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## Leesburg says 'We got your goat' ... in an impossibly cute way

BY ANDREA GAINES

Everyone knows the expression "Got your goat!"

The phrase – which suggests that you angered, upset or have otherwise gotten over on someone – has its origins in agriculture.

Farmers and the owners of racehorses would use goats to keep their cows and horses calm – winning races, and producing more milk. If someone "Got your goat" they had literally absconded with said goat ... giving the owner of another racehorse or cow the upper hand.

### COMMUNITY

The Town of Leesburg is giving new meaning to the expression by using a herd of goats to clear vegetation at two floodway channels.

In years past, herbicides were applied to the area. But, goats can do the job more cheaply, and in a far more environmentally friendly manner, the Town has decided. And, they are also more fun to watch.

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## McAlister to Purcellville: I want \$16 million

BY VALERIE CURY

Town of Purcellville Police Chief Cynthia McAlister on July 22, 2019, filed a sweeping lawsuit against former Interim

Town Manager Alex Vanegas, individually and officially, Georgia Nuckolls, individually, the Town of Purcellville, and six Purcellville Police Officers, individually and officially. The officers are former Interim Police Chief Joseph Schroeck, Clark McDaniel, Paul Kakol, Susan Ellassal, Robert Wagner, and Ryan Vasconi. The price tag according to

### GOVERNMENT

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## Purcellville's very first art gallery ... is open

Purcellville's very first art gallery hosted an Open House on July 31 with great fanfare. An inaugural Artist's Reception will be held on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Come and meet the artists that now have their art on display.

The gallery's first show will feature over 50 local western Loudoun artists – from Leesburg to Bluemont to Middleburg to Lovettsville.

The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is a venture of Discover Purcellville,

a community non-profit that promotes Purcellville as a great place to live, shop and do business.

Michael Oaks and Kim Patterson, owners of the Re-Love It Consignment Shop, along with artists Anne Stine and

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# To the Loudoun County Fair: How do I say ... please don't go?



The last of the stray snow cone cups, straws and dinner plates have been cleaned up, and the 4-H'ers are back home with their prize cows, chickens, pigs and goats.

It will take some time for the fairgrounds to recover from the demolition derby's punishing "dirt dancing" antics, and the yards of, well, fragrant compost left by the sheep who made this place home for about a week.



But, even with all of the sweat, and effort, and lifting, and sleep deprivation, and prayers for good weather that went into the 2019 Loudoun County Fair, we are so sorry to see you go, and we can't wait to see you again.



Just Like Nothing (else) on Earth:

# The Lincoln Memorial

BY TIM JON

Every so often, and perhaps far too infrequently, a person finds him - or her - self in the right place, at the right time, and they seize that moment of opportunity for the betterment of their world. It could be your paper delivery person, the gas station attendant or your kid's teacher; sometimes it'll be someone more prominent - like, say - the cast on the Carol Burnett Show - and all the times they brought us joy - or maybe Peyton Manning and the way he carried himself throughout a Hall of Fame career in the NFL - or the way the fingers and vocal chords of Eric Clapton have soothed our senses for the last 50 years or so. I was struck by this fascinating intersection of time, place and purpose when I stood - for the first time - within a few feet of one of our nation's most beloved shrines - the Lincoln Memorial.

More eloquent souls than I have already - and many times over - beaten me to the punch on chronicling pretty much every moment of the life and times of Honest Abe; I don't expect to compete with the likes of Daniel Day-Lewis, or Raymond Massey, or Henry Fonda - or the army of biographers who've detailed the important facts and small details of this man's life. The only flourish I can hope to add to the memory of President Lincoln is the effect I have felt in contemplating his

existence, and actions, and legacy.

Standing at the foot - literally - of the white marble statue, I felt pretty small, and pretty humble, and yet very grateful for the decisions he made regarding our country - and the intestinal fortitude he must have possessed in order to carry them through. I also took comfort in the



commonality that I (and all of us) share with him: like Shakespeare's Shylock, he felt pain and pleasure from the same stimuli as do the rest of us: he required food, clothing and shelter just like other human beings: he ate, and slept, and sustained illness as does any other person. And, like all

of us, he was obviously mortal; whether he apprehended any hints of paying for his convictions with his life, I'm not sure - but a man of his intelligence certainly would have contemplated the possibilities - and yet, he deliberately remained at his post - commanding from the lead. Returning to the "One touch of nature" motif (yes, I realize that's from Troilus and Cressida, not The Merchant of Venice) that connects the life of Abraham Lincoln to the whole world, I also marveled - as I stood at the Memorial to his service - at his fox-like ability to withstand adversity; the lines and weariness on the statue's face told a story of great difficulty, sacrifice, perseverance and acceptance. I also saw a great intelligence, a liberal sprinkling of humor, and a deep understanding of whomever finds themselves in the line of his gaze.

He seems to say, I would venture, "I know you, I know of you - and we are one and the same." How comforting - coming from an edifice dedicated to the memory of one who overcame some of the greatest obstacles in the history of our nation; this marble object captures enough of the spirit of Abraham Lincoln - at least for me - to continue service as inspiration to each of us, in unforeseeably different circumstances, in far distant years, in vastly removed spaces. "Ah! That's just your imagination!" I hear from the peanut gallery; "Yes," I agree, "Maybe you're

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# Can't pay, can't drive, can't work, let's fix it

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam – following up on a new DMV policy providing that people whose driving privileges had been suspended simply for failure to pay court fines and costs can now regain those privileges – appeared at a Douglass Community Center reinstatement event in Leesburg July 25.

**GOVERNMENT**

Up to 35,000 Virginians have had their driving licenses renewed since the new policy took effect in July. The policy allows individuals to get their license back if the only barrier is failure to pay court fees or fines. Can't pay, can't drive, can't work, let's fix it, supporters of the new policy say.

The new policy represents a bi-partisan effort of Democrats and Republicans in Virginia. Northam set the policy in motion at the request of



Virginia Senator Bill Stanley (R-20), and the policy was supported legislatively by Virginia Senator Jill Vogel (R-27) and Virginia House of Delegates member Dave LaRock (R-33).

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# Skittles

BY CHARLES HOUSTON

A large glass bowl sits on a counter, two-thirds full of Skittles – purple, yellow, green, orange, and red.

A group of people stands around the counter – two economists, a Board of Supervisors aide, two homebuilders and a realtor, four Loudoun County planners, three conservationists and three reporters. Along the side of the room is the expressionless organizer for PETC, People for the Ethical Treatment of Candy.

They share a task – to estimate the number of Skittles in the bowl. One starts, “29,000.” The realtor scoffs, “No. 45,000.” A senior conservationist chimes in, “49,000 and that’s great.” A skeptical reporter interjects, “Wait a second. What exactly are these Skittles supposed to be?”

## OPINION

“Houses, built by-right under existing zoning,” says one homebuilder. “Housing units,” corrects an economist.

The BOS aide arches a questioning eyebrow so a planner responds, “There will be a mix of single-family detached houses, single-family attached townhouses [A cringe-worthy bit of realtor shorthand] and multifamily apartments. The homebuilders’ faces fall; they wanted more McMansions. The skeptical reporter asks, “When do you think all these will have been built?”

He again gets different answers. “Most by 2040” ... but, some say after 2040 when all the land is absorbed. Let that sink in: “When all the land is absorbed.”

Fed up with the inconsistency, another reporter asks, “Where did these numbers come from?”

A young planner chirps, “We made the estimates. I can tell you how.”

“Go on,” urges the reporter.

“We went parcel-by-parcel for the whole county. I’ll use the Rural Policy Area as an example. Some parcels were under conservation easement, so we assumed no new houses there. “We then looked at parcels that were large enough to be zoned for clusters, and assumed they’d be developed at that higher density.”

The homebuilders smile.

“For all the smaller parcels, we assumed one house per parcel, excluding the parcels where a house already existed. Add those up and you get the total houses that can be built by-right, right now.”

A conservationist hunts for an answer, “So then, full build-out has to be later than 2040. How many of these new by-right houses are there in the RPA? I’ve heard the figure 7,500.”

The young planner waffles, “Maybe. I’ll check and get back to you.”

The cynical reporter, irritated at the uncertainty, calms herself by eating some yellow Skittles. The PETC observer clears her throat.

An older planner opens a bag he had been carrying and dumps about a quart of additional Skittles into the glass bowl. “Huh?” seems to be the group’s collective reaction. That planner explains, “This is the additional housing the BOS just approved.”

“How many more houses is that?” queries a voice-from-the-back, a reporter.

“I’ll check and get back to you,” answers the planner.

The voice-from-the-back has another question, “How many of these new ones are in the west?”

“I’ll check and get back to you.”

Reporter; “And, how many of the new ones are single-family, single-family-

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## Inexcusable that Transfer of Development Rights was not included in Comprehensive Plan

BY TIA WALBRIDGE

The new Loudoun County Comprehensive Plan was never going to make everyone happy. The stakes are high, the county is big, and the competing interests are intense and many. But there are some things that aren’t controversial, some things that benefit the whole county and just make sense, no matter which way you look at them.

It is inexcusable that the new Comprehensive Plan does not include a

comprehensive Transfer of Development Rights program.

We should have had an advocate fighting for the inclusion of a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program from the outset of Envision Loudoun. TDRs allow the county to transfer credits for development from rural areas to more urban areas, protecting our green spaces and active agriculture, which provide \$1.7 billion in economic impact to our county annually and keep property taxes low for all of us, from Bluemont to Sterling.

TDRs are one of three programs that represent the gold standard of conservation, along with Conservation Easements, which allow landowners to sell their development rights in exchange for tax credits and benefits, and Purchase of Development Rights (PDR), which gives the county the ability to purchase such rights to hold for future projects at its discretion. Both the Conservation Easement program and the PDR program benefits from cost-matching from the state, so not only are we failing to pro-

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— That’s the way it is —

## Causes and correlations

BY JOSEPH LAFIANDRA

I was inspired to write this piece after I spoke at a recent Purcellville Town Council meeting supporting the installation of a cell phone tower near the Town’s waste water treatment plant. It turns out that the tower is urgently needed to improve service south of town.

In addition to regular cell phone telephone service, the current tower on North Maple Avenue provides internet data to many area residents that don’t have cable. The current tower is frequently overloaded due to the large volume of calls and data transmitted at certain times of the day. The Town Council did subsequently wisely decide to proceed with the plan to in-

stall the tower. However, there was opposition from some residents to building the tower because of concerns of claims that people who live next to cell towers have higher rates of cancer. I tried to counter that argument technically by informing the Council that you have a greater chance of getting cancer from the red light bulb on the tower than from the microwave radio transmissions from the tower. In fact you have a much greater chance of getting cancer from over exposure to the sun or the radioactivity in the rocks in your basement.

So what about the correlation of higher cancer rates to persons living or working close to cell phone towers or even high voltage electric power lines? That

question brings up the relationship of causation and correlation. Let’s take an example, if you put your unprotected hand in a fire it will be burned. That means there is a direct causal relationship between putting your hand in a fire and getting burned. There also is a 100 percent positive correlation between getting burned and putting your hand in a fire. If you don’t put hand in the fire there is a 100 percent negative correlation of getting it burned. Correlation is sometimes referred to being “linked” Some “experts” say cancer is “linked” to living near cell phone towers rather than coming up with a correlation percentage. The answer to the question posed at the

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## — Ask Dr. Mike —

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

Dr. Mike,

Our son is 9 years old and he already “needs” an iPhone. It’s true that a lot of his friends have them (his main argument for getting a phone), but my husband and I think 9 is too young. He’s our only child, so this is a first time parenting moment for us. It is true that some of his friends have phones already. We looked this up on line and to our surprise it seems that 10 or so is actually the average age for a first smart phone. What are your thoughts on this?

— Help in Loudoun



Dear Help,

We live in technologically focused times for sure, so your son feeling that he “needs” a smart phone at 9 is perfectly normal. I’m not surprised that several of his friends already have a phone since children today spend so much of their time engaging with various devices. I think the question to ask yourselves as parents is What does my son truly need an iPhone for at 9? Sure, a smart phone has a lot of different functions, but the main purpose of a phone is to communicate. So, if your son is involved in activities away from home and calling or texting you for things (e.g., to pick him up from some place), then maybe getting a phone for him now makes sense. However, at 9, if he doesn’t have a need to communicate with you or others than he probably doesn’t need a phone. In my opinion, 12 is usually the best age for a starter phone because pre-teens and early teens are more social and

having a phone will allow them to connect with you and their friends more easily. The minimum age to open an account on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Snapchat and TikTok is 13, so having a phone a year or so before that for practice isn’t a bad idea. Maybe a good compromise for your moment would be to start your son off with a smartwatch that is specifically designed for younger children. In addition to communicating, children’s smartwatches have GPS tracking, games and other kid friendly user options. My favorites are: DokiWatch S, hereO V2 and GizmoWatch.

Dr. Mike,

Our 7-year-old daughter wants to have her first sleepover with her best friend, and my husband and I have mixed feelings about it. I had tons of sleepovers as a child, and even remember some of them, and nothing happened to me, but times have changed and we feel it’s less safe. While we want to trust the parents and we want our daughter to have fun, we don’t really know them well. The horrific stories of child abuse in the news all the time just freaks us out more as parents. If something bad happened to her at a sleep over, we would probably never be able to forgive ourselves. Your advice is appreciated.

— Help in Loudoun

Dr. Help,

I am a huge fan of sleepovers and slumber parties for children because the experience stretches them in so

many wonderful ways – sleepovers compel a child to go beyond their comfort zone and to be more flexible, sleepovers provide an opportunity for a child to learn more about themselves, relationships and differences by seeing how others live and sleepovers enhance a child’s developing social skills and independence. However, I agree with you that 7 is a bit too young. While it’s great that your daughter is curious about sleepovers and confident enough to want one, she’s likely still too immature to handle the full experience. Developmentally, and depending on a child’s maturity level, I think somewhere between 8 and 10 is the right age for a first sleep over. Perhaps you could start with a late night playdate this summer where your daughter could have her best friend over to play and maybe watch a movie before returning home. Given your concerns as parents, you could invite your daughter’s friend’s parents over during the play date for drinks so that you can get to know them better. If the play date goes well, maybe your daughter’s friend’s parents could reciprocate by hosting a late night play date at their place. Practicing in this way should help you to get more comfortable with the idea of a sleepover; whether it’s this year or a later time, you want to make sure that your daughter, and you as parents, are ready.

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## BOS approves another data center in the TPA

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved the \$2 billion Loudoun West Data Center project. Described as a “data center cluster,” Loudoun West will be located approximately 5 miles outside of Leesburg.

### GOVERNMENT

The 95-acre tract of land approved for Loudoun West is located north of the Dulles Greenway along Sycolin Road, in the general area of the controversial True North Data Center, located on the opposite side of the Greenway along Goose Creek.

The project sailed through in late July on a 7-0-1-1 vote, with Supervisors Suzanne Volpe (R-Algonkian), Koran Saines (D-Sterling), Kristen Umstatt (D-Leesburg), Matthew Letourneau (R-Dulles), Ron Meyer (R-Broad Run), Tony Buffington (R-Blue Ridge), and Geary Higgins (R-Catoctin) in favor. BOS Vice Chair Ralph Buona (R-Ashburn) was absent and Chair Phyllis Randal (D-At Large), abstained. Randall said her abstention was due to the fact that she was not present for a key transportation meeting prior to the project being forwarded to the Board for the vote.

The Leesburg real estate firm NV Real Estate 2 acquired the Loudoun West property in 2016.

As with the True North Data Center project, the developer did make some very minor changes to its initial plans for the site, increasing the tree conservation area in the edges of the 95-acre property by 1.74 acres. It also acquiesced to some transportation improvements.

However, with the anticipated size of more than 2 million square feet, as Higgins noted, Loudoun West will be among the largest in the County.

The 760,000 True North Data Center

was approved by the BOS in January 2018, against staff recommendations. As reported at the time, that narrow 5-4 vote, which required a rezoning of 106 acres in the Transition Policy Area was justified based on the fact that Loudoun County’s “data center alley,” part of the Suburban Policy Area, was just miles away.

Buffington voted no on the True North project, indicating it was detrimental to western Loudoun. Higgins, too, opposed True North, indicating it did not belong in the TPA. Both supervisors, however, supported the Loudoun West project.

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# Rural advocates call for farmland protection done right

## Cluster zoning and other measures not doing the job

BY ANDREA GAINES

With the new Comprehensive Plan in place, farmers, landowners, and rural preservation advocates are calling on the County to rewrite – and put some teeth into – the protections designed to keep land in agricultural use, and prevent the western part of the County from being overrun by development.

**GOVERNMENT**

As reported in the April issue of the Blue Ridge Leader, Loudoun lost 10 percent of its farmland – 20 square miles – from 2012 to 2017. The County is losing farmland at a faster rate than the state as a whole, and at a faster rate than in the previous five years. This threatens what Hillsboro Mayor Roger Vance has said is the “extinction of our rural economy.”

Cluster zoning needs fixing

Speaking on behalf of the nonprofit organization Save Rural Loudoun and its Board of Directors, Board member John Ellis said cluster zoning is not meeting up to the preservation hype.

With cluster zoning, a developer gets higher densities – with lots of just five

acres or less, for example – in exchange for putting 70 percent of the land in larger “rural economy” lots.

Said Ellis, “The lots in a cluster subdivision can be much smaller than 5 acres. The 5-acre ‘maximum yield’ is the average density of the 15+ acre ‘rural economy lots’ and the much smaller clustered subdivision lots. [In some clusters], some of the houses ... are within 20-25 feet of each other [and] still comply with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance.”

Cluster zoning is written into County zoning law as a by-right option for landowners.

The stated goal of cluster zoning is to preserve open land and the rural character of a place.

Importantly, the rules are also designed to encourage keeping the land in a rural/ agricultural use, preserving its contributions to the rural economy. The vision for western Loudoun County is to devise a zoning scheme that supports farms, orchards, pick-your-own businesses, equestrian enterprises, vineyards and wineries, sheep/cattle/

poultry operations, and the like, while at the same time serving the many small business that serve them – the independent who bales hay or moves cattle, delivers feed, markets a farmer’s products, provides veterinary services, and the like.

But, the vague, open-ended nature of cluster zoning – farmland preservation in intent, only – allows the developer to include steep slopes, wetlands, and other

features that would never be developed anyway into their subdivision’s rural economy lots.

According to Ellis, the County’s current cluster zoning rules have created a situation where a subdivision plan is approved “even though no rural economic activity (especially farming) may be possible because they contain protected steep slopes and wetlands.”

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There are specialties and newfangled concoctions here, including the “Starbucks Shake,” and the Snickers Sundae – with soft serve, caramel sauce, chocolate sauce, peanuts, whipped cream, and a cherry. And, yes,

of course, there is a doggie ice cream menu, too.

Grutos Leesburg is located at 107 South King Street, and open Mon. – Thurs., 12 noon to 9ish, Fri. and Sat., 12 noon to 10ish, and Sun., 2 p.m. to 9ish. The Purcellville location is 141 West Main Street, open Mon. – Sat., 12 noon to 9ish, and Sun., 2 p.m. to 9ish.

#### Another local icon – a cool drive just a bit west

Berryville is a great little place to visit anytime of the year. It comes alive in the summer and one of the favorite stops for people coming through is the classic, Willie's Ice Cream.

Willie has traditional cones and sundaes, including soft serve. There are ice cream sandwiches, and specialties like the strawberry shortcake frenzie. Willie also offers sweet and icy snow cones.

The shop is also known for its local fundraisers and neat little community-oriented events.

Willie's Ice Cream is located at 1025

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# West Virginia House of Delegates member signs up as Rockwool PR Rep

Potential 2020 challenger says – ‘you’re going to need that job’

BY ANDREA GAINES

The international corporate giant Rockwool has hired West Virginia House

of Delegates member Paul Espinosa as its official Public Affairs Manager. If 23-year old Aaron Hackett has anything to do with it, Espinosa will need that job. Hackett is vying to be the Democratic candidate to challenge Espinosa for his House of Delegates seat in 2020.

Rockwool is building a stone wool insulation plant just off Route 9 in Ranson, West Virginia, 12 miles from the Loudoun County border.

The controversial manufacturing fa-

cility is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020 and has faced sustained local and regional opposition since being approved.

**GOVERNMENT**

According to the citizen group Toxic Rockwool, while the plant will operate under strict federal and state pollution standards, it is approved “to emit a wide range of pollutants, including 6 known or suspected carcinogens ...”

State and local politics is emerging as a potent force in the Rockwool debate. Espinosa has represented West Virginia District 66 since January 2013. Hackett, in commenting on Espinosa’s new job with Rockwool, said this on his Facebook page: “Congrats to Paul Espinosa. He’ll need the job when we win this race and kick him out of the legislature.”

According to Hackett, it is troublesome that paid public servant Espinosa, is now, also a paid PR professional for Rockwool.

“I think that this is setting the bar really low ... it’s mess. But, that’s how

government has been run in this state.”

Espinosa described the situation as more of the norm in the state.

“West Virginia,” he said, “Proudly embraces the idea of citizen legislators: Men and women who dedicate a portion of their time and energy to serving the people of the state as elected officials in the legislature, and spend the bulk of their time living and working in the communities they represent.”

He described the approval of the Rockwool plant as a “Local decision with no legislative role” for members of the West Virginia House of Delegates.

Espinosa also said that he consulted with staff at the West Virginia Ethics Commission before taking the job with Rockwool, a position he defined as “serving as a community liaison ...”

“I will follow the letter and spirit of state ethics, financial disclosure and conflict of interest laws as well as the rules of the House,” said Espinosa, “Just as I’ve done since first being elected in 2012.”

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# Remembering Margaret Maxine Painter Hamilton "Gangal"

Margaret Maxine Painter Hamilton "Gangal," age 92, passed away on July 15. She was formerly of Hillsboro, and most recently a resident of Spring Arbor Assisted Living in Leesburg. She was the wife of the late James P. Hamilton of Hillsboro, who predeceased her in 2005. Born December 19, 1926, in Lovettsville, she was the daughter of the late Charles Herbert and Rosa Mae Simpson Painter. In addition to being a homemaker, she worked for many years at the Loudoun Milling Company in Purcellville.



(Jimmy) Welsh of Purcellville, Jamie (Mike) Eshbaugh of Brunswick, MD, and Nancy Woodis of Raleigh, NC, six grandchildren (David, Sean, Bullet, Lauren, Megan and Tanner), six great-grandchildren (Jonah, Ava, Owen, Grant, Chai and Hamilton), a brother, Renace Painter of Lovettsville, and a sister-in-law, Fran Hamilton of Hillsboro.

She was predeceased by five sisters, Ethel Gordon, Annie Koontz, Mildred Dawson, Evelyn Ayers, and Ellen Cooper, and also by two brothers, William Painter and Eugene Painter.

The family received friends at the Hall Funeral Home, July 19 and funeral services were held at the Hillsboro United Methodist Church. Interment was at the Hillsboro Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Hillsboro UMC, 37216 Charles Town Pike, Hillsboro, VA. 20132.

She was a faithful member of the Hillsboro United Methodist Church, where she held various offices, and was affectionately known as the "Queen of Apple Butter". She will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

She dearly loved her family, and they were her top priority. Painter is survived by her three daughters, Cindy

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# Classic Loudoun County with a touch of Tuscany

BY ANDREA GAINES

Some properties on the market make you wonder how in the world anyone in their right mind would be willing to part with them.

Then you realize that for people who love making a home their own – and appreciate craftsmanship, making space for family and friends, gardens, and the way the sun hits their favorite tree – the ultimate reward is to pass this on to someone who treasures these things as much as they do.

The Cape Cod-style homestead at 36680 North Fork Road in Purcellville is such a place. And ... it is for sale.

The property features a charming home with beautiful custom touches, a large workshop building, a two-car garage, and a beautiful, cottage-inspired raised garden – all arranged on 3 immaculately groomed acres.

The 3-bedroom home has a first floor master bedroom with full bath. The gorgeous kitchen is custom throughout, with hand-made cabinets, granite and tile features, and a stylish window seat. The large dining room – with crown molding and other lovely touches – is off the kitchen and the perfect place for family gatherings.

Go from your kitchen window seat, or dining room table to the glorious outdoors and enjoy the western Loudoun breezes from a large screened-in porch. Or ... cozy up to the

wood stove fireplace in the living room ... take a dip in the hot tub ... and enjoy your favorite al fresco meal on the patio. The choices in comfort, openness and privacy continue upstairs, with 2 very spacious bedrooms, dormer windows, and a spa-like bathroom.

It is spaces and features like this that make this property so completely wonderful.

And, then there is the workshop/barn. Measuring 48 feet by 30 feet, the building has an 8-foot overhang in front – another perfect place to relax in a rocking chair with an iced coffee or glass of wine. The current owner of this property is a master carpenter who custom built all the kitchen cabinets, the window seat in the kitchen, and the extraordinary barn – a fully functioning woodworking shop with its own HVAC system.

Said Keller Williams agent Sam Rees, “It is always fun when you get the opportunity to list a home that you know is a head turner. When the owners called us, we were so excited. And, when we saw the house and grounds we were even more thrilled.

“The owners have made the house so unbelievably charming. The screened-in porch is so delightful and the interior so welcoming.



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 Ray Rees, Associate Broker, Keller Williams  
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And, that barn! It is truly a work of art – ready to either stay as a wood working shop, to be adapted as a beautiful place for animals, or even to be made into an art studio.

“My favorite part of the property is the gorgeous wooden barn doors that give the building that classic Loudoun County gem of a feel, with a hint of Tuscany. So, so special.”

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# What the Cedar Waxwing has to tell us

## Newly-released LWC Bird Atlas

BY ANDREA GAINES

The Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy has just released what is no less than one of the most significant wildlife conservation publications in the history of the County.

### GOVERNMENT

It is called "Birds of Loudoun: A Guide Based on the 2009-2014 Loudoun County Bird Atlas."

The atlas is based on nearly 65,000 bird sightings and 5,931 volunteer hours over a five-year period – from April 2009 to April 2014.

The atlas is citizen science at its absolute best – a thorough, methodical, all-encompassing, 100 percent scientific, and passionate documentation of what is here, what is threatened, and what we can do to reverse the loss of bird life in Loudoun.

The statistics and process behind the research are as compelling as the scientific data it contains:

- Loudoun County was divided into seventy-three, 10-square mile blocks in preparation for the study, forming the literal, geographic structure for what the atlas now documents.

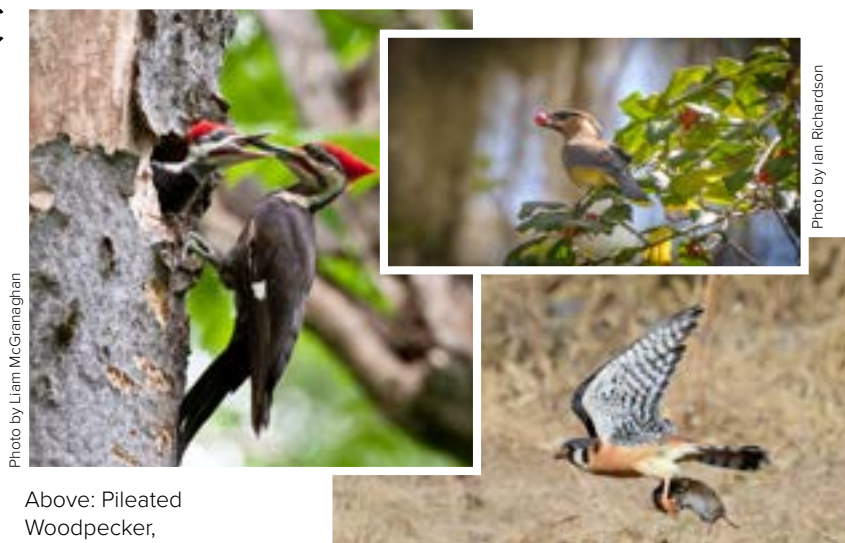


Photo by Liam McGranaghan  
Above: Pileated Woodpecker, top right: Cedar Waxwing, right: American Kestrel

- The atlas reports on 263 total avian species, including 120 breeding birds – 104 of which are confirmed breeders, 13 that are probable breeders, and 3 that are possible breeders.
- Fourteen species – the most common ones – were reported in every block. They include Turkey Vulture, Red-bellied and Downy Woodpeckers, Great Crested Flycatcher, Blue Jay, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, Cedar Waxwing,

Eastern Towhee, Chipping Sparrow, Northern Cardinal, and American Goldfinch.

"Migratory and winter species highlights" contained within the report include Tricolored Heron, Cattle Egret, Mississippi Kite, Sandhill Crane, Northern Saw-whet, Snowy Owls, and others.

"Breeding species highlights" include the confirmed breeders – Hooded Merganser (a county first), Barn Owl, Loggerhead Shrike, and others, and the probable breeders -- including Black-billed Cuckoo, Horned Lark,

and Marsh Wren.

We asked the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's Bird Atlas Coordinator, Spring Ligi, about some of the more notable findings of the publication.

"Rare and exciting finds" as described by Ligi include "The first confirmation of breeding for Hooded Mergansers in Loudoun.

Other highlights, she said, "Include a dramatic increase in the Bald Eagle population over the past 25 years ... Bald Eagles were reported in 52 of the 73 atlas blocks, and 7 active nests were documented."

And, then there is the beautiful creature known as the Cedar Waxwing.

"Surprisingly, for an uncommon species, the Cedar Waxwing was reported in every atlas block," Ligi said, "A distinction held by only 14 of the 262 atlas species."

We asked Ligi what species needs the public and landowners' help the most.

"Loggerhead Shrikes, Bobolinks, and other grassland bird specialists need our assistance if we wish to continue seeing them in the County," she said.

"Planting native species, reducing or eliminating pesticides, and maintaining hedgerows and brush along streams, fence lines, and field borders are ways that everyone can benefit Loudoun's birds."

To purchase the bird atlas, go to [www.LoudounWildlifeConservancy.org](http://www.LoudounWildlifeConservancy.org).

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# It's Fall Farm Tour sign-up time

## Deadline Aug. 15

Farms and rural businesses are encouraged to sign up to participate in Loudoun's 2019 Fall Farm Tour.

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The tour will be held the weekend of Oct. 19 & 20. The deadline to apply is August 16. An online application can be found at [biz.loudoun.gov/FarmTourApp](http://biz.loudoun.gov/FarmTourApp).

There is no fee for farms and rural businesses to participate as a tour site. As one of the County's biggest fall events, the Loudoun Economic Development will actively promote all tour sites and business in advance of the tour weekend.

"The Loudoun County Farm Tour gives consumers a chance to see, taste, feel and learn, hands-on, what goes into local food production," said Loudoun's Economic Development Executive Director Buddy Rizer. "This is a great showcase for our community and it shines a spotlight on our farmers, whose passion and hard work produce great 'Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown' products."

All businesses participating in the Fall Farm Tour site are expected to offer a free, educational component to visitors, such as:

- A short tour that informs visitors about your animals, crops or products;
- Demonstrations, such as pumpkin carving or animal care;
- Informational posters about your farm, products,



or methods;

- A short presentation about what you do, why you do it and why it's important.

"The Fall Farm Tour is an ideal opportunity for consumers to learn about local food while building relationships with the farmers and rural business owners," explained Business Development Officer of Agriculture and Business Services John Magistro. "We encourage the community to not just visit farms, but to Take Loudoun Home with them."

Craft beverage venues that are open to the public do not need to apply. They will also be featured on the Fall Farm Tour map.

## "Open Late Friday!" Event in Middleburg – August 30

### Save the date

The Town of Middleburg has announced the latest opportunity to experience the best in small-town shopping, dining, and cultural arts. In partnership with the successful Open Late Concert Series held at the National Sporting Library and Museum, the Town's local shops and businesses will be open late on the last Friday of the month. During "Open Late Friday!" on August 30, more than 20 retail shops, restaurants, craft beverage locations, and art galleries will be open until at least 9 p.m.

The Open Late Concert Series occurs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the National Sporting Library and Museum and is free to all. Visitors are encouraged to come early and stay late and support the many local businesses that will remain open for the event. Parking is available at the National Sporting Library and Museum, at the Town's public parking lots, and throughout Town with free street parking.

Visitors are encouraged to take a picture of their shopping, dining, or concert experience and post it to social media using the hashtag #OpenLate.

More information, including details on the concert, can be found at [www.middleburgva.gov/openlate](http://www.middleburgva.gov/openlate).

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# LCPS is back-to-school with eager students, big budgets, a huge enrollment, and special recognitions

The first day of school for Loudoun County's fall 2019 students is Thursday, Aug. 22. Eager to get back into the swing of their studies, students are also, surely, looking forward to June 10, 2020, when they will finish the 2019/2020 school year.

## GOVERNMENT

### LCPS Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget is approximately \$1.28 billion

The County FY 2020 Budget allocates 57 cents out of every dollar for the County's growing student population. Another 9 cents on the dollar services debt payments on school-related projects, making educational costs a full 66 percent of all County expenditures.

According to County documents, the amount devoted to public schools for FY 2019-2020 is a tidy \$1,282,162,892 – over \$1.28 billion.

This represents a \$92.4 million increase over last year.

According to County documents, the "Adopted Operating Budget for the 2019-2020 school year responds to continuing enrollment growth, particularly in special education and English Learner students, and provides salary increases for all employees including additional teacher scale improvements."

### Increased student enrollment, new schools

The County will serve 83,762 students in 94 schools this fall. This includes an increase of approximately 657 over the number of students served last year. In addition to the County's 94 schools, the budget provides for nine additional educational support buildings.

### Two new schools, capital improvements

For fall 2019, the County has invested in increased school-based staffing to provide for growth in student enrollments and the opening of two new schools – Waxpool Elementary School and Independence High School.

Other capital expenditures include renovations at the Monroe Center/Douglass School, general improvements, and bus replacements and acquisitions.

### New website unveiled

On Aug. 1, as the Blue Ridge Leader went to press, the Loudoun County Public Schools Department of Digital Innovation (DDI) released a new website. The release includes activities to collect feedback from the public, students, and parents, as well as several public review sessions.

## LCPS celebrates athletes and athletics staff

The beginning of the 2019 school year is a time to celebrate the athletic achievements of the many individuals who excel in the world of Loudoun County sports.

Nate Savino, a senior at Potomac Falls High School, was named to the 2019 MaxPreps Underclass All-American Baseball Team on July 16. Savino is exploring a scholarship opportunity at the University of Virginia beginning in the fall of 2020. He also joins baseball greats Derek Jeter, Jon Lester, David Price, Clayton Kershaw, Rick Porcello and Kris Bryant in having been named the Gatorade Virginia Baseball Player of the Year, which recognizes athletic excellence, high standards of academic achievement, "and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field."

On Sept. 13, the Loudoun County High School Athletic Department will hold a ceremony for its Class of 2019 Hall of Fame Inductees. The members of the Class of 2019 include: Administrator Bill Oblas, athletes Katie Baldwin (Class of 2002), Jack Barrett (Class of 1961), Dennis Duff (Class of 1974), Brian Fixx (Class of 1989), Joe Hembrook (Class of 1998), Nancy McBride (Class of 1976), Morgan Petkovich (Class of 2008), and James Wynn (Class of 1998).

## ROCKWOOL PR REP, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Referring to questions about the propriety of serving in the West Virginia House of Delegates while also working for Rockwool, Espinosa said this: "These attacks on me represent the latest attempts by the anti-Rockwool groups to throw anything at the wall to see if it sticks. Just as Rockwool has complied with all local, state and federal laws, regulations and requirements, I have and will continue to fully comply with our state ethics, financial disclosure and conflict of interest laws ..."

Hackett, in many ways, represents a new way of looking at local politics, particularly with respect to economic development and people-power.

"The people of Jefferson County have always taken pride in the county's character," he said.

"That includes Harper's Ferry National Historic Park and so much more. These attractions bring people to Jefferson County from all over the world, and help boost small businesses and our local economy. That's something that people want to be preserved."

On the issue of Espinosa's new job with Rockwool, Hackett was blunt.

"It's shady, regardless," he said.

"As elected representatives of people, not corporations, Delegates should be held to a higher standard."

Hackett supports making seats in the West Virginia legislature full-time.

He also supports efforts to break up what he sees as the cozy relationships between the State's economic interests, local politicians, and the House of Delegates, returning power to local citizens via a more formal referendum process.

"My plan would be to pass legislation that mandates a county-wide vote as part of the approval process for air and water permits for heavy industrial projects with substantial impacts," he said.

Espinosa said that although he was not familiar with the details of Hackett's plan to use the referendum process as a way to give citizens more control over what kinds of industries come into their communities, he was "not sure how practical that is."



## ART GALLERY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Dave Levinson have envisioned opening a gallery for local artists in Purcellville for many years. Said Oaks, "Finally our dream of an art gallery here in Purcellville has been realized."

All artists' works are for sale and available for purchase – from pottery, to jewelry, to 2 and 3D works of art.

The gallery's address is 760 East Main Street in Purcellville. The gallery will be rotating artists every two months. If you would like to show your work go to [www.PurcellvilleArtGallery.com](http://www.PurcellvilleArtGallery.com) or call 540 338-0800.



Purcellville's first mural is finished. From left to right: Artist Addie Moore and Discover Purcellville's Michael Oaks. Said Moore, "Thank you to everyone for your patience while I painted the mural over the past couple months and thanks for all the positive feedback!"

## TASTE Leesburg returns to downtown Leesburg on Saturday, August 10

The second annual TASTE Leesburg is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 10 from 5 to 10 p.m.

Food vendors, breweries, wineries, businesses, artisans, and entertainment will fill four blocks of the historic downtown for an evening of fun.

Experience the flavor of Leesburg with over 50 booths showcasing a taste of all that Town has to offer. Local restaurants, food trucks, and vendors will offer \$5, \$6, and \$7 tasting menus, which can be paid directly to the vendor. Or, stop into one of the local restaurants for a bite to eat.

More than a dozen local breweries and wineries will also be on-site offering samples of beer, wine, and cider. An Early Bird Drink Ticket is available online and costs \$35, now through August 8. Pricing includes a wristband, sampling glass, and unlimited tastings, per person.

Check-in and ticket tents will be located on West Market Street in the parking lot across from Lassiter Way, where you will need to show your ID and Early Bird Drink Ticket. A limited

number of beverage tickets will also be available the day of the event. Pricing is \$45 per person (ID required).

Beginning at 5 p.m. the King Street Kats will perform at the Center Stage, located on the corner of Market and King streets. Live music will also take place at the Town Green Stage (25 W. Market Street) beginning with Lost Locals at 5 p.m. A Demonstration Stage, at the corner of North King and Cornwall, will feature demonstrations, live performances, and karaoke.

Parking will be available downtown at the Town Hall Parking Garage, the Liberty Street Parking Lot, the Church Street Parking Lot, and the Loudoun County Parking Garage, or at Ida Lee Park's festival parking field. Free shuttle service will be provided from Ida Lee Park to the downtown event.

Downtown street closures will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 10. Streets are expected to reopen at approximately 1 a.m. on Sunday, August 11.

For more information about the event, visit [www.tasteleesburg.com](http://www.tasteleesburg.com) or call Ida Lee Park Recreation Center at 703-777-1368.

## Leesburg writing conference features George Guidall – Sign up now

Audiobook narrator George Guidall will be the keynote speaker for this year's Writers Project Runway: Reach for the Stars mini-conference to be held in Leesburg at Ida Lee Park on Saturday, August 10.

Writers, readers, and fans of audiobooks won't want to miss this presentation by Guidall, an audiobook narrator who has been engaging listeners for more than 20 years with everything from classics like *Les Misérables* and *Frankenstein* to a host of best-sellers (Stephen King's *Dark Tower* series, Neil Gaiman's *American Gods*, etc.).

Guidall's recordings have been praised by *The New York Times*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Audiophile*, and the *Library Journal*, and have garnered multiple Audie Awards (the audiobook industry's equivalent of an Oscar). He has been honored by the *Audio Publishers Association* with a lifetime achievement award for his record of more than 1,300 unabridged narrations.

Guidall is also an actor whose resume includes starring roles on Broadway, an Obie award for best performance Off-Broadway, and the New York Shakespeare Festival,

where he shared the stage with Kevin Kline, Morgan Freeman, and Meryl Streep. In addition to TV dramas such as *Law & Order*, he has appeared on numerous daytime TV series.

Writers Project Runway attendees will be able to choose from a variety of workshop sessions, including those covering story plotting, story setting, developing characters, the basics of publishing and book marketing, writing and submitting poetry, article writing, doing research, and writing for artists. The conference will be capped off with Guidall's presentation.

Registration will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., followed by the multi-session program from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (lunch is included). Registration fee is \$100 for non-members, and \$90 for students. Attendees must be 18+ years old. Space is limited.

Writers Project Runway is sponsored through Pennwriters, Inc., To register or for more information, visit the conference registration page at <https://bit.ly/302h9N8>.



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# LCSO to hold public safety meetings

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will hold public safety meetings at each of the agency's four service area stations and residents are encouraged to attend.

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The first of four meetings will be held on August 7, for the Western Loudoun Station area. The Western Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Western Loudoun Station, located at 47 W. Loudoun St., Round Hill.

The Ashburn Station quarterly meeting will

be held on August 8, at 7 p.m. The Ashburn Station is located at 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn.

The Eastern Loudoun Station quarterly meeting will be held August 21, at 7 p.m. at the Eastern Loudoun Station, located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling.

The Dulles South Station quarterly meeting will be held August 29, at 7 p.m. at the Dulles South Public Safety Center, located at 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly.

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your area, traffic safety concerns and other public safety related issues. The meetings will be led by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain who represents your service area. Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.

To determine what station area your home or business is in, please visit <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/findmystation>.

## FARMLAND PROTECTION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Meanwhile, the prime farmland that once was ... is gone – bulldozed over for more dense housing.

A recent post on the Save Rural Loudoun Facebook page addresses three development projects, and how County cluster zoning is not living up to its potential or purpose, noting: "Much like the Millers Reserve and Short Hill View Subdivision applications, the newly advertised Caskey Farm Subdivision in Lovettsville also [takes] advantage of the 'Cluster Option' [to] obtain smaller and more intense development. Also, just like the other

two applications, the Caskey Farm development also packs all of the hydric soils and floodplain onto the 'rural economy' 15-acre lots, while placing the Prime Farmland Purcellville Silt Loam soils under 1-acre lots and drainfields."

"This type of development does NOT respect the spirit of the Comprehensive Plan (past or present)," says Save Rural Loudoun, "Nor does it allow for future successful agricultural operations on the Rural Economy Lots. Developers should not receive bonus density for placing un-developable floodplains, soils [including hydric soils], and slopes onto lots that are ostensibly being preserved

for agriculture."

Hydric soil is soil that is permanently or seasonably saturated with water. Under current County cluster zoning options, it can be used to meet the 15-acre requirement, while other land that might have been left in a true rural/agricultural use is lost.

Ellis explained that in the case of a 150-acre subdivision that he and his wife pass every day, developers have sited the most-dense housing "right on top of hills, on the approach to the gap." The new property owner gets a great view of the western Loudoun countryside, but the view for everyone else – including the wineries who depend upon the sense of place those beautiful views provide – is altered, forever.

Ellis pointed out County documents "showing the remaining by-right 'build out' (i.e., new residences yet to be built) in the different policy areas based on the current Zoning Ordinance.

"For the RPA [Rural Policy Area]," said Ellis, "You'll see that the total is 11,896. The 7,500 number ... is the portion of that total that County staff projects will be built by 2040. County staff prepared this document for the BOS in May, as part of the lead up to the final decisions on the Comp Plan."

According to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) estimates, every

new residence of this kind generates 10 vehicle trips per day. In this case, 7,500 x 10 or 75,000 additional trips added to the rural landscape.

The Save Rural Loudoun website also warns of the "fiscal bomb" that runaway development is about to set off. With respect to the 7,500 more residences to be built in the RPA by 2040, the organization notes: "Based on the County's own fiscal cost models, County taxpayers would have to come up with more than half a billion dollars above their current tax burdens to cover both the operating and capital costs that would be associated with that level of development."

Said Ellis, the County "failed to see that [rural Loudoun] was going away, and failed to do anything about it. They thought it was protected."

Now that the new Comprehensive Plan has been adopted, the next step is revision of the Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance – the meat on the bones of if and how the County's rural lands will be permanently preserved for agricultural use.

Ellis has also noted that while Clarke, Fauquier, and other Virginia counties have added Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs to their zoning mix, Loudoun has failed to do so.



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SKITTLES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

attached and apartments?"

"I'll check and get back to you."

The senior conservationist, sums up, "What we need from Planning is a chart that shows exactly how many housing units are permitted by-right in the Suburban Policy Area, the Transition and Rural Policy Areas, and your Urban area today. How many there would be in 2040, and later, when everything is done." He places a small handful of green Skittles on the counter, and handfuls of purples and reds; three piles of colored candy demonstrating his request. The offended PETC rep sniffs noisily.

"In addition to the total units for each area in 2040, we need to see the mix of housing types by each area – now, in 2040 and then later." He points to the red pile – single-family detached, the purple – single-family attached, and to the green – apartments. "And, please explain whether your totals include new housing approved by the towns under their zoning."

The junior planner gets it. "I see what you mean. You want to know how much housing is possible under existing zoning, how much additional housing is proposed by the new Comp Plan, and how much of the total housing projection is detached, attached, and apartments. You want those figures broken down by policy area, too."

"Exactly," says the conservationist.

The senior planner backtracks the eagerness of his younger colleague, "We'll check and get back to you."

A reporter then poses the question, "When the BOS passed the new Comprehensive Plan, did it have the data just requested?"

Silence.

A guilty-looking planner finally answers, "No. The data wasn't available."

The homebuilders and the realtor look at the ceiling, all innocence. The economists look dismal, and two of the conservationists look upset. The planners wear sheepish expressions while the Supervisor's aide appears

defensive. The reporters smirk, imagining the stories they will write.

The youngest of the conservationists is mad, very mad. She reaches into the glass bowl, grabs a handful of Skittles and hurls them to the floor. Before she could tell the planners what they could do with the hard candies, the woman from PETC grabs and shakes her, "That will be enough from you, young lady!"

Someone speaks, directing words to the reporters. "So, the Board of Supervisors passed a new Comprehensive Plan, and they had to pass it before anyone could figure what was in it. Maybe we need a People for the Ethical Treatment of the County."

It was a mistake to pass the Comprehensive Plan without knowing exactly what it would really mean. Current work on "affordable housing" also needs a foundation of exact data, which would include not just housing units but also integration with existing County housing programs, such as the one for eligible County employees. Above all, it would be insanity to begin work on a new zoning ordinance until accurate housing data is in hand ... and has been presented to the public.

Each of us has a chance to influence housing policy and the future of Loudoun County. Just how many Skittles do we want? We already have a "People for the Ethical Treatment of the County." Those people are the citizens and they will vote in November.

Author's note: After I wrote this but before publication, County Planning staff released an estimate that the new plan allows 11,500 new houses. There was no specificity about where these homes would be located, or what mix of housing units were assumed.

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

right, perhaps ol' Abe possessed little or none of the warm and fuzzy attributes I bestow upon him – and there's certainly no proof of their existence in this hunk of marble – but then again – perhaps he was endowed with much more humanity than a humble storyteller (like myself) could ever conjure."

Now, some would prefer to remember him simply as the 16th President of the United States, serving in office from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. A few would then add that he preserved the United States in leading the country through the Civil War.

The very human chronicler in me can't help but add, "Yes, those are indisputable

facts – but I see so much more." And, concluding my visit, in turning to leave the temple-styled building housing the famous likeness, I couldn't help but notice that the field of vision of the statue's eyes – imagining they could see – would take in the Reflecting Pool and, a bit further east – the Washington Monument – and just a little further in the distance – the legendary home of the United States Legislature – the US Capitol Building.

Now, if ol' Abe could see and hear what's transpiring within those walls today, what in the world would he have to think, and say? Perhaps thankfully, my senses failed to receive any message.

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**'GOT YOUR GOAT', CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

In response to citizen concerns, the Leesburg Town Council voted 7 to 0 in April to use goats, instead of herbicides. "We had three choices to clear the waterways," said Town of Leesburg Assistant Public Information Officer Leah Kosin, "Using an organic spray, using staff to clear the waterways, or, using goats."

And, goats it is.

**A ten-year-old to the rescue**

Part of the impetus for bringing in the goats came from 10-year old Aila McGregor, a 5th grader at Frances Hazel Reid Elementary School.

According to Aila's mother, Michelle McGregor, her daughter has become more interested in the environment as she gets older, learning about conservation through the National Park System and working as a stream monitor with the Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy.

Aila wrote a petition and presented it to the Leesburg Town Council – alongside friends Elias Brock and Meg Seling, her mother, and others – discussing the alternatives to herbicides. As a result, the 10-year-old appears to have started a movement.

In mid July, fencing was installed so the goats could safely clear tall grasses and other green stuff at the Town Branch waterway behind the Dry Mill town homes. The goats were unloaded there on July 15 – a herd of about 50 lead by a matriarch goat named Joy.

Once their work is completed at the first location, Joy and her crew of hard-working eaters will be moved to a second location at the Plaza Street flood-way.

**Meet Mary, meet Joy, meet Igor**

This is no ordinary crew – these naturally ingenious, highly social, super-intelligent, specially equipped, wild-eyed, and impossibly cute creatures known as goats.

The animals are from a Maryland Farm called Prosperity Acres, LLC, owned by Mary Bowen.

Bowen has been packing up her herd of some 50 animals and transporting them to various locales in Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania for some time.

"This work is extremely rewarding," she says. "Not only is the business an option to save the environment but it brings a community together for a common good."

That community includes a goat matriarch named Joy, a 9 year-old goat of the Boer variety. Boer is the Afrikaans/Dutch name for farmer. Goats as farmers of the land – it fits perfectly. Other goat varieties include Sananan, Alpine, LaMancha and Kiko.

Describing the fantastic goat named Joy, Bowen said this: "She was born on the farm. She has a brown head with a white stripe down her face, and a big

**The biology of goats**

Goats are members of the Bovidae family. We know these animals as antelopes, cattle and sheep. As with cattle, goats have four stomachs.

According to the website LIVEScience, "Goats are herbivores, which means they eat only vegetation. Their favorite food is grass, though mountain goats also eat mosses and plants. Many domestic goats will also eat trash, houseplants or any other items they find lying around."

As another goat expert said, "Stripping leaves off of branches and shrubs is a goat's favorite thing to do."

Interesting fact: goats do not shed their horns. Both males and females have horns. And, so, just like trees you can determine a goat's age by counting the rings in their horns.

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with goats, and said this: "I am grateful that our township came together and helped the environment stay clean and fresh, and give it back the health it had when the creek of Town Branch was a thriving ecosystem. I'm very happy we found a natural and adorable solution!"

Michelle McGregor shares her daughter's enthusiasm.

"This project feels so close to my heart, because it made me realize that we can all make small impacts within our own sphere of influence.

ed brush and "invading field vegetation."

Interestingly, they also repair or till the land with their delicate feet as they browse. And, as PA's website notes, they add fertilizer "the old-fashioned way" as they snack their way through poison ivy, kudzu, and the like.

Clients also find that goats are good at thoroughly clearing out an area, making it easier to maintain going forward. And, "repeated applications of goats," notes PA can lead to a "total and permanent eradication of invasive and undesirable species of vegetation typically in 3 visits ... In many cases, you'll find that renting a herd of goats for grazing to clear your land will cost less than other more tra-



brown spot on the top of her shoulders."

Acknowledging the matriarch's pedigree and experience Bowen said, "Joy's role is to do whatever she wants, now. She is usually the first to get off the trailer and the rest just follow."

But, goats are not just about work. They also form very special bonds with their human family. As Bowen noted, matriarch Joy stayed by Bowen's own mother's side during a serious illness, even sleeping in the bed with her.

And, goats have quite the personality.

Take for example, a guy named Igor, whom Bowen describes as "the class clown."

"He likes to climb in things and jump off," said Bowen. And, as she describes it, he is obviously one handsome dude – "All brown with a black stripe down his back with a curled horn," said Bowen.

**Eating and cleaning machines**

Goats, as 10-year old Aila knows and the Town of Leesburg is coming to know, look at the world a little differently, and their perspective is to our great benefit.

They set their eyes on what we would consider to be a bunch of weeds, a thicket of unwanted undergrowth, a thicket of sticky, thorny inedible briar and see ... "vegetable caviar."

Assistant Public Information Officer Leah Kosin had high praise for the goats as they started their work, saying, "They are cost efficient, are easy to use, and went right to work clearing vegetation. The goats help us budget wise, too."

The younger, and very polished Aila McGregor is gleeful about her experience

"Some of the challenges to our environment seem so daunting. But, if each of us reaches out in some small way, we will collectively bring about greater change.

"It took a couple of ten year olds to make me truly realize this. I am so thankful to the Leesburg Town Council for listening and taking action to show that they care about their community and their township."

**Why goats are so effective**

As Bowen's Prosperity Acres website explains, goats love "broad-leafed browsing material." This means they will show no mercy when it comes to that unwanted

ditional methods. This is especially the case in areas where people and machines cannot go safely."

**Goat story time July 20**

Bowen, author of the blog "Browsing Green Goats" will held story time at Raflo Park on July 20.

Bowen read, "Nadia the Wonder Goat" – a story told from a goat's perspective. She also discussed the positive impacts that goats have on the environment while allowing families to meet a few of her furry friends, in person.

"I love what my business does for the community and I love teaching children," she said.

**CAUSES AND CORRELATIONS**, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

beginning of this paragraph is; yes, according to some studies and anecdotal evidence, people near cell towers tend to have higher rates of cancer. This doesn't mean cell towers or high tension electric lines cause cancer. What we have to look for is other common reasons they are connected. In this case we may have is a "spurious" correlation in which completely different situations are highly correlated. The one I used at the Town council meeting was the very close correlation of the number of shark attacks to the sale of ice cream cones in beach areas. Ice cream cones could not logically cause shark attacks but, the connection comes from the fact that lots of ice cream cones are sold at beaches in the summer when shark attacks are higher. This spurious correlation is credited to Dr. Patrick Moore in a speech he gave concerning climate change.

A Harvard student, Tyler Vigen has made a study of such connections and has written a book entitled, "Spurious Correlations". He also has a website, <https://tylervigen.com> with graphic data illustrating some ridiculous and humorous links between truly unrelated subjects. For example, the website shows that the correlation between consumption of mozzarella cheese and electrical engineering degrees is 93.5 percent. There are even higher correlation percentages found at the website. For example, the divorce rate in Maine has a 99.2 percent rate match with the per capita consumption of margarine. Then there's the

97.1 percent match between the people who died from falling out of their wheel chairs to the cost of 16 oz. packages of potato chips. One of the more interesting correlations is the 99.3 percent match between the numbers of lawyers in North Carolina and suicides by hanging, strangulations and suffocations in the U.S. (maybe there is a real connection here). The per capita consumption of all types of cheese seems to match many trends, one of them is a 94.7 percent match to the number of people who died by being tangled in their bed sheets. The examples go on and on, I think you get the picture.

One of the most interesting and controversial connections nowadays is between carbon dioxide and global warming. I won't discuss the connection in detail here but, the results can be summarized as follows; over the period of at least the 500 million years that global temperatures can be geologically confirmed by rock samples or ice cores, this correlation has varied from 99 percent positive for millions of years and 99 percent negative for a similar number of millions of years. More about this in a future column.

So, the lesson to be learned here is, correlation doesn't mean causation and things that correlate closely may have no connection whatsoever. Be skeptical when anybody tells you A causes B, it may be a spurious correlation.

*LaFiandra is a retired engineer who writes about scientific and political topics. He lives near the Town of Purcellville.*

## Quilt exhibit at Purcellville Town Hall until Sept. 30

The Purcellville Arts Council is featuring a quilt exhibit called "Under the Sea" at Town Hall. The exhibit features

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10 artists including: Joyce L. Carrier, Kerry Faraone, Carolyn Perry Goins, Priscilla Godfrey, Renelda Peldunas-Harter, Marisela Rumberg, Barbara Ulrey Schafer, Cindy Sisler Simms, Mary Tims, and Pamela Traynham. The quilts will be on display in Purcellville's Town Hall through Sept. 30. The show may be seen during regular Town Hall office hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. except holidays). While there, visitors can also view the traditional quilts that are on display in Council Chambers courtesy of Priscilla Godfrey.

This exhibit is the Mason Dixon Quilt Professional Network's 10th professional quilt challenge which was to make a continuous, no-binding quilt depicting the sea. The quilts show sunken treasure,

large and small marine life, toxic sea vents, pollution, Jonah and the whale, mermaids, and a snorkeling granny. The Mason Dixon Quilt Professional Network is an organization that supports, promotes, and encourages quality professional quilt services and acts as a resource for members to market their talents. Members include quilt artists, teachers, designers, authors, judges, appraisers, hand/machine quilters, and notion/tool manufactures.

The first floor corridors of Town Hall have a gallery-caliber hanging system which creates and opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work. Art exhibitions in Town Hall ensure that all members of the public have access to art. The Purcellville Arts Council is accepting submissions for future shows. All artwork is decided upon for suitability by an outside jury, and for more information email [arts@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:arts@purcellvilleva.gov).



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#### \$16 MILLION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

McAlister's lawsuit, is sixteen million dollars for "maliciously conspiring" to remove her as Chief of Police, and defaming her.

In June 2015, former Purcellville Town Manager Rob Lohr hired McAlister who had retired from her position with the Fairfax County Police Department. Her hiring was well received by Town officials.

However, as is apparent from McAlister's current lawsuit, by 2017, there was a breakdown in relations between her and many of her rank and file officers. McAlister had, by all accounts, come to the Purcellville Police Department with the idea of making wide-spread changes. This resulted in quick and unexpected retirements and other disruptions.

Danny Davis, former Assistant Purcellville Town Manager, was tasked with supervising the Police Department during this time. It is unclear how much of the discord former Town Manager Rob Lohr was aware of.

After Lohr's retirement as Town Manager on July 1, 2017, the Town Council appointed Alex Vanegas to serve as an Interim Town Manager. Shortly thereafter, six Purcellville Police Department officers approached Vanegas with concerns about McAlister. The officers alleged the Chief was creating a "hostile work environment," and provided evidence to underscore their concern. Consequently, on August 28, 2017, Vanegas placed McAlister on paid administrative leave, so an investigation into the allegations

could address the officers' concerns.

The following month, Vanegas hired Georgia Nuckolls, an independent human resources consultant, to commence an investigation into the various complaints and concerns. Vanegas' hiring of Nuckolls was his own administrative action, as opposed to a legislative action that would have required approval by the Town Council.

At the conclusion of the investigation and based on its findings, reviewed also by outside legal counsel, the Town Council voted "no confidence" in McAlister on Nov. 1, 2017. Vanegas then fired her the next day.

Three weeks later the Town Council became privy to allegations of an inappropriate personal relationship between Vanegas and the consultant Nuckolls. As a result, they placed Vanegas on administrative leave, and re-hired McAlister, on paid administrative leave status, while they sought to sort out the facts involved. The Town launched a thorough independent investigation, conducted by retired City of Charlottesville Police Chief and Assistant Professor at the University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies, Timothy Longo, Sr., and the law firm Wilson Elser. The investigation concluded that Vanegas acted improperly; and his employment with the Town was terminated June 19, 2018. Additionally, the investigators found some of the allegations against McAlister to be "not sustained" (insufficient evidence to prove or disprove), and some "unfounded." The Town Council reinstated McAlister in August

2018 - one year ago this month. McAlister had, per all reports settled back into her role serving the citizens of Purcellville.

Nevertheless, on July 22, McAlister filed her \$16 million lawsuit. This is was not her first litigation against a governmental body. In 1994, McAlister was one of four plaintiffs in a lawsuit against the Fairfax County School Board and two other individuals. She was also a single plaintiff in a 2012 lawsuit against her former employer, Fairfax County. The case was settled for an unknown amount in 2013. It is unclear if the Town leadership of Purcellville was made aware of these lawsuits before her hire.

In the year following McAlister's reinstatement, and prior to her lawsuit, the Town Council sought to review, optimize, and improve the Town's operations. To this end, they conducted a thorough operational audit, conducted by Novak Consulting Group. The April 2019 operational audit set out 48 recommendations, including Town policy improvements, procedures, staffing levels, and management practices.

Ethical Advocate was implemented. Ethical Advocate is a company that provides an anonymous hotline system for reporting unethical incidents, behavior, and conditions relating to employees and management.

A hearing date for the McAlister lawsuit has not been announced as of press time. The Town of Purcellville is insured by Virginia Municipal League which will be providing legal representation.

#### TDRs, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

tect our rural lands by choosing not to make use of these programs, we are also leaving real money on the table. These programs are used throughout the state and the nation and are not controversial or partisan.

Current Blue Ridge Supervisor Tony Buffington pays a lot of lip service to the idea of preserving the rural west. He proposed a Conservation Easement Assistance program that looks good on the surface and grabbed headlines, but erects insurmountable barriers to entry for the landowners who need it most: Who in Loudoun lives on more than 10 acres but makes less than \$117,000 a year? He also voted against a proposal to look into establishing a PDR program in Loudoun simply because a Democrat proposed it and lacks a basic understanding of the fundamental difference between TDRs and PDRs, often suggesting they are one and the same.

And finally, Buffington claims TDRs are now included in the Comprehensive Plan, thanks to

him. In reality, there are two sentences that vaguely reference the possibility of a TDR program being established in the future.\* That's not how this works, legally or practically, and our representatives should understand that. Implementing a TDR program requires comprehensive and specific legal language to fulfill the state's requirements and satisfy Dillon's rule, including outlining sending and receiving zones for the development rights in question.

We can add a Purchase of Development Rights program later. We can work to improve Conservation Easement Assistance so the program is more inclusive and effective. A Transfer of Development Rights program must be detailed within a county's comprehensive plan to be valid.

Loudoun's western representatives are either familiar with these conser-

vation programs and the processes by which to implement them and are actively working to undermine them, or they don't understand the legal and technical details of the policies for which they advocate.

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*Tia Walbridge is a candidate for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors*

*Blue Ridge District. She serves on the Virginia Agricultural Council and is a board member of Loudoun County Farm Bureau.*

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Natural, Environmental and Heritage Resources Strategy 1.1, Action E: "Should the Board of Supervisors consider adopting a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program in the future, a thorough evaluation of the countywide impact on sending and receiving areas for density transfers will be conducted and, if acceptable to the Board of Supervisors, such additional policies will be added to the Comprehensive Plan and considered for implementation with a future TDR ordinance."

Then on the next page, as a sidebar: "Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Conservation Easements are tools available to the County and public and private entities to protect and preserve open space, farms, and natural, environmental, and heritage resources in perpetuity, allowing landowners to retain ownership of their property, while maximizing the economic value of the land."



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