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Tiny House Movement

— By Carol Morris Duker

The tiny house movement is an apt description for a relatively new social society that advocates a frugal approach to housing that pushes the envelope by embracing homes that are less than 1,000 square feet—and often much, much smaller. The architectural commonality for “tiny houses” is the emphasis on practical, multi-use design. Often, a tiny house incorporates furniture that doubles as storage and can morph into the accessory of choice when needed. Modern, state of the art technology is often found in regards to appliances and other equipment. Height matters—and often vertical space is maximized. And—for a growing number of tiny home lovers—they can be built on wheels and moved from place to place. For today, almost all tiny homes are located in rural areas where “green” living is embraced and the use of rain barrels, composting toilets and recycled grey water are not controversial.

Part of the appeal to owning a tiny home is that many people can build them themselves—and the popular homes on wheels do not require building permits (although some jurisdictions may have zoning in place that would challenge their use).



Photo by Tiny r(E)volution

The typical tiny house on wheels has only about 120 square feet of living space. The tiny house is built with conventional building supplies and is built to last, with a price tag ranging between \$15,000 to \$60,000. They can be used on property as guest homes or offices; and moved around to suit the owner.

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Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin, III (RG3) was spotted by some neighborhood children recently. RG3 graciously stopped his car and happily posed for a photos. All were delighted. Photo by Kristen Sanchez.

Purcellville Crossroads Draws Community Opposition

At the September Purcellville Town Council Meeting the Tilley/Kline Entertainment Complex proposal was presented to the town council and the public in attendance. The proposal, Purcellville Crossroads, is approximately 50 acres and is not in the town of Purcellville, but north of Rt. 7 on the corner of Rt. 287 and Saint Francis Court (Rt. 722). It is currently zoned JLMA-3. This would allow approximately 16 homes by right (by right allows a development to proceed without a public hearing). The developers are considering asking for a boundary line adjustment and are initially proposing 91 residential units, five restaurants, an 80-room hotel, indoor and outdoor entertainment areas, waterpark areas with bumper boats and miniature golf, batting cages,

Sebeny said that Tilley assured her he would change the orientation of the project so the noise would have less impact on her property... as long as she didn't speak against the project at a town meeting.

go-karts and a commercial parking area with 1,035 parking spaces.

The presentation by Kline/Tilley brought strong objections from the Wright Farm community (just north of the proposed development) along with residents from the town of Purcellville. Most speakers said

that they moved to Purcellville for its charm and that this dense of a project is the wrong fit for this area.

Wright Farm resident Lydia Clark stated that she is concerned about not only the traffic, but also the lights and noise the complex would generate. Neighbor David Smith said that the project was inconsistent with the small town atmosphere and rural setting that appeals to so many residents. He also stated that the project would be economically damaging to local businesses and property

owners in the area. Smith said that residents and visitors come to Purcellville because Purcellville is not Leesburg or Winchester. He urged the town council to reject the developer's request for annexation, which would open the door to a change in zoning to this area. Commercial and high-density housing is in fact not allowed by the

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Is It Okay To Spank Your Child

– By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.



When Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson was recently arrested for beating his 4-year-old son with a tree branch, the response was passive and mixed. Initially, the Vikings benched Peterson for a single game but then immediately reinstated him. And it was only after further investigation and public outcry that the team placed Peterson on the exempt list until the completion of his legal case.

The facts involving the incident as presented in the media, if true, are very concerning. The beating allegedly caused numerous injuries to the child, leaving cuts and bruises all over his body, including injury to his scrotum.

Over the past week, there has been much commentary on the incident, and a lot of that commentary has passively excused Peterson for his actions. Even retired NBA star and newscaster Mr. Charles Barkley has publically minimized Peterson's actions stating, "...I'm from the South. Whipping – we do that all the time." And, "...Every black parent in my neighborhood in the South would be in trouble or in jail under those circumstances."

Beyond the media and celebrity opinion, however, the Peterson incident has certainly reignited the old debate on spanking with many still supporting the right to spank as a form of punishment. More specifically, surveys have shown that two thirds of Americans support parents spanking their children.

While corporal punishment is not a crime in Virginia, and while many parents today hold the view that spanking is an acceptable parenting technique, this view is not supported by the large body of research in this area that has repeatedly shown that spanking, and other forms of physical punishment, can lead to serious problems in children – mental health problems, increased aggression, antisocial behavior and physical injury.

But most of us do not live life wholly off of research findings and none of us are perfect. As a psychologist, I know that overall spanking is an ineffective parenting technique with the potential for harm. However, as a parent, I have used it sparingly at times and with success. For example, I can recall a time when my 4-year-old son purposefully disregarded me and began to walk into the parking lot on his own. I grabbed him quickly, spoke to him firmly about the danger of his actions and also gave him a couple of taps

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Republican Candidate For The United States Congress 10th District

Barbara Comstock is currently a member of the House of Delegates serving McLean, Great Falls, and parts of Vienna and Loudoun County. Comstock was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 2009 and re-elected in 2011 and 2013. She currently serves as the Chairwoman of the Science and Technology Committee and is the only woman serving as a Chairman in the House of Delegates. She also serves on the Transportation, and Commerce & Labor Committees. Comstock previously served as a senior aide to Congressman Frank Wolf, a senior Justice Department official, a senior partner in a law firm and a small business owner. She has lived in McLean, VA for the past 33 years where she raised her three children with her husband, Chip.



Barbara Comstock

Today the real battles we face aren't about left vs. right - it's about past vs. future; the status quo vs. moving forward.

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Democratic Candidate For The United States Congress 10th District

John Foust has served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 2007, representing the 120,000 residents of the Dranesville District and the 1.1 million residents of the county. He serves as Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee, Vice-chairman of the Budget Committee and Chairman of the County's Economic Advisory Commission. Foust holds an MBA and a law degree. Since joining the board, Foust has worked on no fewer than six balanced budgets, cutting spending while preserving investments in essential services such as public safety, transportation, and education. John and his wife, Dr. Marilyn Jerome Foust, have lived in Northern Virginia for more than 30 years. They enjoy the wonderful parks, neighborhoods and quality of life in the region and raised their two sons, Matthew and Patrick.



John Foust

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current zoning.

Deann Sebeny, whose property borders the proposed development, said that she met with Tilley a few weeks ago. Among other things she expressed her concern about noise and traffic. Sebeny said that Tilley assured her he would change the orientation of the project so the noise would have less impact on her property ... as long as she didn't speak against the project at a town meeting.

The lone person to speak in favor of the project was Julie Seraphin-Schloss. She said that she can't buy underwear in Purcellville and she is tired of traveling 30 minutes to Leesburg for entertainment. Former Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro used this line numerous times – "you can't buy underwear in Purcellville" – until former councilmember Nick Pelchar appeared before the town council telling the mayor that he was able to buy underwear in less than 30 seconds online. He then presented to Mr. Lazaro photos of selections of various undergarments).

Seraphin-Schloss did not reveal that she owns two parcels of land – one 4 acres and the other 3 acres – that are included in the Purcellville Crossroads proposal. At a Purcellville Town Council Work Session a week later, Wright Farm resident Jean Czarnetzky noted that Seraphin-Schloss owns these 7 acres saying, "Boy, there was more than socks and underwear on her

mind."

Belinda Delaney said that the entire scale of the development is out of character with the Town of Purcellville. Owen Brown said that he had just moved to Purcellville from Leesburg for the quality of life, peacefulness and community culture. Brown also pointed out that the proposal clashed with the neighborhood. Purcellville resident Margey O'Brien said that she was opposed to the prior Hirst Road Tilley/Housing project when it was proposed for a different in-town parcel. She didn't see how the new proposal is any different now in terms of size and impact.

Mayor Kwasi Fraser said that the key issue that emerged from the speakers appeared to be "a misalignment between what the developers want and what the residents want." The developers should sit at the table with residents and "get feedback and discuss what can and should be built there," he said. Councilwoman Karen Jimmerson said that her earlier opposition to the Hirst Road application was part of the reason she ran for council. Residents of the Old Dominion Valley subdivision were successful in getting the Tilley and the Franklin Johnston Group to withdraw their plans, "I've been in your shoes," she said. "We'll be thoughtful, and do due diligence. We did it before and trust me we'll do it again."

Commonwealth Attorney Reports Christian Sierra Shooting "Justifiable Homicide"



Commonwealth Attorney James Plowman

Commonwealth Attorney James Plowman has reported that the May 24 police shooting of a 17-year-old Purcellville high school student was "justifiable homicide."

Commenting on results of a four-month investigation by a special detail of Virginia State Police investigators, Plowman said: "The actions taken by Christian Sierra, the youth killed by four shots of a .40 Caliber Glock handgun by refusing to drop the knife, coupled with his raising the knife with the blade pointed at Officer Hood and advancing at him, presented Officer Hood with an immediate and real threat to his safety."

Three Purcellville officers responded shortly after 2 p.m. on May 24 to calls that a youth was trying to kill himself. Officer Hood found Sierra brandishing a knife with a three-inch blade, struggling with a second youth on the curbside on Fraser Avenue.

The Officer exited his police car and ordered the youth to drop his weapon. According to police and several witnesses, the youth disregarded multiple commands to drop the weapon and advanced on the officer.

Officer Hood moved toward his police car and firing one shot, which did not stop Sierra. He then fired 3 more times. The entire incident took only 10 seconds, investigators said. They said Sierra was 5 to 6 feet away when the last three shots were fired – all four shots in the chest. Hood was carrying pepper spray, but did not have a TASER. The Purcellville Police Department currently has eight TASERS.

An autopsy revealed that Sierra had sustained a total of 19 self-inflicted knife wounds while visiting three friends in a nearby townhouse. Investigators pieced the story this way: There were 13 stab and cut wounds to the head, throat and neck and six cuts to the right wrist. His friends tried to intervene when Sierra told them he wanted to kill himself. He locked himself in a bathroom and then sustained the first of the self-inflicted wounds. A friend forced his way into the bathroom and saw Sierra stab himself in the throat.

Two friends tried to restrain Sierra, but both were thrown off by Sierra. He then took a swing with a knife toward one of his friends, but missed. It was then that police were called. In the meantime, Sierra ran to an

outside rear porch where he and a friend fell over a railing. The friend described Sierra's demeanor as "screaming and out of control".

The arrival of the Purcellville Police was the 14th call regarding Sierra since 2009, most placed by his parents. The last call was eight weeks before the shooting and involved Sierra entrapping his mother and grandmother in a bedroom with Sierra threatening suicide. In this incident, Purcellville officers persuaded Sierra to go with his father for an evaluation at the Inova's mental health center in Leesburg.

While Christian Sierra was obviously very troubled, he was also, by all measure a very deep young man, and on a personal journey. But, he was not known as particularly solitary, even if he felt that way personally at times. He was known by many of his friends as available, friendly and positive – there for you.

In a press conference Thursday, Plowman said he was concerned over the number of "mental health calls" to police agencies across Virginia and offered to assist the State Legislature to look into the problems. Asked how Sierra's family responded after he explained the investigation's findings to them this morning, Plowman said, "I'm not sure words can describe someone's reactions when they've lost a child."

In a second press conference held at Purcellville Town Hall Mayor Kwasi Fraser said the community cannot move forward with business as usual. "I wonder if there are other kids in our community that are going through what Mr. Sierra went through and how can we be pro-active in helping them?" Fraser said he will reach out to several church congregations and plans to encourage the police department to use community programs in place to connect with young people and families who need help.

Hood, who has been on the Purcellville Police force for 16 months and previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps, has been on paid administrative leave since the May 24 shooting. Purcellville Police Chief Darryl Smith said that he would return to work within the next few weeks. Chief Smith fielded the question, "How is Officer Hood doing?" "I wouldn't wish this situation on anyone," said Chief Smith.



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The fall festival will again feature food and Blue Grass music, a huge silent and live auction of already more than 100 local and regional store and gift items and the annual visit of the Piedmont Hounds, the friendly fox hounds of the nation's oldest hunt, who usually arrive about 2 p.m. to mingle with Heritage Day attendees.

The celebrated Blue Grass band Willow Branch will again provide live music. Barbecue and fresh-shucked Virginia oysters and clams on the half shell are featured, with imported wines and beer, and sides and desserts by the Unison United Methodist Church.

The Quaker village of Unison, settled in the 1730s, is in two National Register Historic Districts and at the center of the nation's only historic roads district. Most village houses date to 1700 and 1800. Unison is at the north end of Foxcroft Road (Rte. 626), one of Loudoun's oldest and most scenic rural roads, where it

intersects with historic Unison Road (Rte. 630). Driving to the village is a drive into Virginia's and Loudoun County's past.

Live and silent auction items include a week's vacation in a luxury apartment in Buenos Aires during Argentina's peak polo season, a chauffeured country drive in a vintage Rolls Royce with a champagne lunch, a canoe trip down the Shenandoah for 8 with picnic lunch, and a fishing trip for 2 with lunch on Virginia's legendary Mossy Creek fly-fishing stream. The silent auction, 1-4:30 p.m., includes gifts of area stores, restaurants, B&BS, catering and music services and art work of well-known area artists. The live auction begins about 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 (\$25 in advance), children under 12 free. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit Unison Preservation Society and will be used to improve the Unison Store Community Center, Village Green and the Unison-area countryside. Advance tickets must be ordered by Oct. 17, mail checks to the Unison Preservation Society, Box 606, Middleburg, VA, 20118.

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Fate Of Lovettsville's Historic Classrooms In The Balance – Citizens Seek Second Look For Community Center Renovations –

Loudoun County plans to demolish original Lovettsville School classroom wings built in the 1930s. The classrooms were restored after a 1976 fire destroyed other parts of the school and the building was repurposed as the Lovettsville Community Center. Many in the community have voiced strong opposition to the planned demolition, some of which centers on the county's perceived disregard for historical resource preservation and some of which is related to a lack of due process and public disclosure.

The project was part of a bond package to upgrade five community centers to bring those facilities into compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The three remaining centers include Lovettsville, Sterling and Philomont.

The new building is proposed to be constructed in front of the existing building. The old building will then be demolished.

In lieu of demolition, community members would like to see the historical classroom wings maintained and preserved. Town citizen and historian Ed Spannaus notes that this position is perfectly aligned with the recommendation made by the county's own historic preservation planning staff, who stated that, "Countywide Heritage Preservation Plan policy would support retention of the historic building elements of the community center in place, and incorporating those elements into any new construction."

Spannaus was involved with county planning and town staff during the town's



Lovettsville School teachers

2011-2012 successful efforts to gain historic district designation. He states that the portion of the building with the original classrooms was specifically referenced in the historic district application. He believes those in the county's Capital Infrastructure Department favoring demolition never consulted their planning department colleagues.

Initial requests to save the historical classrooms were first raised to Catoclin District Supervisor Geary Higgins by Lovettsville Alumni Association and Historical Society Board members. According to LAA member and former

Mayor Elaine Walker, Higgins agreed to meet with these groups on the condition there would be no media. During an October 2013 meeting, he responded to their concerns stating the project was too far along to change course and suggested any public opposition could jeopardize the funding. His statement conflicts with county records showing that the construction design project awarded to an architectural consultant, kicked in December 2013 and is 10 percent complete.

During a November 2012 public meeting, county staff, architectural consultant representatives and Supervisor Higgins explained that a new building would cost more than a renovation – \$3.7 million for renovation and \$4.2 million for replacement. Staff noted that full programming would be offered under the replacement option, but service reductions would be necessary for renovation. The overwhelming concern raised by some residents was maintaining child-related services during construction. Despite assurances to the public at the meeting that additional input would be solicited, two weeks later county staff reported to supervisors that the community unanimously supported new construction.

Recently released county records show details about the renovation option that were not shared with the public during the November 2012 meeting – details such as the renovation budget and funding for trailers. Also, staff meeting minutes and emails for the Lovettsville project discuss how trailers would be used to maintain public services during construction. For example, trailers

The county plans to build Lovettsville's new community center while maintaining full services in the adjacent existing building. This has raised questions about public access to the site by the town's engineering consultant and area residents. When asked about this, a county project manager stated, "staging will be left to the winning bidder [by] means we [the County] do not dictate." Unsatisfied by this response, some residents are encouraging the county to revisit its early plans to provide trailers on a separate site during construction. These would be used to maintain daycare, preschool and other essential programming during construction. They believe this solution would reduce congestion on the construction site and, more importantly, increase public safety. Further, they believe this allows the new building to be optimally sited on the small 4-acre site. Showing how this could be done, they submitted five alternative floor plans that reorganize rooms in the county's concept design. All plans show demolition of the problematic split-levels added in the 1970s. The smaller footprint of a 2-story option provides more parking for patrons. The plans also create more usable space by preserving the historical classrooms, thereby eliminating the need for a future planned expansion.

used during renovations in Lucketts could be used and trailers in Middleburg cost three times the amount budgeted for Lovettsville. Further, six classroom trailers were actually considered for Lovettsville's renovation. One email revealed a county engineer had inspected five Lovettsville area sites for the purpose of staging trailers and found all were suitable and accessible to town sewer. This would have prevented reductions in public services. Lovettsville resident Sarah Stinger stated, "I was at the 2012 meeting. They never mentioned any of that about the trailers – in fact, when parents asked about preschool during renovation, he [County Deputy Director Paul Brown] clearly said services would have to be reduced. I didn't know about the building's history – they never mentioned it. I do remember being told there would be more input meetings. I feel completely misled!"

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BOS Quickly Advances Red Hill Water Towers To Committee Community Outraged At Lack Of Transparency And Being Shut Out Of The Late Night Process

– By Mary M. Bathory Vidaver

It was a long night at the Board of Supervisors' September public hearing, which did not end until after midnight. Last up on the 17 item agenda was the question of Loudoun Water's proposal to construct two 189-foot, 1 million gallon water towers along side narrow, unpaved Red Hill Road. Despite repeated requests from road residents and others that the board over rule the planning commission's July vote granting Loudoun Water a commission permit for its towers, a majority of the supervisors affirmed the planning commission's decision.

The board did offer one consolation to the Red Hill Road community, delaying a vote on the special exception portion of Loudoun Water's land use application and sending it to the Transportation/Land Use Committee for further discussion. While the commission permit affirms that the use of the Rouse site for water storage is consistent with the county's Comprehensive Plan, the special exception delineates the specific conditions by which Loudoun Water must mitigate their proposal's impact on the community.

Rae Anderson Haselden, co-chair of No Red Hill Water Towers Coalition, expressed the feelings of many Red Hill Road residents. "Honestly, I'm disappointed in a number of things. I'm disappointed in the way it was handled. I'm disappointed that it didn't come up until 11 p.m. after one-third of the people had left. I'm disappointed that we showed the misrepresentations Loudoun Water made and no one batted an eye on the dais. I would have been better with the vote if there had been time for discussion and there really wasn't any."

Anderson Haselden was not alone in her feelings. Many community residents



complained about Chairman Scott York's (R-At-Large) decision to place the controversial project at the end of a crowded evening. As Board Chairman, York sets the agenda and has the authority to move items around during the course of a meeting – a privilege he has used in the past to accommodate citizen, staff and applicant requests. Although Coalition co-chair Ashley Ziviello requested that he move the item forward on the agenda to acknowledge the time constraints of parents and working people, York refused.

York replied to an email asking why he placed such a controversial item so late on an extremely long agenda and refused the residents' request to move it earlier on the agenda, writing, "I didn't schedule late, I scheduled last. I was hoping to be to it by 8:30ish, but unfortunately got bogged down by some of the home day care center applications which dragged it out later than

I had hoped."

The public's opportunity to speak on the towers did not begin until almost 11 p.m. and the actual vote on the towers did not occur until after midnight. One frustrated Red Hill Road resident, Jim Pesci, who left without speaking due to the late hour, wrote in an email, "I get up at 4:45 a.m. every workday as do many of our residents and neighbors. My wife and the other homeowners that were able to attend and stay up late were so disappointed with the results. It gave the appearance that the BoS didn't have any concern that part of our community and neighboring communities wouldn't be able to actively participate in a meeting that is so important to our lives ... We feel the intent of the schedule was to thwart our effort to attend the meeting and diminish our opportunity to speak out in opposition to the Water Towers project."

Given the late hour, York limited each

board member to five minutes of questions and five minutes of discussion before the vote on the commission permit. In the weeks leading up to the meeting both residents and board members, including Janet Clarke (R-Blue Ridge) asked whether the vote might be delayed. However, Interim County Attorney Ron Brown explained to the board, no delay was possible even if Loudoun Water agreed to an extension. "It's purely statutory. All it [the statute] says is you may overturn it within 60 days. Period. That's all it says." Based on his interpretation, the board was required to act prior to Sept. 13 or allow the planning commission vote to stand automatically.

York requested that State Sen. Dick Black (R-13), in the room to speak against the application, submit legislation to extend the deadline to 90 days, a request Black agreed to undertake. However, an electronic search of the state code using a variety of key words located no such time limit. Phone calls to Brown asking for a specific code citation were not returned. Assistance from the Virginia General Assembly's Division of Legislative Services uncovered a 60-day timeline requirement for Planning Commission action (VA Code 15.2-2232), but appeared to place no such requirement on the governing body.

Past board history offers examples of land use applications in which an applicant granted the board a timeline extension to give the board time for thorough consideration. The county's zoning ordinance specifically addresses such a possibility with special exception applications and Loudoun Water has agreed to an extension on the Board's consideration of the special exception portion of this application. However, a

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Lovettsville Historic Classrooms, continued from page 6



Boys and girls with Lovettsville School principal.

Months before April 17, 2012, county staff and consultant meeting minutes suggest the county's intended outcome for the public meeting: "If a new building project were possible, all present agreed this option is preferred." County staff's position favoring demolition was corroborated by Su Webb who stated before speaking in favor of renovation during the November 2012 meeting that she basically was directed to, "Shut up, the county already decided it was to be torn down."

A vocal leader of citizens opposing demolition of the classrooms is LHS Board member Sam Kroiz, who acknowledges that dealing with the complexity of preserving historical resources is well worth the effort. His strong desire to preserve the intact classrooms is shared by many life-long residents including LAA President Fred George. George and LAA Vice President Judy Fox note that their members value

the heritage these classrooms represent as reflected in the 150 signatures and dozens of letters of support collected so far. Town resident Jennifer Reed whose family is one of the original 71 in Lovettsville at the end of 1733, noted, "I remember going there and my grandfather pointing to some of the rooms and saying that those were the classrooms in which he was educated. The fire did not destroy the historical aspect of that building."

The county has delayed the project until 2015 – for possible design changes and perhaps now there is time for the community to work with the county and town to preserve the classrooms. As Reed stated, "This is important because when something of historical value is lost, it can never be returned."

Attempts by the Blue Ridge Leader to reach Supervisor Higgins for comment were unsuccessful.

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a steel mill town. I was born into a working class family; my dad was a laborer on the railroad, always had two jobs to feed his wife and five boys.

My father couldn't afford to send me to college, so I had to work in the steel mills and on the railroad to pay for it myself. When I was finished with my undergraduate degree I got an MBA and a Law degree by working full time during the day and going to school full time at night.

I'm running for congress because I believe that I had tremendous opportunities in my youth to get a good education, to get a good job, and to ultimately to live the American dream.

Unfortunately, the opportunities that I had are not happening in America today. There's not enough opportunity, and education has become too expensive and limited to only those who can afford it. I believe that in order to solve these problems we are going to have to deal with the fact that Congress is broken.

Congress is obviously far too partisan, and that partisanship is holding our country back. The way to change this gridlock is to send new people to Washington.

I've served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for seven years, and we do things differently in local government.

When I ran for re-election in 2011, I was the first Democrat ever re-elected in my district, and I carried every single precinct with over 60 percent of the vote. I've been a leader who worked with both parties, businesses, and the residents of my district to solve problems and get things done.

On the Board of Supervisors I serve as Vice-Chairman of the county's budget committee. I balanced seven budgets in tough economic times by working with my fellow board members, county staff, and the

community to make the tough choices to balance the budget.

On the budget committee, we set priorities and cut tens of millions of dollars of wasteful spending. As chairman of the board's audit committee, I saved taxpayers millions of dollars by cutting waste and inefficiencies, and as chairman of the county's Economic Advisory Commission, I've spent the past six years working with county staff and dozens of business leaders in Northern Virginia to expand and improve our economic environment.

Our mission on the Economic Advisory Commission is to improve the business climate and make the county more attractive to business in a knowledge-based, 21st century economy. We've done so by supporting public education, infrastructure investment like the Silver Line Project, and transit oriented development in Tysons and along the Dulles corridor.

If elected to congress my priority will be to push through the partisanship and work across the aisle like we do in Fairfax County. We need a functioning congress to address and solve our fiscal challenges and to create job and opportunity by investing in job creators like education and infrastructure and research and development.

We need to improve education at all levels, including expanding early-childhood education, place more emphasis on STEM subjects, and make college more affordable.

I've been honored to be told that I'm running for congress for all the right reasons, a drive to get things done, and a mindset focused on bringing people together to solve problems, not partisan brinkmanship. Finally, I am running to serve you, the people of the 10th District, and I ask for your vote on November 4th.

"Glamping" Recreational Area Proposed For Paeonion Springs/Waterford

– By Andrea Gaines

It's a term not many people have heard but many may soon find in their backyards.

"Glamping" stands for "glamorous camping for families," and is the subject of a new kind of recreational project in preliminary application stages for a site just east of Purcellville near the corner of Rt. 9 and Rt. 7.

The rural recreation pre-application project envisions a site that will accommodate approximately 210 persons at any one time. The property consists of 30 acres and is proposed to include:

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- Moving targets on the zip line
- A maintenance building
- A tree house for adults
- A telecommunications tower

Rural recreation as a category is "by-right" if the zoning for a particular piece of property falls into this category. This means that the project could not be challenged as inappropriate by neighboring properties. However, zoning wise, motorized vehicle tracks and other key components of the proposal – including permanent tent facilities, the telecommunications tower and other details – do not fall into the by-right category and would require a special exception in this residential/rural area.

The proposed project is in fact under close scrutiny by a neighborhood group called Stop Banshee Park, formed by the owners of the homes and farms that border the site. According to the group's website, "These activities would be located among farms and residential properties causing noise pollution and traffic congestion in a quiet rural area."



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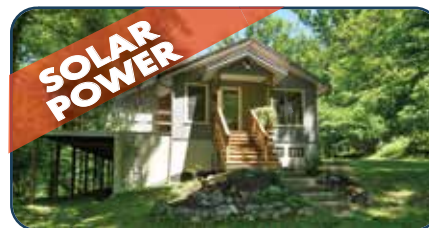
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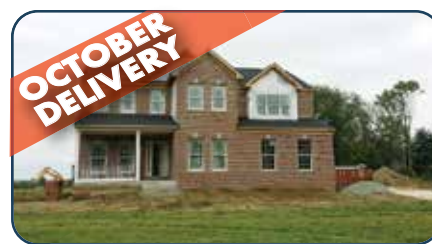
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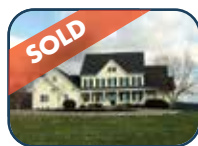


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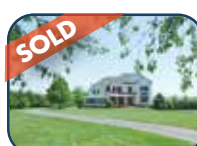


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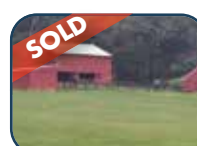
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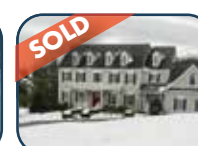
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Marian Verbanas Schonder, 97, a longtime resident of Purcellville and Round Hill, died Aug. 31, at Greenfield Reflections in Strasburg.

Schonder was born in Shamokin, Pa., on May 1, 1917. She attended Shamokin schools and graduated as salutatorian of Coal Township High School in 1936. She then moved to Philadelphia to attend Hahnemann Hospital School of Nursing. After graduation and while working as a nurse in Philadelphia, she met and married Charles E. Schonder. She then began her family which would be the focus of her future life. In the summer of 1955, Charles and Marian moved to Purcellville, where Charles owned and operated Schonder Motors and Marian became an active parent in the community. She was a practicing member and supporter of Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville. She also worked for a number of years as a nurse at the National Children's Rehabilitation Center for Convulsive Disorders in Leesburg, working with families with epileptic children. Upon the death of her husband Charles in 1977, she moved to Round Hill. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles. She is survived by her six children and their families: Charles Schonder and Fran Hart of Ocean View, De.; Robert and Cathy Schonder of Round Hill;



Marian Schonder

Gerald and Pam Schonder of Sanford, N.C.; Linda Schonder of Dallas, Texas; Tom and Susan (Schonder) McMillin of Nashville, Tenn.; and Donald and Frances Schonder of Charlotte, N.C. Marian also has 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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search of the county's zoning ordinance did find exactly the language quoted by Brown in reference to commission permits, and examples of extensions to commission permit timelines have typically occurred prior to the planning commission vote. Phone calls to Brown requesting clarification regarding the rules and uses of extensions were also not returned.

For Ziviello the massaging of balloon test photos by Loudoun Water continues to be a key complaint. At the Planning Commission's Public Hearing, the discrepancy between Loudoun Water's photographs and those of the Coalition appalled planning commissioners and nearly caused them to deny the permit that evening. Not so at the Board public hearing, where the few questions raised by supervisors questions focused on timing, technologies and history. "I was really shocked that no supervisor talked about it," said Ziviello. "They [the board members] seem so afraid of Loudoun Water."

The episode reinforced one particular concern of Ziviello and Anderson Haselden regarding the reliance of county staff, the planning commission and the board on data provided by Loudoun Water in their evaluation of the project. In describing the testimony of Loudoun Water representatives Anderson Haselden commented, "As an engineer, I'm ashamed about some of the things that come out of their mouths. That's not what I was taught." However, as Ziviello noted, "There is no one [on county staff] technically qualified to challenge Loudoun Water." The county is not required and has not hired an outside expert to validate statements made by Loudoun Water. Similar complaints have been raised by citizens during other debates involving highly technical and controversial projects, such as telecommunications towers and power plants.

Necessary capacity remains a key question. During a brief opportunity for questions (each board member received five minutes), York asked why two towers were needed instead of one. Loudoun Water's Tom Lipinski explained that the number of customers determined the amount of necessary storage. However, his response and materials submitted by Loudoun Water omit the significant storage capabilities provided by Loudoun Water's 2011 leasing of the empty Luck Stone quarries northeast of Red Hill Road. According to documents prepared for that application, this facility will have an estimated 1 billion gallons of raw water storage capability in the first phase alone with up to 8 billion gallons capacity total.

In an email Loudoun Water's Mark Peterson stated, "These are two completely separate issues. The planned storage in quarries is raw (untreated) water, while the storage in our water tanks is treated water, and provides appropriate water



Photos depicting rural nature of Red Hill community.

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The existence of alternative sites also remains an issue. Responding to a question from Board Vice Chair Shawn Williams (R-Broad Run District), Peterson informed the board that other previously considered sites on the Willowsford property were no longer available, including an earlier front-runner which already contains a telecommunications tower. While decrying the loss of that site, no one raised the possibility of condemnation. Responding to an email asking whether Loudoun Water ever considered the use of eminent domain, Peterson wrote, "No, we did not."

In his comments before the vote, York passionately reminded viewers that the root of the current situation lay in the 2004 board decision to extend water and sewer to the Transition Policy Area, a decision he opposed. Expressing his opinion that "the timing really sucks" and asking county staff to be more careful in the future, York and four of his colleagues voted to endorse the Commission Permit. Clarke, Geary Higgins (R-Catoctin), and Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) voted against it. Leesburg Supervisor Ken Reid (R) did not attend the hearing. The Transportation/Land Use Committee will take up the special exception portion of the application at its October meeting.

While disappointed, the Red Hill Road community is not declaring defeat. According to Ziviello, the experience released a great deal of energy. "They're concerned about seeing it moving forward. People are coming up with all sorts of ideas." Anderson Haselden confirmed, "No is not in my vocabulary. The fat lady may be on the stage, but she's not singing yet."

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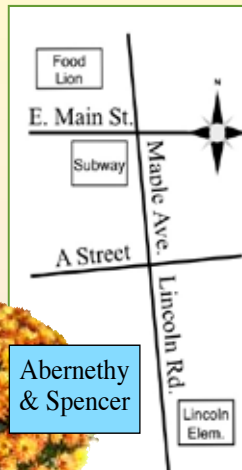
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While not for everyone, tiny homes offer an alternative lifestyle for those people who want to enjoy the benefits of simple living while leaving a smaller environmental footprint. Inexpensive and economical, tiny homes are enjoying a growing presence throughout our nation's rural landscape. For more on the tiny

*Inside view of tiny house.*

house movement, visit Berryville's own local tiny house builder, Robin Hayes. Her website is: www.build-tiny.com.

Looking At Fall Home Improvement And Maintenance – Inside And Out

– By Andrea Gaines

Nationally, the summer of 2014 was quite interesting weather wise. The West and Southwest experienced some of the hottest summers ever recorded. The Midwest experienced some of the coolest temperatures ever recorded. The Southeast produced a mixed bag of weather – unusually hot in some places while cool in others. While the Washington area, Baltimore, Richmond and other places were a bit hotter than usual. And, we all suffered our share of strong storms – including windstorms and heavy rains.

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Drainage is what wicks water safely off of your roof and through your gutters, down your siding and the slopes in your lawn – past your foundation and away from your structures.

The consequences of not having proper drainage on your property include an unstable foundation, flooded basements, termites, mold, fungus and more. All have financial implications and many also have health implications.

When it comes to drainage, grading, maintenance and other related issues are all important. Grading includes moving soil and debris away from structure. Maintaining includes, for example, the stripping away of accumulated mulch and removing soil that is compacted in place.

Drainage also includes making sure that gutter downspouts extend away from your home, especially near down hill corners, which have settled. Sometimes an extended discharge pipe should be used.

And, drainage also includes protecting

your structures from water that might pool in your yard.

Plant Trees**

Trees add value to your home and property and help reduce energy and property maintenance costs. And generally, fall is the time to plant them.

The right trees in the right place can reduce your air conditioning needs by 30 percent – blocking the sun. They can also reduce your annual heating costs by 20-50 percent – by, among other things, providing a wind buffer.

An appealing landscape, including trees, can add up to 30 percent to your property's value. For example, planting a single, 24-inch diameter red maple adds \$244 to the value of your home. An appealing landscape can also cut the time your home needs to be on the market, should you choose to sell it. Importantly, don't wait until you are ready to sell to plant trees – well established and mature trees add the most value to your property.

Plant deciduous trees on the west side of your home to provide cooling shade in summer (Deciduous trees are defined as those that lose their leaves in winter.). In the winter they let the sun shine in, adding extra warmth to your home. Plant evergreens and other non-deciduous trees on the north side of your home. They buffer the wind and conserve energy. It's always a good idea to plant native trees, too. Natives will require less maintenance and also help attract wildlife to your property.

Three Key Indoor Home Maintenance Tasks

Heating And Cooling: Most professionals suggest you have your heating and cooling systems checked twice annually – once in the spring and once in the fall. Annual checks can help you save money on heating and cooling, protect indoor air quality and help you evaluate new systems that might help you save money and make your home more comfortable. These systems include dehumidifiers and programmable thermostats.

Looking Long Term ... Towards Solar Power

Is solar power coming? Nationwide statistics indicate that the national answer question is "yes." A first-ever Solar Home & Winery Tour in Loudoun County – held in September – is a sign that more and more people in the county are looking into solar power.***

With respect to Virginia, the Solar Energy Industry Association reports that the state ranks only 27th nationally in the growth of solar power. However, a quick look at a map of the state shows a large cluster of solar-related companies – including manufacturers, contractor/installers, project developers and engineering professionals – in the northern Virginia, Washington D.C. and Maryland region. So, the market is there. Virginia ranks second out of five categories in terms of how affordable residential solar power installation is. While solar power can dramatically reduce your energy bills, the average cost of residential system is not insignificant – \$10,000–\$15,000 in our state.

Here are some things that homeowners should explore and prepare for when considering solar:

Solar power takes many forms – not just the familiar solar panel installed on a roof surface. So, do your research and consult a solar power expert as you begin your thought process. What you have in mind might not be possible, but, on the other hand, experts may be able to suggest uses and forms you had not considered.

Make sure any proposals detail the state and federal incentives available to you – including tax credits and rebates.

Know the difference between leasing and buying; buying requires an upfront cost/financing, while with leasing you pay a monthly charge for the power the equipment generates.

In Loudoun, be prepared to work with multiple contractors to get the job done. Your chosen installer can help with that.

Good resources include www.solarpowerrocks.com/Virginia, www.deq.virginia.gov, and engagecec.com/solar-energy-for-my-home-solar-panel/. This last resource is interesting because it follows one Loudoun homeowner's experience with solar power, including how to navigate homeowner association and zoning requirements.

Your Chimney: It's great to enjoy a roaring fire on a cold winter day. But, use the fall as a time to make sure using your fireplace will be safe. Even if you only rarely use your fireplace, debris can collect in the flue and create a hazardous situation. A complete chimney sweep includes the chimney flue and the smoke chamber.

Storm Windows: Storm windows help conserve your home's energy, keep out inclement weather and even buffer outdoor noise. There are many kinds of storm windows, including indoor storm windows and interior storm windows crafted from a wide variety of materials – wood, vinyl,

acrylic, glass and polycarbonate for example. It's well worth the effort to find out how your windows rate, particularly if you live in an older home.

* Many thanks to professional engineer Kenneth G. Fraine of Drainage and Erosion Solutions, LLC for his assistance on the issue of drainage.

** Many thanks to David Lohman of Abernethy & Spencer for his advice on planting trees.

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What I love about this District is that I've worked in and lived in it for over thirty years and raised my family here. This is my opportunity to work with the people who are inventing the future and molding our future—the people who understand how innovation will restore the American Dream, lift people out of poverty, ease the burden on the middle class, and get us on the path to prosperity.

As Chairwoman of the Science and Technology Committee in the House of Delegates I have learned how to get bipartisan results that bring people together. As a former senior aide to Congressman Frank Wolf and a senior Justice Department official, a senior partner at a law firm, and small businesswoman, I can hit the ground running on Day One for the 10th District.

My priorities as your Congresswoman will be:

- Getting people back to work and growing the economy with 21st Century jobs
- Repealing and replacing Obamacare with patient centered reforms that put you in control of your health care

- Reinvesting in our military and stopping the sequester cuts
- My opponent and I have different visions for the future. He thinks the answer to any problem is to raise taxes:
- He voted to increase property taxes – 22 percent over his time in office
- He supports a new \$80 million meals tax
- He supported the 20 percent sales tax increase
- He supports \$1 trillion in Obamacare taxes including the medical device tax, investment taxes and more!

Now he hypocritically says he will “hold the line on taxes.”

My number one priority is jobs and lowering the tax burden and I have the bipartisan record to prove it:

My bipartisan Data Center legislation helps this booming industry grow new tech jobs and we need more 21st Century tax reforms like this in Washington.

The first telework bills in Virginia provide Moms and Dads more workplace flexibility while keeping more cars off the roads.

Governor McAuliffe praised my

Research and Development tax credit as enhancing “Virginia’s business climate.” We need a permanent R&D tax credit on the federal level.

My opponent dismisses this bipartisan record and has attacked me personally saying I never had a “real job.”

But those who know about “real jobs” have endorsed me – the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Association of Women Business Owners, National Federation of Independent Business, the Realtors, Credit Unions, and former Chairs of the Northern Virginia Technology Council. All who have worked legislation on both sides of the aisle.

I’ve worked on bipartisan efforts to get offshore drilling in Virginia. We need to have an all of the above energy policy and stop stalling on projects like the Keystone Pipeline. With today’s increasingly volatile international situation, energy independence is not just a great jobs issue – it’s an important foreign policy imperative.

I passed legislation cracking down on

the growing crime of human trafficking, passed Lyme disease testing legislation and legislation requiring testing of newborns for congenital hearts defects.

Coming from a family of educators, one of the first issues I worked on when I was elected to the House of Delegates was to reverse the \$120 million cuts to our schools – also a bipartisan victory.

When I worked for Rep. Wolf, I worked on the \$1000 child tax credit and we understand the need to double the credit to \$2,000 per child.

These are all real successes that I’ve achieved by building unique bipartisan coalitions which provide guidance for common sense solutions for the future.

Many in Washington today are cynical and don’t think our best days are ahead – but I reject that because I’ve seen what is possible here in Virginia and with the people of the 10th District.

I ask for your vote on November 4th and the privilege of continuing to work for you as your Congresswoman.

Dorm-Worthy Food

- By Mary Rose Lunde

Space is essential to any college dorm room. Everything is shoved into packed corners so more and more can fit. It is a game of Tetris, one that all college students must master. The first decision a student makes as soon as they find out their roommate isn’t just about who brings what. It also includes planning where everything will fit. Will one person, both or no one loft their beds? In rare occasions (such as with my room) neither of beds are lofted. Trust me when I say that it is a lot more crowded when one bed isn’t lofted. Even with 2 extra feet of space (we were lucky) it is very compacted.

There is one thing though that we always sacrifice space to-food. My roommate is currently considering lofting so that she has more storage room for her food. Between the two of us, we have over 40 packages of ramen, 20 packages of easy mac, and a lot of snack food

The question remains what the staple dorm food is. For breakfast food, many people such as Alexis Medina prefer pop tarts which are convenient when you are running late. Julie Neumann prefers cereal because “it’s easy and can be eaten whenever.”

For the health conscious people, there are alternatives. One of my hall mates has a bowl full of granny smith apples that she uses as decoration to brighten the cement walls and for a healthy snack when she is hungry. One of my other friends, Erika Pleczinsky prefers “hummus with dipping goods [pretzel chips] because they are easy snack food and don’t [make her] feel terrible about [herself]. This is a common thought of being conscientious about health due to the amount of carbs and hidden multiple servings in each snack pack of food.

The supposed “freshmen 15” is not



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actually a myth. It is easy to gain a few pounds in the first semester (Virginia Tech is known for their #1 dining service rating). With drinking opportunities and other unhealthy food exposure, many freshmen make the wrong decisions about what to eat. Avoiding the dreaded “freshmen 15” is actually easier than one

would think. One could just as easily stop being lazy and walk up the stairs (even if they live on the fifth floor like I do) instead of taking the elevator. Also, one could not overwhelm (more than the body can handle) their system with alcohol. It’s all a conscious choice.

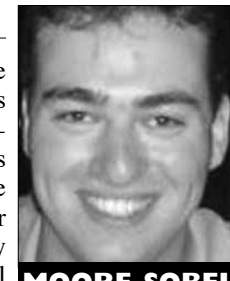
Personally, I do not drink and somewhat enjoy walking up and down the stairs. The philosophy of attempting to keep a healthy is still present in my mind as I order from the dining halls. Although, like most college students, I prefer ramen when I’m hungry and don’t feel like leaving my room. I even have a ramen cooker that I share with my roommate. Ramen provides good carbs for energy, and give me enough flavor not to mind the packaged food. I try not to eat them due to the amount of salt in the flavoring packet. Most times I only use half of the packet to decrease the intake of salt.

As it stands, food is important to college students. Whether it is health conscious or not, does not really matter in the splurge of a moment. A single bag of popcorn can feed four girls during a movie night. In any case, storage in dorm rooms is for school stuff, clothes, personal things and food. Above all, there is always room for more food.

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The Flag - A Symbol of Hope

- By Samuel Moore-Sobel



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“O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light...” Francis Scott Key begins, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” with this dramatic question. On the bicentennial celebration of our triumphant stand at Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, General Colin Powell attempted to answer the question that Francis Scott Key had posed so long ago. In an address earlier this year in Michigan, General Powell said, “We’re still that land of hope and dreams and opportunity.” As I watched the flag being raised on that cold September day, I couldn’t have said it any better way.

On Sept. 14, 2014, a ceremony was held at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, MD. A replica of the flag that Francis Scott Key saw 200 years ago was raised in honor of this iconic moment in our history. As I watched the flag being raised by members of our military, I was struck with the importance of the flag and the message of hope that it communicated then and even into our present day.

Francis Scott Key was a young lawyer who had been sent to negotiate the release of an American hostage being held by Great Britain. He was stuck behind enemy lines, watching his country fight from afar. The British had already burned Washington, and if Baltimore fell, it was likely that this promising new nation would have been snuffed out. Key was desperately scanning the horizon in an attempt to spot the flag, knowing the very future of America could be interpreted by doing so.

Finally, after what must have seemed like an eternity, Key spotted those “bright stripes and bright stars.” America had made one of the first of many comebacks in its history. “And the rockets’ red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.” Our

flag was indeed still there, waving proudly in the sky for all to see. It symbolized an impressive comeback along with the hope that the future of America was indeed bright.

Not far from Fort McHenry in Rockville, Md., lies the grave of F. Scott Fitzgerald, that great American writer who wrote the quintessential 20th century

American novel *The Great Gatsby*. A namesake of Francis Scott Key, the words he penned are inscribed on his tombstone: “So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.” As we commemorate the days of yore we find the symbols and triumphs of the past, encouraging us to move forward into the future. The challenge of the war, persistence in the face of overwhelming odds in the shape of the world’s best navy, and the victory secured are seeds of hope that when cultivated continue to give courage as we face a future filled with obstacles and uncertainty.

Powell concluded his speech by pointing out that similar to the first line, the last two lines of the first verse also pose a similar question. “O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave, o’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?” He recognized that the same question is still asked today, albeit asked in a slightly more modern way. He answered Key’s questions by declaring, “It waves now and will wave forever.” And why does it still wave? Because each one of us has the responsibility to pursue and cultivate the hope and promise of America and all that it symbolizes, staying true to the principles of the past while looking hopefully towards the future.

Samuel Moore-Sobel is a junior at George Mason University and an intern with the Office of Senator Marco Rubio.

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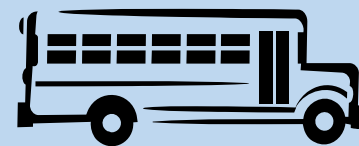
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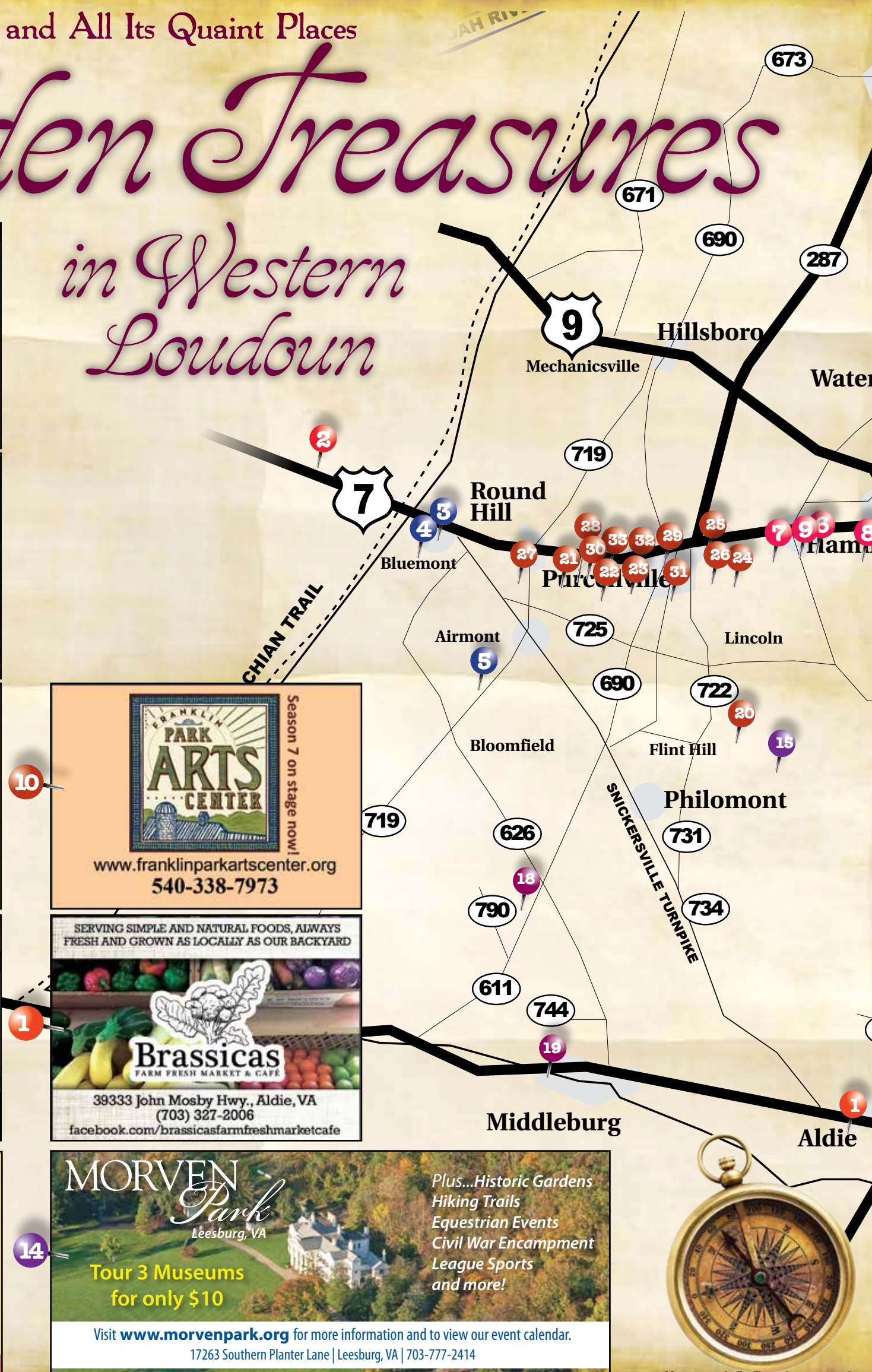


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Property Owner Exploring Purcellville Annexation Of Warner Property

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Town of Purcellville have begun preliminary discussions on the possibility of bringing land that is now within county boundaries into the Town of Purcellville.

The Warner property as it is known consists of two parcels equaling 131 acres bordered by Rt. 611 Purcellville Road on the west near the recently annexed development, Autumn Hill/Mayfair. The property is currently zoned JLMA 3, and by county zoning regulations can be developed by right with 35 residential lots.

The Warner family seeks an annexation/boundary line adjustment that would bring the land into Purcellville, giving them access to town utilities and the potential for increased density. If annexed by Purcellville, the family would like to rezone 35 of the 131 acres from residential to light industrial (Approximately 20 acres of the original Autumn Hill/Mayfair tract was also rezoned to light industrial).

As proposed, the balance of the Warner property would be zoned mixed use commercial, approved for private recreational and family entertainment development. If annexed into the town, the family is also considering setting aside land for playing fields on a temporary basis – until there is the market for more commercial development.

According to an email to Purcellville town council member Patrick McConville dated July 16, the Warner family, through their representative, Jim Herbert is working "... to undertake an outcome for commercial development." In another email on the same day, Herbert noted that he had met with Janet [Supervisor Janet Clarke (R Blue Ridge)], and that "... she is supportive in concept, favoring something that ...prevents further by right housing ...". In an email to Purcellville town manager Rob Lohr, Herbert said that he has already spoken to many stakeholders including Janet Clarke and local developers such as Chapman Brothers. They are "supportive of the concept," too, notes Herbert.

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Anytime Fitness Purcellville Grand Opening And Ribbon Cutting

Anytime Fitness, the world's largest and fastest growing 24-hour co-ed fitness franchise, is pleased to announce it is open for fitness in the Shoppes at Main and Maple in Purcellville. The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Sept. 9, with members of the Purcellville Town Council, family, friends and club members.

"For many people, joining a gym can be an intimidating experience," said Lori Parsons, Anytime Fitness club owner. "Our gym is smartly sized so that we can provide personalized attention for all of our members. Whether weight-loss is your

goal, or increased strength or improved balanced and flexibility – or a combination of some of those things – at Anytime Fitness, we're able to help you achieve whatever results you seek."

"We make it easy for our members to exercise whenever and however they like," said Parsons. "The gym will always be clean and well-maintained, featuring the best exercise equipment available. We have personal trainers available to help you learn how to use all of the equipment and to develop an individualized workout plan, if you like. We also provide unlimited access to group exercises classes. We have over

14 live instructor classes each week, plus we are the only gym in Loudoun County to offer the 'Fitness on Request' system, which allows members to choose from over 100 professionally recorded video classes so they can experience group exercise whenever it's most convenient for them."

Parsons explains what sets her club apart from others in the area, "We strive daily to encourage a sense of community amongst our members. We are already seeing our vision realized, as our members have begun to form workout groups and even created a private Facebook group to connect with one another, support each other's pursuit of health and fitness, and create workout 'buddy groups.' This is exactly what we wanted when we chose to open Anytime Fitness in Purcellville – to offer the community a club that embodies the same small town, friendly neighborhood culture that draws families to live in Purcellville. We live in Purcellville, we want to create a club our children will be proud of and that western Loudouners will love."



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Time To Plant Bulbs

- By Donna Williamson

It's time to plant bulbs again – seems like this year flew by.

It's easy to fall in love with bulbs. They are not costly, they bring joy in the spring, and many of them will build colonies over time.

Even the woodland tulip will come back for you. It's a charming short yellow tulip that seems to like our climate. Most big tulips are good for one year and then they are not able to cure in our hot spring weather, preferring the cool, moist landscape of Holland or Seattle. It's called *Tulipa sylvestris*.

Oatlands has had a large colony of this tulip at the back of the mansion for many years. I've found them at older properties and include them in newer plantings.

The Spanish bluebell is another favorite. It's about a foot tall and is available in blue, pink and white varieties. Part-shade and full sun are equally good for this lovely later blooming bulb. Look for *Hyacinthoides hispanica* in the mail-order catalogs. Don't bother with the English bluebell – we're too hot for it.

Regular hyacinths perform better in greenhouses than in the ground. Warm temperatures shorten the stem length and often they bloom at soil level with big fat leaves that seem to last forever.

Two favorite daffodils are Minnow and Avalanche. Minnow is tiny and amazingly fragrant while Avalanche is under a foot tall with several flowers per stem. The little daffodils are so delightful in the garden and don't flop so much.

Avoid the fat double flowering daffodils. The flowers can be so heavy that they simply cannot stand up and flop to the ground. That is, they flop if they bloom at all, since these are so susceptible to blasting. Very



warm days in spring can cause daffodils to set buds that never open. They just sit there with a papery covered bud that dries up and dies. Blasting is too common with the double-flowering varieties.

Of course, among my favorites are the little blues: Scilla, muscari, wind anemone, chionodoxa, and ipheion. All will become perennial and the different shades of blue will harmonize with other spring blooming plants. Their foliage easily disappears after several weeks.

Large shallow holes where you can plant lots of bulbs together works better than one here and one there. So think about building a glorious spring for many years to come.

Donna Williamson is a garden designer and gardening coach. She has taught gardening and design classes at the State Arboretum of Virginia, Oatlands in Leesburg, and Shenandoah University. Her new e-book, The Mid-Atlantic Garden, is a easy-to-read guide for beginners as well as experienced gardeners to help understand the nature of gardening in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia climate. She can be contacted at 540-877-2002 or donnawilliamson2002@earthlink.net.



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Mountain View Wins National PTA Awards

The National PTA has recognized Mountain View Elementary with two awards.

The first is as a National PTA School of Excellence for their achievement in building effective family-school partnerships.

“The partnership between Mountain View Elementary and Mountain View Elementary’s PTA is a true example of what can be accomplished when schools and families work together,” said Otha Thornton, president of National PTA. “Mountain View Elementary and Mountain View Elementary’s PTA have put strong practices into place that involve families in the life of the school, and we are pleased to recognize them as a National PTA School of Excellence.”

As part of its efforts to reach and engage more families, Mountain View Elementary’s PTA established a vice president of family engagement position, filled by Debbi Rouady and a team of PTA members and school staff. This group focused on creating a welcoming environment and designing family programs that appeal to all demographic groups. Their goal was to ensure that all parents and caregivers feel valued and connected to their students at Mountain View Elementary School.

Mountain View Elementary PTA achieved its goal, and in the process, increased PTA membership by 203 percent. More than 260 volunteers signed up to help with family engagement events; more than 180 grandparents attended “Grandparent’s Day,” 75 dads joined the PTA’s Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) program; and new volunteers were recruited to serve as delegates to important district-level committees, including the Loudon Education Alliance of Parents, Minority Student Achievement Advisory and Special Education Advisory Committee.

“By participating in these groups, as well as in school board meetings, PTA representatives were prepared to provide updates to the school community and keep families well-



From left to right: Beth Fletcher, SEARCH Teacher, Diane Hemphill, Technology Assistant, Tracy Boddicker, Teacher, Jill Broaddus, Principal, Debbi Rouady, PTA Vice President, Family Engagement, Lorraine Hightower, PTA President. Not pictured: Sumita Ruhnke and Shanadee Stevenson-both Parent Volunteers

informed on changes or improvements to state and district level policies,” said Lorraine Hightower, Mountain View Elementary’s PTA President.

Principal Jill Broaddus added, “The importance of family involvement in a school cannot be stressed enough. We strive to create an environment where all who enter our school feel welcome and supported. With the help of our parents, grandparents and community we are able to provide our students with an excellent education as well as an exceptional learning environment.”

The school has also been given the 2014 Phoebe Apperson Hearst Family-School Partnership Award of Merit for its leadership and dedication to building strong family-school partnerships. Named after National PTA co-founder Phoebe Apperson Hearst, this award is one of the highest honors presented by the association to recognize local PTAs that have effectively implemented its National Standards for Family-School Partnerships and demonstrated outstanding success in engaging families. Mountain View Elementary PTA was the only school selected to receive this National Merit award among 170 PTAs from across the country.

Purcellville Town Market To Celebrate One Year Anniversary

On Oct. 4 the Purcellville Town Market at the Purcellville Marketplace will be celebrating the anniversary of its first year in operation. The market began with four vendors and since has grown to a group of 14 full time vendors with a couple of vendors who attend on a rotation basis. Matt Totman is the owner of this farmers’ market which is incorporated under The Purcellville Marketplace at 130 E. Main Street. The market is proud that eight of its full time vendors hail from Loudoun County, and three of those vendors are from Purcellville. The vendors from Purcellville include Lothar’s Gourmet Sausages and Meats, Miss Sherry’s Sweets and Yohanan Farms (poultry and poultry products). The other Loudoun County vendors include Betty’s Salsa and Chips, Lobster Maine-ia (headquartered in Chantilly, but handled locally by Tim Ehlen), Mockingbird Hill Farm with baked goods and limited sustainably grown produce, Absolutely Necessary Snido-mite Sauce (hot sauce from an old Snider Family recipe), and Vale of the Blue Ridge Maple Syrup from right here in Loudoun County.

Vendors who are not located in Loudoun County, but come from the near-by communities include C. Hess Orchards and Produce (Martinsburg, W.Va.), Lauren’s Bakery (Edinburg, Va.), Liz Handcrafted Soaps (Cross Junction, Va.), Shade’s Farm (Inwood, W.Va.), and Top Flight BBQ (Winchester).

A couple of new and different concepts introduced last year at the town market include



the establishment of an “artisan corner” with different vendors offering their creations for the customers who attend the market. Be on the lookout for African hand-woven baskets, hand-made pillows, bags and aprons, hand-made jewelry, stained glass, wooden crafts – to name a few.

Another goal of the town market is to support local non-profits and helping organizations. Thus far, the market has hosted several local groups for fund-raising and/or awareness to include Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness, Alzheimer’s Support, and Diabetes Research.

Music has also been a regular part of the Purcellville Town Market with local talent performing. The market welcomes your animal family member and always has some cool water to share. For more information contact Matt at 540 338-5333 or e-mail at news@purcellvilletownmarket.com. Seasonal market hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., May - December, and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., January-April.



Left to right: Jill Broaddus, Principal, Dr. Renee Jackson, Nat’l PTA Senior Mgr. Education Programs, Lorraine Hightower, PTA President, Kwasi Fraser, Mayor-Town of Purcellville, Brenda Sheridan, Virginia PTA President, Debbi Rouady, PTA Vice President, Family Engagement, Dr. Eric Williams, Superintendent Loudoun County Public Schools

Seasoned With Joy

As the seasons change, Joshua’s Hands will again offer their annual Fall Festival as a free gift to the community – to celebrate the autumn and the change of seasons – a time to be grateful.

This festival has become a Loudoun tradition you won’t want to miss. Located on Rt. 9 just 5 miles west of Waterford, the Guthrie farm offers views of the mountains and a gathering place for festival goers.

Joshua’s Hands was established in January of 1999, after Joshua’s death (October of 1998) in a car accident. He was 16 and the second of seven children. Joshua’s Hands has a five-fold ministry – like the fingers on a hand: the annual fall festival, American heritage education, community service, teen safe driving and scholarships. As part of the heritage programming, Joshua’s Hands offered quilting camps this summer. They also offered two Valiant Warrior Quilting Events that brought together the community (quilters and non-quilters) to make quilts for wounded warriors. In the process, friendships were made, skills were learned and quilts were sent to the front lines to comfort wounded warriors. (701 quilts since January 2011.)

The Guthrie family has hosted the annual Fall Festival for 32 years. After Josh’s death, they brought the festival under the umbrella of Joshua’s Hands. It seemed a right thing to do, since he loved the event and worked tirelessly to make it happen.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 – 5 p.m. Kids ages 1- 101 will join us for live music, dance, games, prizes, pony rides, spelling bees, auction, kids’ crafts, tractor rides, lunch, mimes and so much more.

Entertainment will include animals, mimes and musicians: Drama Team – Mimes (PA), Revely, Ages, Zion Springs Fiddlers, Dogwood Tales, Wild Life Ambassadors, Celtic School of Rhythm and Dance, NVGA gymnastics, Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers and more.

A live auction will be held at 2 p.m. to raise awareness and funds for the work of Joshua’s Hands.

There will be something for everyone – including lunch – all free of charge. Donations will be cheerfully accepted. For more information go to www.JoshuasHands.org.

Just Like Nothing (Else) On Earth: Aldie Mill

- By Tim Jon

I guess what I'm impressed by the most – in addition to just the scale of the entire facility – is the indications of the sheer abundance which this county must once have offered in the form of sustenance. See, these days, if you need bread for your table, you just head down to your local supermarket – or even 24 hour convenience store; at the time of the early operations at the Aldie Mill, just about everybody made their own loaves of bread at home – and this was after somebody planted, grew and harvested the wheat – and then had it ground into flour at one of many of these mill complexes scattered across early American farmland.

Now, I don't know how much grain they were able to process back in the day- or how long the operation took – but I can imagine that it was adequately expedient to suffice for more than just a couple of sandwiches. I mean, if you stop at the site (just off Route 50 right in the middle of Aldie) and walk around the main building and take a gander



at the size of those paddle wheels, it's a pretty humbling experience. It's one of those, "My Gosh" moments.

The main Mill building and the machinery kind of represent the MCI Worldcom complex of their day – way back before anyone dreamed that Loudoun County would someday be known as the internet capital of the world – with Dulles Airport connecting us to the rest of the globe with the ease of hopping on a plane – more than 200 years ago – at the time of our nation's relative infancy. Heck, Aldie Mill predates the War of 1812 – much less the Civil War – or any 'modern' conflict.

And the funny thing is – not only did they start operations in the early days of

the 19th Century – the Moore family (who purchased the facility directly from the noted statesman, Charles Fenton Mercer) ran the place right up until the early 1970's (I've heard that Hurricane Agnes sweeping through the region in 1972 played a role in stopping the grindstones). I'd like to see how many of our high-tech companies are still in their same capacities two centuries after start-up. By that time, maybe our county will find itself back to producing huge quantities of grain for local and international consumption – and the Aldie Mill – ruggedly constructed, upgraded and preserved – will again serve as an important converter of kernels into fine flour for nourishing bread.

I'm not sure how many of the commuters along Route 50 who pass through Aldie twice a day give the Historic Mill a second thought – much less stop in and take a stroll around the impressive complex – but I feel that we're somehow still sustained by the presence of this edifice – maybe not in the literal – sandwich bread sense – but the fact that we have this actual artifact from the past, standing the tests of time to remain as part of our 21st Century life. So – to me – the Aldie Mill does far more than just sit there

at the side of the road along John Mosby Highway: I've come to understand that this place reminds us of a number of things – like, where we were, over 200 years ago as a people – where we are now (and, perhaps, whether or not we're as cohesive a bunch as those patriots at the turn of the 19th century) – and just maybe, some of the possibilities of just where we might be headed in the next couple of hundred years, if we remain on our current course – or if we may have the foresight, desire and commitment to change our present heading just a bit – or even a bit more. And, as much interest as our locality shows in its own history – I think it's safe to say that there are quite a few folks around these parts who also feel it's worthwhile to keep this quiet, old mill and other such physical reminders with us in our 'modern' world of instant communications, world travel convenience and sometimes more limited human contact.

And, for those who disdain historic preservation on whatever ground on which they stand, and for the saying of, "History repeats itself," I might interject, "History may need to repeat itself again – only, this time – just a bit louder, please."

Waterford Fair Celebrates 71st Year

Virginia's oldest juried crafts fair marks its 71st anniversary this year when the annual Waterford Homes Tour & Crafts Exhibit, also known as the Waterford Fair, returns on Oct. 3, 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in Waterford.

The weekend will feature 155 artisans demonstrating a variety of traditional crafts. In addition there will be performances of traditional music and dance, reenactments by Colonial and Civil War-era militia and cavalry and art and photography exhibits. A tour of the village will offer guests a look into restored historic homes and buildings with more than 12 homes and buildings on the tour (different places open daily), and will include a walk through Civil War and Quaker cemeteries. On Friday, a special reenactment of a day in an 1880's classroom will take place in Waterford's one-room schoolhouse. Check the website for specific homes on tour, walking tours and other activities (www.waterfordva.org).

Other features of the fair include three floors of juried handcrafts for sale in a restored brick mill, vintage barns full of art for sale, traditional music and dance, Colonial era militia encampments, marching fife and drum corps and Civil War re-enactors including cavalry with skirmishes.

There are lots of children's activities throughout the weekend including antique tractor rides, the opportunity to march with Civil War soldiers and see what lies beneath the earth with an archeologist. Children can also help to make a penny rug, a stenciled floor cloth, try their hand at the potter's wheel, weave a basket, watch a magic show and more.

Food is available throughout the fair including at the Country Store that will offer homemade baked goods, candles, tote bags, ornaments and more. All types of food will be available and a wine garden will offer wines from some of Loudoun County's top wineries.

Tickets at the gate are \$20 per person per day, children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets for active military with I.D. are \$15. Advance tickets are \$16 per person per day (order online Aug. 12-Sept. 22).

Family Stream Day on Oct. 18

On Saturday Oct. 18, Loudoun Families will have a chance to celebrate a fall day and the streams in the county that link us all at the 13th annual Family Stream Day Event being celebrated this year at Lyndora Park in Ashburn, 43624 Lucketts Bridge Circle in Ashburn. The event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The theme of this year's event is "Where The Wild Things Are: Life In, On and Near Streams in Loudoun County" and local students have been asked to submit posters, essays, artwork and photographs that relate this theme and if possible are based on actual explorations of local water features. This event is co-sponsored by Loudoun Watershed Watch and the Loudoun Environmental Stewardship Alliance with special assistance on prizes from the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy and the Loudoun Soil and Water Conservation District Office.

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Family Stream Day event will bring together more than a dozen county groups who have a role in monitoring, maintaining and teaching about the health of our local streams to offer engaging, hands-on demonstration activities that will allow students and their families to learn more about the life in, on, and around local streams at

separate stations set up around the site. Students will use a special passport to collect stamps from all stations and which will make them eligible to receive a free back pack (while supplies last) for their participation.

The event will be held rain or shine, moving under cover at the nearby Community Center in the event of bad weather or high winds. To learn more about this event, the associated contest open to all county students including home-schoolers, and how monitoring of local streams is accomplished and what it tells us about stream health, go to the Loudoun Watershed Watch website at www.loudounwatershedwatch.org.

Virginia Vein Care McLean/Purcellville Accredited By IAC

More than one half of Americans age 50 and older are affected by varicose veins. Varicose veins occur when the valves in the leg veins no longer function, causing blood to pool in the legs. In some cases, this condition progresses to a more serious form of venous disease called chronic venous insufficiency (CVI).

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Virginia Vein Care McLean, which has an office in Purcellville, has been granted accreditation in Superficial Venous Treatment and Management by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission.

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Accreditation by the IAC means that Virginia Vein Care has voluntarily undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical components by a panel of experts. The IAC grants accreditation to those facilities that are found to be providing quality patient care, in compliance with national standards through a comprehensive application process including a detailed review of selected patient procedures. IAC accreditation is widely respected within the medical community, as illustrated by the support of the national medical societies related to superficial venous disorders, which include physicians, physician extenders, nurses and ultrasound technologists.



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Re-Love It A Consignment Shoppe Presents The 3rd Annual Purcellville Halloween Party

More than 6,000 people attended the Purcellville Halloween Block Party last year. They came from all over Loudoun County, ranging in ages from infant to 90 years old. This family friendly event promises to be even bigger and better this year. The party will be Saturday Oct. 26 5-9 p.m. in Old Town Purcellville on 21st Street which will be closed to vehicular traffic and transformed into Loudoun County's largest Halloween party.

Starting at 5 p.m. Mr. Knick Knack, one of the area's best-loved children's musicians, will have the little ones dancing and groovin'. With just his guitar and his voice he plays upbeat – and uplifting – music centered on the power of the human heart.

Roam up and down the street all night long watching the funny and ghoulish characters walking around. You can only wonder if these people are wearing costumes or has Purcellville been invaded by ghouls? Play tons of Halloween theme games, The Rat Toss, Pumpkin Tic Tac



2013 Purcellville Halloween Block Party

Toe, Pin the Nose on the Witch among others and with prizes for all.

Plan on having dinner at the party, food from Magnolias, Boodacades BBQ, The Roving Italian food truck, Lickety Splitz Hawaiian Shave Ice and Fun Country Kettle Corn will be set up right on 21st Street.

The spotlight of the night will be the costume contest with four divisions; infant to 5 years old, 6 to 12 years old, the pet division which is open to all pets that come in costume, and the teen and adults division. More than \$2000 in cash, prizes and trophies will be awarded including \$500 grand prize for the best overall costume. Added this year will be The Howl at the Moon and best horrific scream contest.

Admission is free to the Purcellville Halloween Block Party along with free parking throughout the town. For contest rules and more information visit www.purcellvillehalloween.com or on facebook - Purcellville Halloween Block Party or contact Michael Oaks and Kim Patterson, Re-Love It Consignment Shoppe 540-751-0707 email reloveit@aol.com.



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On Saturday, Oct. 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., area churches and organizations will join together at Harmony United Methodist Church in Hamilton to package meals to be shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief. The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf life of two years.

Each package serves a family of six people and may be the only meal they have that day.

Volunteers are needed to help assemble the packages. All ages are welcome to join in the meal-packing event. To volunteer, call Harmony Church at (540) 338-2937 or visit www.harmonyva.org.

Funds are needed to purchase the food. The goal is to package 30,000 meals. That means \$8,700 must be raised (29 cents per meal) prior to the event. To donate, make checks payable to Harmony UMC with a notation to Stop Hunger Now and mail to: Harmony Church, 380 East Colonial Hwy., Hamilton, VA, 20158.

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☉ **Weekends in October, come see LEGO superheroes** at Wayside Farm in Berryville. Pumpkins, corn maze, hayrides, pig races, slides and more. Corn maze on four nights, Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1. Go to www.waysidefarmfun.com.

☉ **Weekends in October, The Bluemont Mill Train Station** is open for history tours and has local artisans crafts for sale from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. at 18293 Railroad St. in Bluemont.

☉ **Registration for County Adult Basketball League** - Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services is holding registration for the 2014 Adult Winter Basketball League. Registration forms are available at www.loudoun.gov/prcs/adultsports.

OCTOBER EVENTS

☉ **Oct. 4, Saturday, bluegrass concert** at the Lucketts Community Center, 42361 Lucketts Road in Leesburg. Featuring the Bill Emerson and Sweet Dixie. Show time is 7 p.m. and doors open at 6 p.m. Go to www.luckettsbluegrass.org.

☉ **Oct. 4, Saturday, concert featuring Dang Varmints!** (Andrew McKnight, John Rickard and Jeff Arey) at 8 p.m. at the Lovettsville Protective Game Association, 16 S. Berlin Turnpike (Rte. 287), in Lovettsville. Concert raising money for the restoration of the Historic Unitarian Universalist Church of Loudoun.

☉ **Oct. 4, Saturday, sixth annual Ladies Board rummage sale** donation drop off from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 224 Cornwall St. in Leesburg.

☉ **Oct. 5, Sunday, Fall Open House at the Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad**, 500 N. Maple Ave. in Purcellville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fire truck rides, ambulance tours, children's games.

☉ **Oct. 8, Wednesday, Sugar Blues at the Middleburg Community Center**, 300 W Washington St, Middleburg, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10. Understand the causes of your sugar cravings and you'll receive practical tools for dealing with them. Call 540-687-6375.

☉ **Oct. 9, Thursday, Watercolor Sketches** by Vivian P. Attermeyer, reception from 5-7 p.m. at Prudential PenFed, 4 East Colonial Highway in Hamilton.

☉ **Oct. 11, Saturday, Arts in the Village Gallery** presents Sinuous Synthesis, an exhibit by Carol Clay-Ward. Free, open to the public reception from 5 - 8 p.m. at 1601 Village Market Blvd, Suite 116, Leesburg.

☉ **Oct. 11, Saturday, Halloween Breakfast** at fire hall at 11762 Harpers Ferry Road in Purcellville from 8-10:30 a.m. Between the Hills Community Association hosts the breakfast buffet which will be served by ghosts and goblins. Games and prizes. Costumes optional. Suggested donation \$6 per person. Children under 8 free.

☉ **Oct. 11, Saturday, Purcellville Town Wide Tag Sale** 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., including antique flea market at Everyday Elegance. Don't forget all the goodies on 21st Street!

☉ **Oct. 11, Saturday, Fall Festival** by Joshua's Hands from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Guthrie Farm, 38327 Charles Town Pike, Waterford. Games, events, food and family fun.

☉ **Oct. 11, Saturday, art show, "OuterLimit"** featuring Scott G. Brooks and Sean Hennessey. Opening reception from 1-6 p.m. at the gallery at 4 East Federal Street, Middleburg.

☉ **Oct. 13, Monday, Horsemanship Camp at Stonelea Farm** from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$68. For ages 5-12. Call the Middleburg Community Center at 540-687-6375 to register.

☉ **Oct. 17, Friday, 350 Loudoun, showing the film "Standing On Sacred Ground,"** episodes 2 and 3 from 7-9 p.m. at Photoworks, 2A Loudoun St. S.W., Leesburg

☉ **Oct. 17, Friday, Fall Family Night at the Middleburg Community Center**, 300 W Washington St, Middleburg, from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$5 per family. Hot dogs, kettle corn and s'mores on the grill. Bring clothes to make a scarecrow and flashlights for tag game.

☉ **Oct. 18 and 19, Saturday and Sunday, 76th Annual Ladies Board Rummage Sale** at Morven Park - Tutt Lane entrance in Leesburg.

☉ **Oct. 19, Sunday, Oatlands Harvest Festival** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Take a hay ride, paint a pumpkin, meet animals, try old-fashioned games and try local food and wine - 20850 Oatlands Plantation Ln., Leesburg.

☉ **Oct. 19, Sunday, Beetle Mania at Morven Park at 2 p.m.** Join Dr. David Furth from the National Museum of Natural History as he discusses the diversity of beetles and their impact on our world. Contact info@loudounwildlife.org.

☉ **Oct. 19, Sunday, Wayside Farm Fun in Berryville** is hosting a 5K to raise money for the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, a charity that helps local breast cancer patients. Visit www.waysidefarmfun.com.

☉ **Oct. 24-26 and Oct. 29-30**, experience Oatlands after dark on a paranormal tour at 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. Tour guides will share ghost legends and personal accounts of unexplained happenings on the property, 20850 Oatlands Plantation Ln. Leesburg.

☉ **Oct. 25, Saturday, Unison Heritage Day Fall Festival** from 1-5 p.m. in the village of Unison. Music food, silent and live auction. Tickets are \$30 (\$25 in advance), children under 12 free. Free parking.

☉ **Oct. 25, Saturday, Birding the Blue Ridge Center** at 8 a.m. Join Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy on the monthly bird walk at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, located just north of Neersville at 11661 Harpers Ferry Road (Rte 671).

☉ **Oct. 25, Saturday, Fall Fox Faire** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middleburg Community Center, 300 W Washington St, Middleburg. Free event for all ages. Vendors, games, activities, food and the last Farmer's Market of the season.

☉ **Oct. 31, Friday, Hot Dog It's Halloween from 5:30-8 p.m.** at the Middleburg Community Center, 300 W Washington St. Free event for all ages. Hot dog dinner, costume parade, games and hayride.

☉ **Saturday, Nov. 8, Sports, Health & Fitness Expo** at Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The deadline for exhibitors is Nov. 5. The deadline for exhibitors wishing to provide a demonstration at the expo is Oct. 24. Anyone interested in exhibiting should contact Chris.J.Thomas@loudoun.gov.

Carver Center October Events

The Carver Center is at 200 Willie Palmer Way in Purcellville - 571-258-3400.

Wednesdays, Ukulele Fun from 12:30-1:30 p.m. for ages 55 and older. No experience is necessary.

Monthly Movie Matinee, "Philomena," on **Friday, Oct. 3 from 12:30-2 p.m.** for ages 55 and older for \$1. **Thursday, Oct. 2 from 6:30-9 p.m.** for age 18 and older for \$3. Ticket fee includes water and popcorn

Thursday, Oct. 9, Fall Supper Club, from 4-8 p.m. for ages 18 and older. The last supper club of the season will be at Gladchuk Brothers in Frederick, Md. The bus leaves Carver at 4 p.m. and returns at 8 p.m. Transportation is \$6, meal and tip is on your own.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, health presentation on fall prevention and physical therapy from 10:45-11:45 a.m. for ages 55 and older. Join Loudoun Sports Therapy Center to discuss the techniques and importance of fall prevention.

Wednesday, Oct. 15, Lunch Bunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 55 and older. At Romano's Macaroni Grill in Dulles. Transportation fee is \$4 and meal and tip is on your own.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, audio books presentation from 11 a.m. to noon for ages 55 and older. Join Jessica Moore, adult services librarian, for an audiobook discussion and title swap. Free event but non-members pay a \$2 facility drop-in fee.

Friday, Oct. 24, Ken's Excursion to Maggie Malick Wine Caves from 12-1:30 p.m. for ages 55 and older. View the harvest equipment, see the grapes fermenting and even sample a few of the grapes. There is no charge for the demonstrations, but there is a \$7 charge if you decide to taste the wines. Lunch for those on the excursion will be served at 11:15 a.m. Registration for lunch required by 12 p.m. Thursday.

Friday, Oct. 31, Halloween Dance from 1-3 p.m. for ages 55 and older. Cost is \$3. Register one week in advance of start date.



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Franklin Park Arts Center

Go out without going far!



Last Ham Standing

Fri, Oct 3 8:00PM

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: \$12 Adults, \$10 Seniors, \$8 kids www.lasthan.com or www.franklinparkartscenter.org

Dinosaur Rock puppets

Wed, Oct 8 10:00AM

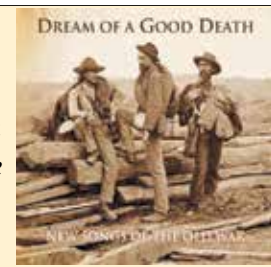
Dinosaur Rock premiered at The Smithsonian Institution's Discovery Theatre in 1984, and has performed in theatres and museums in 39 states. Interactive and energetic show for children and grown-ups alike! Tickets: \$5/person Call to reserve 540-338-7973

Dream of a Good Death

Thurs, Oct 9 8:00 pm

Clark Hansbarger's original show traces the arc of the Civil War. Part folk opera, part multi-media lecture, this cycle of original songs follows the trials, hopes, fears and sacrifices of Civil War soldiers as they struggle through the Union conquest of Port Royal, the fires in *The Wilderness*, the killing fields of Cold Harbor, and the long siege of Petersburg. Presented in partnership with Mosby Heritage Area Association.

Tickets: \$15 All Seats. Call to Reserve 540-338-7973 General Admission



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Fri, Oct 10 8:00PM & Sun Oct 12 3:00PM

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Tickets: \$10 All Seats www.franklinparkartscenter.org



Peruvian Dancers – Fray Masias

Wed, Oct 15 8:00 pm

Performing traditional peruvian folk dances such as national dance *Marinera*. *Marinera* was created in the last decade of the 19th century as a tribute to the Peruvian Marines that fought in the War of the Pacific. All dancers in this troupe are from the Fray Masias School in Peru; all dancers have Down syndrome.

Tickets: \$15 All Seats. www.franklinparkartscenter.org Reserved Seating



The Crowdaddies

Fri, Oct 17 8:00PM

The Crowdaddies are back by popular demand after their rousing good show on July 4th! This dynamic group, from the East Coast, combines some of Louisiana's Cajun / Zydeco / Blues sounds with North Eastern's Roots Rock / Americana / Ska influences to create a very unique sound that is all its own. You will be up dancing at your seat!

Tickets: \$15 All Seats www.franklinparkartscenter.org

JAZZ&CO Dance Fri, Oct 24 7:30PM; Sat, Oct 25 3:00PM & 7:30PM; Sun, Oct 26 3:00PM

See this outstanding group of dancers for an uplifting evening of artistry and entertainment. Comprised of pre-professional dancers from the Loudoun School of Ballet, the company has a repertoire which ranges from hip hop to contemporary ballet, with works by resident and guest choreographers.

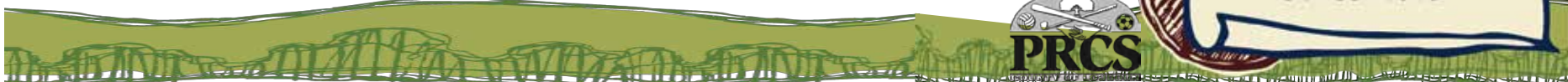
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ARTIST'S PROFILE

Carol Turman - Face-Painting Enchantress

— By Andrea Gaines

Adults are wowed by her talent. Children are so mesmerized by her that they will sit still for as long as she likes.

Meet Carol Turman – artist and entertainer.

Turman's special craft is face painting, and she brings it, along with her lovely and fun personality and expertise in balloon twisting to all manner of special events, from birthday parties, to reunions, to business promotions. Said Turman, "I don't consider myself a super artist." But, she is.

If you Google Turman's name, or the name of her company, Dee Vinchey Entertainment, you'll see her described as "face painter and balloon twister."

But, while that is basically accurate it doesn't describe what she can do with a little paint and a child's face.

In Turman's hands plump cheeks and deep brown eyes are transformed into something that might remind you of "The Wizard of Oz" or the renowned Broadway musical "Cats." Black whiskers sprout, eyes appear bigger than life, deep red lips take on a snarl, a bright pink butterfly appears out of nowhere – about to take flight.

Interestingly, Turman is colorblind. So, she uses contrast and bright colors to allow her to translate what a non-colorblind person would see. It's not just the skill

Turman and her staff has in blending colors, creating light and shadow, mimicking a superhero's costume or making animal's stripes come to life that makes her work so unique. It's how she transforms a person's features into something else. A child's eye and nose into a zebra's eye and nose. The pink flesh of an arm into the pink flesh of an arm with a spider crawling up it. A forehead into a beautiful spray of flowers.

What struck me in interviewing Turman was that her work perfectly reflected her personality – bubbly and easy to relate to. She is totally professional, yet didn't take herself very seriously. No time to dwell on another day well spent, another child's birthday party off her checklist. She just seems to relish the fact that she makes both kids and adults happy doing what she loves. She lives in the moment as much as her clients do, whether it is the little boy who walks away as his favorite movie character, or the dad and mom willing to give their faces over the Turman, too. Just for the fun of it.

In the end, everyone walks away with an awesome balloon, a perfectly decorated face and a wonderful memory.

All of the face paints and cosmetic glitters used by Turman's company are of professional grade. They have anti-bacterial and hypoallergenic properties and are crafted specifically for use on the skin. They can also be easily removed with a



washcloth and water or make-up remover. Even that tattoo-like spider – a Halloween favorite – comes off the moment you want it to.

A businesswoman as well as a true artist, Turman was named the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce's 2010 Entrepreneur

of the Year. She also has to her credit one happy child and adult after another, delighted to look in the mirror, smile and think of themselves as very special at that moment.

For more information visit Turman's website: www.deevinchey.com.

Franklin Park October 2014 Calendar

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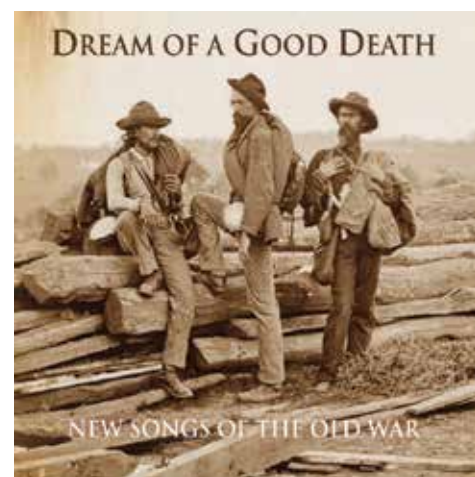
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of the Shenandoah Valley's finest Americana musicians, including Mike Jewell, Allen Kitselman, and Gary McGraw. Call to

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International Gold Cup On Oct. 25

This year marks the 77th running of the International Gold Cup on Saturday, Oct. 25 at Great Meadow in The Plains. It is one of the largest steeplechase events in the nation. After success with last year's launch of pari-mutuel betting, the perk returns this year.

"We are very excited to feature pari-mutuel betting for our fall races again," said William Allison, president of the Virginia Gold Cup Association. "It has been a big success and a lot of fun for our races."

The race draws about 40,000 spectators. The gates open at 10 a.m. with the first race at noon. Early arrival is encouraged.



General admission car passes are \$55 and are available online, as well as at area Harris Teeter stores and through additional ticket outlets. Children 12 years of age and under are admitted free with an adult. Go to www.vagoldcup.com for more information.

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reserve tickets: 540-338-7973.

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Loudoun School of Ballet's JAZZ&CO Dance, Friday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, 3 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 26, 3 p.m. The Loudoun School of Ballet's JAZZ&CO Dance, a pre-professional contemporary dance company directed by Sharon Mercke, entertains audiences of all ages with lively performances that blend dance disciplines ranging from traditional jazz and musical theater to modern and lyrical dance, hip hop and contemporary ballet. JAZZ&CO Dance offers the intensive training and performance experience that prepares students for professional dance careers. Past company members have studied at the nation's top dance programs and have established careers on Broadway, with Disney and Norwegian Cruise Lines. Tickets: \$10 Adult, \$7 Student/Senior. Call 540-338-7973 to reserve.

Main Street Theatre presents Oliver, Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m. Nothing works on the stage like a well-crafted tale, and OLIVER! is just such a show. Based on the Dickens novel, it will engage you with its pathos and drama, while delighting you with its outstanding musical numbers. Food, Glorious Food, I'd Do Anything, Where is Love?, Consider Yourself, As Long As He Needs Me. Tickets: \$23 Adult, \$20 Senior/Student. Contact karlahlouis@aol.com to reserve, or call 540-751-9588.



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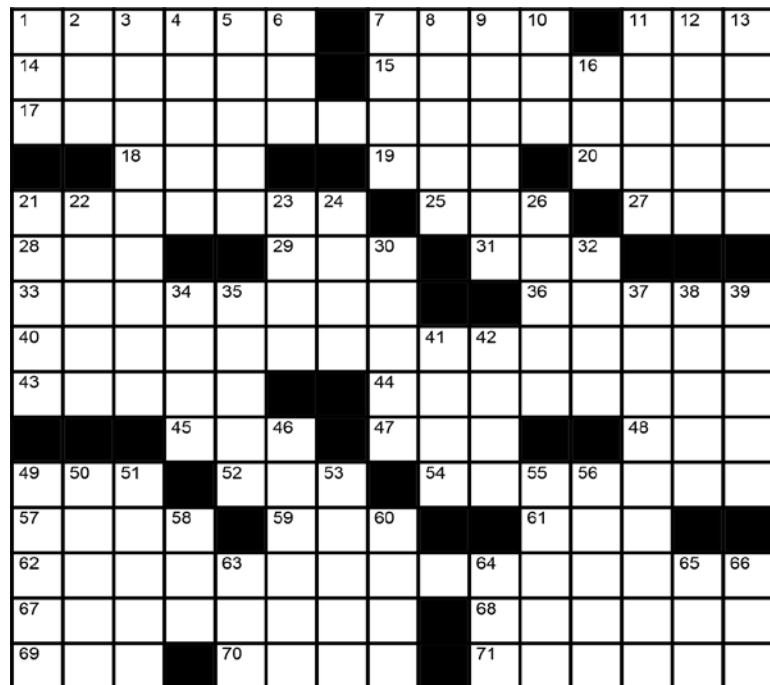
on the bottom to send my point home. In that moment, I do not believe that my firm voice or the spanking itself was harmful; rather, I believe it helped to make my point, and it worked. My son did not walk in a parking lot alone again after that exchange.

But an occasional spanking in support of good parenting does not seem to be what occurred between Mr. Peterson and his son. Fear based parenting as a practice is wholly unacceptable. I suppose Mr. Barkley's point that environmental differences can influence

behavior is valid as an explanation, but I do not agree that it can be offered up as an excuse when it comes to beating a child to the point of injury. This is 2014, and regardless of where you are raised, regardless of the color of your skin and regardless of your socioeconomic status, parents should not beat their children.

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 or call 703 723-2999 to learn more.

Novel Characters – By Myles Mellor and Sally York



ACROSS

1. Helpful ones
7. Born's partner
11. Audience
14. Dorm mate
15. Abandon
17. Bellow protagonist
18. Dowel
19. Early
20. Come-on
21. Less populated
25. Is in the past?
27. Nav. rank
28. Holed up
29. 16 1/2 feet
31. Coke's partner
33. Volcanic rock
36. Catch, in a way
40. Salinger protagonist
43. Prepare, as tea
44. Worked a potter's wheel
45. Wassail alternative
47. Retrovirus, for short
48. Jellied delicacy
49. Matterhorn, e.g.
52. Go on and on
54. Gassy
57. Tropical constrictors
59. O.T. book
61. Orkin target
62. Twain protagonist
67. Voluntary
68. Organism that needs oxygen to live
69. Like some phone nos.
70. The Who's "___ O'Riley"
71. Hypnotic state

DOWN

1. It often appears to the right of you
2. Slip in a pot
3. Simple swim stroke

4. Mideast V.I.P.
5. Saturn has these
6. Visit
7. Cold one
8. Extend, in a way
9. Make beloved
10. Female hare
11. Result
12. ___ squash
13. Magritte and Descartes
16. Dot-com's address
21. Persian potentates
22. Burgundy grape
23. One of the Waltons
24. Drilling grp.
26. Drug type
30. End
32. Domestic
34. Biblical plot
35. ___ Rebellion of 1857-59
37. ___ pressure
38. Aerodynamic
39. In a strange way
41. ___ acid
42. Prefix for scoliosis
46. Antique mecca in Illinois
49. Can't stomach
50. Jeweler's glass
51. Agreements
53. Middle Eastern dish
55. Kind of cake
56. Prefix with red
58. Schuss, e.g.
60. A constellation
63. Court ploy
64. Deserter
65. "Today" network
66. Watchman ___, Chinese Christian author

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Wild Loudoun

Beavers – Biodiversity With A Paddle



– By Andrea Gaines

It is a bit of a touchy subject to write about beavers. Recent news reports document, for example, how a beaver, later found out to be rabid, threatened children fishing in a pond in Fairfax County and went after an elderly woman swimming in a lake in Reston.

As a now life-long conservationist and someone who has related to wildlife in the most fundamental of ways from my earliest years, I've learned that the best way to protect wildlife is to promote the idea of living in community with them. We don't need to share our Sunday dinner with the groundhog or squirrel in our yard, but, otherwise, maybe we can make some adjustments to just let them be.

Beavers present a special challenge, as they tend to take down and take over two things we humans love to have on our property: Trees and flowing water.

All living creatures play a role in shaping our environment. And, the beaver's role can be described as that of a big giant water storage tank. In both western ranching communities and eastern farming communities conservation biologists have long documented that when you remove beavers from a particular area ... the varied wet habitats that both ranchers and farmers depend upon to refresh their cattle and maintain their crops disappear along with the animal. And, here's why.

The beaver is North America's largest rodent. Adult beavers can weigh up to 50 pounds or more, and when they are present in a stream system they literally change the face of it – by brute, if not peaceable force. More species of trees and streamside shrubs are present when they are there. More animals are present. Varying levels of water are present.

This is because beavers build living structures, just like we do. They gather and tend to food in their environment, just like we do. They fill their family's pantry with sustenance, just like we do. They plan, plan, and plan. And, they manipulate water resources for the common good, just like we do.

In the case of the beaver, sticks, logs, mud and more from the stream and stream

bank are piled and engineered to both stop the flow of water (a beaver dam) and create a living space (a beaver lodge). The dam is clearly visible. And, the lodge can also be seen above the water line – on a bank or in the middle of what is now a pond.

The dam creates an above and below water habitat for fish, frogs, birds, snakes, amphibians, turtles, plants and all manner of aquatic life. The dam also serves to irrigate steam banks, create wetland areas, prevent erosion and allow new trees to colonize. This all serves to "hold water in place" on the land – slowly recharging the ground water and the aquifers all of us depend upon by slowing the flow in our creeks, streams and rivers as they make their perpetual rush to the sea.

The lodge, with above water level chambers accessed by submerged tunnels, does the same. Cameras fixed in beaver lodge chambers show that beavers calmly share what they have created with resident muskrats, frogs, mice and other animals and amphibians seeking respite from winter's ice and cold. The lodges are stocked with bark, branches, leaves, roots and other foods of which all partake over the winter.

Beaver lodges are miraculous feats of engineering and serve as one of nature's wild, aquatic social networks.

With three chambers – typically a food storage chamber, a nursery chamber and a living chamber – some lodges can have as much as three tons of raw material. Beaver aficionados commonly report seeing a warm mist rising from a winter beaver lodge – like smoke from a chimney. The cozy air inside is considerably warmer than the cold winter air outside.

Fun facts: 1) Beavers are monogamous and mate for life; 2) Babies, or "kits" weigh about 1 pound when born and are able to swim within their first hour of life; 3) The beaver's powerful webbed feet and paddle enables it to swim at up to 5 miles per hour.

Beavers are found throughout North America and are present in every county in Virginia. If you come upon a break in a stream or river, a wide, low wetland buzzing with life, it has most likely been at least partially engineered by a beaver.

Sushi – “Tails” From The Barnyard

The Grumpy Old Troll Continued...

My dear friends if you have not read August and September’s “Tails from the Barn Yard” please go to the back issues and read the beginning of this grand “Tail”. 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.

The Grumpy Old Troll could be heard throughout the Blue Ridge Mountains morning, noon and night singing to himself “El Stinko Bug Oh Gone Oh, El Stinko Bug Oh Gone Oh.”

Little Adele’s dear father and entomologist, the infamous Buggy Miguel, was known for his mystical and magical chanting to keep himself and tiny Adele safe while on expeditions to remote forests, deserts, and jungles around the world. Miguel had taught Adele the stink bug freeing chant and she taught it to the Grumpy Old Troll and this was how she was able to disarm the troll and free herself from his gnarly paws and back to the safety of her mother’s arms. Since that scary day back in July, she has return to her home in Florida and oh how I miss her.

Once free from the foul smelling stink bugs, Grumpy Old Troll was feeling as handsome as he ever had in his entire life. His stink bug matted hair on his broad shoulders was now clean, curly and luxurious. He was feeling his oats. The magical words Adele shared with the Grumpy Old Troll worked.

With his confidence back he swaggered around the Beaver Dam creek like a high school boy in love. With a new outlook on life, Grumpy Old Troll wondered if he would soon again woo the love of his life.

It was a crisp October day, late in the afternoon, when I decided to trot down to the creek bank to spend time with my best buddies Freddy Frog and Tommy Toad. With Halloween just around the corner I liked to check in on the boys regularly as Hattie the Witch is always on the prowl this time of year for froggy feet and toady toes for her nasty witches brew. The boys and I lay in the sun on the creeks rocky ledge, warming ourselves. All was quiet and the waters soft trickling lulled us almost to sleep. Crunch, thump, crunch, thump - I’d know those footsteps anywhere. Freddy, Tommy and I laid as still as could be.

Troll couldn’t see us but we saw him as he stood admiring himself in the glistening waters stroking his now clean hair and pumping up his biceps in only the way a troll can.

I rolled on my back holding my gut trying not to laugh. What a site. Freddy and Tommy glared at me not to give us away or we could be in big troll trouble. Lying on my back I caught a glimpse of something – no someone- flying high in the sky watching Troll too. Pointing upward the boys saw what I saw and they shivered



in fright creeping closer to me to hide themselves better. Slowly we slid ourselves off the rock ledge from which we watched.

Hattie the Witch was on her broom stick flying high in the sky. Troll was so busy admiring himself he didn’t see her. We could make out her streaky silvered hair under her notorious pointy black hat, her huge warty nose and her striped socks and laced up patent leather purple boots. Tied tight by oxen tail to her broomstick was something tiny with long blonde hair and the ruffiest, sparkliest dress. It was all I could do to stay calm and to not give my most ferocious Cairn Terrier growl and attack. I could feel Freddy and Tommy clam up and go deathly cold against my body. Hattie had Little Adele.

Grumpy Old Troll was not acting so grumpy. In fact he had begun to hum and hold his arms around himself as if he were dancing with someone. Little field mice had come out to watch. They were giggling and mock dancing as the troll had a love affair with himself. It was then he saw the reflection of Hattie in the Beaver Dam creek.

Hattie swooped down alongside Troll. She cooed her softest cackle attracting troll to her side. “My Troll how handsome you look since I last saw you. I heard a wee little girl had taught you the magical chant to rid oneself of stink bugs. I see it has worked. I am so happy for you I brought you a simply delightful surprise.”

Adele squirmed with fright as she knew she was that very surprise. Troll drew Hattie into his big hairy arms.

Oh the wonder of it – The beautiful dance of two under the new moon... Hattie and the

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Kitchen Science Kids:

The Scoop On Snow And Salty Streets

– By Leah Enright



When snow falls in Virginia, roads become icy and difficult to drive upon. This is especially exciting for students everywhere, who get to enjoy an unscheduled day sledding with friends and drinking hot chocolate. As fun as that is, life must go on for many drivers, so our cities and towns sprinkle salt to make the roads as safe as possible. Yes, salt. Try this activity, and see if you can guess why.

You’ll Need:

- An adult to approve and supervise this activity
 - A pen, pencil, or permanent marker
 - Water
 - Measuring spoons
 - Salt
 - 2 small cups, (don’t use glass or other breakable cups. I like paper “Dixie” cups.)
 - Plastic Wrap
 - The Freezer
 - A clock, or timer
1. Mark your cups: Write “salt” on one, and “no salt” on the other.

2. Add three tablespoons of warm tap water to each cup.
3. Add two tablespoons of salt to the “salt” cup, and stir well.
4. Cover each cup with plastic wrap and place them in the freezer.
5. Check each cup two hours later. What do you see?

If this turned out as expected, the salty water is less frozen than the water without salt. Why? Because salt changes the temperature at which water freezes. Salty water must be colder to freeze than non-salty water. In Virginia, very often our winters are warm enough that un-salted streets may freeze, but salty streets are simply wet and slushy-easier to drive on than a sheet of ice.

So, that’s the scoop-salty streets stop slippery snow. Now you know.

Leah Enright hopes that the salt trucks will not have to work very hard this winter, as she prefers ice-free weather. When roads are drivable, she can be found cutting hair at the Hair Cattery in Purcellville.

Middleburg Film Festival Announces Awards

Colleen Atwood and Marco Beltrami will be honored at The Middleburg Film Festival as this year’s distinguished costume designer and distinguished film composer, respectively. The Distinguished Costume Designer Award will be presented to Atwood on Friday, Oct. 31. The event will feature an in-depth conversation with Atwood with a retrospective of her most memorable costumes, followed by a masquerade ball in her honor. Beltrami will receive the Distinguished Film Composer Award on Saturday, Nov. 1. The Shenandoah Conservatory Symphony Orchestra will perform world premieres of concert suites from Marco Beltrami’s scores including “The Giver,” “The Homesman” and “World War Z.” In addition, in honor of Halloween, his score for “Scream” will be performed. The Middleburg Film Festival, now in its second year, will run from Thursday, Oct. 30 to Sunday, Nov. 2 in Virginia’s historic wine country, located one hour from our nation’s capital and attracting filmmakers and filmgoers from all over the world.

“The Middleburg Film Festival is committed to recognizing creative artists who make movies memorable,” said Executive Director Susan Koch. “Colleen Atwood is a long-time collaborator with director Tim Burton on his dark and quirky films such as “Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street” and “Sleepy Hollow.” Marco Beltrami is known for his horror and thriller scores, including the Scream movies. I can’t think of a better way to celebrate the Halloween weekend than with these two fantastic artists.”

From Johnny Depp’s black leather body suit in “Edward Scissorhands” to Roxy and Velma’s sequined flapper dresses in “Chicago,” Atwood has designed some of the most iconic costumes during her 30-year career. Atwood has been involved in developing or has been the lead designer for producing costumes on more than 50 films to date. She is best known for her collaborations with director Tim Burton with whom she has worked on ten films and counting. Atwood has won three Academy Awards for Best Costume Design for her work on “Alice in Wonderland,” “Memoirs of a Geisha” and “Chicago.” This year’s films include “Big Eyes” and “Into the Woods.”

Marco Beltrami composed scores for five films coming out in 2014 alone: “Snowpiercer,” “The Giver,” “The Homesman,” “The Drop” and “November Man.” Filmmakers have come to know Beltrami for his unconventional approach to film music, particularly his humanistic touch for horror and science fiction features.

Shortly after arriving in Los Angeles, Marco Beltrami landed Wes Craven’s “Scream,” embarking on what would become the widely successful terror franchise. In addition to Craven, Beltrami has collaborated with leading directors including Guillermo del Toro (“Hellboy” and “Mimic”), Kimberly Peirce (“Carrie”), James Mangold (“3:10 Toyuma” and “Wolverine”) and Katherine Bigelow (“The Hurt Locker”). He received two Oscar nominations for Best Original Score for “The Hurt Locker” and “3:10 to Yuma.” He is currently scoring “True Story.”

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Grumpy Old Troll, caught up in their sweet reunion - they soon forgot about little Adele.

Freddy, Tommy, myself and the dancing mice seized the moment of love in its bliss. The mice quickly chewed through the oxen tail threads freeing Adele. Once again little Adele was upon my back, arms tight around my neck, racing away as fast as my short Cairn Terrier legs could travel, to the safety of the big white farm house.

Freddy, Tommy and all the amphibians serenaded under the light of the moon. The little mice played violins from the ox tail hairs keeping Hattie the Witch and the Grumpy Old Troll clutched in each other's arms until daylight when all would be safe again - for everyone knows Grumpy Old Trolls and witches are deathly allergic to the light of day.

Can't wait to share Thanksgiving with you next month.

Love,
Sushi



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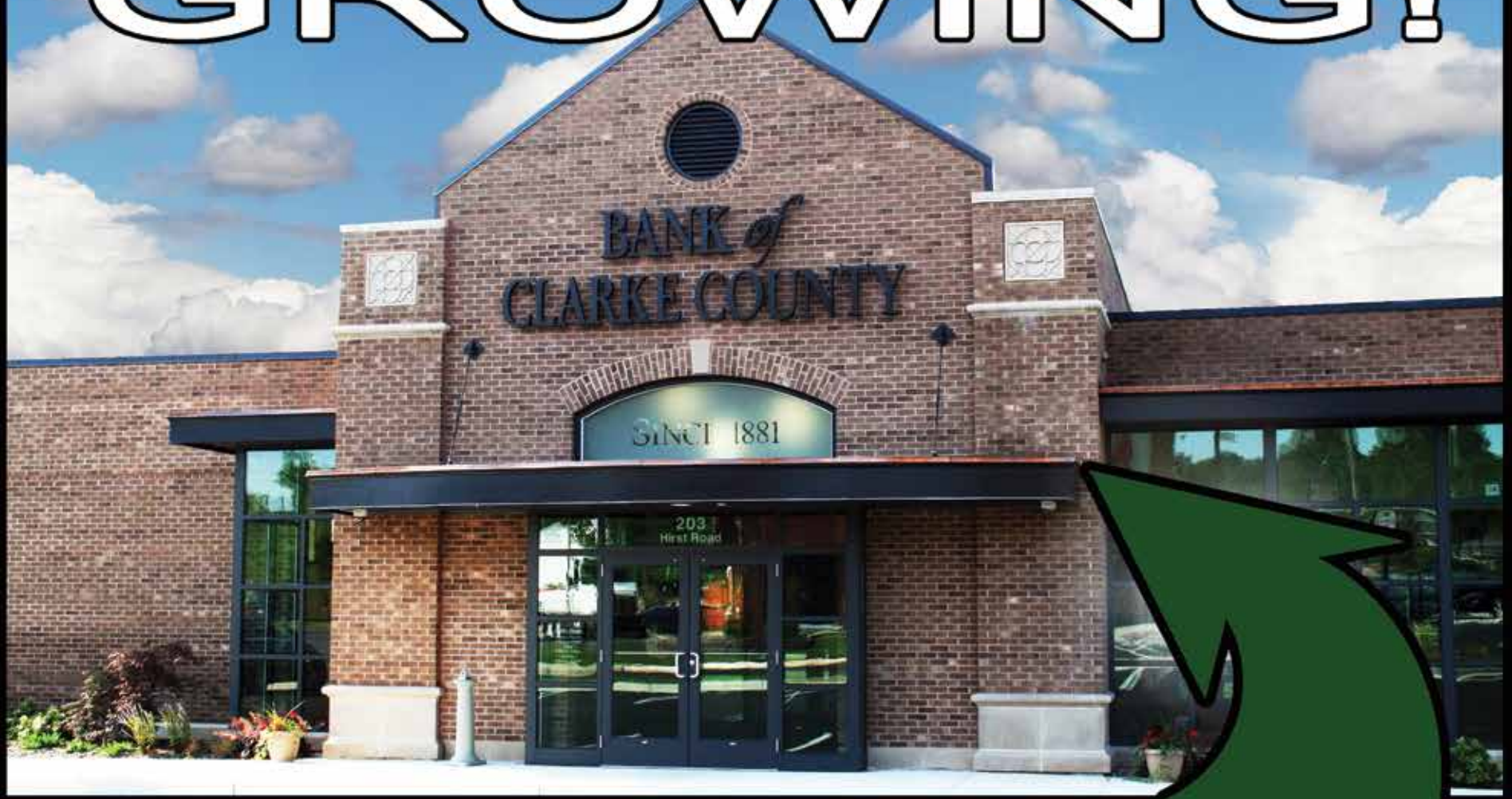
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