Woodgrove sports teams. High quality double shredded hardwood mulch will be sold for \$4.50/bag and \$4/bag for orders of 40 bags or more. Free delivery will be offered within a radius of 10 miles from Woodgrove High School. The WWABC is taking orders online, through their website now and will continue to do so until the ordering deadline of March 9. The mulch pick-up and delivery date will be Saturday, March 16 at Woodgrove High School from 9 am to 4 pm. Visit www.gotmulch.org for all the details.

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Answers to crossword puzzle from page 33 ...

S	E	P	T		P	R	O	S		I	N	T	R	O		
H	A	I	R		T	I	N	T		C	O	R	E	R		
U	S	E	A	S	A	S	C	A	P	E	G	O	A	T		
T	E	R	S	E		K	E	R	I		O	D	D	S		
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A	D	A	M		E	R	A			O	O	D	L	E	S	
G	A	Z	A		S	U	M	A	C	S			O	A	T	
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