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High drama for the month of May's Comp Plan review

BY ANDREA GAINES

The Board of Supervisors held multiple work sessions and business meetings on the draft Comp Plan in May, with citizens weighing in at every opportunity.

While the BOS has proposed scaling back on the massive housing increases proposed by the Planning Commission, citizens, conservationists, and fiscal conservatives say the Board is abandoning County commitments to preserve the environment, protect historical resources, maintain the quality of life Loudouners enjoy, and protect the public purse.

Our desire to protect the Transition Policy Area is being ignored, say citizens. If there is a regional housing crisis, why is Loudoun County the only place where all of those new homes can go? We can't afford the new public infrastructure that the levels of growth demanded by PC will require; and, we can't preserve what is special about Loudoun County with what the PC is proposing, either.

Weary but immovable?

At a recent meeting, a BOS Work Session held on May 29, individual Board members, including Chair Phyllis Randall (D-At Large) expressed some weariness with respect to the negative feedback they had received of late. But, despite the emotional tone in the room, the Board has taken on a decidedly business-like posture, eager for the day they can put this Comp Plan business behind them.

"I will make decisions that I think are right for the most number of people in my county," said Randall in her opening statement, seeming to signal that by hook or by crook – with or without the public's support in many cases – they were going to get this thing done.

Inflated growth rates and an 'affordable housing' crisis

According to Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director of the Washington D.C.-based Coalition for Smarter Growth,

Loudoun County is basing its Comp Plan decisions on a much higher rate of growth than the D.C. Metropolitan Region as a whole. The plan's fundamental assumptions are flawed.

Inflated growth rates are driving the County's increasingly strident position on the issue of affordable housing, which has, rightly or wrongly, taken center stage in the Comp Plan debate.

Both the real estate industry and the development community are basing their

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Hillsboro signs contract as 'Reclaim Main Street' begins

BY ANDREA GAINES

What would you do?

You are the mayor of an historic small town in Virginia that serves as a major Washington, D.C.-area commuting route.

In addition to your growing traffic problems, the spring-fed water system that has served as the source of Town water for 200 years no longer meets state standards.

And, it is increasingly clear that you also need a, however basic, Town sewer system.

If you are Mayor Roger Vance of Hillsboro, you devise a plan to tackle all three problems at once.

You plan major upgrades to your water system, and lay the groundwork for a future sewer system, reaching out to possible funding partners on the county, state, and federal level.

At the same time, you set your sights on "reclaiming" your main street, in this case the just under one mile of busy Rt. 9 that threatens to eclipse your historic downtown.

Your goal here is two-fold – improving the lives of Town



L to R: Kevin Lyons and Jon Harman with Shirley Contracting, Hillsboro Mayor Roger Vance and Vice Mayor Amy Marasco.

residents by slowing the traffic down and making main street a walkable and safer place, and supporting your town's economy by giving those passing through a reason

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'Welcome to Purcellville' mural taking shape

BY ANDREA GAINES

The community non-profit Discover Purcellville, formed by Michael Oaks, Kim Patterson, and Hillary Coley, seems to have another clear winner on its hands.

First there were the 32 painted oak wine barrels – fantastically creative pieces of art that began popping up all over Town, and were then auctioned off to help fund other projects designed to promote Purcellville as a great place to visit, do business, and experience what it's like to live in a real community.

Then there were the one-of-a-kind painted benches and planters – they raised a whopping \$35,000 for the cause. And then, there were the fanciful and equally unique painted Adirondack love seats.

But, Oaks, Patterson, and Coley now have another art project in the works, a dramatic, 29-foot wide mural being painted on one of the most visible places in town – the southeast outer wall of the popular and historic Purcellville Family Restaurant. This will be Purcellville's first public mural.

According to Oaks, "The Town of Purcellville had wanted and tried to make a mural of this kind happen for years. But it took perseverance by the members of Discover Purcellville to get final approval to get the mural started. We were finally able to make it happen. And, it's all paid for through funds raised at the auctions for the past three years."

"The background is now complete, and when finished, it will look like a 1950s retro-style postcard with the words 'Welcome to Purcellville,'" continued Oaks. "Over the summer, the artist, Addie Moore, will fill in the letters with different scenes from town, including Fireman's Field and other well known places. Addie will be spending the whole summer on it. It will be fun to watch unfold."

Moore describes herself as a kind of "design mutt." "In the past," she said, "I've done wedding invitation designs, wine labels, relief printing, traditional oil painting, and graphic design.

"I don't really have one type of creative process that I stick to," said Moore. "But I love typography, so I wanted to incorporate that along with a vintage



L to R: Addie Moore and Michael Oaks

feel, since Purcellville is an older town.

"I started thinking," she continued, "about those old school 'Greetings from' postcards that have big block lettering and various images depicted inside

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Father's Day 2019: what dads really want

BY ANDREA GAINES

What does dad really want for Father's Day?

We first thought we could scour the airwaves for today's most-trendy Father's Day gifts ... and have something meaningful to write about.

But, socks with built-in odor-eaters, belts that come complete with a handy bottle opener, and little pocket tools that allow dad to do everything from repair a cracked windshield to slice through a two-by-four (just kidding) just didn't do it for us.

Instead, we did a little research on what dads really want.

Interestingly, 60 percent of dads do not expect to get a gift on Father's Day, despite the fact that this holiday has become a \$15 billion fixture of American life.

At the same time, dads are more and more involved in their children's lives. Social scientists say that fathers have a big impact on a son or daughter's sense of adventure, self-confidence, self-esteem, and risk taking. And, polls show that fathers want to be acknowledged for the role they play in the family. Dads want to matter.

This is what we found with respect to what is important to dads on the holiday known as Father's Day:

Dads want a break

In survey after survey, dads say that time with their families away from the hustle and bustle of work is increasingly important. They love the idea of sleeping in late, knowing that the family is busy in the kitchen making them breakfast. Giving dads time to do the things they never seem to have the time to do, and working around their preferred schedule for the day, is a real treasure.

Dads want to know that they are loved

Fathers, like mothers, value the little things that show them they are loved. It's the homemade card, the unexpected visit or call on Father's Day, that newly organized collection of family photographs, or that favorite meal on the table with a favorite piece of music playing in the background that makes the biggest impact.

Dads want to create memories, too
We found a very touching article about one family's tradition on Father's Day. Instead of dad setting aside time to watch the kids' favorite Disney movie – for the one-hundredth time – the kids would find a movie dad grew up watching, and everyone would watch it again, together. Bringing back traditions from dad's younger years is a great way

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Cannons Fever taking hold

The Purcellville Cannons opened their season with a home game against the Strasburg Express on Saturday, June 1, following up with an away game with the Waynesboro Generals on Sunday June 2.

On Monday, June 3 they faced up with the Winchester Royals at Fireman's Field, and as the Blue Ridge Leader went to press the Cannons were due to meet up with the Front Royal Cardinals and the Staunton Braves in two consecutive away games.

The full schedule for the rest of June is as follows ...

- Friday, June 7, Strasburg (away)
- Saturday, June 8, Woodstock (away)
- Sunday, June 9, Staunton, (home)
- Monday, June 10, Winchester (away)
- Tuesday, June 11, Waynesboro (home)
- Wednesday, June 12, Woodstock (away)
- Thursday, June 13, Winchester (home)
- Friday, June 14, Front Royal (home)
- Saturday, June 15, New Market (away)
- Sunday, June 16, Charlottesville (away)
- Tuesday, June 18, Waynesboro (home)
- Wednesday, June 19, Harrisonburg (away)
- Friday, June 21, New Market (away)
- Saturday, June 22, Front Royal (home)
- Sunday, June 23, Woodstock (home)
- Tuesday, June 25, Harrisonburg (home)
- Wednesday, June 26, Covington (away)
- Friday, June 28, New Market (home)
- Saturday, June 29, Winchester (away)

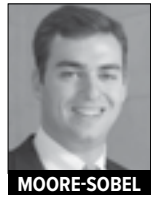
For ticket information and a full Purcellville Cannons summer schedule go to www.PurcellvilleCannons.com.

From One Fellow Patriot to Another

BY SAMUEL MOORE-SOBEL

Graduation ceremonies rarely live up to the hype.

Of course, it's an honor and privilege to see a family member or friend participate in a graduation ceremony. Watching as they reach this important milestone, turning the page, and beginning a new, exciting chapter. Yet the event itself can oftentimes feel a bit underwhelming.



MOORE-SOBEL

My brother, Noah, just recently graduated from college.

He earned his degree in just three years. He worked his way through a challenging major, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), with a minor in Data Analytics. He immersed himself in his college campus, working hard to make an impact in the lives of his fellow students. I am immensely proud of my brother, for the strength of his character, and for all that he has achieved.

As a George Mason University graduate myself, it was a bit nostalgic for me to travel back to "Eagle Bank Arena," although it will always be "The Patriot Center," at least to me. Walking around the campus, I hardly recognized the place I once regularly traversed. New buildings have seemingly popped up out of nowhere, the years of construction finally coming to fruition. I missed out, apparently. Although now I know where all my tuition money went.

As I watched my brother graduate, my heart swelled with pride. I tried to grab ahold of that moment for as

long as I could, reflecting on the journey that led to this important moment. Then came the waiting, as a sea of names were called by the dean for nearly an hour. Boredom was staved off by a bit of drama – after answering a few texts, I was informed by my mother (who was sitting nearby) that the man sitting next to me was quite interested in the words I was typing. In an effort to read every single word I typed, he was perpetually leaning over my shoulder, his interest precluding him from making his efforts a little less obvious. It was all a bit flattering. Who knew my words could be so fascinating to a complete stranger?

So while the man next to me nearly fell out of his chair trying to catch a glimpse of my screen, as I did my best to hide my phone from his gaze, I pondered what it was that I wanted to tell my brother upon reaching this beautiful moment.

I wanted to tell him how hard the next few months might be. The adjustment from school to full-time work, just like any other, isn't easy. It takes time to settle into a new life. Unexpected challenges may arise. The career one embarks upon can become all-consuming, especially for those just entering the workforce. As exciting as graduation can be, it also marks a moment of immense change, whether students are ready for such deviations or not.

"School isn't preparing them for the real world," a family friend recently told me, in reference to his sons, both of whom are in high school. These words echo a common criticism aimed at institutions of higher learn-



Noah Moore-Sobel

ing as of late; mainly, that the classes and instruction offered fail to adequately prepare students to succeed in the professional world. An assertion that may contain bits of truth; however, once students enter the "real world," they may find that they are more ready for what comes next than they once anticipated.

While I may not use my Government and International Politics degree on a daily basis in my role as an IT Program Manager, I do use the oral, written, and soft skills cultivated throughout my college career. Even the practical aspects of my educational experience – such as the habits cultivated through developing strong studying and memorizing skills – have served me well in the professional world. In many ways, regardless of the material, college classes are helping students learn how to process, garner, and retain information. Invaluable skills for the road ahead.

As my brother joined his fellow classmates during the procession out of the stadium at the end of the ceremony, I hoped he knew that he has what it takes. That despite the seeming futility of some classes, he

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Kaine addresses affordable housing, gun safety in swings through Loudoun and Fairfax

Virginia Senator Tim Kaine (D-Va) was the keynote speaker at a May 28 Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce's PolicyMaker Series event, continuing on later in the day to meet with students from Key Middle School in Fairfax County.

At the Chamber event, Kaine addressed the issue of affordable housing as a regional and national issue. In Fairfax, the main topic of Kaine's visit was gun violence prevention as he discussed the issue with the student group Now or Never.

With respect to affordable housing and how that might be playing out in Loudoun County, Kaine said "the most important thing" or factor at play, was to "get the Comp Plan right." He also



said that provisions for affordable housing should be a line item in the County budget with one half to one percent going to the housing trust fund.

According to Kaine there is a shortage of available affordable dwelling units as reflected in annual housing statistics. The supply, he noted, is only one third of what it should be.

Kaine did not address whether the massive housing density increases

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Patton, Sun Tzu, and the Battle for Loudoun

(Author's note: Italicized sections are direct quotes from the speaker.)

BY CHARLES HOUSTON

A band of military geniuses lived on thin clouds in the Mesosphere, 50 kilometers above Earth and unseen from the planet. Hannibal and Caesar were there, along with Robert E. Lee, the Duke of Wellington, Genghis Khan, and others.

The most assertive was George Patton; the wisest was Sun Tzu, the Chinese general-philosopher of the sixth century BC and author of *The Art of War*, a treatise still used in most military academies.

These warriors often amused themselves by circling over the globe looking for battles they could critique. As Patton put it, "Battle is the most magnificent competition in which a human being can

indulge." Absent armed clashes, Sun Tzu and Patton would find hotspots of discord to view and discuss. From on high, they often observed Washington, D.C., a fertile ground for anger. The pair occasionally wandered westward to watch the Battle for Loudoun.

Patton preferred armored warfare and blood on the ground, but reasonably enjoyed the squabbling in Loudoun, even though he was amazed at its amateurism.

Sun Tzu had some advice: "George, *what is of supreme importance in war is to attack the enemy's strategy.* Neither the conservationists nor the developers have done that. In my book I wrote that *'The general who wins the battle makes many calculations in his temple before the battle is fought. The general who loses makes but few calculations beforehand,'* but, here I see more reaction than action."

Patton nodded and said, "*Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by men. It is the spirit of men who follow and of the man who leads that gains the victory.*"

The Chinese eminence answered, "The conservationists have that spirit, but they are not militarily organized. *Victory usually goes to the army who has better trained officers and men.* Down there, the developers are well trained in many paths to make money, such as using cash to suborn politicians. They could win."

Patton played devil's advocate. "*No-body ever defended anything successfully, there is only attack and attack and attack some more.* It is time for the preservationists to attack with vigor."

Sun Tzu suggested, "*If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the results of a hundred battles.* That inquiry appears absent."

"Let's dropdown to the Stratosphere and see what's happening," suggested Patton. Closer to earth, the legendary warriors could access television and the internet, and see crowds. They watched and listened, gulping in information until each general had seen and heard enough. They returned to their higher lair and to their critique.

Patton started the conversation. "Sun, your adage about knowing the enemy is critical. Sometimes the only way to do that is to examine what the enemy says and does, and, from that, try to divine his strategy. Right?"

The dignified Sun Tzu nodded affirmatively. "I have been thinking about that, and perhaps can explain how realtors seized the offensive. They arranged for the County to hire a consultant to assess the County's housing needs. The consultant's internet

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End the development mania!

BY JOHN P. FLANNERY

Don't Develop Every Square Inch Of Loudoun – that's what the developers want – and some Supervisors are trying to figure out how they can serve these masters of dystopia and fool us all into thinking this is the best we can do, and that they did the best they could with a difficult set of facts. Nonsense!

This kind of thinking will ravage our community already suffering from density, traffic jams, and a loss of lifestyle.

There are 45,000 homes in the existing pipeline. We don't need these – and we don't need any more.

The communities from one end of the County to the other have said Stop This Development.

We get a head nod – like we're being heard. They say we're being heard, but we are "instructed" by our reps that we just have to have more housing.

So much for representative government. We said no, but they bow to the arrogant development community that wants more – greedy, not satisfied with what they already have. They want more.

We are overrun with lies and deceptions about "what we need."

Send a Message To The Board – lean on them – say "We Want



No New Houses." Enough already.

Tell our Supervisors that if any of you vote to bring on new houses, then we vote to have new Supervisors – to override what you've done to destroy this county and our way of life. And we do this without regard to party – as this is about how we live where we live.

If you're really our friends, elected to represent those of us who live here, then hear what we're saying; and if you really care for us, stop this boondoggle right now.

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Vote Chris Harmison June 11

Dear Editor:

My friend Chris Harmison is seeking the Democratic nomination for Loudoun County Sheriff. He has a Democratic primary coming up

on June 11, and I urge everyone to vote for Chris, because he has an unblemished record of integrity and experience. Chris Harmison has worked in law enforcement for forty

years, including four years as the Chief Deputy of the Loudoun County Sheriff's office. Chris knows the job, and the office, inside out and enjoys the respect of the Deputies.

Chris Harmison's opponent, a young man named Justin Hannah, is by contrast a mystery man. When I first read about Hannah, who has some military background, my reaction was, I respect that, but what type of law enforcement expe-

rience does he have that would qualify him to manage the largest sheriff's office in the Commonwealth of Virginia? The answer is, none. Justin Hannah has no law enforcement experience whatsoever.

Hannah's web site says that he "currently . . . is in command of a unit with direct ties to policing. He commands a unit that is the only of its kind in the U.S. Army." The name of the unit is not stated. However, the same web site says that "since being discharged from active duty, Justin has remained in the reserves . . ."

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— Ask Dr. Mike —

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

Seven Tips to surviving your next extended family vacation

As a child psychologist, the topic of vacationing with extended family members comes up quite a bit this time of year, and family relations and dynamics can certainly be complex. Packing into a beach house, trekking around Europe, going on a cruise or visiting a theme park with in-laws, aunts and uncles, grandparents or siblings can be adventurous and fun, but for others, it can be extremely challenging. As one parent recently told me, "Don't get me wrong, I love my family, but shoving 14 of us into a beach house in Bethany Beach for a week never ends well."



DR. MIKE

So, if you're planning on vacationing with extended family, here are some tips to consider:

Plan your accommodations in advance and be considerate. If you are planning to pack into one big beach house, be mindful that there will likely be many competing needs given the different aged children and adults in the house. This is why it's always important to communicate about the accommodation logistics in advance. Are you planning to eat all meals together, and if so, who will prepare the meals and clean up? Are you a messy person? If so, you may need to clean up after yourself more than you are accustomed to. Likewise, if you are an extremely organized person that needs things to be a certain way, you may need to lighten up and go with the flow. How about sleeping arrangements? Grabbing the best room at the beach house for yourself and your children because you got there first is probably not going to be received well by others. Also, be mindful of the noise level.

Keep in mind that a week at the beach altogether can be too long for some. Benjamin Franklin once said, "House guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days." So, maybe staying for a shorter week or renting

something nearby may be a better option.

Figure out who's paying for what before the trip. Even if the patriarch – or another family member – is generously paying for the cruise, beach house or hotel for everyone, be mindful that there will likely be additional expenses. Thus, agreeing on who's paying for the food and drinks or other expenses is something to do before you travel, to avoid problems. If you are splitting expenses as a family, it's always best to be crystal clear on the contributions and breakdown of things. Money, or disagreements about it can lead to tension and even more serious problems. And pay on time what you've agreed to contribute.

Give the grandparents a break. If you're travelling with grandparents, discuss your expectations of them before you go. Certainly some grandparents enjoy watching their grandchildren while parents get out, but not all do. Also, grandparents may be up for some of the activities or excursions, but they may not have the energy, or interest, in doing all the things.

Separation is a good thing. Vacationing with your larger extended family doesn't mean that everyone needs to remain together the entire time. Breaking up the pack and venturing out for different activities or excursions should help to keep spirits high. Even within your nuclear family, one-to-one time is important for kids with their parents.

Avoid complex and emotionally laden subjects. Politics, money and religion have long been considered three topics to stay away from during social events, and I would add, during a larger extended family vacation. You may feel justified in arguing your positive or negative views on President Trump, but how wise is that? Similarly, bragging about your new promotion or the nice things you own, especially if you have more than others, probably isn't a good idea either. You may

wish to pray before every meal with your family, but it's presumptuous to think that everyone else should do as you do. You may also not approve of drinking alcohol socially in the presence of children or exposing your 8-year-old to a PG-13 movie, but your sister in law may be perfectly fine with doing both. I recommend being careful with voicing an opposing position or view of any kind with a family member when it comes to sensitive topics in the heat of the moment. Communicate in advance topics that matter to you.

Practice kindness. Research has shown that being kind to others pays back in dividends when it comes to your outlook on life and personal happiness. So, if there are dishes in the sink or garbage that needs to be taken out at the beach house, don't wait to be asked. If there are grandparents on the vacation, maybe you could treat them to a date night out. A client of mine and his wife recently gave their first-class seats to their pre-teen nieces who they rarely get the see, and the girls had the experience of a lifetime. Kind gestures and offerings of any size can go a long way toward making your family members feel appreciated and loved.

Cherish the moment. There's no right or wrong way to have a larger extended family vacation, but focusing on the good over the bad is the way to go. Sure, there are likely things you don't like about certain family members, but no family is perfect, and the love you have and share is what matters most. Your family won't be around forever, and nor will you, so don't sweat the small stuff – create great memories and have fun!

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Loudoun, too, celebrates 50 years of love

BY ANDREA GAINES

On September 21, 2009, the Commonwealth of Virginia's now famous "Virginia is for lovers" advertising campaign was inducted into the Madison Avenue Advertising Walk of Fame. This year the campaign celebrates its 50-year anniversary.

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Just Like Nothing (else) on Earth: Clarke's Gap Road

BY TIM JON

If you want to see the scenery along the way, you'd better let someone else do the driving; I've always enjoyed the views on this short - but sweet - stretch: rolling hills (of various hues throughout the year), farm sites that all but define the genre, green tangles lining steep embankments pitching westward, and of course the familiar southern approach to the classic little Village of Waterford. Clarke's Gap Road runs the short distance from Rt. 9 (Charles Town Pike) to the historic community to the north, in the form of a two-lane blacktop with little or no shoulder on either side; the 45 mile-an-hour speed limit combines with enough



JON



rises, twists and blind corners to leave (at least) me grateful whenever I've completed the course.

Oh, I'm sure some folks find a way of capturing some of the more memorable images in the mind's eye - or through the use of more modern technology, but I always find myself recalling more pictures of asphalt, road signs and accompanying vehicles than the geography along the drive. And, while I generally try to stick - as much as possible - to my appropriate lane of travel, I have witnessed others - on the tight, curvy Rt. 662 - unabashedly driving right down the 'middle lane,' if you will; coming upon these characters in the wrong place can raise one's hair on the back of the neck.

Now, I've never taken pictures from a roller coaster ride, and there are sections of some of our corkscrewiest roads in Loudoun County (parts of Clarke's Gap Road fall into that category, in my opinion) that can remind me of the experience - so my latest drive to Waterford and back yielded few shots to memorialize the trip - leaving me trying to imagine some type of Rube Goldberg device to capture some of the more evocative vistas. I remember the great red barn on the west side of the road, the stately residence at that sharp turn,

and of course the undulating topography throughout the journey - but most of all I see the asphalt, the negligible (if any!) shoulders along the way, and that one motorist careening toward me right down the middle of the road. And, in some ways, I find myself concluding, maybe that's better.

This conglomerate of experiences tempts me into feeling I may have preferred traveling along the original Native American trails and animal paths that cut through the fields and forests before any of those early geniuses came up with ideas for the motorcar; in some ways this may be true, but I'm honest enough to admit that I lack the constitutional requirements to reverse time and plod primitive courses as a daily regimen - besides, I'd miss my (relatively) modern coffee maker!

So, resigning myself to the 21st Century, I can at least try to imagine what a more leisurely-paced (if not actually more leisurely!) journey would have been like; I'm talking about movement at a slow enough pace to notice the birds singing, the daily growth of the local crops, and the smaller animals rustling in the underbrush - and perhaps most importantly - to get a sense of one's own heartbeat (when's the last time you heard the ol' ticker go thumpety thump?). That's the trip

to Waterford that I want to take.

Or - sticking to the subject of imaginative travel (or is it merely a traveling imagination?) - have I just taken it?

And - just for what-the-heck - what does the far future hold for little outings like a drive up this narrow two-lane byway? Instead of dreaming of the past I might as well - I suppose - envision some of the wilder transportation possibilities of creative fantasy: teleportation, personal drones, perhaps even out-of-body experiences. Well, as tempting as any of these may seem (or do they?), I realize the impracticality in the implementations. Until we can email ourselves to a particular address I guess I'll have to content myself with the wonders of a vividly untamed (cultivated right here in little ol' Loudoun County!) imagination.

And of course the ultimate fantasy trip up Clarke's Gap Road (should we fail to secure the services of a trusted chauffeur, or to temporarily transform ourselves into feathered friends, or to somehow virtually experience the journey) would come to us in the form of a story - in printed form - written by a grizzled (but hopefully lovable) old teller of tales. Now, where on Earth could one find...

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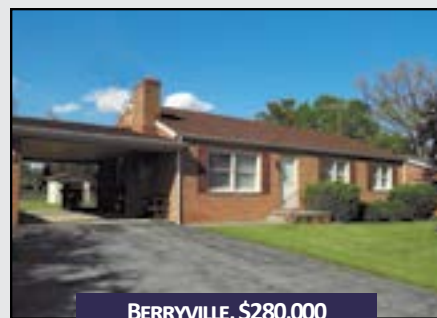
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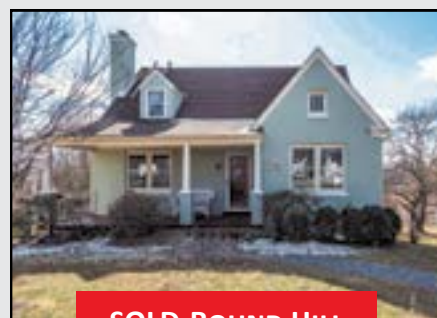
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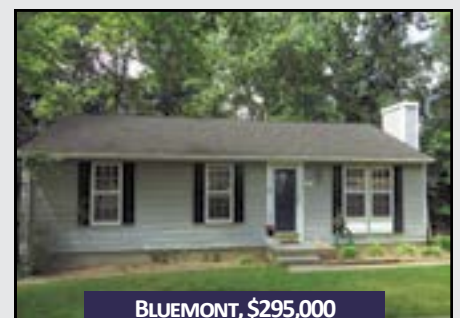
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Political party primaries will be held June 11 at regular polling locations.

The Blue Ridge Leader submitted questions to Geary Higgins and Ron Meyer, candidates for the Republican nomination for the Virginia State Senate District 13.

Geary Higgins

Geary Higgins currently serves as the Supervisor for the Catoctin District and the Chairman of the Transportation and Land Use Committee. He has 40 years of experience in the private sector with the National Electrical Contractors Association, and has served four years on the Loudoun County School Board and eight years on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors. Geary and his wife Gail have lived in Northern Virginia for over 30 years, have three daughters who graduated for Loudoun Valley High School and four grandsons. They attend Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg and live in a historic home in Waterford.

Blue Ridge Leader: Sometimes, an elected official feels compelled to vote against public sentiment, sometimes in tune with it. The



Loudoun County Board of Supervisors received over 600 emails opposing the True North Data Center. Why did you vote the way you did?

Geary Higgins: Unlike my opponent, I voted against the data center and I believe this was the most impactful and possibly the worst vote of this Board. Not because of the data center, but because of the location of the data center in the Transition Policy Area (TPA). All four of the Supervisors who represented areas impacted by this parcel (myself, Buona, Buffington, and Randall) forcefully argued against approval of the data center. This approval set a terrible land use precedent with immediate and long-term impacts. Had my opponent really understood the concerns of western

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Ron Meyer

Ron Meyer lives in Ashburn with his wife Celia and their daughter. He was elected to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors representing the Broad Run District in 2015. He serves on the Board's



Ron Meyer: This issue is not related to the State Senate, but I am happy to answer. This land was across the Greenway from other data centers, a power plant, and a water treatment facility. The 600 emails we received raised two primary issues: loss of green space and the threat to

Transportation and Land Use Committee, and also represents the County on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Air Quality Committee, and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board.

Blue Ridge Leader: Sometimes, an elected official feels compelled to vote against public sentiment, sometimes in tune with it. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors received over 600 emails opposing the True North Data Center. Why did you vote the way you did?

the environment. After rather lengthy and tough negotiations, this application was better for the environment and preserved much more green space than the by-right residential use. The land was already zoned for 10 houses that could clear cut all the trees right up to the creek, causing polluting runoff. The True North application preserved more than 65 percent open space, agreed to build a water filtration system for any runoff, dedicated their entire Goose Creek frontage for a 300-foot

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Welcome summer with what's coming out of the ground – right now

BY ANDREA GAINES

For astronomers, Friday, June 21 is the official first day of summer. For meteorologists, it comes a little earlier, on June 1. For lovers of fresh food, it's not about calendars, but about what's coming out of the ground – and, what our farmers, bakers, and specialty food producers are doing with it. So ...

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Go crazy for strawberries

Lucky for you, Wegmeyer Farms is known for its strawberries and those juicy little beauties are literally covering every inch of the place this time of year. Field conditions are dependent upon the weather, and the farm's website is updated continuously, so, go to www.WegmeyerFarms.com and plan your visit. The farm is located at 38299 Hughesville Road in Hamilton, (540) 751-1782.

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Their Purcellville location is at Rt. 287 and John Wolford Road, and the farm also has has a CSA program. For more information go to www.PotomacVegetableFarms.com.

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Groundbreaking for new LCAS facility – more space for the animals

A ceremonial groundbreaking to celebrate the new facility that will serve as the primary location of Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) was held May 30 in Leesburg. Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors joined with other officials, Loudoun County government staff, members of the project team, and members of the community for the groundbreaking.

The new, 21,450-square-foot facility will replace the existing 15,000-square-foot facility north of Rt. 9 near Waterford as the main LCAS location. It will become the first public animal shelter

in the United States to meet 100 percent of the animal shelter guidelines established by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians.

Basic and special features of the new home for animals will include upgraded kennels designed to meet an animal's every need, a multi-purpose room, indoor and outdoor spaces for all pets – including “catios” (cat patios) and a “rabitat” area (rabbit habitat) – a split lobby to facilitate separation of adoptions and surrenders, isolation and quarantine kennels for animals in need of extended stays, a veterinary clinic, and facility-wide sound mitigation, and specialized air flow to reduce disease trans-

mission.

The new facility will provide many of the same services as the current animal shelter, including pet adoptions, housing of stray, abandoned, or relinquished companion animals, volunteer opportunities, low-cost rabies vaccines, educational programs, and others.

The larger, modern facility, centrally located in Leesburg, will help LCAS meet the needs of caring for companion and

agricultural animals in a growing county. Currently, the shelter provides for more than 2,000 animals annually. Construction on the new facility is expected to begin soon, with a completion date of summer 2020.

The existing LCAS location near Waterford will be renovated and repurposed to provide agricultural-related services, such as caring for horses and other farm animals.

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L to R, Chief Animal Control Officer Chris Brosan, Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, Sheriff Mike Chapman.

LVHS students take first place in OotM World Tournament

The Loudoun Valley High School Odyssey of the Mind (OotM) team won first place at the OotM World Tournament held at Michigan State University in May. The team competed in the Technical Problem, Hide in Plain Sight category in the

COMMUNITY

competition.

“In the Hide in Plain Sight,” notes the competition, “Teams take a cue from nature ... where they create and build a team-made mechanical creature that hides in plain sight. “The creature will change its appearance three times to avoid being detected by a Searcher Character trying to find it.

“The way the creature changes will be different each time! The team will



create and present a performance where its creature gets into – or out of – various situations using this resourceful skill. In the end the creature will surprise everyone by changing its appearance a final time and reveal its true self.”

Odyssey of the Mind, which

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Randall delivers bold, economically-focused SOTC Address

BY ANDREA GAINES

In her annual State of the County Address May 22, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall (D-At Large) delivered a bold and aggressively pro-Loudoun speech, entitled “America, Meet Loudoun County.” She presented Loudoun as a place in charge of its future – particularly its growing economy.

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Said Randall, “We are no longer a bedroom community for Washington, D.C., but a county to be reckoned with, able to stand toe-to-toe, shoulder-to-shoulder, and side-by-side with other influential, growing, and thriving counties in our country.”

A tone of bi-partisanship

Randall first touched on the notion of bi-partisanship focusing on what she described as “the almost impossible idea” that she, as a Democratic woman, and Supervisor Ralph M. Buona (R-Ashburn), as a Republican man, might actually get some things accomplished together.

“On January 2nd, 2016, the current Board of Supervisors held a ceremonial swearing in,” said Randall. “That moment marked the first time in Loudoun’s recent history that Democrats and Republicans were sworn in together, signaling to all Loudoun citizens the elections were over, and we were committed to coming together to work for the good of all County residents.

“During my installation speech,” continued Randall, “I looked at the Supervisor from the Ashburn District and said to him, “If you and I can commit to working together during this term, we will be able to accomplish great things for our county and move us onto the national stage.”

Randall admitted she “wasn’t convinced” that she and Buona could work “across the aisle” without being seen as betraying their respective political parties. But, she said, they have been able to forge, “not just a working relationship, but eventually a lasting friendship” – that “almost impossible idea.”

Loudoun’s future

So, what does Loudoun County on that national stage look like?

“Loudoun’s strong economy is the reason we have been able to lower your property taxes year after year,” Randall said at one point.

But, while highlighting that success, she at the same time acknowledged the effect growth is having on the County’s increasingly urgent conservation efforts.

Recent Department of Agriculture reports show that Loudoun County is losing farmland at an increasingly fast rate – thousands of acres. The draft Comp Plan now being debated by the BOS includes Planning Commission recommendations that would nearly double the number of residential units allowed in the Transition Policy Area, greatly expand the amount of land available for data center development, and eliminate parts of the Rural Policy Area, transferring those lands to the TPA.

“While we are pleased that our rural economy has generated significant profits,” Randall said, “we continue to be concerned that, like the region and the country, Loudoun is losing precious farmland ... We have lost over 12,000 acres of farmland.”



High praise and stories of extreme hardship

As part of her remarks, Randall offered high praise for specific officials from the County Department of Economic Development and Visit Loudoun, as well as individuals working with her to help some of Loudoun County’s most disadvantaged communities.

Among those Randall praised were Buddy Rizer, head of Economic Development, Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet, and Visit Loudoun’s Beth Erickson.

Of Erickson, Randall said, “Beth Erickson’s team and the Visit Loudoun Board had the foresight to realize the rolling hills, beautiful vistas, and heritage farms of Western Loudoun could be home to D.C.’s Wine Country, spectacular wedding venues, vibrant breweries, unique farm-to-table restaurants, and a very profitable equine industry.” Here, Randall highlighted, also, what she described as “The brain trust that is Buddy and Beth,” referring to the “Take Loudoun Home” initiative, which encourages tourism and the purchase of made/grown-in-Loudoun-County products.

Randall, who has made lifting up many of Loudoun’s “least prioritized communities” a focus of her administration, also addressed situations in the historically black villages of Willisville, Saint Louis, and Howardsville, and a recent visit she had with a resident from Howardsville.

“Toward the end of the day,” related Randall, “I met a remarkable man whose family has lived in Howardsville for generations. The day I met Mr. Thomas Reid, affectionately known as ‘Bubbles,’ was

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BOS may consider removing Aldie fire station property from Historic District

As the Blue Ridge Leader & Loudoun Today was going to press this month, the proposed Aldie fire station was, once again, back on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors agenda.

GOVERNMENT Siting the 18,000+ square-foot fire and rescue station within the Village of Aldie has drawn strong and sustained opposition from local preservationists.

In February, the County Historic District Review Committee denied the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure's (DTCI) request to demolish an historic building in the village for the new station's construction. According to Historic District regulations, "The HDRC has the regulatory purview of any erection, reconstruction, alteration, moving, restoration, razing, or demolition of structures in any historic district."

DTCI has appealed that decision. Meanwhile an agenda item on the Board's June 4 Business Meeting calls for the "Initiation of Zoning Map Amendment for Removal of Certain County-Owned Property from the

Aldie Historic and Cultural Conservation District (Blue Ridge)," presumably referring to the portions of the proposed Aldie fire station site that lie within the Historic District.

A May 15 staff report notes that if DTCI's appeal were denied, it would have the option of revising its plans for the station, or finding a new location.

That same report notes that with respect to the Aldie property, the County has several options. "The Board may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the decisions of the HDRC," says the report, or "As owner of the property, the Board has the option of seeking a rezoning to withdraw the property from the Historic and Cultural Conservation District per Zoning Ordinance Section 6-1807.

"As owner, the Board may also offer the property for sale for a specified period of time and price, per Section 6-1906, after which period, if the property has not sold, the Board may resubmit the CAPP applications."

Purcellville water study reviews possible fixes, possible federal funds

BY VALERIE CURY

Jacobs Engineering presented an updated water resources study at Purcellville's May 28 Town

GOVERNMENT Council Work Session. Jacobs was working on the study for four months, based on 2018 projections, as an update to what it did 10 to 12 years ago. Such studies have important implications with respect to Town planning and growth projections. Council Member Joel Grewe requested that the study be completed.

Forty nine percent of the Town's surface water comes from the Hirst Reservoir, and 51 percent comes from five wells known as Main Street 1, Village Case, Cornwell, Forbes, Marsh, and Mountain View. The Town also has other wells currently not in use. The reservoir puts out approximately 300,000 gallons per

day, and the total sustainable capacity is approximately 632,400 gallons daily.

Using potential commercial build out, Town staff, along with Jacobs, calculated a projected anticipated water usage based on various properties in Town. In the draft report, the Town listed properties such as Crooked Run Orchard as mixed-use commercial, even though the entire property is in conservation easement. They also selected random residential properties and listed them either for redevelopment or mixed-use commercial. These potential inaccuracies are currently being reviewed so that revised numbers, as appropriate, become part of a final update.

Council member Nedim Ogelman said, "I am looking through the properties that are going to be developed. How did you deter-

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Walking for Water, and to bond with others

BY ANDREA GAINES

“When you participate in a walk,” says the non-profit group Walking for Water, “You are donating to the cause as well as bringing yourself closer to understanding what it is like for those who walk 20 miles a day for water.”

This is the extraordinary message resonating from the website Huskies Walking for Water, the Tuscarora High School Chapter of an organization called Walking for Water that works under the auspices of the Science National Honor Society (SNHS) at the school.

Walk for Water’s goal is to further awareness of a simple fact: hundreds of millions of people worldwide do not have easy access to safe, clean drinking water. And, they are here to provide the most basic of solutions to that problem; build wells in needy communities.

Thomas Klein has served as the secretary of the Science National Honor Society at Tuscarora High School for one year. He is also active in the Math Society, the Student Technology Association, and the marching band.

The honor society is partnering with Laguna Beach High School in California

through an organization called Wisdom Spring, the parent organization for Walking for Water founded by African native Sobonfu Some, and a woman named Susan Hough.

Tuscarora High School serves as the home school for Walking for Water on the east coast. Laguna Beach High School in California is the home school on the west coast. Over the past several years they have raised funds to put more than 29 wells in needy communities in West Africa and India.

According to Klein, Walking for Water was started by a student at Heritage High School. Klein himself has been active in the effort since 2018, when he joined the SNHS at Tuscarora.

“I find it astonishing,” said Klein, “that people sometimes complain about how their water tastes. But, I tell them ... you didn’t have to walk five miles for it!”

In 2016, the group facilitated the installation of wells in Burkina Faso in Africa. “Susan Hough and a group called Wisdom Spring makes trips over to these countries,” Klein said. “And, usually through word of mouth, find new places to help.” The wells themselves are drilled and built by a company specializing in this kind of construction.

The current project Klein is working



Students set off on their Walking for Water journey. T-shirts read “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others.” Dogs joined the cause.

on involves getting a well installed for a community in Sri Lanka. “Currently, we have made \$16,500 of the \$17,000 needed to build the well. There is a walk in Laguna Beach, California this Sunday, so we should receive more than enough to finish the well,” said Klein. (That walk took place, and, yes, the group raised the additional money needed to build the well in Sri Lanka.)

Klein will be attending Virginia Tech next year, majoring in aerospace engineering and physics. He likes the idea of using these high tech disciplines to help needy communities gain access to clean and dependable sources of water.

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Hillary's Herd – 'We can do hard things'

BY ANDREA GAINES

Motherhood, which starts with one of the most common occurrences on planet earth – the act of giving birth to a child – is full of rewards.

For most, those rewards are sprinkled as well with a fair share of heartbreak. But, for the unfortunate few, the heartbreak that comes with motherhood can challenge the very soul.

Such is the case with Loudoun County elementary school teacher Hillary Lindquist. Heartbreak you might not think you will survive but do; because that is who you are.

Lindquist underwent years of fertility treatments to have a child. But, when her dream of motherhood finally came true, on September 3, 2018, heartbreak came with it.

While giving birth, Lindquist suffered what is known as an amniotic fluid embolism – and a massive stroke – as she welcomed her baby girl Lucy into the world.

Doctors describe this kind of event – which occurs in only two to seven cases per 100,000 births – as a “catastrophic obstetric emergency,” where amniotic fluid enters the bloodstream, stressing heart and lungs to the breaking point.

Lucy, thank God, survived. After some amount of critical care, she left the hospital for home, and is developing normally.

But, Lindquist herself – whose future, everyone knew at that moment, was not guaranteed – went on to endure three separate hospital stays, and two long and intensive visits to a rehabilitation hospital.

Today, says good friend Meghan Vescovi, who met Hillary in her capacity as a speech-language pathologist, Lindquist is back home, moving through the heartbreak with a team of medical professionals who “have given her a chance at life with her daughter and husband Mike.”

But, “Hillary’s life has been forever altered by the stroke,” said Vescovi, and “She faces daily challenges with simple everyday tasks the rest of us take for granted.”

To Lindquist’s credit, Vescovi notes, “She continues to fight to regain skills and adjust to her new limitations with the same positivity and tenacity she demonstrated within her classroom.”

Life is a daily struggle. As Vescovi told us, Lindquist now “has a full time nurse with her. She has ramps in her house and a bedroom on the first floor.”

But, says Vescovi, Hillary also has a following. A following in the true sense of the word.

Not long after Lindquist suffered the embolism and stroke, “A story was circulated on Facebook by a blogger named Jen Hatmaker, detailing the unique bond among elephants in a herd,” said Vescovi.

“After an elephant gives birth, the herd joins in a circular formation to protect, celebrate, love, and support the mother and baby elephant. It is well known elephants are Hillary’s favorite animal, and so the timing of the article was surreal,” continued Vescovi. “This



story is a reminder that we will not turn away when life becomes difficult, and we instead, fall into formation.”

So, through it all, what does Hillary Lindquist want people to know about what she is experiencing, about all of the love that surrounds her, about what the outcome will be for herself, her husband Mike and her daughter Lucy? we asked Vescovi.

“Hillary wants people to know that ‘we can do hard things.’ She wants people to know that she is getting better and will never give up.”

Friends and family of Lindquist have fallen into formation in a non-profit organization called Hillary’s Herd.

The group is organizing a series of fundraising events and other activities to help Lindquist in her recovery and support the people closest to her. Friends, family, and supporters of the cause held a fundraiser at the Old 690 Brewing Company in early June, and it was a great success.

For more information go to the Hillary’s Herd website, www.HillarysHerd.com, or contact the group via email: hillarysherd1@gmail.com.



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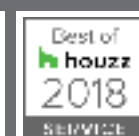
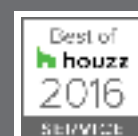
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Comstock's 'Young Women Leadership Program' Accepting Applications

No-Cost Summer Session Introduces Middle and High School Girls to Top Leaders in Key Career Fields

The Summer 2019 session of the "Young Women's Leadership Program," founded and led by former Virginia Congresswoman Barbara Comstock, is accepting applications from middle and high school girls. There is no charge to participate.

Nearly 2,000 young women from across the country have participated in the six-year-old, non-partisan program that introduces them to women in leadership positions in government, technology, philanthropy, business, and other fields.

The application deadline is June 18, and for more information go to BCLeader@gmu.edu.

This is the first year the "Young Women Leadership Program" has been hosted at the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. Comstock, who represented Virginia's 10th District for two terms, created the program when she was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates as a way to give young women opportunities to meet women in established leadership positions. "If you can see it, you can be it," Comstock said of the idea behind the program.

"The Schar School is proud to now host

this successful program that inspires young women to become future leaders in the Commonwealth and the nation," said Schar School Dean Mark J. Rozell.

"This non-partisan, career-oriented program is designed to teach young women about leadership and the wide range of careers they may pursue in government or the private sector," said Comstock. "I am thrilled that we can continue this program that we started six years ago and continue to inspire the next generation of female leaders to bring their intelligence, drive, and solutions to their chosen professions."

Comstock said the summer session kicks off in June at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., with an overview of women in elected office. Throughout the summer, the participants will have opportunities to participate in six to eight seminars that will introduce them to women leaders in a variety of careers in the public and private sectors.

"Young women will be able to learn about career opportunities in various fields, how to develop their leadership skills, how to identify their strengths and interests, and practice effective communication with others to help inform their future educational and career goals," Comstock said.

In the past, attendees met with the women leaders affiliated with Facebook, Google, the Northern Virginia Technology Council, Meet the Press, the Virginia House of Delegates, U.S. House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, NASA, national intelligence agencies, local law enforcement and military offices, medical institutions, and institutions of higher education.

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Traveling Players Ensemble camp begins this summer

The Traveling Players Ensemble trains actors in the DC metro region. Their programs are innovative, inclusive, and fun. Their mission, to bring great theatre into the great outdoors, means high school actors perform “Shakespeare in the Park” in Shenandoah National Park while backpacking on the Appalachian Trail. These actors don’t just create a show, but have adventures they will remember for the rest of their lives.

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The National Endowment for the Arts named Traveling Players one of the nation’s 25 Summer Schools in the Arts and recommends that others follow their comprehensive curriculum as a model. The Washington Post called them “a summer gem.” Artistic Director Jeanne Harrison has taught at Interlochen Center for the Arts, Folger Shakespeare Library, and various universities. By focusing on classical theatre (Shakespeare, Moliere, and Commedia dell’Arte), Traveling Players trains performers who are bold, resourceful, and skilled. It’s said that if you can act Shakespeare, you can act anything. If this is true, a summer at Traveling Players Ensemble trains you to act not just anything...but anywhere.

All the world is a stage, and this company travels with its oldest students. The tours perform all over Virginia and beyond, combining high-profile venues like Colonial Williamsburg and Lime Kiln Amphitheater with state parks, summer camps, retirement homes, and children’s hospitals, giving the actors unforgettable

experiences – and community service hours.

Traveling Players specializes in the immersive experience, which is when transformations happen. Working in small ensembles of only 13 students, a trio of directors stage a classic, supported by a design team. Directors craft their rehearsals around their cast to ensure they build skills both on stage and off. The ensemble nature of the program allows students to practice life skills that will allow them to be successful no matter what career route they ultimately choose.

The camp offers a range of programs for grades 3 to 12. Their High School Ensemble is a four-week program that teaches students the ins and outs of Shakespeare. This year, they will produce *Much Ado About Nothing*, one of the bard’s most iconic comedies. Their Middle School Ensemble performs hilarious farces by the French playwright Molière, filled with colorful characters, lightning wit, and slapstick physical humor.

Local to the DC metro area, its day camp is in residence at The Madeira School in McLean. Transportation is included in tuition. Campers are picked up and dropped off behind Dulles Town Center, at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. respectively.

Once a week the actors pitch tents, cook over an open fire, and sleep under the stars. Whether bonding over s’mores or bringing 400-year-old Shakespearean stories to life, friendships are kindled, confidence nurtured, and actors transformed.

Visit www.travelingplayers.org, call 703 987-1712, or email info@travelingplayers.org.

Local antique shop wins Best of Virginia survey

Baileywyck, the long-time but ever-new antique shop located in the Village of The Plains, has won Best Antique Shop in Virginia Living Magazine’s annual reader survey.

Owner Lisa Vella has made this shop into what she herself describes as “one of the area’s most surprising antique destinations.” For Vella, the presentation – or merchandising – of the exquisite items

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in her shop is part of what makes a visit to Baileywyck so amazing. Per the Baileywyck website, Vella sees her collection as representing pieces and things “that have stood the test of time.” At the same time, Baileywyck is clearly all about what it might be like to have that rug, or piece of furniture, or art, or lighting in your very own home.

The shop’s 4,600 sq. ft. gallery features traditional antiques such as tables, chairs, cabinets, and armoires, statuary and other things for the garden, architectural elements, and lighting. It also carries exquisite textiles, equestrian items, and artwork.

The shop’s “Et Cetera” collection carries what the Baileywyck website describes as “Objets d’Art, Collectibles, Decorative Arts, Curios, and Objets de Vertu.”

And, a special gallery in the shop features the work of New York City artist Brookie Maxwell.

Baileywyck is located at 4274 Loudoun Avenue in The Plains, www.BaileywyckAntiques.com, 540 687-6097.

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Excursion to Makersmiths Monday, June 10, 12:45 p.m.-1:45 p.m. (Ages 55 & up) See what creative and innovative talent and equipment like arts, crafts, woodworking, metalworking, electronics, 3D printing, laser cutting, are available. Must pre-register.

Carver Center Advisory Board Meeting Tuesday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Ages 18 & up) Non-board members welcomed.

Carver Supper Club Thursday, June 13, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. \$6.00 transportation fee (plus your dinner fee and tip). (Ages 18 & up) Violino's Ristorante Italiano, Winchester. Must pre-register.

Father's Day Friday, June 14, 10 a.m.-11:45 a.m. (Ages 55 & up) Join us for a memorable Father's Day Fishing Trip to Franklin Park! Rods, bait and instruction provided. Must pre-register.

Senior-Debutante Ball Thursday, June 20, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Ages 55 & up) The National League of Junior Cotillions will be hosting you for their annual Senior-Debutante Ball. Indulge in an afternoon of tasty treats, dancing, games and special treatment.

Carver Lunch Bunch Friday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. \$2.00 transportation fee (plus your lunch fee and tip) (Ages 55 & up) Travinia Italian Kitchen, Leesburg. Must pre-register.

Intermediate Watercolor Wednesdays, June 5-June 26, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Ages 55 & up) Must pre-register.

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Drawing Class Mondays, July 1-July 22, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. (Ages 55 & up) Must pre-register.

Decluttering for seniors Wednesdays, June 12-August 14, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. (Ages 55 & up) Declutter your home and your life. Must pre-register.

Historic Upperville Colt & Horse Show celebrates 166th anniversary this June

The Upperville Colt & Horse Show was founded in 1853 and is the longest running horse show in the United States. The show is held in picturesque Upperville, at the Grafton and Salem Farm showgrounds from June 3 to 9. This seven-day event has been regarded as a boutique attraction and a fixture on the schedules of Virginia locals as well as world-class equestrians for over a century.

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It is rooted in tradition and community. For 166 years, this historic event has hosted top national and international athletes for elite competition. Ranging from show jumping to sidesaddle to racing Jack Russell Terriers and so much more, this is a iconic event for competitors and spectators alike.

The highlight event, the \$208,200 Upperville Jumper Classic CSI4*, presented by Lugano Diamonds, will conclude the 166th edition of the Upperville Colt & Horse Show on Sunday, June 9. Other feature classes throughout the week will include the \$30,000 Upperville National Grand Prix, presented by the Palm Beach Masters Series, on Thursday, June 6, the \$71,200 Welcome Stakes CSI4*, presented by the World Equestrian Center, on Friday, June 7, and the \$35,700 Upperville Speed Stakes CSI4*, presented by GW & Wade, and \$25,000 USHJA International Hunter Derby, sponsored by Salamander Resort & Spa, on Saturday, June 8.

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All for the Union – the little-known history of Virginia’s first female journalists

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Lida, Lizzie and Sarah were pro-Union women living in Confederate Virginia. Their town of Waterford saw skirmishes, battles and Confederate foragers, as well as a Union burning raid. As Quakers, the three were well educated and encouraged to think for themselves. Although pacifist, they watched their brothers and husbands join the Union Army one by one. Lida, Lizzie and Sarah

wanted to do more than just survive their circumstances and in 1863 decided to write a newspaper to boost Union soldiers’ morale and raise funds for Soldier’s Aid.

All for the Union’s cast includes veteran performers such as regional theatre actor Suzy Alden, and Phil Erickson who received 2012 DC Metro Theatre Arts “Best Actor in a Musical” honors. This is the second time a McMath play has appeared at the Capital Fringe Festival: the first was in 2010 with her contemporary play, Case 22, which received critical acclaim.

Details:

- The Capital Fringe Festival:

July 14, 16, 20, 25, and 26

Christ United Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, Washington, DC.

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- Historic Aldie Mill:

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Historic Aldie Mill, 39401 John Mosby Hwy, Aldie VA (2 mi. east of Middleburg). Tickets are currently on sale through the Run Rabbit Run Theatre website at www.eventbrite.com/e/all-for-the-union-tickets-62312089136.

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Loudoun Preservation Society grants cycle opens, deadline is July 31

The Loudoun Preservation Society has announced the start of its 2019 historic preservation grants cycle.

LPS grants have helped to promote historic preservation, rehabilitation, and educational projects conducted by dozens of organizations on dozens of historic properties. Approximately \$800,000 has been awarded in recent years.

Non-profit and government organizations located in Loudoun County are invited to apply. Projects eligible

for consideration include, but are not limited to: restoration and preservation; conservation of artifacts in museum collections; historical, architectural, or archaeological research of a particular structure, property, site, or district; and, scholarly research conducted on Loudoun County’s architectural or cultural history.

All applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 31. To receive an application form please visit www.preserveloudoun.org/Programs/LPS_Grant_Application.pdf, or email lpgrants2019@gmail.com.

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Owen receives Eagle

Alex Owen received his Eagle Scout Award on Sunday May 19 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Owen is a student at Woodgrove High School where he played varsity basketball, becoming the second highest scorer in Woodgrove history. He is a member of National Honor Society, and is a black belt in Taekwondo. He will be attending James Madison University in the fall to study accounting.

Owen is a founding member of Troop 39 in Purcellville. His Eagle project was done at Round Hill Methodist Church and he provided a stone walkway for the vegetable garden that is used by the church to feed the hungry in Loudoun County. The new stone walkway allowed for easier caretaker access to the plant beds as rains and irrigation would tend to muddy the pathways to the beds.



Gutshall makes Eagle

June 2, Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser declares June 3 William Bryce Gutshall day throughout the Town of Purcellville. Gutshall constructed and installed five handicap and landscape friendly slat benches and signs along a community walking Path at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.



Burke attains Eagle

Thomas Edward Burke received his Eagle Scout at the end of May. The ceremony took place at St. Peters in Purcellville. He designed and built an archery range for Camp Wamava, a Church of Christ youth camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.



Cironi starts med school in August

Katherine Cironi will start Medical school at Tulane University in August 2019. Cironi is a 2014 graduate of Woodgrove High School and a 2018 graduate of Virginia Tech, where she graduated Summa Cum Laude and majored in Bio-Chem. She worked as

a Med Tech for Inova Loudoun for the past several years and in cancer research for the National Institutes of Health. Currently she is a case examiner for Vanda Pharmaceuticals in Washington DC. Cironi is the daughter of Louis and Elizabeth Cironi of Hamilton.

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Spencer Toohill signs with Bulldogs

Spencer Toohill of Round Hill, has signed a national letter of intent to join the University of Georgia's equestrian team for the 2019-2020 season, head coach Meghan Boenig announced.

"Spencer comes to Georgia with a ton of experience under her belt in many arenas," Georgia assistant coach Anna Becker said. "She competes at the top level of our sport in both equitation and hunters, and continues to achieve great things in and out of the classroom. Spencer's dedication to her academics, as well as

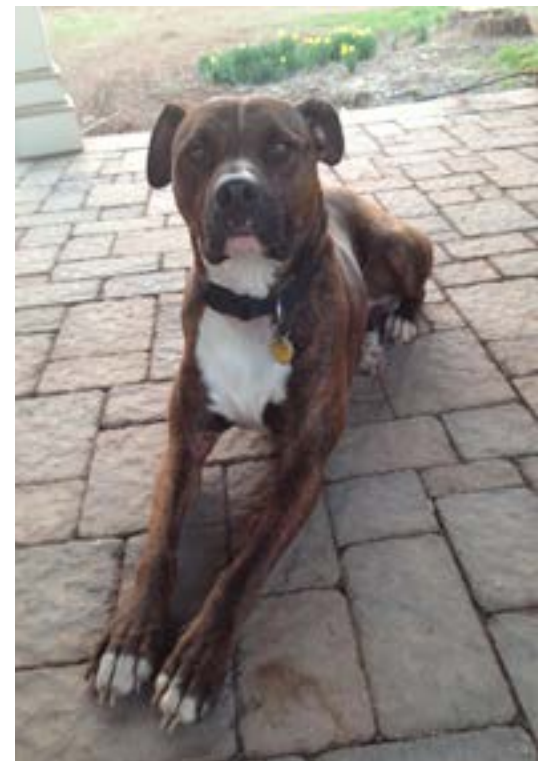
riding, shows us that she will do great things here at Georgia. We look forward to her impact this fall!"

Said Toohill, "It's so amazing to have achieved one of my biggest goals in this sport, it feels like all the hard work has paid off."



Toohill is graduating in the top 5 percent of her high school class and has maintained honors throughout her high school career. In 2018, Toohill won the Maryland Horse Show Association Hunt Seat Medal Finals. Recently she spent the winter in Wellington,

Florida working and showing with some of the top trainers in the country. She was named VHSA and MHSA Champion and Grand Champion in the Large Green Pony division. She is also a Hunterdon Cup and Maclay Regionals Qualifier.



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In the Draft Loudoun County 2019
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Third Annual "Pints for Paws" June 23

The Loudoun Community Cat Coalition (LC3) is inviting the public to attend its Third Annual Pints for Paws fundraiser June 23, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Vanish Farmwoods Brewery in Leesburg.

Live music for the event will be provided by "The Virginia Hipnecks."

WINC FM radio will broadcast live from the event from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., and guests can take a turn at the WINC prize wheel.

Sponsors for the event include Towne Animal Clinic, Happy Pets Petsitting, and Tuscarora Mill Restaurant.

Tickets are \$30 per person at the door with early bird pricing of \$25 available via LC3's website and Facebook page.

Guests at the event will receive a commemorative pint glass, a raffle ticket, and one complimentary drink ticket.

Additional raffle tickets for a variety of valuable prize baskets will be available for purchase along with the collectible pint glasses.

Vendor Village will be hosted through the organization Artisans of Loudoun, individual artisans of which will be on-hand selling their unique wares.

Fresh smoked BBQ, wood-fired oven baked pizza, and craft-beer tastings

will be offered by Vanish Brewery.

Best of all ... one hundred percent of benefits go to the Loudoun Community Cat Coalition's "Trap/Neuter/Return" and kitten adoption.

LC3 is a local 501 (c) (3) non-profit that works with individuals, local businesses, rescue organizations, and government agencies to help manage cat and kitten populations and provide on-going care for community cats.

Since 2015, LC3 has hosted nineteen mass spay/neuter clinics and assisted close to 2,000 community cats and kittens. LC3 also offers outreach programs to educate and train people to help care for outdoor cats.

Sponsor opportunities and vendor spots for "Pints for Paws" are still available. Inquiries regarding sponsorship or vendor information should be sent to info@loudouncommunitycats.org. To request Trap/Neuter/Return assistance, make a donation, and/or volunteer to help with their mission to provide humane care for community cats, go to www.LoudounCommunityCats.org.

Vanish Farmwoods Brewery is located at 42245 Black Hops Lane in Leesburg.

High school grads breathe a sigh of relief

Loudoun County high school students will breathe a sigh of relief this month as they mark their release from their studies and launch themselves into the world – for whatever they have planned.

Summarized below is the County's high school graduation schedule, with date, times and location. For more information visit www.LCPS.org.

- **Academies of Loudoun AOS Program**, 7 p.m. Monday, June 3, Academies of Loudoun
- **Briar Woods High School**, 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, EagleBank Arena, George Mason University
- **Broad Run High School**, 7 p.m. Sunday, June 9, EagleBank Arena, George Mason University
- **John Champe High School**, 9 a.m. Tues., June 11, John Champe High School
- **Dominion High School**, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9, Dominion High School
- **Freedom High School**, 2 p.m. Sunday, June 9, EagleBank Arena, George Mason University
- **Heritage High School**, 7:30 p.m. Mon., June 10, Heritage High School
- **Loudoun County High School**, 8 a.m. Monday, June 10, Loudoun County High School
- **Loudoun Valley High School**, 9 a.m. Monday, June 10, Loudoun Valley High School
- **Park View High School**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, EagleBank Arena, George Mason University
- **Potomac Falls High School**, 9 a.m. Monday, June 10, Potomac Falls High School
- **Riverside High School**, 8 a.m. Tues., June 11, Riverside High School
- **Rock Ridge High School**, 7 p.m. Mon., June 10, Rock Ridge High School
- **Stone Bridge High School**, 10 a.m. Sunday, June 9, EagleBank Arena, George Mason University
- **Tuscarora High School**, 8 a.m. Tues., June 11, Tuscarora High School
- **Woodgrove High School**, 8 a.m. Tues., June 11, Woodgrove High School

Purcellville Arts Council call to local artists

Arts in the Garden at the Purcellville Wine and Food Festival

The Purcellville Arts Council is seeking local artists to demonstrate en plein air for “Arts in the Garden” during the Purcellville Wine and Food Festival on Saturday, July 13. The Purcellville Arts Council is looking for four artists per 2-hour block from 2 to 8 p.m. The festival is held outdoors at Dillon’s Woods. Participating artists are responsible for bringing all their supplies (including materials, table, chair, and tent). Volunteers will be available to help get supplies to and from the area. The application to participate is online, located on the Purcellville Arts Council page of the Town’s website. The information is as follows:

- The deadline for entries is July 5, 2019 at 5 p.m.
- There is no vendor fee.
- Artists may bring up to 4 pieces of art to show while they are demonstrating.
- Artists may not have their art for sale in this area.
- The primary purpose is for art demonstrations.
- Artists may sign up for more than one block of time.
- The final schedule will be determined by the Purcellville Arts Council and Town staff; it will be provided to participating artists the week of the festival.
- Artists should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled start time to allow for set up.
- Submission of work for this exhibit will be construed as acceptance of all conditions, including using photos and information to promote Arts in the Garden on the festival website and on social media.
- Artists are responsible for insuring their own work. No individual or entity connected with the exhibit will be responsible for loss or damage, regardless of the cause.
- The festival is outside; artists will need to be prepared to be outside and provide their own table, chairs, and tent.
- If you have questions, please contact Amie Ware at aware@purcellvilleva.gov.

For more information, visit www.PurcellvilleWineAndFood.com and follow the Purcellville Wine and Food Festival on Facebook.

Schedule for Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services

Inova Loudoun Hospital Mobile Health Services schedule – during the month of June. For further information call 703 858-8818 or visit www.inova.org/mobilehealth:

- Saturday, June 1, noon – 10 p.m. Relay for Life, Villages of Leesburg, 1602 Village Market Blvd., Leesburg. First Aid & Cooling Bus.
- Sunday, June 2, 8 – 10 a.m. Superhero 5K & Fun Run, Riverside High School, 19019 Upper Belmont Place, Leesburg, First Aid & Cooling Bus.
- Monday, June 3, 10 a.m. – noon. Madison House, 25 Monroe Street, Leesburg, BP Screenings.
- Tuesday, June 4, 9 a.m. – noon. Dulles South Multipurpose Center, 24950 Riding Center Dr., South Riding, BP Screenings.
- Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. – noon. Leesburg Senior Center, 102 North St. North West, Leesburg. BP Screenings.
- Saturday, June 8, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Safe Sitter, Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg.
- Saturday, June 8, 8 – 11 a.m. Team Mathias 5K, Evergreen SportsPlex, 19623 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. First Aid & Cooling Bus.
- Tuesday, June 11, 9 a.m. – noon Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. BP Screenings.
- Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m. – noon WaltonWood, 44141 Russell Branch Parkway, Ashburn. BP Screenings.
- Monday, June 17, 9 – 11 a.m. William Watters House, 22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling. BP Screenings.
- Wednesday, June 19, 10 a.m. – noon Wingler House, 30900 Runnymede Terrace, Ashburn. BP Screenings.
- Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. – noon Lovettsville Community Center, 57 East Broad Way, Lovettsville. BP Screenings.
- Tuesday, June 25, 9 a.m. – noon Cascades Senior Center, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. BP Screenings.
- Thursday, June 27, 10 a.m. – noon Carver Center, 200 E Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville. BP Screenings.

Celebrating the Appalachian Trail in Round Hill

Family-friendly festival on June 15

Expect a day of live music, trail talks, kids’ activities, food and more at the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Festival on June 15.

At this free, family-friendly event, the public is invited to celebrate outdoor opportunities in the area. The festival, to be hosted at Round Hill’s B Chord Brewing, will encourage everyone to responsibly enjoy the Appalachian Trail and other natural resources all year long.

The celebration opens at 11 a.m. with recognition of the town’s AT Community designation by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. There will be bands, an old-time music jam, vendors, fun activities, speakers and equipment demonstrations – in addition to a scavenger hunt, with prizes, aimed at familiarizing festivalgoers with the work of some amazing non-profit organizations.

Groups taking part in the festival include the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy, Friends of the Blue Ridge,

Piedmont Environmental Council, Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, Virginia Master Naturalists and the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

Festival attendees will enjoy a day of Americana music:

- Noon Gina Furtado Project Celtic jam session
- 1:45 Justin Trawick & the Common Good
- 2:45 Old-Time jam session
- 3:30 Short Hill Mountain Boys



The festival will also be a chance for Appalachian Trail hikers to meet the local community.

The festival is free to the public, thanks to the generosity of sponsors including Meadows Farms Nurseries & Landscape, Friends of the Blue Ridge, H2 Land Company, Northwest Federal Credit Union and the Town of Round Hill.

Find more information on the Round Hill Appalachian Trail Festival website, www.roundhillat.org.

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Savage to run for Loudoun County School Board At-Large seat

Kenya A. Savage is a candidate for the Loudoun County School Board, At-Large District Seat Representative.

She has lived with her husband and family in Loudoun County since 2005. She has a son who graduated from Freedom High School, a son at John Champe High School, and a son at J. Michael Lunsford Middle School. She has worked as a National Security Professional at the Booz Allen Hamilton consulting firm for almost 21 years, where she is responsible for managing delivery of mission assurance and information (IT) resiliency services to U.S. Government clients.

Savage graduated from Morgan State University, in Baltimore Maryland.

She describes her purpose in running for School Board as “a need that is unfulfilled and a calling, if not me then who, and if not now than when!”

She describes herself as “a Christian,

a wife, a mother, a daughter, sister, niece, cousin, Sunday school teacher, and friend.”

Kenya A. Savage has announced her run for the Loudoun County School Board, At-Large District Seat Representative.

“Since my initial run in 2015 for the Dulles District, Loudoun County School Board Representative Seat,” said Savage, “I remain a trusted voice, leader, and advocate in our community for our students, teachers, and our schools. I am gladden when asked to share and contribute to ‘on the record’ discussions and conversations that influence and impact student achievement, student opportunities, and teacher trainings and hiring practices.”

Savage sits on number of boards, commissions, and non-profit organizations across the County, allowing her, in her own words, “To connect County and community needs

to schools and identify where overlaps can be more synchronized for our students and families.”

On the issue of education, and what students of all kinds need, Savage says this:

“I continue to advocate for all our students who have unique learning abilities, where differentiated instruction remains critical to their success.

“This matter continues to be debated in special subcommittees; however, recommendations for isolation and seclusion does not bode well for an inviting and inclusive educational experience for our students.

“Through training and other professional development opportunities, our teachers will be more equipped and confident in their interactions to reach and connect with students who have or [are] perceived to have challenging behaviors. Our teachers must be postured and



positioned to be world-class teachers, and as a District we need to do more for our teachers to not only keep them in Loudoun; but also, [to] enable them to be great teachers for our students and for themselves.”

For more information on the Savage campaign, follow her on Facebook at Elect Kenya Savage, and at Friends of Kenya A. Savage, www.electkenyasavage.com.

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4th Annual
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August 10th
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Comp Plan input on the contention that Loudoun faces a housing crisis; and it is those two constituencies driving the growth debate, not the public.

Schwartz made the point in a recent editorial that on a regional basis, the Washington Metro Area has the capacity to fit another 100,000 households inside the Beltway. In other words, if there is a housing crisis, why is it just Loudoun County that needs to pick up the slack.

6,800 new residential units in the TPA

In a dizzying set of gatherings following the public hearings held on April 24 and April 27 – including six Comp Plan Work Sessions – May saw the Transition Policy Area as the continued target of thousands of new residential units.

Under the current Comp Plan, the TPA is already approved for 29,000 new residential units. The PC has proposed that number be increased to 56,000 new residential units, nearly doubling the TPA's residential growth.

During the May 20 BOS Work Session, the Board suggested that the County might reduce that increase to 6,800 new residential units. But, that would still mean that the TPA would grow dramatically.

BOS Chair Phyllis Randall (D-At Large) has stated on numerous occasions that she is committed to protecting the TPA. But, so far, her votes on the issue suggest that she will limit protections in the TPA in exchange for the additional housing that she wants.

And, as reflected in comments by BOS Vice Chair Ralph M. Buona (R-Ashburn), during the May 29 Work Session, many Supervisors believe that the only way to get to more affordable housing is to build more residential units.

Take farmland and put it in the TPA.

The Board has voted to adopt the PC's recommendation to take hundreds and hundreds of acres of rural land near Leesburg and put it in the TPA.

Supporters of Loudoun's agricultural economy in particular, have protested this action, as it is the first time ever that the BOS has cut into the County's valuable farmland stocks in such a permanent way. Farmland lost is farmland lost forever, they say.

The PC had recommended that the area be zoned for both residential and light industrial. The Supervisors changed that to provide for residential development only in the area, with a 50 percent open space requirement. But, still, intense development won the day as the BOS ushered in a mix of duplexes, triplexes, quadruplexes, and single-family homes on what is now rural land.

Trying to look on the bright side of the issue, Director of Planning and

Zoning Alaina Ray said that this decision would allow for a high-density core "not obvious from the outside."

But, Supervisor Matthew F. Letourneau (R-Dulles), who has been very critical of those trying to block the RPA/TPA switch, was having none of that sentiment on May 29.

The Leesburg Town Council had asked the BOS to delay a vote on moving rural lands into the TPA to "give the Town and the County additional time to consider the potential impacts of the planning designation on those two land bays which are of great concern for the Council."

In his opening comments on May 29, Letourneau was more than blunt in his attitude towards a delay.

In a reference to the Envision Loudoun Stakeholder's Committee same recommendation made in May 2018, he said, "Look. I understand that people have positions on these things. But, let's not play games. It has been well known for a very long period of time what was being recommended. The notion that suddenly there needs to be more time to analyze something ... is a little hard to take."

Symbolic vote

On May 29, the BOS passed a motion to "permit no further expansion of the boundaries of the Transition Policy Area beyond the adoption of the Loudoun 2019 Comprehensive Plan."

In making the motion, Randall noted that, at some point, making the TPA larger – i.e. taking lands from the RPA – would prevent the area from acting as a buffer between the east and the west – "the specific thing that it's meant to do," she said.

But, Randall said, "In the future, we don't have to keep going down this track if we can at least put some language in place to encourage that to not happen in the future."

No member of the BOS appears to believe that votes such as this, which carry no real legal weight, will prevent a future Board from transferring more rural lands to the TPA, or even eliminating the TPA altogether.

Final Work Sessions in early June

As the Comp Plan process enters its final weeks, the Board is also signaling that it is ready for closure, whatever that might look like.

On May 29, following up on a question from the Board as to how many meetings, public input sessions, and more had gone into the Envision Loudoun process and the Board's review of the draft Comp Plan, Director Ray said: "We do mark a milestone tonight. This is our one-hundredth meeting on the Comprehensive Plan."

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page says she ‘develops data-driven housing needs assessments ... to support the development of housing ...’ She claimed Loudoun has an unmet need of 60,000 more houses.”

Patton interrupted the Chinese ancient, “That’s not even subtle. Why on earth did the government get trapped into a biased study?”

Sun Tzu continued, “The realtors got a lot of publicity for the report; and even today, some Supervisors cite that 60,000 number. Citizens do not want these houses, and the Board of Supervisors never answers the fundamental question: Just how big should Loudoun become? They need a new Comprehensive Plan to guide the County through 2040. That created tension: Developers wanted to build much more housing, and build it anywhere. The preservationists wanted to stop them.”

“That staged for battle,” Patton said. “There were a series of ‘Envision Loudoun’ public hearings. Citizens were in high dudgeon. Their angry comments were recorded, but someone grouped and labelled them falsely. A developer-dominated group called the Stakeholders Committee wrote the first draft, to great public outcry. That report went to the County’s Planning Commission.”

“I don’t think you like their Planning Commissioners, George,” Sun Tzu chuckled.

“Let me count the ways ...” Patton began. “Perhaps my 4th Armored Division could handle them in one salvo. Loudoun would be better off.”

Sun Tzu said, “George, there was another bogus demand from the developers. Quite brilliant. They turned the debate to ‘affordable housing,’ using tearjerkers like ‘our teachers can’t afford to live here. Our children can’t afford to move back here after college. Yada, yada, yada.’”

“I always thought of you as Yoda, not yada,” George Patton quipped.

Sun Tzu ignored the jape. “Developers said that if they could build more houses, the law of supply

and demand would apply, and magically, housing would become more affordable. That has two problems. First, I think supply and demand theories don’t apply to new housing in Loudoun. Think about Rolexes or German luxury cars – their high prices make them more appealing to many people. Second, if developers are right and the new houses reduce overall housing costs in the County, that would erase millions and millions of equity in the homes of people who live here now.”

It was Patton’s turn. “Here’s where I think the battle stands. The County planning staff has rewritten the Planning Commission’s plan, which one newspaper said should be dropped into the shredder! Staff’s newest plan probably came after a ‘suggestion’ by Supervisors, who had been confronted by hundreds of angry citizens. Conservationists say it’s better but not perfect. “Developers have been quiet, but I imagine they are dangling campaign contributions in front of key Supervisors. There’s a November election, so some politicians may be willing to play ball. Also, some Supervisors feel they must pass a plan soon or the voters will be angry.”

“In my opinion,” said Sun Tzu, “Voters would give Supervisors great credit if they admit the process and the proposed plan are bad, dump it, and start over. Machiavelli would have known if that would work, but he was a politician and philosopher, not a commander, so he lies somewhere down there.” He pointed to Earth.

Patton observed, “The Board of Supervisors is supposed to vote on the staff’s plan on June 20. The developers will fight, though behind the scenes. The conservationists must continue pressuring the Board with internet mails and letters.”

Sun Tzu had a mild suggestion, “George, I believe they are called ‘emails.’”

Charles Houston developed office buildings in Atlanta, and has lived in Paeonian Springs for more than 20 years.

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perhaps my hardest day as County Chair. Walking through the hamlet of Howardsville, I was humbled to come face-to-face with a small community of African-Americans who have been part of the greatness that is our county but whose stories have not been told, nor have they realized the rewards of living in a wealthy county.”

Reid “had no running water or bathroom facilities. No way to wash his clothes, to take a shower, or even just to get a drink of water,” said Randall. She then described new County efforts to bring a modern wastewater treatment system to his community.

Other individuals recognized by Chair Randall included the staff and leadership of the County’s library system, and the staff, leadership, and members of the law enforcement community.

“One of the other gems of our County, receiving more national recognition than almost any other department, is our Loudoun County Public Library,” Randall said.

And, with respect to law enforcement, Randall said this: “Loudoun, all too often when we talk

about law enforcement, it’s in response to a negative story with an unfortunate outcome ... In Loudoun, we are fortunate to have an officer who has created a program that could be a model for the country. Deputy First Class Officer Christina Evans, a 19-year veteran of the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Office, developed the ‘project first responders program,’ realizing that people who may be on the autism spectrum can be more vulnerable during an emergency situation where law enforcement is present, deputy Evans worked in concert with Loudoun County Public Schools, in order to educate emergency responders in identifying students with autism to successfully manage an emergency situation.”

Randall also recognized Loudoun County’s participation in the Solarize NoVA Program, and congratulated The Loudoun County Public School System on its 96 percent on-time graduation rate.

In one particularly touching moment, Randall recognized Alana Andrews and Allisyn Lam, two young women making the country and the world a better place with their talents and volunteerism.

50 YEARS OF LOVE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

June 21, to August 10.

Entitled 50 Years of Love, the campaign has inspired “Summer of Love” events all across the state, including here in Loudoun County.

These include a Woodstock in the Gap event at the Old Stone School in Hillsboro, a screening of the original Love Bug movie – with a companion VW Car Rally – in Lovettsville, Flower Power Crown Crafting in Waterford, and others.

For more information on local Virginia is for Lovers celebrations go to www.VisitLoudoun.com.

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proposed in the current draft Comp Plan would address affordable housing, focusing instead on “what works.” This includes what is known as Section 8 housing – specific provisions of which include the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Both provide support for vulnerable populations including seniors and low-income individuals.

In his address Kaine acknowledged that today’s political climate in Washington does not bode well for the increased funding he believes housing support programs at the federal level need. One answer to that, according to Kaine is to model the programs that have worked at the federal level and encourage them to be adopted at the state level.

Per a press release issued by Kaine’s office in advance of his meeting with Fairfax County Now or Never students, the Senator reiterated his support for universal background checks legislation at the federal level. Kaine is known as a major supporter of universal background checks and other gun control measures as a member of the United States Senate.

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She then noted that the Stakeholders Committee had held 35 full meetings and 21 subcommittee meetings; the Planning Commission, 20 meetings, including a joint session with COLT, the Coalition of Loudoun Towns, and one public hearing; the Board of Supervisors has held seven meetings so far in its review of the draft Comp Plan.

Ray also said that since Nov. 7, 2016, when the Envision Loudoun process started, the County had held 17 public input workshops.

The BOS will hold a series of meetings between now and the third week in June, when it is scheduled to vote on a final plan.



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to stop, take in the view, and maybe, stay a while.

In an interview with Mayor Vance and Vice Mayor Amy Marasco, the Blue Ridge Leader was briefed on what is known as Hillsboro's "Reclaiming Main Street" project, recently rechristened as "ReThink9," and the new water and sewer projects that will be completed at the same time.

The contract for the drinking water project was signed on May 23 with representatives of Shirley Contracting, the company that will be doing the work. The larger road project is currently out for bids, with a contract to be awarded this summer.

Heavily invested in finding a solution to Hillsboro's traffic problem for years now, Vance describes the Town's main street – Rt. 9 – as a major commuter thoroughfare with a "desperate" traffic situation.

More than 17,000 vehicles move through Hillsboro every day, turning a town known for its beautiful historic buildings, country stores, antique shops, and charming, street-level gardens into something people zip through without a thought.

And, while struggling with the menacing traffic, the Town's water system, flowing in and around and sometimes under Rt. 9, no longer meets state standards. And, there is no modern sewer system, with many aging private systems, and no replacement possible.

Solving the seemingly intractable and costly problems, according to

Vance, ultimately required completely "rethinking" Rt. 9, and looking at the high volume of traffic moving through town as a potential asset – filled with commuters who might want to stop in for a cup of coffee on their way to work, busy parents needing to pick up something for dinner, business people who might meet up with a colleague for lunch, tourists looking for a place to stop and rest, visit an historic site, or take in a bit of antiquing.

With that mindset, Vance, working with Vice Mayor Marasco, his Town Council, and others, began a conscious campaign to "change the environment" on main street and in the Town to make it better for everyone. And, they reasoned – making the case to anyone who would listen – why not build the infrastructure needed for a new Town water and sewer system at the same time, minimizing the costs and disruptions that come with any kind of construction work. With regards to roadwork, features to be added include traditional traffic calming measures such as roundabouts, pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and crosswalks, safe on-street parking and extensive streetscaping – including reestablishing a tree canopy

Where needed, new stonewalls will be built to blend in with the many historically significant walls already here, and spaces for public art displays are being planned. In addition, a town-wide multi-use path system will make everything more accessible to residents and visitors alike.

Everything possible will be done

to help revitalize and support the businesses already here, and attract new businesses looking to support the burgeoning agri-tourism surrounding Hillsboro, and take advantage of those 17,000 vehicles moving through town – now at a slower pace.

Hillsboro has been operating under a Commonwealth of Virginia consent order to disconnect from the Town's spring, and upgrade its water system. So, at the same time the road work moves forward, the old Hilltom Spring water source will be replaced with a new Town well, storage tanks, and distribution system.

According to Vance, the new water source will be online this fall. To address the other public health issue, a low-pressure sewer force main will be installed under Rt. 9 as part of the road project.

"The entire town is on private septic at this time," said Vance. "Although an ultimate wastewater treatment solution is yet to be determined, this is an effort to prepare for the future, to transition to a community wastewater system."

Importantly, as part of the road construction, all utilities will be placed underground, Vance noted, preserving and enhancing the historic character of Hillsboro.

Funding for the road, water, and sewer projects has come from a variety of sources, including Federal Highway and Loudoun Capital Improvement Project (CIP) monies, VDOT, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, and the Virginia Department of Health.

According to Vance, "by ensuring concurrent construction of all three projects," Hillsboro will avoid the redundant work and repair work necessitated, when, for example, a road goes in and then needs to be dug up for new water lines. He estimates this approach is saving several million dollars in both design and construction. And, Hillsboro, said Vance, retains control over everything as the official project manager.

Mayor Vance said, "ReThink9 is the answer to the question: How do we make the town sustainable, and support preservation of surrounding agricultural areas – which is the essential context for the town. What we are ultimately trying to do is to preserve a piece of American history that has survived virtually unchanged. Something that looks perfectly in place."

Vice Mayor Marasco has supported Vance's enthusiasm for the project the whole way. "We want to promote Hillsboro as a destination, and a hub for this fantastic region of wineries, vineyards, farm breweries, B&Bs, and recreation," she said. Referring to Hillsboro's location – nestled in the gap of the Short Hill Mountains – and its 18th Century name, "The Gap," she added, "We are brainstorming at every opportunity and doing everything we can to promote what we are calling 'The Fruits of The Gap.'"

"We're not just a place, as the mayor has said, that people drive by on their way to work. We are doing everything we can to advance the ReThink9 concept."

RON MEYER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

wide publicly accessible park (which will preserve it forever), agreed to build a tree wall along Sycolin and the Greenway, and agreed to the toughest design standards in the region. While I agree the use is far from ideal, as we now know from the Comprehensive Plan, we can draw the line for industrial to go no more west or south than Sycolin and the Greenway – and that's what I plan to do. I live near a data center, and I agree they shouldn't be among neighborhoods.

BRL: Do you believe current state and local ordinances are adequate regulations for the discharge of firearms in Loudoun County? Are there any other restrictions you would be in favor of adding?

RM: This issue is also not related to the State Senate, but I am happy to answer. When more than eight houses were shot in a six-month time frame in Western Loudoun – and not one of the shooters was successfully prosecuted – some County Supervisors wanted

to do nothing. Instead of looking into why our laws aren't working to protect life and property, and fixing the problems without restricting hunting or expanding the discharge ban zone, my primary opponent Geary Higgins wanted to do absolutely nothing. Some of those who were almost shot were his own Catoctin District residents. On the other hand, I led the Board in looking into these incidents and what the County can do to prevent them in the future. Many of these incidents resulted from target shooters not following the Four Rules of Gun Safety, shooting without any berm, backstop, or natural barrier to capture the discharge. At this time, County Staff is following my motion to look into adding a law into our Codified Ordinance to allow our deputies to penalize shooters whose bullets leave their property and who are not using a berm, backstop, or natural barrier to capture their discharge.

BRL: As an elected official, your Planning Commissioner is an important appointment. Did

you agree with the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Draft Comp Plan?

RM: No. It was much too dense with too little infrastructure. We need to preserve the character of Loudoun, and in places where we decide to develop, we need infrastructure first. I also will not support adding data centers into the Transition Policy Area, and have added language to set the stage to require data centers to have better design and much more landscaping in Eastern Loudoun.

BRL: Transportation is a hot topic in Loudoun and regionally. What would your transportation priorities be, if elected?

RM: Stop High Tolls. Virginia came one vote short of dramatically lowering tolls on the Greenway in the State Senate with a bill that would have stopped the Greenway from being allowed to charge users for debt and expenses unrelated to building and maintaining the road. They have

\$1 billion in debt, despite the road construction costing \$440 million. I'll be the one vote to pass this bill. We're also going to lower the Dulles Toll Road tolls by using other transit funds to finance the Silver Line. And, on I-66 where VDOT has total control, we're going to cap the tolls at \$1 per mile and install signage on the digital boards that tells drivers how long it takes to get to their destination.

Build Greenway Alternatives. I've delivered on my promises. When I took office in 2016, I pledged to Build Greenway Alternatives. My first year, this project to extend Shellhorn Road to Route 28 at Sterling Blvd. was added to the budget. This year, it's under construction.

Improve Western Loudoun's Major Roads. Western Loudoun's roads have been ignored or had their improvements delayed for far too long. Geary Higgins has accomplished nothing in nearly eight years, especially regarding Rt. 15, Rt. 9, and 287. We need to widen

GEARY HIGGINS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Loudoun residents, he would have opposed this application, but instead he sat silent through the entire debate, not uttering one word.

Within weeks of the decision, an adjoining farm contacted the Board about rezoning to a data center. Shortly thereafter, the Planning Commission applied Light Industrial zoning to multiple parcels in the TPA, creating a huge controversy, pitting neighbor against neighbor. My opponent had a chance to help western Loudoun when it really mattered, but failed to help us on one of the most controversial votes of the Board.

BRL: Do you believe current state and local ordinances are adequate regulations for the discharge of firearms in Loudoun County? Are there any other restrictions you would be in favor of adding?

GH: Again, unlike my opponent, I do not favor any further restrictions to Loudoun's current firearm ordinance. There are numerous state and local regulations that already adequately govern the discharge of firearms in Loudoun. These include the reckless handling of a firearm, no discharge within 50 yards of a highway or road, or within 100 yards of a public park or school, or within 100 yards of an occupied building, and no shooting in or across a road or in a street. Stray bullets hitting residences is not acceptable, but feel-good motions that do not solve the problem are useless. Instead, our current ordinances need to be enforced. I also voted to develop a specific plan for public outreach, information, education, and the identification of training opportunities to promote the safe discharge of firearms, which my opponent opposed.

BRL: As an elected official, your Planning Commissioner is an important appointment. Did you agree with the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Draft Comp Plan?

GH: I did not support the Planning Commission's Draft Comprehensive Plan for a number of reasons, the most important being the issue described above regarding light

industrial zoning in the Transition Policy Area that was created by "True North" vote. I was also disappointed in the draft because it discounted the voice of many of our residents in the West and did not strike the right balance for Loudoun's housing needs.

The draft plan also needed more work on the rural economy and rural broadband. I have been working to address these concerns through our work sessions and have successfully amended the plan to include rural broadband language in the Rural Policy Area section, adding language to assure that the Loudoun County Rural Economy Business Development Strategy is kept current. We are also working on language to highlight the history of our historic community schools and to encourage the saving of existing tree lines along roadways, when development occurs in the West.

BRL: Transportation is a hot topic in Loudoun and regionally. What would your transportation priorities be, if elected?

GH: Transportation is a quality of life issue. Because so many Loudoun and Prince William residents commute, one of my transportation priorities would continue the efforts we started on the Board back in 2012 to eliminate tolls on the Greenway. I commute to Bethesda, MD each day from Waterford, VA. so I know the expense and how much precious family time is lost each day fighting traffic. This is why another priority of mine will be to fight for Northern Virginia's fair share of transportation dollars. We have already made great gains in Loudoun by dedicating a large portion of our CIP (Capital Improvement Program) and dedicating two cents of our tax rate to transportation, but we need help from Richmond.

Finally, I will continue my work to make sure our important western Loudoun projects remain funded and remain on schedule. Within six months we were able to secure funding for Rt. 15 improvements to Montresor that include four lanes to a roundabout that aligns Montresor and Limestone School Road. The project

is now in design, with construction scheduled to begin in FY2022. We saved significant project time by not using federal funding, which would have required federal environmental review, and we have also hired all the design consultants off of our approved list, saving significant project time by not having to issue a request for consultants. Improvements for the northern section of Rt. 15 are also in process, along with safety improvements for Lucketts.

Supervisor Buffington and I were able to expedite funding for the Rt. 9 and 287 roundabout project, which is in design along with the Rt. 7 and 690 project, as well as additional expedited funding of \$2.5 million for the Town of Hillsboro Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements. We also funded a comprehensive Safety and Operational Study for Rt. 9, to address critical safety and congestion issues. More recently, we were able to secure \$12.2 million for Evergreen Mills Road safety improvements, and I was also able to get roundabouts at Shreve Mill and Crimson Place included in the tier two improvements for Evergreen Mills, if warranted. We are also funding projects to widen Rt. 7 between Rt. 9 and the Greenway to relieve eastbound congestion in the morning, and we have accelerated design funding for the interchange at Rt. 7 and 287, which is currently in process.

BRL: Name three of your top priorities?

GH: There are a number of issues that will be a priority for me should I be privileged enough to be elected to the Virginia Senate. Transportation is at the top of the list, with a focus on increased funding, eliminating tolls, and continued support for important western Loudoun projects. Safe Communities will also be important to me, with a focus on fighting gangs and sex trafficking, and keeping our schools safe. Finally, I will work on quality of life issues that are important to all of us that include keeping your taxes low, improving our schools, fighting Lyme disease, and getting Loudoun's new state park opened.

priorities, which are transportation and tolls. For too long, we have had elected officials focused on their own partisan agendas – rather than our residents' real concerns. That is the big difference between me and my primary challenger.

MURAL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

the letters."

Along the way, Moore then noted, 'Greetings from' changed to 'Welcome to.'

"I'm so honored to be doing this!" she said. "I love the Town of Purcellville, and hope that this is merely the first of many murals to come. I'm so thankful to be a part of it."

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FATHER'S DAY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3
to celebrate Father's Day.

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Ask a dad what he wants for Father's Day and he just might say, "I want you to be happy ... I want you to be healthy ... I want you to make your dreams come true." How about celebrating Father's Day by talking about all the things you have accomplished for yourself with his help, and how much he inspires you?

Dads want to be asked

It's not just the classic fallback option to simply ask dad what he would like to do for Father's Day ... and then, to comply with his every request. We can all learn a lot from our fathers – and grandfathers – by exploring what I call their "inner dad" – who they are, what they think, how they feel when they are not playing the role of "daddy," "pop," "grandpa," or "papa."

Have a beautiful and memorable Father's Day.



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Rt. 15, build the Rt. 9/287 roundabout, fix the Rt. 9/Rt. 7 merge, and build the Rt. 7/690 interchange in Purcellville. As your State Senator, I will help bring funds to accelerate these projects.

BRL: Name three of your top priorities?

RM: Same as above, plus adding more dedicated funding for parks. Our representatives should be focused on our constituents' top

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MOORE-SOBEL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

was more than prepared for life after college. After all, the same character qualities that shone through during college when encountering a challenging class or difficult professor can help sustain students once they become young professionals. For students quickly realize at the end of their college career that it is incum-

bent upon them to fill in the gaps of an education. To seek out mentors, study for certifications, and work as much as it takes to succeed in the next stage. I have no doubt that Noah can do all of these things and much more.

Perhaps I should have sent him a text with all of my thoughts?

The guy next to me certainly would have enjoyed it if I had.

LVHS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

describes itself as "the largest creative solving competition in the world," encourages students to invent and design everything from mechanical dinosaurs, to new industrial machinery, to new works of literature. The mantra of the competition is creativity, problem solving, teamwork.

Other 2019 competition categories

included OMER to the Rescue Again, Classics ... Leonardo's Workshop, Structure Toss, and Opposites Distract.

LVHS 2019 OotM team members include Roxanne Howard, Ashlenn Corcoran, Matthew Kowalski, Brian Minnick, Sabrina Marvil, Ashlee Hall, and Daniel Donofrio.

Team coaches are Dee Howard and Mark Donofrio.

DEVELOPMENTAL MANIA, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

As for my friends and neighbors, tell everyone who will listen to you at the water cooler or a parent teacher meeting, that each of us citizens in Loudoun County is going to demand that any candidate for the board say where he or she is on this issue.

Let's make it crystal clear that we really mean what we've been saying for years - at every step of this manipulative

"evolving" process that has tried to get us to bow to what we know is wrong.

If a candidate for the Board doesn't have the right answer, cashier him or her. If the candidate has the right answer, support him or her.

Let's make this hard for the developers who care not at all what we say or may suffer, and make this easy for us.

Let's get to work!

VOTE CHRIS HARMISON, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Which is it? Is he in the Army in command of an unspecified unit, or is he not?

His web site goes on to say, that since being discharged, Hannah has "worked as a Senior Analyst for BAE Systems, a TSA Employee, and an investigative analyst for the U.S. Government." Nowhere does it say where Hannah is currently employed, or even if he is currently employed. Public records of the Loudoun County General District Court show that Hannah has been sued three times in the past three years by his HOA for nonpayment of HOA dues, resulting in judgments against him.

Is this the kind of openness and stability we are looking for in the top law enforcement officer of Loudoun County?

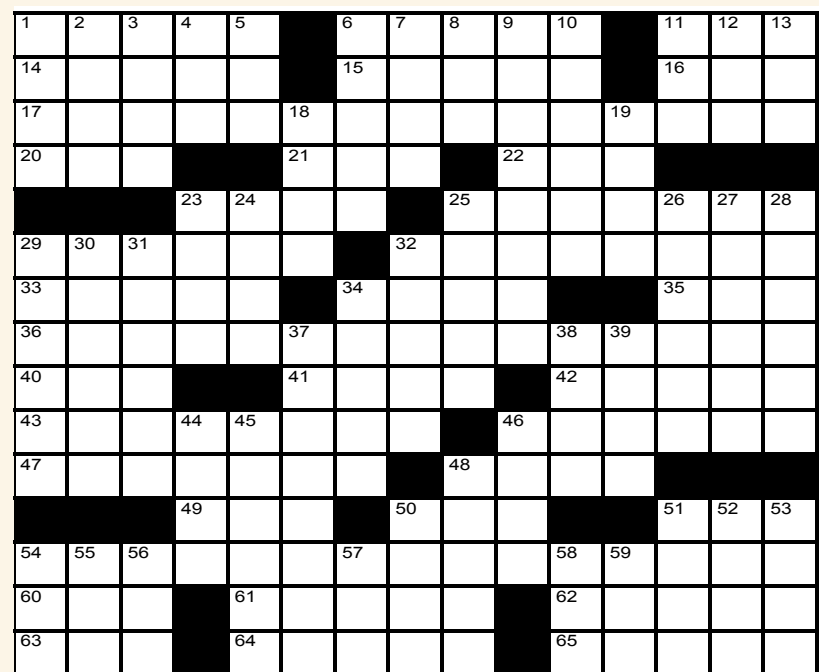
Chris Harmison's record is completely open, and he can be found every day, working for the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, serving and protecting the public. His opponent, by contrast, is a mystery man who strikes me as a young man looking for a career, rather than the person you want to run an 800-person office.

Vote for experience, vote Chris Harmison on June 11.

Robert M. Gordon
Paonian Springs

At The Movies

By Myles Mellor and Sally York



Across

1. Unable to flee
6. Choice
11. Not clerical
14. Popular wedding gift
15. Free from
16. Chemical ending
17. 1944 romantic musical
20. Suffix with auction
21. Memory unit, for short
22. Cereal grain
23. Biting
25. Most pretentious
29. Pizazz, var.
32. Ways in
33. Go over
34. Island in western Scotland
35. 50-50, e.g.
36. 1954 Oscar-winning drama
40. Axe, in Tokyo
41. Group of poems
42. Runs
43. Title defenders
46. Puddinglike dessert
47. Sets up
48. Herb in stuffing
49. "Prince ___" ("Aladdin"

Down

1. Climax
2. Quaker's "you"
3. Frame used for burials
4. Aardvark's morsel
5. Starchy tuber
6. Snooped
7. One year in a trunk
8. Driver's lic. and others
9. Conveyance
10. Recently
11. Moldovan moolah
12. Cuckoo bird
13. Cry of success
18. Qatari leader
19. Elevator man
23. Asian nurse

24. Endure

25. Large amounts
26. Bars
27. Fishing nets
28. ___ fly
29. Place for a needle
30. "Mind Games" composer
31. Express overtly
32. Common carriers
34. Mocks
37. Most tearful
38. Thrash
39. Profligate
44. Complain
45. Greetings: var.
46. Construct
48. Indian caste
50. Stage of development
51. Italian bread
52. Fret
53. Henna and others
54. Morning moisture
55. Miner's load
56. Cup filler
57. Coolness
58. Automobile sticker fig.
59. Wimple wearer

ANSWERS ON PAGE 39

PURCELLVILLE WATER, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

mine [the status of] some of these properties, because they are not zoned for what you are describing them as right now?" Ogleman gave an example of the O'Toole property, which is currently zoned as Transition X. In the study, the projected use noted was mixed commercial. Ogelman asked, "How did you decide to make these assumptions about those uses." Staff replied that the potential uses in the Draft Comp Plan were similar to the uses in mixed use commercial.

Mayor Kwasi Fraser pointed out that Crooked Run Orchard is listed as Mixed Use Commercial and it is in conservation easement. Staff stated that 10 acres of the property is not in conservation easement. The Blue Ridge Leader contacted the Browns, the owners of Crooked Run Orchard, and inquired if their entire property was in easement. They

replied that their entire property is in easement.

It was also pointed out that there are water-related repairs that may need to be made, including fixing a cast iron pipe going from the treatment plant to the Town. If problems occur with the pipe, the Town might lose 60 percent of its water.

Fraser said the management team needed to supply the Council with more information. He pointed out that the Capital Improvement Program Budget required more detail.

"We need risk analysis showing us the impact and showing us how much it will take," he said, noting that federal monies are widely available to localities, and the Town may have the opportunity to "present that to Capitol Hill to different legislators, and ask for funds. It doesn't always have to go back to 'Let's plan to get that out of the Town taxpayers.'"

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