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## Transition Zone Neighbors Fight For Their Community

### Massive Water Towers Threaten Historic Rural Area – Public Hearing Sept. 10



Red Hill Road Community Residents

Photo: Sarah Huntington

– By Mary M. Bathory Vidaver

Twenty-one years ago, Ashley Ziviello and her husband moved into their 1958 Colonial-style home in the Transition Policy Area between Watson and Evergreen Mill Roads (central Loudoun). “Fairfax had gotten crazy,” Ziviello explains. The house, set between Red Hill Road and Stone School Lane, both one-lane dirt roads, and surrounded by fields and forest, offered a tranquil contrast.

Rae Anderson Haselden had never lived in a major metropolitan area before she and her family moved six years ago to the metro-D.C. region. “I’ve always lived in rural areas, even when I was in Japan,” she said. “We wanted to give our boys a place to run and scream and play without disturbing the neighbors too much.” They also found their dream house in this small, 45 home community.

Today, government actions threaten those dreams.

#### Red Hill Road Becomes a Target

Last Nov. 6, Ziviello received a mailing from Loudoun Water and a newsflash from her supervisor, Janet Clarke (R-Blue Ridge), about plans to construct two 189-foot, 1 million-gallon water towers just 500

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## Land Grab

– By Mary M. Bathory Vidaver

The battle over the water towers is only the latest skirmish in the Transition Policy Area’s (TPA) brief history. This story actually began in 2000, when a “slow growth” Board of Supervisors (BOS) undertook a thorough public review of the county’s growth plan. Approved in 2001, the revised plan created the TPA as “a visual and spatial transition” between the suburban east and the rural west in which new development would “incorporate both suburban and rural features.” The plan limited future development to by-right lots of 1 to 10 acres served by individual or small communal well and septic systems rather than connection to Loudoun Water.

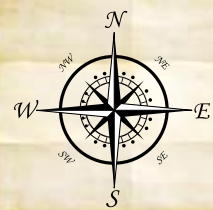
In January 2004 a new, developer-friendly BOS majority initiated a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to extend central utilities into the TPA. Opponents of the CPAM accused its Republican sponsors of undermining the Comprehensive Plan by permitting the infrastructure for suburban density in the TPA. Denying those claims, the BOS approved the CPAM 6-3 in April 2004.

Within five months, the county received over a dozen applications from landowners and developers to add more than 30,000 homes to the TPA. Both the Rouse and Willowsford properties, which are at the center of the current water towers debate, were amongst those applications.

While the public and the BOS vociferously debated these proposals, the BOS-appointed Loudoun Water Board, then dominated by developer-friendly CPAM supporters, planned how to supply

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## Addressing Robin Williams' Suicide As A Teachable Moment With Your Child

– By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

*Dr. Mike,*

*My husband and I were both shocked by Robin Williams' suicide. We've loved him since "Mork and Mindy" but don't get how a guy who has everything could end his life like he did. It doesn't make sense. I feel badly about what happened, but my husband says he has lost respect for Mr. Williams because "he was selfish" and "took the easy way out" even though he had everything. Our 10-year-old son knew Robin Williams from "Hooked" and "Jumanji," and he has heard my husband's negative comments about Mr. Williams now and has even made similar such comments of his own. I told my husband that he needs to be more sensitive about the topic of suicide around our little guy. Any thoughts on the topic?*



**Dr. Mike**

*A Concerned Parent*

Any suicide, including Robin Williams', is a tragedy. But as shocking as Mr. Williams' suicide was for us as a society because he seemed to have everything on the surface, it is important to remember that mental illness can

affect anyone, and it certainly does not discriminate socioeconomically. You can be rich and commit suicide or poor and commit suicide. In Mr. Williams' case, he was rich, famous, had a loving wife and family, and plenty of support. Mr. Williams, however, also suffered from a very long battle with severe depression and substance abuse, and he lost that battle this past month.

So why did Mr. Williams commit suicide? The public will likely never know the complete answer to that question, but research on suicide rates does offer some basic considerations. More specifically, research shows that successful middle age to older white males are at the highest risk for suicide as a group. Factor in that Mr. Williams suffered from a newly diagnosed medical condition and longstanding depression and substance abuse conditions and his risk for suicide increased exponentially. Mr. Williams also recently completed rehab for his mental health struggles, which is an additional factor to consider. When certain types of mental problems improve, individuals can become more vulnerable to suicide.

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To commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI, the After-K Alligators of the Loudoun Valley Community Center in Purcellville, learned about efforts children their ages made during WWI to support the troops.

At the start of their school year, teacher Meredith Norbo taught the children about a U.S. Department of Agriculture program called the U.S. Garden Army. In 1917 children joined the U.S. Garden Army through their schools and were supplied with tools to create their own gardens at home. Thriving home garden plots allowed commercially grown food sources to be



Poster Two: WWI U.S. School Garden Army Poster

supplied to U.S. and allied troops overseas.

From classroom lessons to experiential learning, the After-K Alligators replicated the U.S. Garden Army program at the Loudoun Valley Community Center. Over the school year, the children created compost, cleared garden plots, weeded, seeded, and harvested their very own edible plants.

The Great War produced a timeless program with the U.S. Garden Army and the children of the Loudoun Valley Community Center have learned life skills in agriculture, nutrition, biology and fun.



Left: The After-K Alligators ready to pick their vegetables after months of tending their garden. Right: Kindergarten USA Celebration: Teacher Meredith Norbo (left) and student Noah Oberrieth (right) at the After-K Alligator's end of year U.S.A. Celebration

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Red Hill Road and community photos.

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feet from her house. She learned that a balloon test would be held on Nov. 12 and a community meeting on Nov. 19.

"I didn't know what this meant, what a balloon test was," said Ziviello. "I called Gem Bingol at PEC." PEC is the Piedmont Environmental Council, an advocacy group for smart growth and rural preservation. "She suggested that I take my own pictures [at the test]."

Balloon tests often accompany land use proposals for tall structures, such as telecommunications and water towers. A balloon is flown at the height of the proposed structure and pictures are taken from various locations to demonstrate the impact on the landscape. Ziviello attended the balloon test, taking her own pictures and speaking with representatives from Loudoun Water.

They told Ziviello that Loudoun Water originally planned to build the towers, which would be the tallest towers in its system, on land owned by Willowsford Grant, LLC, a large development between Red Hill Road and Route 50. However, this site, owned by developer Randy Rouse, suddenly became available.

Returning home from the balloon test, Ziviello contacted Anderson Haselden. The pair formed a community group, the No Red Hill Water Towers Coalition, to defend their neighborhood. Researching the selection process, the neighborhood discovered they were merely the latest battle in Loudoun's six-decade land war (see accompanying article).

From 2004-2007 the Transition Policy Area (TPA), including the Rouse and Willowsford properties, was at the center of a debate to add more than 30,000 homes to the county's growth plan. The Board of Supervisors did not approve the additional houses but did approve the extension of water and sewer into the TPA. Planning documents prepared by Loudoun Water reflect its belief that state law would require water storage capabilities regardless of the actual population. In September 2012 it negotiated the purchase of a site on Willowsford, but did not inform nearby landowners until November when it issued an invitation to a community meeting held several days later.

Opposition from the Mount Zion Church Preservation Association, PEC, the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (all of which have connections to property at Gilbert's Corner), Clarke and the new Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition was immediate and fierce. They focused on the importance of locating the towers in the communities they serve and their negative visual impact, which encroached on historic sites, harmed tourism, and "reduced land value for current land and home owners."

Loudoun Water responded by hiring a consultant who considered 60 sites and recommended 19 in a presentation dated Feb. 15, 2013. Yet, a Jan. 23 letter written by Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition co-chair Jay Bradshaw stated Loudoun Water had already met with Clarke to discuss five possible properties. On February 14, Bradshaw wrote, "Supervisor Clarke and her staff have briefed me on the five sites and although I have been asked



*"The water towers don't belong here, we have wells. Putting the water towers in our rural established neighborhood will destroy us," said Ziviello.*



not to comment about the specific five sites, four of the five sites meet our criteria for support."

In an interview with *The Blue Ridge Leader*, Bradshaw clarified, "I was given a couple of PINs [County Property Identification Numbers], but not all of them, because negotiations were confidential. I don't recall the Red Hill Road [site] being in the mix. Randy Rouse offered his property up and that's how it got moved."

In June 2013 Clarke informed Bradshaw that Loudoun Water had signed a contract for an alternative site that met all of their criteria. Yet, no official record exists of the purchase until the Loudoun Water Board's Nov. 14 vote to purchase for \$531,000 a 5-acre portion of a larger parcel on Red Hill Road that Rouse was selling to Willowsford Grant.

#### Red Hill Citizens Dismissed

Ziviello, Anderson Haselden and their neighbors attended the Nov. 19 meeting, spoke with Clarke, and set up an on-line petition that quickly collected 200 signatures. They contacted the Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition, but it declined to work with them. Bradshaw explained the Coalition's response. Based upon what they had been told about the new site, "The Coalition Board voted, unanimously, that we had met the mission statement and weren't going to chase the water towers across Loudoun."

The Red Hill Road community became regular speakers at the Loudoun Water Board's monthly meetings, but had little impact. "The other groups were called stakeholders, treated with respect, given a seat at the table," recalled Ziviello. "We were treated as a joke." At one meeting, Water Board Chairman Johnny Rocca laughed, "At least

this gets you some time away from the kids."

Loudoun Water filed a land use application with the county and the Red Hill community turned to the Planning Commissioners. They focused on the arguments used successfully by the Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition. They distributed Ziviello's photographs of the balloon tests, which indicated that Loudoun Water's pictures camouflaged the towers' actual impacts on Route 15, Creighton's Farm and Gilbert's Corner. They pointed out Red Hill Road's unsuitability for construction traffic and the preference the site gave to Willowsford's future homeowners rather than an existing community.

At the public hearing four commissioners acknowledged readiness to immediately deny the application, but agreed to forward it to a work session. At the Commission's July meeting, Loudoun Water agreed to change the tank style and find alternatives to Red Hill Road for construction traffic and the property's permanent entrance. Specifically mentioning Willowsford, the Commission required that Loudoun Water alert buyers to the future towers by posting signs along the property edge. It then approved the application.

The swing vote was At-Large Commissioner J. Kevin Ruedisueli, an architect and resident of the rural Catoclin District. Initially, Ruedisueli strongly objected to the site, calling it inappropriate and too close to the community, however, his opposition dissipated during the June work session. Every place will have issues, he commented. Loudoun Water's promise not to use Red Hill Road and county staff's endorsement swayed his vote.

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### The Battle Continues

On Sept. 10, the Red Hill Road community will make their case to the Board of Supervisors, but perhaps with a few additional allies. Bradshaw met with Ziviello and Anderson Haselden last week and committed his support to their effort. Dan Kaseman, the chairman of Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, has asked to review the pictures from the new site. Kaseman said, "We were under the impression there's no visual impact on the park...but if we need to take a stand we will."

In reviewing Loudoun Water's submission to staff, Ziviello and Anderson Haselden noticed several omissions – instances where the new documents failed to acknowledge commitments Loudoun Water made to the Planning Commission or to address issues raised by the community during the Planning Commission's consideration. The pair were not overly surprised. "Loudoun Water has done nothing unless they were compelled to and then it's only grudgingly," commented Ziviello.

Based on documents and newsletters from Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition, Clarke and Loudoun Water, plus an academic paper prepared by a Loudoun Water staff person, Clarke played an active role in the site selection process and supports the Red Hill Road location for water storage. However, since last November, she has consistently reiterated her desire that Loudoun Water install underground or surface storage tanks instead.

Loudoun Water has strenuously objected to Clarke's proposals and will likely press that point to her colleagues. Clarke has told residents she intends to send the application to the Transportation/Land Use Committee, however this action requires the support of five supervisors. Clarke's office did not respond to queries asking whether she thought her colleagues would support her request.

### Unanswered Questions

Despite all their hard work and research, Ziviello and Anderson Haselden still have some unanswered questions.

One question is why Loudoun Water needs so much storage capacity for an area that is planned for far less density than the suburban area. Documents submitted to the county do not contain any actual water demand projections. According to Sue Crosby, Loudoun Water manager of outreach and education, Loudoun Water used housing unit projections provided by county staff, but could not supply the specific numbers. Jill Kanef, Loudoun County demographer, confirmed that Loudoun Water uses county figures, but clarified "they do their own planning and modeling." Based on capacity figures provided by Loudoun Water, the two towers together are one-half to one-third the capacity of similar towers in Brambleton, Broadlands, and

Dulles South, but more than the storage facility in Sterling Park.

Another question is why Loudoun Water pursued an identical search process for the two sites, one involving closed doors with last minute community notification, yet expected a different community response.

A third question concerns possible linkages between a May 2012 effort by Rouse to rezone his property for 189 lots, a May 2013 initiative by Clarke to facilitate that effort and the June 2013 announcement by Clarke of Loudoun Water's successful site search. In a Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition newsletter, Bradshaw reported Clarke's vehement denial that any connection existed.

These are questions of fact. Ziviello and Anderson Haselden are more troubled by questions about their elected and appointed officials' values and priorities. Why don't county staff take a more proactive role in questioning applicants' assertions, leaving often ill-equipped citizens to test those assertions? Why isn't Loudoun Water held accountable for its lack of transparency? And, most troubling, why are an existing community's needs and expectations inferior to those of tourists and a developer's future home buyers?



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the expanded service area. How many future customers would there be in the TPA? Should they base their forecasts on the existing county growth plan or on the more than 30,000 homes proposed in the amendments?

They chose the latter, issued debt, and began laying pipes with the expectation that connection fees for each home would help to pay down the debt. According to a member at the time who spoke off the record, "We had no reason to believe the Board wouldn't approve the CPAMs. We were wrong." In 2007, the BOS voted 5-4 against the CPAMs and Loudoun Water's annual report began to show consistent operating losses, one of the only large DC-region authorities to do so.

The Loudoun Water Board also began planning for two water storage tanks north of Route 50. Initially, they expected to receive land for the water tanks as a proffer. Proffers are the mechanism by which localities partially offset capital costs associated with residential development. In return for approving additional density above the by-right levels, local governments request capital contributions from a developer, usually a cash payment for each additional house, in-kind contributions, such as land, or a combination of both.

The defeat of the CPAMs eliminated the potential for rezonings and Loudoun Water began discussions with several landowners in the area to purchase a site. In February 2012 they initiated discussions with Willowsford, ultimately selecting a location approximately 0.3 miles east of Watson Road and 0.75 miles north of Route 50. This was the site rejected by Clarke and the various preservation groups in 2012 and which the Rouse site would replace.

In 2012 an all-Republican Board took office after the defeat of several well-known slow growth supporters and developers proposed over a dozen separate projects to quintuple the number of houses allowed on land in and adjacent to the TPA. County planners consistently reiterated the incompatibility of these proposals with the plan, but ten moved forward with rezoning applications. The Board denied the largest in February 2014, but the others remain active.

"Land grab" is a phrase that many are using. Some blame Metro for stimulating a new land rush; others point out that eastern Loudoun is almost entirely built-out. Future residential construction must occur in the TPA or the rural west.

The opponents of the water towers recognize they are part of this greater battle. Co-chair of Move the Water Towers Citizen Coalition Jay Bradshaw commented, "The bigger question is what is the Board doing with the Rural Policy Area." He foresees Route 15 as the future divide between a suburban east and rural west, but implicit in his question is how long that line will hold. Ashley Ziviello, a leader of the No Red Hill Water Towers Coalition, commented, "We're a slice of rural Loudoun [but] I feel if the towers go here it's the first step towards becoming Brambleton."

The Rouse Property encompasses those concerns. In May 2012, its owner Randolph Rouse in partnership with homebuilder Toll Brothers, presented a proposal to build 189 homes on land zoned for 58 by transferring the 173 acre property from the Rural Policy Area to the Transition Policy Area. In a written record of the meeting county staff stressed the proposal's incompatibility with the county's plan and the need for an amendment to that plan, or CPAM. Under current rules only Board members can initiate CPAMs.

Almost exactly one year later, Supervisor Janet Clarke (R-Blue Ridge) asked the Board to consider initiating such a CPAM, expanded to include an additional 41 parcels on 435 acres and designated the Red Hill Road Community CPAM and Rezoning Request. The Board forwarded the initiative to its Transportation / Land Use Committee for review. Committee Chair Suzanne Volpe (R-Sugarland Run) has not yet placed the item on the committee's agenda.

In an interview, Ziviello and her coalition colleague, Rae Anderson Haselden, expressed concerns about the potential for the committee to consider both the water tower application and the CPAM proposal in tandem. Although Clarke has explicitly denied any linkage between the two issues, the timing certainly raises questions. Anderson Haselden concluded, "I feel like a pawn on a chessboard and I have an idea of where some of the other pieces are, but I can't see them all. I'm in the dark about the whole strategy."

Loudoun Water conducted a balloon test to determine the visual impact of the towers from specific locations



Green Mill Preserve

First image was taken at the entrance to Greene Mill Preserve off of Evergreen Mills Road. The balloon is clearly visible.

Second image is an artist's estimation of visual impact at the balloon location.

Third image is Loudoun Water's photo. It is taken from a different viewpoint and the balloon is partially concealed behind the flag pole.

Rt. 15 at Creighton Farms Entrance

First image was taken at the Creighton Farms Entrance. Balloon is clearly visible.

Second image is an artist's estimation of visual impact at the balloon location.

Third photo is Loudoun Water's virtual image where they positioned the towers behind the trees from a slightly different location.



Rt. 15 North of Gilberts Corner

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**Watson Road and Creighton Farms Drive**

First image was taken at the Creighton Farms Entrance. Balloon is clearly visible.

Second image is an artist's estimation of visual impact at the balloon location.

Third photo is Loudoun Water's virtual image where they positioned the towers behind the trees in a different location on Watson Road.

**Purcellville Crossroads Tilley Entertainment Proposal**

The new Tilley-Kline Entertainment complex proposal is in its initial stages of design. The proposal – not yet formal – is on a 50-acre parcel (50.46) that is not within the town of Purcellville, but north of Rt. 7 on the corner of Rt. 287 and Saint Francis Court (Rt. 722). The developers are considering a boundary line adjustment, and are initially proposing 91 residential units, 90,000 square feet and retail to include five restaurants. They are also proposing an 80-room hotel.

Tilley Entertainment, which is part of this commercial/residential concept is proposing 27,000 square-feet of indoor entertainment and 71,000 square-feet of outdoor event areas. They are also proposing 114,00 square feet of waterpark areas with bumper boats and miniature golf. Next come the batting cages at 21,000 square feet, and go-karts, 23,000 square feet. They also want a commercial parking area with 1,035 spaces – 260 of the spaces would for a park-and-ride. (Generally, a park-and-ride with 120 parking spaces on average generates between \$75,000 to \$100,000 from the county.)



**Letters To The Editor**

**Twin Water Towers Do Not Belong Here**

Dear Editor:

Loudoun Water needs water storage in the Transition Zone to accommodate growth, and proposes twin 189' water towers at the intersection of Red Hill Road and Stone School Lane: The tallest towers in Loudoun Water's system, proposed on the border of the rural zone. Our community is asking "Why here?" when we all have wells and receive no benefit, but all the detriment to our community.

Loudoun Water studied at least eight sites since 2005/6, and in 2012 proposed a site in Willowsford. Due to community input, Supervisor Clarke asked Loudoun Water to find an alternate site. In November 2013, Loudoun Water suddenly proposed the Red Hill Road site, within an established community of rural homes and farms. Both ends of Red Hill Road are rural, as is most of the road. Loudoun Water justifies this location by saying that they have to serve our area because the site is in the Transition Zone. Only 10 homeowners off Red Hill Road are in the Transition Zone and eligible to connect to water. The remaining 70 percent of the homes are in the Rural Zone and not eligible for water service. Water lines are already in place and none of the eligible home owners want to connect. We are a rural community on well water and want to stay that way.

Utilities were added to the Transition Zone in 2004. Loudoun Water plans

to have the first tower online in 2018. They now say they are out of time and can not find an alternate site. They rushed to select the Red Hill Road site after studying alternate sites for years. Why has it taken Loudoun Water 10 years to finalize a site? Something smells very rotten when the big guys want to so greatly impact our small community with water towers meant to serve new housing developments nearby.

Anyone who has driven Red Hill Road knows that we are a unique neighborhood, with rural homes, horse farms and businesses, farms and a Christmas tree farm, and we want to stay this way. Twin 189' water towers do not belong here.

Elizabeth Tanaka  
Leesburg

**Sign The Petition**

Dear Editor:

Loudoun Water's proposed construction of twin 189' water towers at the very dangerous intersection of Red Hill Road and Stone School Lane is flawed. Red Hill Road is a historic sunken, tree-lined, twisting dirt road that is just 12 feet wide in parts. Loudoun Water plans to bring all construction vehicles for these water towers from Watson Road onto Red Hill Road. This is preposterous if you truly understand the road and the entrance from Watson Road.

During the initial Planning Commission meeting, several commissioners expressed

concern about access for construction traffic, indeed had a vote been taken that night it is likely that the application for the proposed water towers at Red Hill Road would have been denied. Instead, the application was moved to a work session after which Loudoun Water proposed using southern access from Willowsford for the construction traffic. Based on a verbal statement and a vague map showing an arrow coming in from the south, several Planning Commissioners changed their minds and decided to vote to approve the Red Hill site. Now, just six weeks later, Loudoun Water's submission for Board of Supervisors approval only cites southerly access as a possibility in the notes.

The Red Hill community cries foul! How can Loudoun Water be taken seriously when they present final approval documents to the Board of Supervisors which eliminate the alternate access that was a condition for approval before the Planning Commission? This is ludicrous and should not be tolerated.

Loudoun Water doesn't care about the public or what we think. They rushed to close Beaver Dam Reservoir. They struggle to support Raspberry Falls residents with mixed messages. They ignored Red Hill Road residents. They refuse to follow conditions for approval set by the Planning Commission. It's time that we hold Loudoun Water responsible for their actions, and for the Board of Supervisors to hold Loudoun Water accountable to the Board and the

public. The proposed 189' water towers belong where the water service is needed and not in a rural community. Loudoun Water picked the wrong location.

If you agree, please visit: [noredhillwassertowers.org](http://noredhillwassertowers.org), sign our petition, email the Board of Supervisors, and wear red to the hearing on Sept. 10.

David Uffelman  
Leesburg

**Where Is The Money?**

Dear Editor:

I've been reading a lot lately that Social Security is a drag on the deficit that must be reformed. But aren't payroll taxes the sole source of Social Security funding? I realize that over the last few years Social Security spending has outpaced payroll tax receipts, but isn't there a Social Security trust fund surplus to the tune of hundreds of billions of dollars?

It appears that the real problem is that Congress borrowed from the trust fund over the past couple of decades so that they could spend more than they were making. And now they can't pay the money back. Really? All this bending over backwards in Congress to avoid not paying back the money foreign investors loan to the U.S., and not a care in the world about paying back its own citizens?

Kevin O'Neil  
Leesburg

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### Why Promote One Printing Company Over Another

Dear Editor:

I was recently reading the Legal Notices in one of the weekly papers. I noticed an Invitation For Bid submitted by the Town Of Purcellville. It is not the bid notice that bothers me. What did was the size of the notice and four lines in the notice. The notice was about a half page wide and over a half page high. However four lines in the notice seemed to promote a specific printing business in town. The business name was mentioned three times and the phone number once, in four lines. The business mentioned is also owned by a sitting Purcellville Town Council Member. This alone raises a number of questions. Is this the only print shop in town? Is the town now in the job of promoting certain businesses and not others? Why should the town promote any business in the legal ads?

I made a few phone calls and discovered this was common practice by the Town

of Purcellville during the Lazaro years. I also inquired to the cost of such an ad. The one paper charged approximately \$300-\$400 and another \$20-\$30 because the town has some kind of contractual deal with them, giving the town a discount. I know of four local papers with the town advertising in only three of them. The fourth paper is only a monthly but I'm quite sure some form of advertising could be done in that paper too. I'm not writing to promote one business or the other. I think a lot of taxpayer money is and has been wasted promoting certain businesses under the cover of Legal Notices. I'm not in media advertising but I'm pretty certain «contact the Town Of Purcellville» with the phone number and website is a lot less costly to us the taxpayer, than eight lines of copy and four promoting a council members business.

William Baker  
Purcellville

## Sweeping Zoning Changes Continue To Be Proposed Visions Of Purcellville Looking Like Reston

At the August 21 Purcellville Planning Commission Work Session town community development staff continued to forge ahead with sweeping zoning changes to the town. Latest in the discussion was the PDH zoning district. Vice Chair Dennis Beese mentioned that he thought the goal was to make Purcellville look like Reston. This PDH district is high density residential in the form of multi-family residential units - such as apartment buildings. The district according to a staff memo, "does have a commercial component to it but that component is limited in its commercial scope." The memo continued, "The short coming to the PDH district is that it doesn't provide for mixed residential and commercial utilization...it falls short if a developer would like to add shopping, restaurant or service component...Our commercial district, the Mixed Use (MC) district only allows for apartments or multi-family residential uses on the second floor. This is too limiting."

Staff wants to keep the PDH zoning district and remove most of the commercial uses in this district. However, staff wants to create a new zoning overlay district: Planned Unit Development or PUD. This proposed district would overlay an existing zoning designation - allowing for additional uses. For example the PDU district would allow for increased residential densities with commercial and up to four stories or 50 feet (could be taller). There could be multiple owners as long as the development is operated as a single entity. The proposal states that the town council could waive standard land zoning regulations if they approved a PDU zoning district by ordinance in the following areas: Setbacks, minimum lot size, type of dwelling unit, maximum building height, parking and floor area ratio to name a few.

In this proposal the concept development plan would go straight to the town council instead going to the Board of Architectural

Review (BAR). The BAR has design guidelines, written by the town, which all projects must adhere to. For the Vineyard Square project, for example, the BAR ruled according to their design guidelines and contained the project to 2-3 stories with modifications to the building design, preservation of two of the brick facades, and scope and mass of the project. This was over ruled by the town council, which ignored the ruling of the BAR.

Staff did a mock zoning map reflecting the zoning changes along Hirst Road. The area along Hirst Road is zoned CMI office/light industrial which is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. Staff and Chairman McCollum have mentioned that if the landowner (John Chapman) wants to sell his property on Hirst Road he would get more money for the property if the zoning was changed to MC mixed use commercial - which allows for residential units, entertainment and commercial uses. Staff and the Planning Commissioners including town council members McCollum and Packard (when Packard was on the planning commission) have approved the potential rezoning along Hirst Road - and if these zoning proposals move forward there will be two public hearings.

After the meeting Chapman asked the Chariman of the Planning Commission what the time table would be on the vote to change the zoning on his property.

As part of their platforms in the recent election Mayor Fraser, Councilmembers Jimmerson, McCollum, and Packard agreed that there should be a review of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. In the past the town has held charrettes and public meetings to get feedback from citizens to understand their vision for Purcellville. Typically, a Comprehensive Plan Review comes before any zoning changes. The zoning changes that the Planning Commission is currently discussing are not consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

## Loudoun Economic Development Advisory Commission Recruiting New Members

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors seeks candidates for the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC) who are willing to volunteer their time and expertise to promote the economic growth and development in the county.

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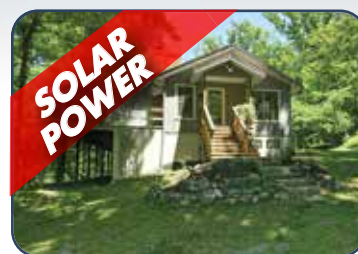
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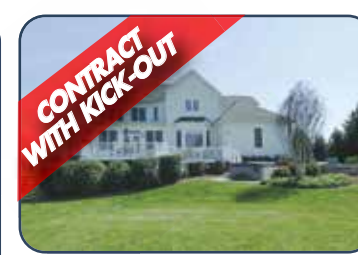
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# Amy And Dan Smith's Planning For Life: Do Not Resuscitate Order ("DNR")

The DNR is a written order issued by a physician to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest. The DNR is now referred to officially as a "Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order." The term "Durable" simply means that the order remains applicable even if the patient is for any reason incapable of making an informed decision.



AMY & DAN SMITH

A DNR is not an Advance Directive (see the discussion of the Advance Directive in our last column). Except in the case of certain

optional, rarely used provisions of an Advance Directive which require a physician's signature, the Advance Directive is not signed by a physician. Rather, it is signed by the patient and two witnesses. In certain cases the Advance Directive can be oral. In contrast, a DNR cannot be oral and must be signed by the doctor. (A provision of the Virginia Code appears to allow an oral DNR by the patient, but a recent opinion from the Virginia Attorney General's office declares that the Virginia Code does not create a verbal

DNR.) While the DNR must be written, it can be revoked by the patient verbally.

A doctor may issue a DNR only for a patient with whom the doctor has a bona fide physician/patient relationship and only, of course, with the consent of the patient. Note, however, that consent to a DNR may be given by the agent of the patient pursuant to an Advance Directive. Recall that for an agent to be empowered to act under an Advance Directive, the patient must be determined by two medical caregivers to be "incapable of making an informed decision." Only after such a determination has been made may the agent request, or

consent to, a DNR from the patient's doctor.

The authority to consent to a DNR can create a dilemma for the agent under an Advance Directive. Consider, for example, the situation where a patient remains conversant and apparently cognizant but whom the doctors have certified to be incapable of making an informed decision. The medical caregivers come to you suggesting the advisability of a DNR while citing the pain and discomfort of the patient, an incurable and deteriorating condition, and, if cardiac or respiratory arrest occurs, the prospect of an indefinite vegetative state

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## Once America's Favorite Drink - Hard Cider Is Back

- By David Williams

Completing a journey begun when the first English settlers arrived in Virginia carrying apple saplings with their few belongings, hard cider has returned to Loudoun County where, as in most of the nation, it once held sway as America's favorite alcoholic drink. With the opening of Corcoran's Cidery at the Corcoran Vineyards off the Berlin Pike on July 5 and the opening on Aug. 1 of Mt. Defiance Cidery and Distillery in the heart of Middleburg, Loudoun has a new product to boast of.

Jim and Lori Corcoran already run a successful winery at their farm vineyard. They recently moved a brewery business away from the farm into a brewery and tasting room on Hirst Road in Purcellville. The new cidery is housed in the space which previously housed the brewery. Lori expects to produce 150 barrels at 55 gallons each in the first year of operation. The cider is made from seven different varieties of apple grown near Winchester. They will start off with four types, a basic off-dry cider, a sweeter variety, one aged in bourbon barrels and one with some fruity addition like pear or berries. The cider will be served on tap, and sold in kegs or 22 oz bottles. The alcoholic content of the Corcoran's light, gluten-free drink is about the same as beer, 5 percent.

In Middleburg, finishing touches are being made to the Mt. Defiance cidery and distilling business. Owner Marc Chretien wanted an elegant locale for what he hopes will be a pure dry cider close to the famous cidres of Normandy, France, which are bottled and enjoyed like champagne. Chretien says his ciders will not be quite like champagne but will have "a little effervescence that dances on your palate" and about 6 percent alcohol. Cider will be in several styles, one basic dry farmhouse, one aged in bourbon barrels and one flavored with ingredients such as ginger or blueberry. They are also planning to distill apple brandy, dark rum and a true Absinthe, now safe and totally legal which should be available in time for Halloween.

These new businesses will add to what is a growing enterprise in rural Loudoun, attracting tourists and enhancing the county's reputation. Modern cideries already exist throughout Virginia. Winchester Ciderworks



Lori Corcoran shows off the apple tree design at the front of her new cidery.



Marc Chretien with two of the large fermenting vats he is using to make cider in Middleburg.

had a booth at the Purcellville Wine and Food festival in July. The line of people patiently waiting to taste this new product was one of the longest at the event. North of Loudoun, in Burkittsville, Md., Distillery Lane Ciderworks is establishing a reputation for brewing especially elegant ciders. Diane Flynt of Foggy Ridge ciders in the southwest corner of the state has been one of the pioneers in Virginia. All of this is part of a revival of a drink not yet widely known in the U.S.

But cider once was America's favorite drink, more popular than beer. John Adams said he drank a tankard every morning. Bacon's Rebellion in Virginia in 1676 was blamed at the time by a leading politician on cider: "All plantations flowing with syder, soe unripe drank by our licentious inhabitants, that they allow no tyme for its fermentation but in their brains." A popular ditty of the day from Maryland boasted, "Our fires are wood/ Our houses are good/Our diet sawney and hominy/Drink, juice of the apple/Tobacco's our staple/Gloria Tibi Domine!"

Why hard cider ceased to be so popular is a mystery still debated. (See <http://mason.gmu.edu/~drwillia/cider>). Prohibition certainly did a number on most alcoholic drinks, but cider alone failed to recover its prior popularity, until recently. That it has now returned to Loudoun County is something to be heralded.



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## Rodgers Receives Joe Perdue Scholarship

Matthew Rodgers, a Purcellville resident and current student at Johnson & Wales University, was recently selected as one of five recipients of the 2014 Joe Perdue Scholarship.

Matthew is studying Culinary Arts and Food Service Management with a concentration in Food and Beverage Management. After graduation, he hopes to work as an assistant manager of a private club and eventually become a general manager.



Matthew Rodgers

## Efforts To Extend CDAs For Vineyard Square Continue

Ever since a May 29, 2014 Town of Purcellville staff memo about Vineyard Square Certificate of Design Approval expiration "issues," the town and Councilmember Joan Lehr have been trying to extend the Certificate of Design Approvals for developers Mark Nelis and John Chapman by amending the town code Section 54-78. There are three deadlines which are set to expire for this project. The first deadline is November 14, the second is December 16, and the final deadline is January 14, 2015. The CDAs are related to demolition, and for an approved site plan and zoning permit for new buildings to be constructed. If the CDAs expire then there "might be the possibility," according to the staff memo, "that the approvals will not be forthcoming and the project would have to stop."

At the July town council meeting the vote to change the town code – thus extending the CDAs – failed on a 4-3 vote with Mayor Fraser and council members Jimmerson, Nave and Packard voting not to extend –

Councilmembers Lehr, McConville and McCollum voting to extend.

At the August 26 Purcellville Town Council Work Session councilmember Joan Lehr bought up the subject of the CDAs again. She said that a developer, whom she later confirmed was John Chapman, told her that it isn't possible for someone who has an approved CDA to make small changes to a plan. She wanted staff to explore changing the town code to allow for changes to an approved plan. She said that the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) doesn't have a process to amend CDAs.

In the past the BAR, which oversees this process, has amended CDAs as developers have revised and amended their plans. There have been numerous applicants who have revised their CDAs either to move a window or door or change part of their design. It just has to conform to the BAR's design guidelines. In fact, developer John Chapman has amended CDAs before on his other in-town properties.

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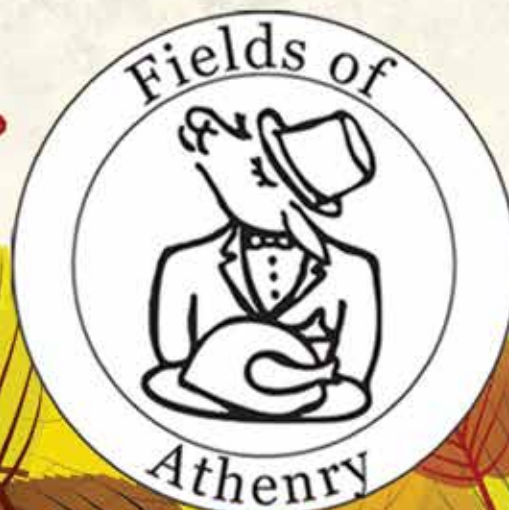
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# Back-To-School-Snacks For Hungry Little Tigers – And Big Ones, Too

## Graham-Cracker Sandwiches

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### Ingredients

4 tablespoons cream cheese  
8 graham-cracker squares  
1 small pear or other fruit, cored and thinly sliced

### Directions

#### Step 1

Spread 1/2 tablespoon cream cheese on each graham-cracker square. Top half the squares with pear slices, then close sandwiches with remaining squares. Serve immediately.

## Ham, Cheese and Apple Wrap

You do the slicing, and let your little ones do the assembling to create a satisfying snack.

### Ingredients

1/4 cup plain yogurt  
1 to 2 teaspoons yellow or Dijon mustard  
1 Granny Smith apple, cored, quartered, and cut into 16 equal-size wedges  
4 ounces cheddar cheese, cut into 16 pieces  
4 ounces thinly sliced deli ham, cut lengthwise into sixteen 1-inch strips

### Directions

In a small bowl, stir together yogurt and mustard until smooth; set dip aside. On one apple wedge, center a piece of cheese; wrap tightly around middle with a strip of ham. Repeat with remaining apple, cheese, and ham. Serve with dip on the side.

## Banana Nut Muffins – From The Kitchen Of Mary Beth Barbagallo

3 overripe bananas  
1 large egg  
1/3 cup plain Greek yogurt  
2 Tbsp. of melted/cooled coconut oil  
1/3 cup light brown sugar  
1/4 Molasses  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1 tsp baking soda  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 tsp ground cinnamon  
1 1/2 cups whole wheat flour (unbleached white flour or gluten free flour mix)  
1 cup toasted/chopped pecans (for nut allergies substitute raisins, apricots or another dried fruit)

This can be done by hand or a mixer.

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Move the rack to the top 1/3 of the oven. While the oven is heating, arrange the pecans on a cookie sheet. Line the muffin pans with liners or lightly grease or spray pan. When oven is heated place tray of pecans in for 7 minutes.

Place bananas in the bottom of the mixing bowl and beat on low until smooth. Whisk in the egg. Blend in the yogurt and coconut oil. Once it has been blended add the following one at a time and blend just until mixed, the brown sugar, molasses, and vanilla. Blend in the baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Gently stir in the flour until barely combined, and fold in the pecans.

Pour mixture into muffin pan filling nearly to the top. Bake for approximately 22 minutes. Use a toothpick to check.



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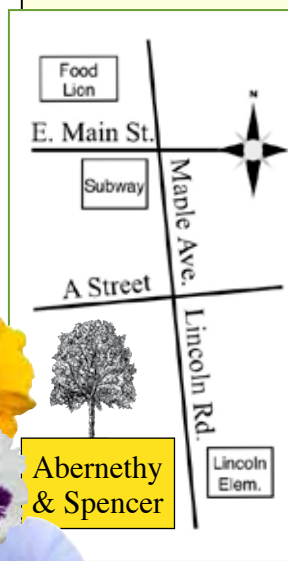
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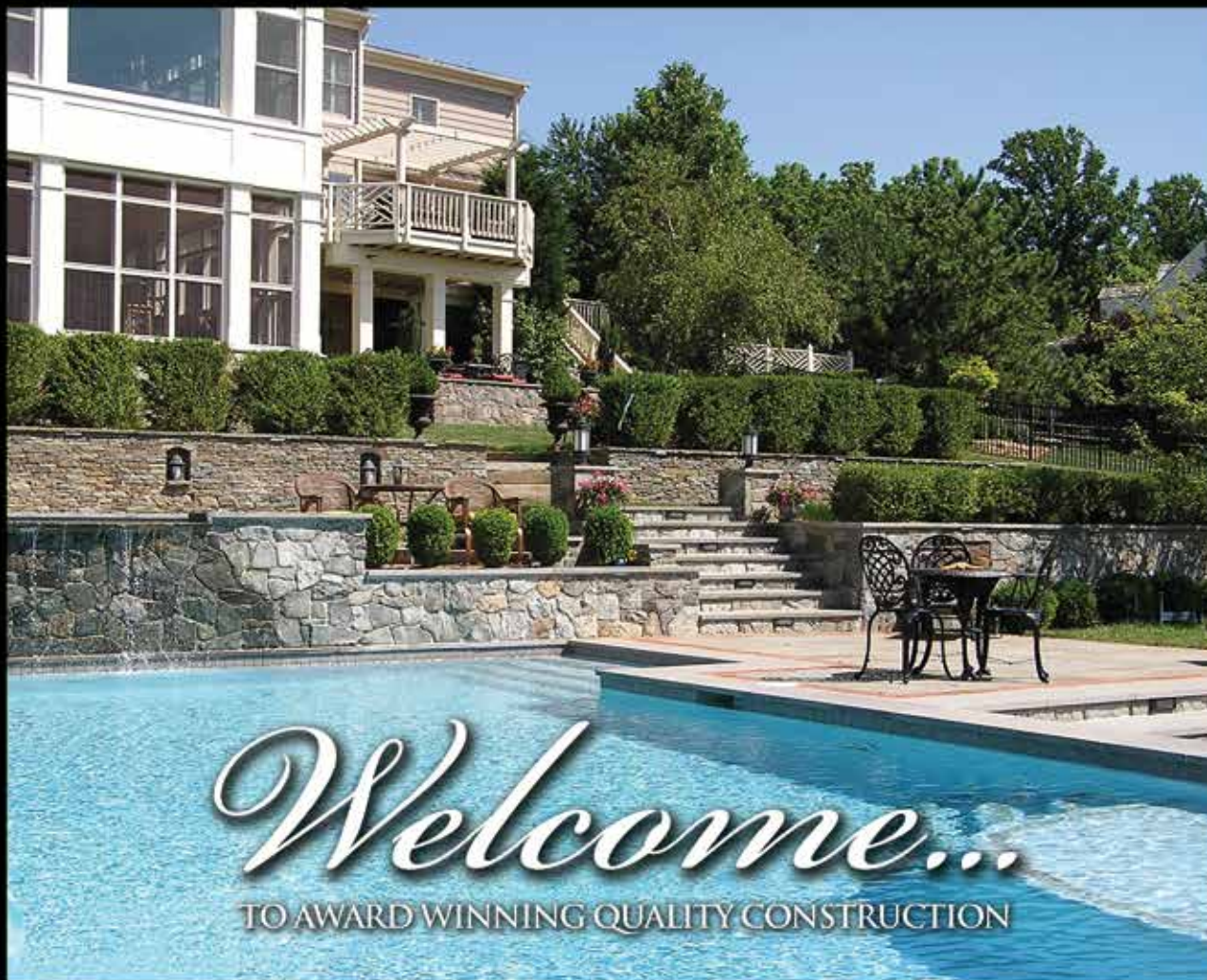
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# The Spirt Of Tech

- By Mary Rose Lunde



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The bass drums beat in the background, the cymbals ting and crash and the snare drum carries the beat forward. The band choruses in excitement, the music blaring. The fans cheer in the background getting carried further and further into the music. The football game in the background is only a backdrop to the spirit emanating from the band.

At Virginia Tech, the marching band is the true spirit. Literally, it is known as the "Spirit of Tech." Here, people come to watch the band and the football team. The band is part of the reason why fans are so hyped up at the game bringing energy and excitement. The halftime show brings entertainment and is truly an attraction.

Though with all great shows comes hard work. The season begins with tryouts. Eager freshmen arrive a week before regulars move in, in hope to make it into one of one of the few open spots the Marching Virginians (also known as the MVs) has. With competition for spots at the upmost high, it is amazing for anyone to make it. Speaking from experience, getting into any section is nearly impossible. Though it is the greatest accomplishment once in. I have watched my dorm-mates literally jump for joy after hearing they got in. And at the same time, I have felt first hand what it feels like to be cut along with the many other freshmen.

Having met a lot of my friends in my hall (sometimes known as the band dorm), I have heard already so many fun stories about band. Though during band camp, I have hardly ever seen my friends since they are almost always in rehearsal. My roommate comes back after ten every night

and nearly passes out on her bed from exhaustion. My neighbor McKenna Baublitz tells me so often that "[her] feet hurt" and having experienced band for myself, I believe her. McKenna plays second trumpet for the MVs as a freshmen and looks forward to playing at the football games.

We were taught at orientation that we were all Hokies, and that we are all now a part of Hokie nation. I'm a Hokie, and by default, so are all of my family, relatives and friends. During tryouts for drumline, which were less than two days long, I made two close friends. It didn't feel like we only knew each other for less than 48 hours, but instead a lifetime. The drumline section also allowed us to feel like we already belonged as Hokies. It didn't matter what grade we all were, it only mattered that we wanted to be part of the spirit. Meredith Wieners, a baritone player, explained to me that "[her] section feels like family and [she's] only known them for a week."

Though I'm not actually part of the Marching Virginians, I still feel like I am in spirit. Everyone on campus is affected by the sheer spirit the marching band shows. We are all part of the Spirit of Tech, even if we are just sitting in the stands watching the band. I look forward to supporting my school and my friends throughout the MV's season. The season officially begins Aug. 30 at 4 p.m. in Lane Stadium against William and Mary. The most anticipated game is against UVA on Nov. 28. Despite the cold, I will be there supporting my new family.

*Mary Rose Lunde is a freshmen at Virginia Tech. She is in the integrated science program and plans on double majoring in biology and English.*

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Next column: the *General Power of Attorney*

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## What It Means To Make A Comeback

- By Samuel Moore-Sobel

What is a comeback? Merriam Webster gives a number of definitions for this word including, "a new effort to win or succeed after being close to defeat or failure." This definition seems to capture the essence of the word. Making a comeback is forcing one's way out of the jaws of defeat, overcoming tragedy and the determined refusal to blink in the face of adversity. Successful comebacks involve hard work and perseverance, the conquering of past demons and the ability to see the light at the end of the tunnel.



MOORE-SOBEL

is a veteran who was badly burned after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. He suffered third degree burns all over his body including his face and as a result has undergone dozens of reconstructive surgeries. Mr. Timberg could have chosen to return home and become a recluse, and no one would have

blamed him for it. Yet he chose to fight on and became a prominent reporter for The Baltimore Sun. He has written four books, including his most recent one entitled: Blue-Eyed Boy, A Memoir. He recently had a book signing in Washington, and I went after work a few weeks ago, catching him just as he was getting ready to leave. We chatted for a few minutes and shared stories. I asked him to sign my copy of his book, and he wrote, "To Samuel-who knows about comebacks." In that moment he could have written no more meaningful words.

Comebacks are celebrated in America. We like the notion of the underdog, of overcoming the odds and triumphing in the face of great challenges. America likes to see its sports teams come from behind and win. Some of our most celebrated sports heroes are known for their comebacks. San Francisco quarterback Joe Montana embodied the word "comeback" throughout his career most notably when he led his team to a 38-35 win over the New Orleans Saints despite trailing by 28 points at halftime. Joe Montana is often considered one of the greatest quarterbacks of all-time, and his ability to come from behind is one of the qualities that helped set him apart.

When you examine the arc of our lives, life appears to be made up of a series of comebacks, beginning with often heart-rending tragedy or failure but at the same time containing the opportunity to come back better than you were before. Bad things happen to everyone, yet it seems to matter more how you respond to challenges than what happens to you. Failure often either cripples people or emboldens them, and sometimes it does a little of both. Yet even in the face of tragedy there is a great sense of meaning that can be derived from comebacks, entailing in part the knowledge that one can overcome almost anything. Sometimes it can give you the confidence you need to propel you to great heights. When faced with a tragedy, we can choose to be emboldened and take the opportunity to prove what we are truly made of, instead of focusing solely on the past. Comebacks are a part of our story, and help to define who we are. May we all be able to look upon the comebacks in our lives as a source of great hope for the future.

There are also plenty of examples of comebacks in presidential politics. Richard Nixon lost in a razor close election to then-Sen. John Kennedy and subsequently lost the California governor race in 1962. Even he declared his political career to be over after these losses, but in 1968 he rose to the presidency. As a candidate in the New Hampshire primaries dogged by scandals, it looked like Bill Clinton's candidacy was over. He gave a speech in which he told voters, "I'll be there for you till the last dog dies." The message stuck and he came from behind to finish second in the New Hampshire primaries. He dubbed himself "the comeback kid," and the rest, as they say, is history.

Recently I met a man who knows what it means to make a comeback. Bob Timberg

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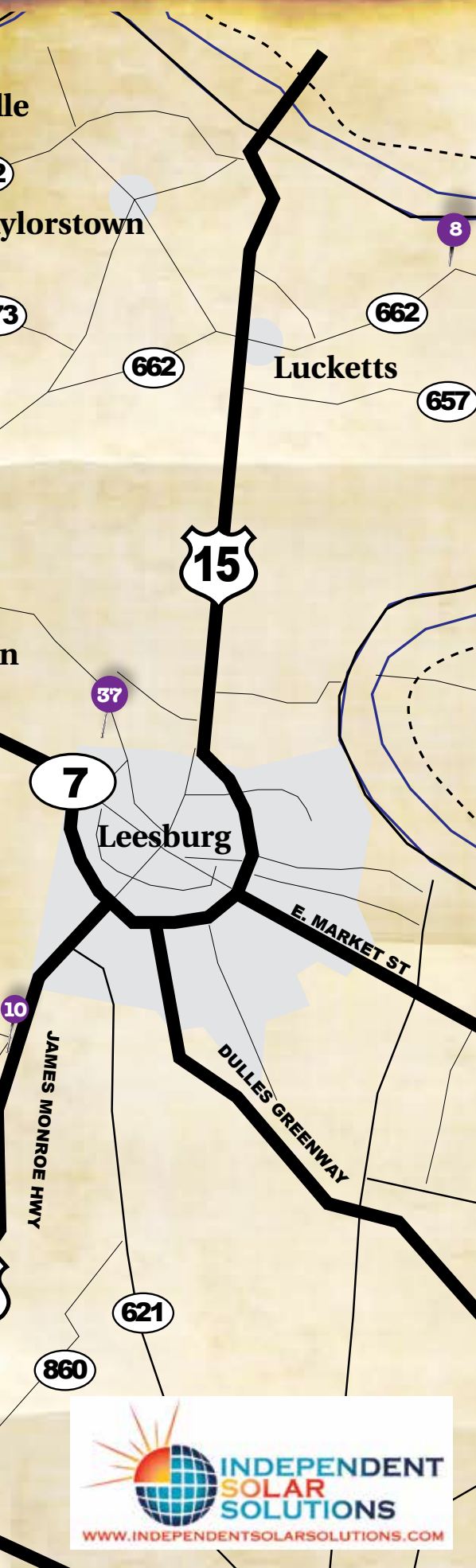
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## Just Like Nothing (Else) On Earth: Bloomfield

- By Tim Jon

Maybe it's just my imagination (most people who know me stress that it's one of my stronger - or maybe, stranger - traits), but I'd swear that there are places around this unique county of ours where the past not only still lingers in distant memories and references in musty documents, but it practically reaches out and grabs you. You probably think of some of the same places I'd list - if that's what I were setting out to do here; you drive, walk or ride past some of your favorite landmarks and feel as if you'd just spent some time not only in another place - but in another era.

Yeah, I'd list most of those, too, I'm sure - but I wouldn't have included the small, unincorporated community of Bloomfield in my collection until I recently started spending a little time there. The village isn't very big, and certainly doesn't take long to drive through - a matter of seconds, really- and, if you're not really paying attention- you may not even notice that you've entered and left the place. Bloomfield comprises little more area than the immediate surroundings of the crossing of Airmont and Bloomfield Roads - out there in that great valley under the Blue Ridge Mountains.

I've never witnessed much activity in the community, either - maybe an early-morning jogger, a few horses nibbling on their breakfast and the stray crow courting over the fields. It's always been pretty still - to my experience. But, if you look just a little deeper, there's much more.

You can find testament to far greater



human endeavor than my peaceful Sunday morning experiences, just a mile or so east of Bloomfield - in the cemetery at the Ebenezer Church - where one can still identify some 27 grave inscriptions - under which lie the remains of long-dead Civil War participants: officers, soldiers and medical personnel. Yes indeed, present-day, quiet, little Bloomfield is said to have served as bivouac quarters for those who served under such names as Jeb Stuart and John Mosby. The surrounding countryside hosted cavalry skirmishes and troop movements of Union and Confederate Armies.

And, yes, I'm very much aware that the rest of Loudoun County features numerous (and far more prominent) cemeteries where we can visit the resting places of not only those who fought in 'the war between the states,' but back to the American Revolution - and, unfortunately - right up to present-day conflicts. You couldn't live in Northern Virginia and not be aware of our many veterans' memorials.

Maybe I was just caught off guard a bit by sleepy, little, old Bloomfield (the very name - I've read - comes from the bucolic inspiration given by profuse fields of flowers strewn across the Blue Ridge in the early 1800's - when the General Assembly approved the founding of the place). But,

that's Loudoun County for you: every location comes with a past; to turn around the old axiom - to love it is to know it. Even this quiet, little oasis on Airmont Road halfway between Round Hill and Route 50 shows us that human turmoil (far greater in some respects, than the changes generated by modern development) occurred where one might least expect it. So - when I drive by the familiar sights of the quaint village of Bloomfield, and the Ebenezer Church Cemetery - I'm affected, not only by the present-day sights of a friendly community - but by the past which comes with it - in this case a stark reminder of the division,

violence and reconciliation undergone so many years ago, on a national scale - and the progression of time in the intervening years.

I guess I can take comfort in looking for some of those summer flowers on the distant Blue Ridge - and letting their symbology perform its work- on both my mixed emotions on America's past (and present) and, perhaps on the souls of some of those who obviously felt very strongly about the state of their nation - the resting remains of Civil War personnel buried on the hillside just off Airmont Road, east of Bloomfield.

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## Sushi – “Tails” From The Barnyard The Grumpy Old Troll Continued...

– By Sushi

Now my friends if you have not read July's Tails from the Barn Yard please visit [www.brleader.com](http://www.brleader.com) before you read the ending here. It is there you will read of a little girl by the name of Adele and her adventure when she came to visit the Fields of Athenry farm.

By now everyone on the farm was searching high and low for Little Adele with no luck. Adele's mother had to think fast, she was not going to lose her precious daughter to a Grumpy Old Troll. Mother told Bernie and Laino: Run, run as fast as you can. Fetch Sushi. We need his help. Yes me, Sushi, the brave and mighty Cairn Terrier. Once I arrived on the scene I felt the panic and fear that was setting in. I had to act fast for time was of the essence if indeed a Troll really did live on or near Willowin Farm grounds. My nose sniffed, sniffed, twitched and twitched – this way and that I followed the curves and bends of the Willowin Farm, Bernie, Laino and mother behind trying to keep up with me as best they could.

As I crossed the water and traveled under the little bridge I found myself going down, down, down into a long tunnel that was hidden under the tall grasses. Before I knew it the sunlight of day was going dark. My heart was racing even for a brave and mighty Cairn, I knew I had to find little Adele before the Grumpy Old Troll might have her for his dinner.

Behind me in the distance I faintly heard Mother and the girls yelling: “We lost Sushi under the bridge – we are not sure where he went.” I could hear GrandMary gasp – I couldn't stop – I was on my own now. I knew I was going down into the depths of the Trolls lair.

I could smell the disgusting odors of dead fish, sewage slime and stink bugs. The smell of the stink bugs was hideous. My skin crawled. My wiry Cairn Terrier coat stood on end as I could feel them by the thousands brush over me as I passed through the tight cauldron walls.

Racing down, down, down, as fast as I could go, I instinctively dug my paws into the ground to come to a fast halt. My sharp ears picked up the faint sounds of a child whimpering. I had to be close. I had to be cautious. I had to find a way back out.

The tight cauldron walls opened and there was light, I pressed against the wall, I did not want me or my shadow to be seen. There was a 12 x12 room where against one wall was an empty ratty old leather reclining chair with a matted sheep skin as a cover on it. There she was! There was little Adele and 8 little baby trolls all crammed into a wire cage with a huge padlock on the door right in front of the yucky leather chair. I didn't see the Grumpy Old Troll anywhere. I also didn't see any other way out except for the way I had come in.



I thought, I must act quickly, so I gently moved toward the cage wagging my tail and giving my very best Cairn Terrier white toothed grin so not to scare the little ones. Adele lovingly reached her hands through the cage to hug my neck. Her tiny hands were trembling with fear. Sushi she whispered in my ear, I have something you need. She slipped her hands from my neck and pulled out of her ruffiest and sparkliest pocket the brass key to the huge padlock. All the little baby trolls huddled around her. Grumpy Old Troll has never been this bad they all cried – we don't know what we did wrong. He used to love his baby trolls. His cruelty started when these stink bugs invaded, it's as if he has gone crazy mad and now we are all chopped liver.

I couldn't stop to talk to the baby trolls or try to sooth them, which is really what they each needed. I also knew I had to get the padlock opened. I would have to run like the wind with little Adele to the safety of the Willowin Farm Families, but more importantly to her mother and GrandMary. Adele may be little but she was confident and full of spirit. Her mind was thinking, thinking, thinking, I just knew it. The lock snapped open! The baby trolls cheered. My heart raced again as I slipped Adele onto my back and she hugged me close around my neck. Back into the dark cauldron I re-entered, baby trolls following close behind. I traveled as fast as my legs could carry us. Going up, up, up the steep incline was much more difficult than when I had raced down it. Every ounce of my being began to feel the pain in my legs and paws. I was filled with worry in this blackness of a decrepit hole that I might hit into the hairy belly of the Grumpy Old Troll. And that is exactly what happened. Just as we were about to escape out into the open, there he was, blocking the entrance. Little Adele quickly covered her eyes, letting go of my neck, squealing Oh! Oh! Oh! As she only does when she is afraid of the Grumpy Old Troll, for there he stood 8 feet tall, slouched over, stink bug covered and hairy belly protruding blocking the entrance of our great escape.

I braced myself and gave my bravest Cairn Terrier white toothed snarl pulling my lips back fierce as fierce can be, growling from the depths of my belly. I felt little Adele's hands slip back around my neck, while at the same time pulling her body up straight, looking directly into the dingy dark eyes of the Grumpy Old Troll.

“Oh my,” she thought to herself: “Those are really crusty, hairy nostrils, I wonder when the last time those were cleaned.” She quickly pulled herself back together, “Eh em,” she spoke up in her bravest Adele's voice – “Eh em, Grumpy Old Troll – Do you like smelling like Stink Bugs all the time?”

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## Lemonade Kids Persevere – Community And Two Special Brothers Step Up

“My brother Jeff and I, we are two examples of kids that have had a lot of challenges. We had dreams and goals and through hard work and perseverance we overcame life’s obstacles. We love giving back to the community.”



This was Shamrock Music Shoppe owner Scott Kinney’s reaction to the heartache 12-year old

Spencer Tarbet and a friend, also named Spencer experienced recently when the lemonade stand they were running at Round Hill Elementary School was robbed. An older teen asked for change for a \$20 and proceeded to make off with the two younger boys’ earnings for the day – \$35.

Tarbet was due at a viola class at downtown Purcellville’s Shamrock Music Shoppe shortly thereafter. And, seeing that he was still upset Spencer’s viola instructor Aislin Kavaldjian gave him an autographed copy of a book written by Kinney’s brother Jeff – one in the series of his Diary of a Wimpy Kid writings.

That perked Tarbet up, and he felt even better when got home, opened the book and found \$15 with a note that read: “Please don’t lose faith in people.”

The following week the two Spencers set up their lemonade stand in the same place at Round Hill Elementary and with the support of teachers earned \$90. And, there was more good will and community support to come.

When Tarbet got to Shamrock for his next music lesson Kinney invited his crew to set up their lemonade stand on the sidewalk in front of the shop, and sent out a quick message on Facebook to encourage the community to come down and support the boys.

Despite a sudden downpour the lemonade crew did great. They also got some Facetime with Jeff Kinney who said: “I was grateful that my brother, Scott, connected me with them, and I had a chance to tell them there are so many more good people than bad in the world. I hope this episode can turn into a positive for the boys in the long run. It’s great to hear that the people of Purcellville came out to show their support.”

Jeff also helped make the crew’s day by writing them a \$100 check. Speaking again about the challenges he and his brother went through as kids, Scott Kinney said, “Both of us have experienced all kind of rejection and the bullying stuff that everyone goes through, ... Bad stuff happens, but it’s how you choose to deal with it ... They came out way ahead. That was karma doing its justice.”

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Now the Grumpy Old troll was not expecting this – someone caring about him?

In this instant he was caught off guard, I bit down hard into his gnarly, moldy infected, gross Troll foot. He hollered in pain and started hobbling around leaving the entrance of the cauldron. Hence our escape – but not without Little Adele singing to the Grumpy Old Troll the magic words her dear father the infamous Buggy Miguel secretly taught her to rid one’s self for life of the horrible incurable Stink Bugs – She sang, “ El Stinko, Bug oh! Gone oh! El Stinko, Bug oh! Gone oh! El Stinko, Bug oh! Gone oh” ... as we raced off to the safety of Adele’s mothers arms.

For now, until next month when the Stink Bugs come out again to infest our farms and homes you will just have to wait and see if the Grumpy Old Troll had anything to gain from the magic words taught to him by sweet little Adele.



Love,  
Sushi

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**Sept. 4, Thursday, Monthly Movie Night from 6:30-9 p.m.** For ages 18 and older. Watch "Walk the Line" in the Grand Hall for \$2 a person. Refreshments available for sale.

**Sept. 10, Wednesday, Town Hall meeting from 12:30-2 p.m.** These quarterly meetings, which provide an opportunity for information sharing between Carver clients and staff, are free and open to the public.

**Sept. 16, Tuesday, Spelling Bee in Falcon's Landing from 9 a.m. - 1:30**

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**Sept. 17, Wednesday, Exercise Safety**, a presentation by Loudoun Sports Therapy from 10:45-11:45 a.m. To be sure you are exercising in a way that protects, rather than endangers, your health, please join us for this informative seminar.

**Saturday, Sept. 20, Emancipation Day Celebration** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Frasier will present the keynote address. A free lunch will be served at noon, to be followed by a choral performance by the Isaac Howard Singers. Tributes will be offered to two longstanding local businesses: Lyles Funeral Service, founded in 1950 by Black Entrepreneur Eric Lyles, and Nichol's Hardware, the oldest store in the Virginia Piedmont Region, celebrating 100 years of service on Dec. 13, 2014.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24, Self-Defense Seminar for Seniors** from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. by Master Harold Bauch, 6th degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. This free hands-on seminar provides mental and physical strategies for avoiding harmful events and allow practice of steps to take when avoidance is not possible. Pre-register for this event by calling 571-258-3400 by Monday, Sept. 22.



## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

☉ **Sept. 4, Thursday, Loudoun Toastmasters Club Humor Contest**, 7:30 p.m. at 202 Church Street SE Room 108 in Leesburg. Guests are welcome. Call Kevin O'Neil at (703)727-1111.

☉ **Sept. 4, Thursday, Master Gardener** free lecture, "Healing in the Garden: The Practice of Horticultural Therapy." Rust Library in Leesburg at 7 p.m. Go to [www.loudouncountymastergardeners.org](http://www.loudouncountymastergardeners.org).

☉ **Sept. 5, Friday, Guest Lecture Series**, The Aftermath of the Valley Campaign, Long Branch Plantation, 830 Long Branch Lane, Millwood at 7 p.m. This lecture will explore the impacts of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign

☉ **Sept. 6, Saturday, Monarch Waystation Clean-up** at Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Ln, Leesburg, from 9 to 11 a.m. Fun for the whole family, and no experience is needed. Sign up at [www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm).

☉ **Sept. 6, Saturday, A Swift Night Out** -America's Mysterious Birds Above the Fireplace, 6 p.m. at the Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way in Purcellville. Learn about Chimney Swifts, from nest building through egg laying, incubation, feeding and caring, through fledging of youngsters. After the program, watch an aerial display. Bring a chair to sit and watch the birds gather and demonstrate their spectacular flights. Registration required. Sign up at [www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm).

☉ **Sept. 6, Saturday, Loudoun Pet Expo** at Fireman's Field in Purcellville from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Vendors, keynote speakers, pet contests, raffle prizes, adoptions, demos, face painting, petting zoo, pony rides and more. The event is free. Go to [www.loudounpetexpo.com](http://www.loudounpetexpo.com).

☉ **Sept. 6-7, Saturday and Sunday, The Civil War: Up Close and Personal** in Rappahannock County. This commemoration of the Civil War includes uniformed actors conducting skirmishes, artillery demonstrations and cavalry drills at a re-imagined encampment. Program runs 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The event is being held on the grounds of the Rappahannock Visitors Center on Route 211, just outside Washington, Va.

☉ **Sept. 7, Sunday, Morven Park Nature Walk** from 1 to 3 p.m. Join the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy for a nature walk through Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Ln, Leesburg. Bring binoculars. Family friendly walk. Registration required, sign up at [www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp.htm).

☉ **Sept. 12, Friday, Loudoun Empty Bowls at Stone Tower Winery**, 19857 Hogback Mountain, Leesburg from 6-9 p.m. Pick your own bowl, and enjoy a meal of soup and bread, sweets, and coffee. Live music, art show and wine available. All proceeds benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief & Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter. Online tickets: [www.loudounemptybowls.org](http://www.loudounemptybowls.org).

☉ **Sept. 13, Saturday, plant sale, bake sale and BBQ lunch** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proceeds will pay for desks in a Liberian school. At St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 37018 Glendale St in Purcellville.

☉ **Sept. 13, Saturday, Birding Walk** at 8 a.m. at the Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve, 21085 The Woods Rd, Leesburg. Bring binoculars. Questions: Contact Joe Coleman at 540-554-2542.

☉ **Sept. 14, Sunday, Native Plant Sale** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Morven Park, 17263 Southern Planter Ln, Leesburg.

☉ **Sept. 16, Tuesday, Night Sounds**, 7 p.m. at Rust Library in Leesburg. Kevin Dodge will give an illustrated, free talk, complete with vocalizations, that will make you feel like you are outside in the dark with these "creatures of the night." Especially for youth and families.

☉ **Sept. 19-21, Friday to Sunday, Battle of 3rd Winchester 150th Anniversary**, Ranger Programs. Part of the 150th anniversary of the 1864 Shenandoah Valley Campaign, the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation's offers commemorative events of the battle. Meet at the east end of Berryville Canyon, on the north side of Berryville Pike (westbound VA Route 7), opposite the Frederick-Winchester Service Authority plant. For details see: [www.shenandoahatwar.org](http://www.shenandoahatwar.org).

☉ **Sept. 19, Friday, History at Sunset: A Tale of Two Cemeteries** at 5 p.m. Park Ranger Jeff Driscoll will explore both Mt. Hebron Cemetery and the Winchester National Cemetery, where many of the soldiers killed at 3rd Winchester in the Civil War are now buried. Meet at the public parking area on West Street, located behind Mount Hebron Cemetery in Winchester.

☉ **Sept. 20, Saturday, Birds and Habitat** at the National Beagle Club, 9 to 11 a.m. The 500-acre National Beagle Club has been managed for many years for rabbit habitat. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy to look at a variety of areas on the farm to see what species are present during fall migration and discuss the methods used to maintain the habitats. Sign up at [www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp](http://www.loudounwildlife.org/SignUp). Questions: Sept. 20 and 21, Saturday and Sunday, third annual Leesburg Fine Arts Festival in downtown Leesburg. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Go to [www.paragonartevents.com/lee/](http://www.paragonartevents.com/lee/).

☉ **Sept. 26, Friday, 21st annual Lovettsville Oktoberfest**. Traditional dinner, the opening of the Beer Garden and an attempt at a world record-setting Bohemian Rhapsody Sing-along. Saturday, the streets come alive with street vendors, kinderfest, wiener dog races, strolling musicians and three stages of live music. Admission, parking, kinderfest, dancing, music and beer-related contests are all free. Visit [www.lovettsvilleoktoberfest.com](http://www.lovettsvilleoktoberfest.com).

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### ARTIST'S PROFILE

## Designing Flowers – “You Feel It”

– By Andrea Gaines

One block off of Purcellville’s historic downtown is an exquisitely restored old house at 151 S. 20th street.

As you walk in you notice that everything is immaculately clean and shiny – polished wood floors, sparkling windows and not a spec of dust anywhere. At the same time your lungs have taken in the absolutely heavenly scent of fresh flowers - lilies, freesia, roses, mums and more filling your nose with all of their sweet glory.

This is the wonderful gift, flower, wedding and special events boutique known as Designing Flowers.

Having profiled many of the area’s most well known jewelers, painters and sculptors, I wouldn’t normally see a florist as the right fit for this column. But, Designing Flowers is more than a florist/wedding/special events planner. It’s a place where fresh flowers and everything beautiful that can accompany them is transformed into the most exquisite of floral arts.

Designing Flowers’ owner, Shelly McDaniel is an experienced floral designer, and credits the style of her work to the techniques and flower choices she learned while working in England and Holland. McDaniel works alongside equally experienced wedding and event designer Mitzie O’Neill, known also for her work with hand-crafted purses and other items used and worn by brides and individuals in the bride’s wedding party.

“What does it take to turn an ordinary flower arrangement into a work of art?,” I asked McDaniel. “And, what are your favorite flowers, and why?”

Floral arranging touches something deep inside you, said McDaniel. “You feel it ... combining colors and scents and shapes into the perfect picture.” “My favorite flower are wild daises – for their innocence, lilies – for their fragrance, and geraniums – I love geraniums, I’d have them in every room of the house if I could.” Growing up, said McDaniel, “I’d make necklaces and bracelets out of those white daises with the perfect yellow center.” Flowers were art to



Designing Flowers’ Shelly McDaniel

her, even back then.

O’Neill has a similar love of flowers. Like McDaniel, they speak to her. “I get emotionally involved with my flowers and my projects. I think about how the client will feel when they see the arrangement. I have even been caught putting polka dot ribbon on an arrangement used in a funeral.” The family loved it, she remembers, because it was in keeping with the fun-loving personality of the person they had lost.

McDaniel and O’Neill provide a full range of floral services, including custom arrangements for wedding parties, special events, corporate meetings, sympathy, vineyards and more. The shop also hosts birthday parties for children with tea ceremonies and flower arranging classes. Designing Flowers is located at 151 South 20th Street, Purcellville, Virginia 20132, 540-338-3983, [info@designingflowersnova.com](mailto:info@designingflowersnova.com).

## Franklin Park September 2014 Calendar

– Details at [www.franklinparkartscenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.org) –

For reservations/tickets call 540-338-7973 or visit [www.franklinparkartscenter.org](http://www.franklinparkartscenter.org).

See website for displays and exhibits in the Franklin Park Gallery and for performance schedule details.

**Art Exhibit: Blandy Sketch Group – 13th Annual Blandy Sketch Group Art Show, Through Sept. 28.** The Blandy Sketch Group meets monthly at the Blandy Experimental Farm in Clarke County, home of the State Arboretum of Virginia. Free.

**Last Ham Standing, Friday, Sept. 5, 8 p.m.** Don’t miss this hilarious show full of laughs for the entire family. A group of talented performers take suggestions from the audience to create wacky scenes and funny improv games. If you like Whose Line Is It Anyway?, you’ll love Last Ham Standing, the other comedy meat! Tickets, reserved: \$12 Adult, \$10 Student, \$8 Child. Buy Online.

**Barefoot Puppets presents: Dreamtime, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m.** Emus, crocodiles and frogs — oh my!

Experience the magic of “The Land Down Under” in this performance inspired by Aboriginal folktales. A mother platypus tries to get her young one to sleep by sharing three stories from the Australian Dreamtime. In these “How and Why” tales,



you’ll learn how the emu became a flightless bird, why the platypus looks so strange and meet a giant, bloated, ocean-swallowing frog! Tickets: \$5 per person, ages 3 & up. Pay at door.

**The Barnstormers: Good Old Time Music, Friday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.** Americana at its best! Slim Harrison and the Barnstormers have been performing traditional American roots folk music since 1980. They perform for all kinds of venues including schools, folk festivals, and history events. They have performed for the Smithsonian Institute and for former Vice President Gore at his residence. Good old time music that is timeless and for all ages. Reserved Seating. Tickets: \$15 all seats. Buy online.

**The Second City, Sept. 13, 8 p.m.** The Second City is the leading brand in improv-based sketch comedy. With theatres in Chicago and Toronto, Training Centers in those cities as well as Hollywood, 11 full time touring ensembles, thriving corporate communications and theatricals divisions as well as television and film operations, The Second City has been called “A Comedy Empire” by the New York Times. A Gold Star Performance sponsored by Friends of Franklin



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**Art in the Park, Sunday, Sept. 14, 1 p.m.** Create original artwork at outdoor stations using the natural inspiration of Franklin Park. Group and individual art projects will be located in several places outdoors in the park near the Arts Center. Watercolor painting by the memorial gardens, nature prints by the pond, clay in the shade, weaving and more! Tickets: \$8 person or \$25 family ages 3 & up. Pay at door.

**Music Got Me Here: an intimate musical experience with Tom Sweitzer, Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m.** Join Tom Sweitzer (Music Therapist, Actor, Director and Composer) as he takes you through his journey of how Music saved his life. The 75 minute show is all original compositions. Recommended for adults and students above 14 years of age. Tickets: \$15 Adult, \$12 Students/Seniors. Call (540) 687-6740 to reserve.

**The Buzz McCafferty Quartet with Toby Harris, Sunday, Sept. 28, 3 p.m.** We begin a NEW! Jazz series with this American songbook vocal jazz group featuring Buzz McCafferty, vocals; Sam Carolla, drums; Guy Stevens, electric bass; Toby Harris, tenor sax, and Jerry Bresee on electric guitar. Tickets: \$15 All Seats. Buy online.

## Remembering Melvin L. "Bunny" Alder

Melvin L. "Bunny" Alder of Purcellville, loving father and husband, died Aug. 21 at Loudoun INOVA Hospital in Leesburg.

A lifelong resident of Loudoun County, Alder was born Jan. 30, 1921 in Round Hill, son of Minnie Davis and John Elliott Alder. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross while in the service.

He was a fixture in Purcellville from the time he returned from the war, running his own business, before working at Hall Funeral Home for more than 60 years. He was also a past member of the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Department and a former Justice of the Peace for the town. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors of Ebenezer Cemetery, Inc. in Bloomfield and was a manager of the cemetery for a time.

He was predeceased by his wife of 67 and a half years, Johnis G. Alder; and his son, Melvin L. Alder, Jr, two brothers,



John E. Alder, Jr., and Rodney C. Alder; and a sister, Peggy Anderson.

He is survived by his son Bruce Alder and his wife Kim of Berryville, his daughter Jo Ann Gundry and her husband Dave, of Fairfax City, and his daughter-in-law, Anh Alder of Falls Church. He is also survived

by four grandchildren, Tina Valdov (Eric), Shannon Kitchen (Bryan), Melvin L. Alder III (Erica) and Sean Gundry (Robin), four step grandchildren, Voyne Lowery (Jodi), Brittany Tomblin (Bryan), Tristan Hardesty and Chase Hardesty. Also, he is survived by seven great-grandchildren, Hunter, Tyler and Jessica Valdov; Benjamin and Morgan Kitchen; Nathan and Mason Alder, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Aug. 25 at Hall Funeral Home, with interment at Ebenezer Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Ebenezer Cemetery, P.O. Box 174, Purcellville, VA 20134.

## Remembering William Judson "Jud" Whetsell

William Judson "Jud" Whetsell, 51, of Winchester, died of natural causes and went to be with the Lord on Aug. 7, 2014. Whetsell was born and grew up in Loudoun County and graduated from Loudoun Valley High School. He touched the lives of many in his career serving in retail and other service industries, most recently as a highly regarded and valued member of the Virginia Regional Transit Authority. Jud is survived by his mother, Betty Ann Whetsell of Winchester, brother Dan Whetsell of

Purcellville, sister Debra Whetsell of Narragansett, RI, sister Judy Robinson of Warrenton, eight nieces and nephews and many other family members and friends.

The family received friends at Hall Funeral Home, on Tuesday, Aug. 12. Services were held on Aug. 13 at Hall Funeral Home with interment at Hillsboro Cemetery.

Please visit [www.hallfh.com](http://www.hallfh.com) to express online condolences to the family.

Arrangements made by Hall Funeral Home.

## Two Celebrated Regional Artists Open Studio in Berryville

Sarah Huntington, an award-winning portrait photographer and Susan Carney, painter and printmaker, have opened a studio in Berryville at 100 West Main St. in Berryville's historic Hawthorne Building.

Huntington has been named Loudoun County's favorite photographer for more than a decade in a newspaper readers' poll. She's a graduate of the Corcoran School of Art in Washington D.C.

Carney's work has been sold and displayed throughout the middle Atlantic. She has a bachelor's degree from Shepherd University and master's degree from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. The new studio marks the artists' first foray into Clarke County. The Huntington/Carney studio will hold an open house Saturday, Sept. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m.

## New Garden Furnishings Store Comes To Loudoun

Claudia G Reed is the owner of Claudia's Garden in Paeonian Springs, a new concept in garden retail. She sells furnishings, including statuary, urns and container plants, as well as antiques and gifts in a charming garden setting.

Tired of seeing the same generic garden furniture at local big-box stores, she has found an assortment of quality furnishings to meet the tastes of her community. Reed, a 24 year resident of Loudoun, has traveled the world to bring an eclectic selection to Loudoun County.

Reed is catering to an audience searching for more than just a typical garden center. In addition to showcasing furnishings, the shop will host workshops, speakers, and even has massage therapy onsite, operated by Wendy Simms of Stonelight Massage.

This one-of-a-kind shop is a destination where you can buy handmade goods from far and wide, attend events, and rejuvenate.

For more information visit [www.claudiasgarden.com](http://www.claudiasgarden.com)



## Fluted Hoot Music Festival Oct. 11

An event to benefit the Middleburg Humane Foundation will be Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Middleburg Community Center. The fifth annual Fluted Hoot Music Festival starts at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$85 which includes an evening of dinner, dessert and music with Jon Cleary, Gary Smallwood, Craig Fuller and his son Patrick Fuller.

There will be a live owl exhibit from the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center and a cash bar. Limited tickets are available at [www.middleburghumane.com](http://www.middleburghumane.com) or call (540) 364-3272.

## Barn Dance Sept. 20

The Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritan club is planning for their sixth annual Harvest Moon Barn Dance. This year the dance benefits Loudoun Therapeutic Riding and Western Loudoun Education.

The dance will be at Hampton Hill Farm at 15270 Loyalty Road in Waterford on Sept. 20. The event is expected to draw more than 400 people. Tickets purchased in advance are \$25 each and \$35 at the door. Tickets are available at Andys of Lovettsville and The Waterford Shell. Live music will be provided by Janet Emma & Seven West, and dinner is provided by Big Mikes BBQ. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment from 7 - 11 p.m.

More information is at [www.lwritutans.org](http://www.lwritutans.org).

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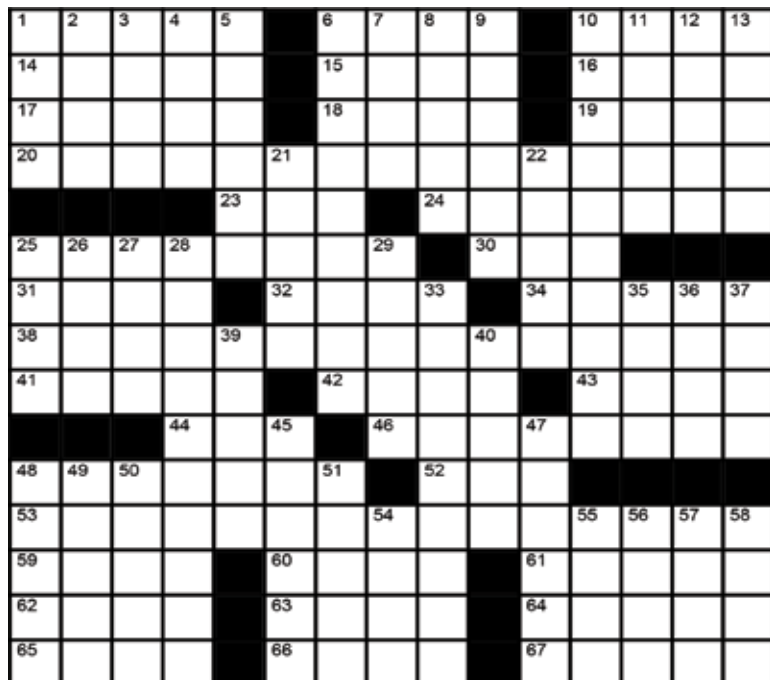
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### ACROSS

1. Take a powder
6. Firmly secured
10. Fungal spore sacs
14. Two-door
15. Prom conveyance
16. European capital
17. Hurt
18. Effluvium
19. Is positioned
20. Nuptials necessity
23. Calendar abbr.
24. Most concise
25. Marvelous
30. Ed.'s request
31. Nuncupative
32. City west of Tulsa
34. Grill grub
38. The main event
41. Racing network
42. Bristle
43. Settled
44. Film stars' org.
46. Touch off
48. Damages
52. Stretch of turbulent water
53. Ralph and Alice
59. Ambience
60. Case
61. Pie cuts, essentially
62. Beam
63. Sheepskin leather
64. Voice lesson topic
65. Kind of dog
66. Poet Sexton
67. Square dance group, e.g.

### DOWN

1. Take for a ride
2. Chewed stimulant
3. Essen basin
4. Parrot
5. Toward the middle
6. Punishments, of a kind
7. Lieutenant
8. Young salmon
9. Old party members
10. Military rate, British
11. Paris bisector
12. Salad green
13. Dickey
21. "The Age of Anxiety" poet
22. Rail family bird
25. Propagates
26. Kind of school
27. Stevedore
28. Player on the dealer's left
29. Cubed
33. Mold
35. Gaucho's weapon
36. "Sit \_\_\_!"
37. Information unit
39. Salmon River locale
40. Sine or cosine
45. Family subdivisions
47. City near the Douro River
48. Some parties
49. Barbarian
50. High spot
51. \_\_\_ Hall
54. Chinese dollar
55. Bust maker
56. Not leave alone
57. Rub the wrong way
58. Ooze

Answers on page 34...

# Wild Loudoun

## Nature, Moving From Season To Season On A Wing And A Prayer

– By Andrea Gaines



The term "on a wing and a prayer," or "coming in on one wing and a prayer" is a WWII reference to the hardships pilots faced desperately trying to guide their disabled aircraft home and land safely, rather than be lost between the last place they were seen and the home base they were so desperately trying to reach. Using their wits, their instincts, any tools at their disposal and their desire to live, they make do with what they have to survive another day.

While it is not a reference to nature, the term on a wing and a prayer is very relevant to the life around us as we leave summer's warm temperatures and abundant food sources and head into the lower temperatures and scarcity of fall and winter.

As humans, we simply add an extra layer of clothing, put up the storm windows, adjust the thermostat and stoke the fire as temperatures cool. Some of us go beyond this – "the hearty way," as I call it – gathering and stacking wood and harvesting, canning and storing summer and fall vegetables and fruits.

Nature does these same kinds of things to some extent, perhaps with a little more urgency and fewer modern tools. But, the concept is the same.

- Some mammals convert the summer food stores in their bodies to a new fat layer and replace the warming fur they had shed in the spring, going in to the colder temperatures with a hardy, insulated winter coat.
- Other mammals store food to last them through the winter. Many have the ability to lower their body temperature, their breathing, their heart rate and their metabolic rate to slow the burning of stored calories.
- Amphibians begin a slow march toward a lower body temperature. When they finally reach their winter resting place, if left undisturbed, they will have a chance to emerge alive to enjoy another spring.
- Some birds stay rather than migrating, surviving on the bits of food they can glean from the winter landscape and the stores – caches – of seeds they tucked

away into various places throughout the summer. They will cache food in leaves and/or mulch, in trees and in other outdoor nooks and crannies – your woodshed, your barn, your eaves or chimney. Bird species that cache foods include jays, chickadees, nuthatches, woodpeckers, magpies and crows.

- Other birds (including the hummingbird outside my window right now) will feed feverishly as summer wanes to store up reserves for their long migration south – peak migration time being late August through early September. This time of year they look as plump as early summer females just about ready to lay their eggs and raise a family of hummingbird chicks.

- The last generation of migrating Monarch butterflies will reach their northernmost ranges in late September/early October and, on the east coast, adopt a southward journey towards their overwintering grounds in the forests of Mexico. Feed them along the way by letting the asters, goldenrod, sunflowers, bee balm and other natives take over in your fields as we move from late summer into fall.
- Our local snakes will find a safe underground place, sleep/hibernate and emerge in the spring. As long as they are not crawling into your bed ... let them be. They can help take care of the overwintering mice in your house.

All of this is to say that nature, particularly during the change of the seasons, flies on a wing and a prayer, taking advantage of every bit of food, every bit of shelter, every bit of respite it can find. Support them. And, know that nature is working as hard as you to enjoy a nice, warm, full-bellied fall and winter.

## 73,233 Students Are Off And Running – School Year Starts With Lots Of Changes

Loudoun County's nearly 75,000 students started their 2014 – 2015 term this past Tuesday flooding the halls of 87 public schools, including three new schools and the Middleburg Community Center Charter School. Students have a long road and lots of opportunities ahead – the last day of school will be Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

There are several significant changes afoot for the 2014 – 2015 year.

Over the summer the LCPS system said farewell to Dr. Edgar B. Hatrick III, who retired. The district's superintendent for 23 years, Hatrick has been an educator in the system for

more than 47 years. Taking his place is Dr. Eric Williams. Williams served as superintendent in a York County, Virginia, school division (with 12,500 students). Prior to serving in Virginia, he served as the assistant superintendent in Collier County, Florida (44,000 students).

Hatrick presided over enormous growth in the LCPS system, as the county's student population more than quadrupled, from approximately 15,000 (1991) students to 70,858 (2013).

Loudoun had ranked number 13th in the state in terms of size; it is now the 3rd largest, building 52 schools (33 elementary, 10 middle schools and nine high schools).

The LCPS system also said goodbye Sharon D. Ackerman, assistant superintendent for instruction. Ackerman served as an educator for 48 years, starting her career in Loudoun in 1972 at Aldie Elementary School.

Dr. Terri L. Breeden is the new assistant superintendent for instruction. She comes to Loudoun from the Fairfax County School System where she served as assistant superintendent for professional learning and training and assistant superintendent for professional learning and accountability. The 2014 – 2015 school calendar can be found on [www.loudoun.gov](http://www.loudoun.gov).



## Halloween In Old Town Purcellville

Halloween will again be celebrated in Old Town Purcellville on Oct. 31 from 5-9 p.m. The fourth annual Purcellville Halloween Block Party will close traffic on 21st street. The celebration, hosted by Re-Love It and the Purcellville Business Association, will include a costume contest, food trucks and games for kids. All open stores will have candy for the children. The costume contest is by age group and starts at 6:15 p.m. with the last group at 8:15. There will be \$1,500 in cash prizes and trophies.

Other contests include “howl at the



moon” or “most horrific scream.” There will also be a free concert by Purcellville’s own Swell Daze. Call Michael 540-751-0707 for sponsorship information.

### Dr. Mike, continued from page 2

judgment of Robin Williams’ suicide is so harsh. Perhaps Mr. Williams’ suicide has triggered something personal in your husband regarding his own life, his role as a father or his mortality. And while I agree with your husband that suicide as a solution to a problem or problems is wrong, I also think that this is a time for sensitivity and empathy and not judgment.

Regarding your 10 year old son, developmentally he is at an age where he understands death fully. He can also handle the topic of suicide, as well as the topics of substance abuse and depression. Thus, instead of judging what Mr. Williams did in the presence of your son, you and your husband could age appropriately address the tragedy (or other tragedies when they appear in the media) as a teachable moment

for your son.

I am also not surprised that your son has made harsh comments about Mr. Williams after listening to his father’s criticism of the actor. Children are impressionable, and at 10, a developmental duty for your son now is to identify more with his father in forming his own male identity. Because of this, your husband then needs to be more cognizant of what he says and does in the presence of your son inasmuch as your son will sponge up and internalize those statements and messages.

*Michael Oberschneider “Dr. Mike” is the founder and Director of Ashburn Psychological Services, a private mental health clinic comprised of 12 MD and PhD level mental health clinicians. Go to [www.Ashburnpsych.com](http://www.Ashburnpsych.com) or call 703 723-2999 to learn more.*



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# Kitchen Science Kids: *Polymers*

- By Leah Enright



Imagine a necklace made of a string of beads. I can pull the string firmly and admire my beads, or roll the necklace into a ball and stick it in my pocket. Why, because the necklace is made of many parts, held together by a string. We can see the beads and string, but scientists work with materials that have many parts, and can be stretched and rolled, but the many parts are so tiny they can't be seen without a special microscope. They are called *polymers*. Common polymers include fabrics, such as nylon, plastics, and even the proteins in your hair and fingernails. What do all of those have in common? They can bend or stretch, and go back to the way they were - polymers are amazing. (The word polymer comes to us from Greek and means many parts.)

You can make your own polymer, and marvel at the way this bendy, stretchy substance works.

Here's how:

1. Put 3 tablespoons of water into a zip-style bag.
2. Add 1 tablespoon of regular white glue, not school glue.
3. Add 2 heaping tablespoons of Borax, (found in the laundry aisle of the supermarket).



4. Mix well, in the bag.
5. Remove mixture from the bag and shape it into a ball.
6. If the mixture is too sticky, roll the mixture in a little bit of Borax.
7. Pull Flubber out and stretch, squish and play.

*Flubber will stay fresh in a plastic bag for several days. Be sure not to eat it, and to throw it in the trash, not down the sink, when you are finished with it.*

Can you think of more examples of polymers? How about chewing gum, that white glue you used, or the bottles we drink water from. Remember, they squish and return under gentle pressure. Polymers are all around, and they help us in our everyday life. So next time you comb your hair, cook in a Teflon pan, or put on a bike helmet, think of how lucky we are to have these amazing polymers.

*Leah Enright writes about kids and Science from her home in Round Hill, and can be found most days cutting polymers, in the form of hair, in Purcellville.*



## Ida Lee Park Hosts Annual "Dog Swim" At AV Symington Aquatic Center Saturday, Sept. 6


On Saturday, Sept. 6, Ida Lee Park will hold its Annual Dog Swim at AV Symington Aquatic Center. Your four-legged friends can enjoy a swim and play off-leash in the pool.

The pool will be open for the dogs-only swim from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dog handlers must be 16 years or older and there is a limit of two dogs per person. All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated and be wearing a visible dog license. Children 9 years old and younger will need to remain in the snack area of the pool deck. The fee is \$5.00 per dog, payable at the front entrance.

Handlers are responsible for their dogs and no food is allowed. For more information, please visit [www.idalee.org](http://www.idalee.org) or call 703-777-1368.

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