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## From South America to Purcellville

### Small town USA welcomes Guyanese Ambassador

BY ANDREA GAINES

Purcellville's Mayor Kwasi Fraser spent the first 11 years of his life in the South American country of Guyana.

The United States has been his home for many years now. And, having lived in Purcellville with his family for more than a decade – contributing to the success of several American businesses along the way – this, is home.

The connections he has established over time, however, endure. Those connections led to a very special “state” visit recently, when Purcellville's leadership hosted Dr. Riyad Insanally, CCH, Guyana's Ambassador to the United States.

As an all-American town seeking to innovate as it grows, Purcellville actually has a lot in common with the South American country, and both governments are eager to learn from each other.

Guyana is the world's fastest growing economy and is

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L to R: Purcellville resident David Eno, Dr. Ashley Ellis – Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at the Academies of Loudoun, First Secretaries to the Embassy of Guyana – Mr. Jason Fields and Mr. John Chester-Inniss, Ms. Lesley Dowridge Collins – Minister Counsellor to the Embassy of Guyana, Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser, Dr. Tinell L. Priddy – Principal of the Academies of Loudoun, Ambassador Dr. Riyad Insanally, CCH, and Dr. Nyah Hamlett – Chief of Staff at the Academies.

## Charming slice of western Loudoun celebrates 50 years

BY ANDREA GAINES

“We wanted something groovy,” said Deborah Snyder ... “And, we got it.”

Snyder, Publicity Chair for the Bluemont Fair was talking about the annual logo and poster contest put on by the popular event.

Every year the organizers reach out to local artists and creative types for help designing the marketing identity for the event.

This year that person was Jody West of Fort Valley, Virginia.

According to fair organizers, “Jody's design [and]

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## Chapman Brothers, LLC proposes ‘floodplain hazard revisions’ for its and neighboring properties

BY VALERIE CURY

A highly-technical bit of floodplain, “floodplain hazard revision,” “Flood Insurance Rate Map,” and developer-as-engineer legalese is causing a lot of anxiety for residents in Purcellville's Old Dominion Valley neighborhood. Presumably, the neighborhood's HOA is on alert as well.

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The legalese came in the form of a letter notifying home owners that Chapman Brothers, LLC is applying for changes to floodplain designations, not just on its property, but theirs.

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## Welcome home little leaguers — Loudoun South caps off explosive season

BY ANDREA GAINES

In recent months, the boys on the Loudoun South Little League team pitched, hit, slammed, slid, scored, scrapped, scrambled, and bunted their way to within just a few innings of world little league history.

They didn't take the 2019 Little League Baseball World Series (LLBWS). That was an accomplishment reserved for Louisiana's Eastbank Little League as the U.S. team crushed a Curacao team in a decisive 8-0 win in the Little League World Series Championship on Aug. 25.

But, Loudoun South still made the entire region, the United States, Virginia – and their families – enormously proud as they ripped their way through the season.

The Loudoun South Little League organization is a youth baseball organization serving South Riding, Stone Ridge, Lenah, and Brambleton in District 16.

The team was the first Virginia team in over a quarter of a century to compete in the 2019 Little League World Series playoffs, which took place in Williamsport, Pa.

The Little League competition that sent the team to Williamsport featured two brackets – a U.S. bracket and an international bracket.



South Riding, Va.'s Brady Yates (15) trots down the third baseline after hitting a two-run home run off Barrington, R.I.'s Alex Anderson (2) during the fifth inning of a baseball game in United State pool play at the Little League World Series tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., Friday, Aug. 16. Virginia won 3-0. (AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar)

A global athletic extravaganza from start to finish for baseball-loving 10-, 11-, and 12-year olds, sixteen teams – eight from the United States and eight international teams – played in the tournament's 73rd year.

To get into the competition, Loudoun South scored in a gigantic win earlier this summer by becoming the 2019 Southeast Region Champions, beating Peachtree City, GA in a decisive 12-2 victory.

In that game, Loudoun South's Justin Lee hit a solo homer to start things off. Chase Obstgarten "went yard" in the second inning. And, the team

followed that up by posting six runs in the fifth inning. Home runs by Justin Lee and Colton Hicks, and a single by Matt Coleman made that fifth inning sparkle. And, inning-by-inning the pitching by Justin Lee and Liam Thyen doused any hopes of Peachtree that the game would be theirs.

The term "went yard" or "going yard" means that a ball has been hit with such force and such precision that it travels the entire length of the field, or baseball "yard." The origin of the term may be a take-off of the famous Camden Yard, home of the Baltimore Orioles.

### Little League World Series Brackets

United States	International
Great Lakes Region	Asia-Pacific Region
Mid-Atlantic Region	Australia Region
Midwest Region	Canada Region
New England Region	Caribbean Region
Northwest Region	Europe-Africa Region
Southeast Region	Japan Region
Southwest Region	Latin American Region
West Region	Mexico Region

Peachtree City had defeated Loudoun South in the 2018 Southeast Region title game, so it was a sweet, back-at-ya win for the team.

Once having secured a spot in the LLWS, Loudoun South won their first two games in Williamsport in style – without allowing a hit. That gave them the distinction of being only the second team from the U.S. to pitch

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### Loudoun South Team Roster

Matt Coleman (1B/OF)	Chase Triplett (IF/OF/P)
Noah Culpepper (C)	Chase Obstgarten (P/SS)
Michael Bowden (OF/IF)	Justin Lee (P/C/1B)
Joe Ross (OF)	<b>Coaches</b>
Kian Henson (P/OF/3B)	Brian Triplett
Liam Thyen (P/CF)	Keith Yates
Colton Hicks (P/2B)	<b>Manager</b>
Brett Triplett (IF/OF)	Alan Bowden
Brody Harris (OF/3B)	
Brady Yates (3B/P)	

## Ladies ... everyone ... may I have your attention

Ketocin DAR celebrates 70 years

BY ANDREA GAINES

Whitehall Farm, in Bluemont, Virginia. It's one of the most time-honored places in the whole of Loudoun County. And, on Sept. 3 it hosted one of the most time-honored organizations, not just in Loudoun, but in the whole of the United States as the Daughters of the American Revolution – Ketocin Chapter – celebrated its 70th Anniversary.

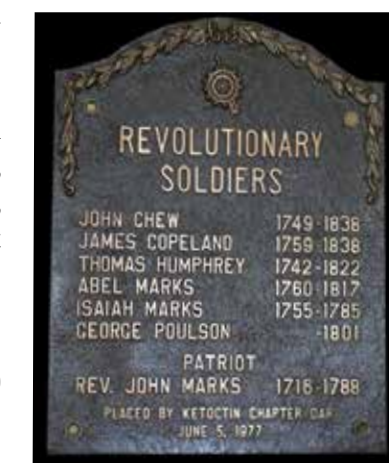
Present at the tea were many state and local dignitaries connected with the DAR, along with their guests. History was repeated ... in order to protect it.

On April 15, 1950 twelve local ladies met

at the home of Martha Kidd McComb – Whitehall – to organize the first DAR chapter in Loudoun County.

The DAR is a national organization with some 175,000 members; its motto – "God, Home, and Country." Members must show, through a careful application process, that they are directly descended from an individual who "aided" in the American Revolution, as a soldier or in another role. DAR's membership is today spread across 3,000 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and nations around the world.

Mrs. McComb served as the first Chapter



Photos courtesy of Ketocin DAR.



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## Just Like Nothing (else) on Earth: Cochran Mill Road

BY TIM JON

It was like an evolutionary trip through Loudoun County; you start at a familiar crossroads, with a brief look at an historic home among primitive settings, work through seemingly untouched woods and waterways, run an industrial gauntlet of looming monstrosities and earth movers, and finally emerge into the current bustle of today's commercial shopping whirlpool. I found Cochran Mill Road – last time out – both a victim and recipient of that process we humans insist on calling progress – and maybe we're right – at least some of the time; I do find it tempting, though – in the comfort of the here and now – to bewail the passing of many things natural and ancient, while another (spoiled, lazy?) side of me falls to temptation, and kind of enjoys the fruits of 21st century culture (I miss that familiar, little dirt road, but man – that Korean fried chicken is sure good!) In just the two decades and change I've lived here I have experienced (like most Loudouners) enormous, horrendous, and wonderful transformations in my surroundings; a recent trip along Cochran Mill Road served as a snapshot of this larger process – revealing a taste of the eternal (minerals, plants, animals and atmosphere) mixed with a vision of future implementations.

Now, I had no such literary designs in mind as I started my journey that morning, but I couldn't help

but marvel at man's ability – for better or worse – to adapt to, and radically transform his (and my) surroundings. I remember the sensations of warmth and coziness – at the outset – in imagining a pastoral rural (mostly bygone) life, the quiet and solitude of nature in its untouched forms, the harshness



contrasted in the adjacent utility landscapes – electrical generation machines, excavation works and transportation projects – leaving impressions of power, inevitability and even danger – and finally a sense of actual relief in returning to the undeniable here and now experienced in one of our latest – and

familiar – 'live work and play' destinations in Loudoun County.

I had vaguely recalled that Cochran Mill's northern terminus no longer hooked up to Route Seven near the now-dormant local golf club – but I admit genuine surprise at the direct link to Russell Branch Parkway, and a close brush with the sensory overload of Village at Leesburg on my way home – this, after having just left the lunar landscape-like surroundings rendered by men and machines along the last bumps and grinds of Cochran Mill Road. My progress seemed to tell me, that morning, "Change is coming, and it's coming fast." At least, it sure did to that end of that particular dirt road – now smooth, and paved, and even given a new name. Just a mile or two before the quantum leap onto Russell Branch, I'd been more than a little concerned about getting my all-wheel-drive across some of the ruts on the worst sections of the 'heavy metal' segment along Cochran Mill. It seemed, not even the road enjoyed the effects of the large caliber artillery gauging and looming its way through the countryside.

The stark contrasts in the environment – in such short distance – at least stretched – if not sundered altogether – the sense of reality. But, we can still look back at the way we came – for now at least – there's still some beautiful scenery along the first portion – just after turning off from Sycolin Road south of

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## Parsing Humor out of Tragedy

BY SAMUEL MOORE-SOBEL

Summer is one of those seasons that flies by in an instant. I have been hard at work this season, putting the finishing touches on my long-awaited memoir. The edits were so time consuming that, much to my chagrin, I had to prioritize those efforts over completing a column last month. Happily, the edits are now complete, with my book targeted for a 2020 release.

Needless to say, the accident has been on my mind lately. For those who don't know, I suffered second and third degree burns to my face and arms as a teenager due to the accidental explosion of sulfuric acid. September 1, 2020, marked the tenth anniversary of this traumatic event.

I've talked and written about this experience countless times before, yet each time I do, a part of me feels as if I am still trying to make sense of it all. At the same time, I feel an overwhelming sense of gratefulness for simply being alive.

With this in mind, I've come to believe that it is important to celebrate certain milestones. Many of us celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, but I think it's just as important to celebrate other meaningful dates on the calendar. Whether it be an anniversary involving work, a friend, or survival, they all hold a precious symbolism worthy of commemoration.

Admittedly, I approached this year's anniversary with a bit of trepidation. The importance of commemorating ten years of survival was not lost on me. I thought long and hard about how to best capture the meaning behind the journey I have traveled. A daunting task, considering all that must be incorporated into a September 1 celebration. Perhaps it would have served me well to take some advice I received years ago.

While in high school, I participated in a summer program at the College of William and Mary. One night during dinner – about halfway through the program – someone inevitably asked me about my scars. I was taken aback, but readily divulged my story. At the time, the second anniversary of the accident, September 1, 2011, was just weeks away. Such a revelation garnered a unique response from one of my peers. "You should get a cake!"

Personal storytelling is not easy. Those of us who have experienced trauma know that retelling the past garners a myriad of responses. Some empathetic, some hurtful, and even some humorous. The painful part of sharing pieces of ourselves with the world can be the reactions of other people. Yet, it's the humorous moments that can sustain us when we encounter people who don't understand our experiences.

After a few seconds of awkward silence, I laughed in response to this unsolicited exclamation, with the rest of the table joining in shortly after. It provided a bit of levity during the story that I was just learning to tell.

Weeks later, I marked the second anniversary of the accident by posting on Facebook. I know, spoken like a true Millennial. The encouraging comments on my post brought a smile to my face, especially one in particular.

"You should get a cake!" The comment was left by one of my friends, who quickly followed up his comment by sending me an apology-laden text message. I was in no way offended; in fact, I welcomed the humor. Rather than a cake, my mother had made a cobbler that night. Did that still count?

"It's worth celebrating!" he told me, in reference to September 1. "You should buy a cake every year!"

A sentiment that could apply to nearly all of us. Undoubtedly, certain dates on the calendar are worthy of celebration. Days that hold special meaning to us and our loved ones. Days containing important reminders of where we've been, who we are, and who we are working to become. And, certainly there are days worthy of indulging in a piece of cake (or whatever means by which you choose to celebrate).

Suffice it to say, even after all of these years, I have never enjoyed a piece of cake on September 1. As the tenth anniversary approached and I made plans to celebrate with my family, I couldn't help but wonder if it was time to have some cake. After all, could there really be a better way to celebrate?

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# Clusters: A Secret War

BY CHARLES HOUSTON

The hullabaloo over the new Comprehensive Plan has quieted, to everyone's relief. Unsurprisingly, secret wars have started and battles will spring up as elements from the controversial Plan become encased in the concrete of a new Zoning Ordinance, a new or revised Land Subdivision and Development Ordinance, and perhaps changes to the Facilities Manual. (Few citizens have ever heard of the last two documents, but they govern what your neighborhood – and even your house – will look like.)

The war over clusters has started pitting volunteer conservationists against professional developers, each group trying to influence Supervisors and the idealistic County planning staff.

Cluster housing is not new. In the

AR-1 zoning district (essentially, western Loudoun north of Snickersville Turnpike) they have led to a *de facto* 5-acre density and the loss of 67 square miles of farmland in the past 15 years. Unless something is done, these losses will continue until nothing is left but tract housing.

### The Downside of Clusters

Despite regulations to the contrary, clusters usually look like generic subdivision streets with cookie-cutter houses. Zoning requires clusters to have smaller lots surrounded by large lots that can be used for the rural economy. That idea flopped. The overall open space requirement might be met, but that land is chopped into a handful of lots in the 15-acre range, each under separate ownership and not truly useful for agricultural or even rural purposes.

Compared to the base zoning density of 20 acres per house, here are examples of the harm clusters can cause ...

Assume 23,000 acres, one-tenth of the Rural Policy Area of western Loudoun; base density would allow 1,150 houses, but, with clusters, the density would increase to 4,600. Those extra 3,450 houses would cost taxpayers \$138 million upfront in capital costs for schools and such, and also cost taxpayers about \$14 million in annual operating costs – primarily for education – forever. And, that hypothetical is just for one-tenth of rural Loudoun! You, the taxpayer, get financially clobbered by clusters. Add the additional traffic and then check the condition of our roads. Heed your aesthetic instincts and see that clusters do not look remotely like rural Loudoun. Clusters also do not remotely provide affordable housing.

### Combatants

The Cluster War can be distilled into two competing visions. Developers want to build small subdivisions that look like miniature versions of eastern Loudoun. Conservationists would accept miniature versions of Waterford village. A compromise is possible if pursued properly.

The new Comp Plan frequently emphasizes clustering as the preferred land use pattern. Fighting this is tilting at windmills, so we must turn lemons into lemonade and ensure that the Zoning and other ordinances require clusters that can actually be assets.

### Clusters that Suit Conservationists

The design goal should be to evoke a very small, traditional colonial village. There should be cross streets every 300

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# The Potomac from the Virginia side

BY JOHN P. FLANNERY

The Chesapeake Bay carries a load of "nutrients," waste, that compromise the Bay.

Virginia has recently decided to devote \$73 million to underwrite voluntary efforts by farmers and landowners to follow best management practices (BMPs) to keep the water clear and the soil rich close to home so that our streams emptying into the Potomac don't compromise the Bay.

This soil and water conservation pro-

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# Buffington is dedicated, trustworthy and involved

Dear Editor:

I recently polled 20 people and asked them to give me three adjectives that described Tony Buffington, your current Blue Ridge Supervisor running for reelection to the Board of Supervisors. The response included a plethora of words, but the three that were repeated over and over again were "dedicated, trustworthy and involved". Additionally I heard, focused, hard-working, smart, determined, and conscientious. He was described as grounded, intuitive, caring, respectful, gracious, down to earth, passionate, a listener. Patriotic – a Marine.

I didn't want to write a letter that sounded like a political ad. I wanted you

to come to know the man that has worked tirelessly for you the last four years to make the Blue Ridge District the best that it can be. From the Transition Policy Area to Western Loudoun, this is a very complicated and challenging district with very different needs depending on where you live. Protecting and preserving farmland has been a priority for Tony in Western Loudoun, whereas, safety and transportation improvements along the Route 50 Corridor, Braddock Road, Evergreen Mills Road among many others, continues on a daily basis. Protecting open space is a priority of his for all of the Blue Ridge District.

Tony Buffington is a loving father who is a dedicated public servant. He has served his country as a Marine, is a Super-

visor with the Capitol Police Force and is fierce in his support of first responders.

In answer to my request for three adjectives that described Tony, one person said to me, "What is the word for someone who listens before he says anything?" If you've ever sat in a meeting with Supervisor Buffington, you know this to be true.

Other said things like thoughtful, kind, bright, sincere, brave and honest. This last word was mentioned over and over again. Honest. When you go to the polls in November, I ask you to consider these qualities that people associate Tony Buffington with, and I hope you will find him "deserving" of your vote.

Robin Bartok  
Purcellville

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# LaRock Represents Well

Dear Editor:

Some of us don't follow politics all that much, partly because of the controversy we see in Washington, D.C. While there are going to be lots of offices on your ballot this year, they will all be somewhat local offices. These candidates aren't professional politicians, they are your neighbors, members of the community.

I want to mention Dave LaRock, who is running for re-election to the House of Delegates. He and his family have lived in our area for over 30 years. If previous elections are any indication, in the weeks ahead you'll see attacks against

him even though his record of service to our community is outstanding. This negativity makes me wonder sometimes why good people even offer to serve.

Dave has represented us for about 6 years. In that time, he has been doing a great job. One example, when the Purcellville DMV shut down their office it was a major inconvenience. At the re-opening, the DMV Commissioner said Dave "...bothered the devil out of me..." until the office was re-opened.

Some elected officials seem to just want to show up to cut ribbons, but Dave has worked hard for people who are experiencing tough times. He has passed numerous bills to address the opioid

epidemic, fought for foster children, disabled children and their parents, and led efforts to reinstate drivers' licenses for hundreds of thousands of low income Virginians.

Dave has also worked hard to make sure our roads and schools are funded, and that those funds are not wasted. Dave led the fight against Democrat Governors McAuliffe and Northam's efforts to raise tolls and send our money to transit projects in Arlington. He supported the 5 percent pay increase for our hard-working teachers.

As our Delegate, Dave has stood with farmers for agriculture and protecting our rural areas from developers, leading

to a recent endorsement by the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

I've seen Dave out-and-about in our community, attending lots of Eagle Scout ceremonies, parades, community events, and holding Town Hall meetings on some issues that matter to all of us - Transportation and Broadband. Dave and his wife, Joanne, and kids are out knocking on your door with his volunteers because they are part of our community and are willing to invest in it.

He's doing a great job, and we need to keep him!

Lydia Clark  
Purcellville

# Send Higgins to Richmond

Dear Editor:

All of Loudoun's farm based businesses - wineries, breweries, bed and breakfasts, farm stands, pick your own and equestrian operations, contribute to a unique and wonderful oasis located in fast-paced Northern Virginia. Western Loudoun is a place where you can still buy locally grown produce, pick blueberries and strawberries, go for a trail ride, cut your own holiday tree, enjoy award-winning local wine and taste some of the best brewed craft beer in the nation.

There is no one that has worked harder to grow and protect Western Loudoun than Supervisor Geary Higgins. I have had the pleasure of working with him since his election in 2012. I believe Supervisor Higgins has been agriculture's longest and strongest advocate elected to the Board of Supervisors. No issue has been too large or

too small for him to try to solve. He has been committed to a prosperous rural economy from the beginning. He stood alongside County staff and members of Loudoun's Rural Economic Development Council to investigate best practices in other regions to move Loudoun's agriculture based sector forward. Supervisor Higgins participated in developing the key principles to draft, support and implement Loudoun's Rural Economy Business Development Strategy.

He led critical ordinances changes through the legislative process for breweries, bed and breakfasts and other rural uses and has fought back against additional regulation on Loudoun's farm wineries. He is a strong advocate for conservation easements and the land use assessment program and worked to make sure Western Loudoun was protected in the recent Comprehensive Plan. Next year, Loudoun

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# I support Ram for Blue Ridge School Board representative

Dear Editor:

With the retirement of Jill Turgeon this year, western Loudoun will elect a new member of the Loudoun County School Board on Nov. 5. Jill Turgeon and I support Ram Venkatachalam.

Why is this race important to you? Western Loudoun faces a lot of unique challenges, many related to our rural character, the growth of our towns, and our desire to have as many educational choices as possible for our children - including small schools, charter schools and home schooling. We need a board member who will continue Jill Turgeon's work. One who will lead a board that is focused on teaching our children in a safe, nurturing and non-ideological environment - and respecting the

interests of parents and all taxpayers.

Once elected, Ram will immediately move to implement new safety measures to protect our children. That includes the further building safety enhancements and exterior cameras on school buses to catch drivers who speed through a bus stop. It also means putting a School Resource Officer (SRO) - a fully trained Sheriff's Deputy - in every public school. Today, there are 59 elementary schools without this officer. Ram is the only Blue Ridge School Board Candidate advocating this common sense child safety measure.

Ram has called for compensating our teachers more fairly, so we retain more of them. Ram's vision is for Loudoun County to be a magnet for the best teachers in

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# Walbridge can bring positive change

Dear Editor:

As a resident of the countryside surrounding Hillsboro, I was interested to read the article on the new Comprehensive Plan. When we moved here in 2002 the Smart Growth Plan was a buying incentive for us but it was overturned on a technicality. We

have been disappointed over the years with plans that sound good but never stop development. This article describes the issues so well which is weak, easily gotten around zoning. One type of housing I would welcome is affordable housing but that never happens either.

I have been following, meeting and listening to Tia

Walbridge who is running for Supervisor of the Blue Ridge District. I am impressed by her willingness to attend meetings, advocate for farmers and study policy. I just want results and I have concluded that Walbridge can help bring positive changes to the Board.

Let's really study the solutions to these rural issues and stop letting the developers have their way.

Laura Berish  
Hillsboro

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# Phyllis Randall To Keep Loudoun Moving Forward

Dear Editor:

Four years ago when she was running for Loudoun County Chair, Phyllis Randall made some big promises. Now four years later, Chair

Randall is running for re-election and before deciding whether or not to give her my vote this November, I decided to do some research to see if she kept those promises. I can now say with 100 percent certainty, Chair Phyllis Randall has earned not only my vote, but my enthusiastic support as well. Loudoun needs four more years of Randall's leadership.

On Education: For the past four years Chair Randall has led the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in adequately funding

our schools. Today Loudoun has a higher teacher starting salary than any other school system in Northern Virginia. Four years ago only 11 percent of eligible students had access to Universal Full Day Kindergarten. Today, 100 percent, every single kindergarten child has Universal Full Day Kindergarten.

On Development: Chair Randall promised to protect Western Loudoun County. After four years the current BOS has not approved one new home in Western Loudoun County. She voted against the True North Data Center and the Lovettsville gas station. Further, she made the critical motion to put protective language in the Comprehensive Plan as it

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# Stand up for the future we want - vote for Sam

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to endorse my friend and neighbor Sam Kroiz for Catocin Supervisor. My young family and I moved in down the road from Sam's place, George's Mill Farm, nine years ago and we love it here.

We've lived in and traveled to some wonderful places over the years, but none with the natural, historical, and agricultural richness of home. Loudoun is a special place, and George's Mill Farm is a big part of what makes our corner of it particularly special. In addition to their excellent goat cheese and other farm products, Sam's farm provides baby goats to visit every spring, fields and forests teeming with wildlife, community barn dances, and many other invaluable services.

My family frequents many other local farms that provide similar services to their neighborhoods. These farms provide so much of the richness of our area, but unfortunately the owners are not getting rich farming. While I often see Sam struggling with his own farm issues, he's always glad to be pioneering a new direct-to-consumer, value-added farming model, and is more concerned for his fellow farmers who are dependent on commodity beef and crop prices, and are often farming at a loss. In the nine years I've lived in rural Loudoun, I've seen many farming operations go out of business and their fields filled with houses. It's sad to watch happen, but totally understandable; how long can you operate a business at a loss? How long can the remaining farmers

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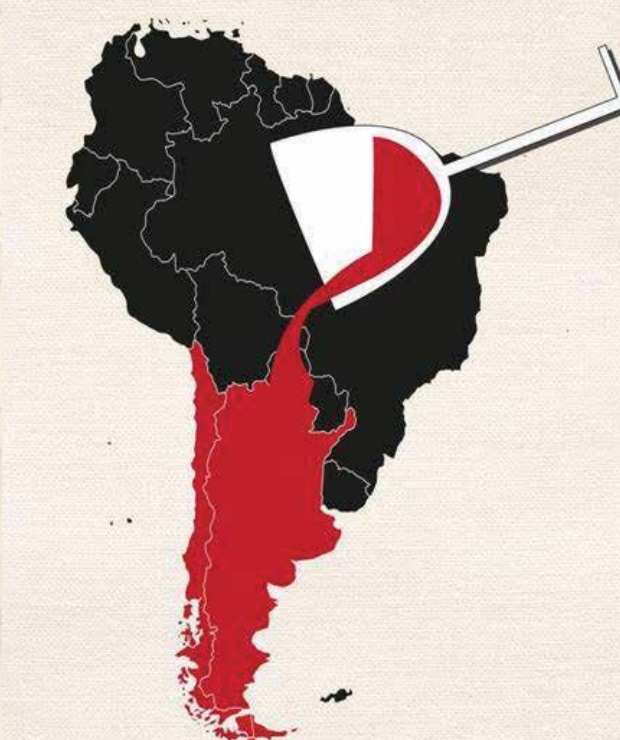



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### — Ask Dr. Mike —

By Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D.

#### Dr. Mike,

My husband and I recently dropped off our last child (our son) at college. Initially, I shed a few tears but was more focused on my happiness for him. Well, fast forward two weeks, and I'm miserable. Sad, anxious, empty, and even angry at times. I'm also feeling very guilty about being a working mom, and now regret that I didn't spend more time with all of our children when they were growing up. My husband keeps telling me that I'm a "great mom" but I don't want to hear it, and I'm even fighting about the smallest things with him and just want to be left alone. Our oldest child (son) lives and works on the West Coast and we see him infrequently, and our middle child (daughter) is a sophomore in college and is also away at school already. Feeling very alone and at a loss for what to do to feel good again.



DR. MIKE

**Help! – Unhappy in Loudoun**

#### Dear Unhappy in Loudoun,

First of all, congratulations! Our main job as parents is to raise our children to be healthy, happy and ready for life. It

seems you've successfully launched three children, and while you don't feel great about that now, I'm confident you will over time. Please know that the Empty Nest Syndrome isn't a clinical diagnosis, but it's real. And the grief and associated feelings you're experiencing in response to your last child leaving the home is completely normal. At the end of the day, loss is loss, so whether we're talking about an actual death or a significant event where accepting change is difficult, you're going to grieve, and there's no getting around it. As the old saying goes, "Time heals all wounds," and in the meantime, here are a few tips to consider to help ease your pain.

- Stay connected to your children. Technology is a beautiful thing for your moment, so call, text and email them often (without going overboard) to increase communication and to maintain a connection.
- Talk openly about your feelings with your family and friends since repressing them will likely only lead to feeling worse. If your grief becomes too much for you

to manage, I recommend seeking the help of a psychologist with experience and training in grief therapy.

- Throw yourself into yourself. Without your children at home as your primary focus, you now have plenty of time to give to yourself. Is there a hobby, project or activity you'd like to take on? Do you want to exercise more and/or lose weight? Begin to think about what you want to do for you, and do it.
- Throw yourself into your marriage. While you may not be feeling close with your husband right now because of what you're going through, this is a great time to rekindle and/or redefine your marriage. You have plenty of time now to improve the quality of time spent to together with your husband, so start thinking about what you want that to look like.
- Get involved in your community. Coaching a sport or tutoring or volunteering (with or without your husband) in other ways could provide you with a renewed

sense of purpose and joy.

- Visit your children. Perhaps you could plan a trip out West to visit your oldest son in the near future. In addition to seeing him and to have a nice time together, maybe you and your husband could take vacation time for yourselves as a couple before or after you spend time with your son. And while your other two children are in college, that doesn't mean you can't visit them too, even if it's for a shorter visit.

Time, alongside the above mentioned tips, should help your empty nest feel a little more comfortable to dwell in; and remember, our children always need us regardless of their ages, so focus on the good and enjoy watching them fly.

Lastly, I would like to share with you a very moving excerpt from Judith Viorst's book, *Necessary Losses* that is timely for your moment:

When we think of loss we think of the loss, through death, of people we love. But loss is a far more encompassing theme in our life. For we lose not only through death, but also by leaving and

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# Congresswoman Wexton tours area farms

Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (D-VA) visited six agritourism businesses in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties in late August. She also announced the launch of her Congressional **GOVERNMENT** Agritourism Caucus, which will support the agritourism industry and highlight its importance to local economies and communities.

The Congresswoman's visit included tours of Georges Mill Farm in Lovettsville, Barnhouse Brewery in Leesburg, Roots 657 Cafe in Leesburg,

Willowcroft Farm Vineyards in Leesburg, Cox Farms in Centreville, and Quattro Goombas Winery and Craft Brewery in Aldie.

Pictured here is the beginning of her tour at Georges Mill Farm with Sam and Molly Kroiz. Her hour-long tour included the process of making cheese, including tastings. She also heard of the challenges of keeping rural farm land in Loudoun County. Wexton met the farm's goat family – all 56 of them. Upon her departure, she was invited to Georges Mill Farm's monthly barn dances.



Above, L to R: Molly Kroiz, Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton and Sam Kroiz



Left: Georges Mill Farm Cheeses

# Historic, three-story home in Leesburg

## Spacious, professionally designed, totally remodeled

BY ANDREA GAINES

The 4,000 square-foot home at 221 North King Street in Leesburg is the perfect combination of historic charm, modern upgrades, and location.

### REAL ESTATE

It took a year of professional remodeling to bring this wonderful, 1912 "brick beauty" back to life.

For starters, it has a brand new roof and a completely waterproofed basement.

But, the real allure of the place is its modern livability, wide-open spaces, and attention to detail, the kind of features that make in-town-living in Leesburg so rewarding ... so easy ... so unique.

Each of the five bedrooms has its own bath, with a versatile floor plan that lets you customize the space to fit your needs. Imagine what you could do with these kinds of options – for family gatherings, entertaining, or when you need to get away without leaving the house ...

The home features what can only be described as an amazing kitchen – the heart of the main floor. This includes top

of the line appliances and finishes, and lovely cabinetry ... and a quartz waterfall island, with a traditional countertop that extends down the sides – beauty and functionality all in one. Sleek and modern in bold colors of bright white and the perfect blue/green grey, the kitchen is a chef and family's dream.

There is an attic, a first-floor laundry, a mudroom, a studio, a solarium, and all of the things that tell you that the original builder and the more recent remodeler understood how to combine functionality and beauty – complementing all with crown moldings, recessed lighting, skylights, wood floors, central AC, and fireplaces.

A large front porch provides another great place to get away, to entertain, or to watch life in town saunter on by. The home sits back from the road to give you the privacy you want, with all of the convenience you desire. It is just steps from Historic Downtown Leesburg and the Ida Lee Recreation Center.



And, yes, this remodeled to perfection home has a detached garage, providing in-town living and parking, with total transportation convenience. Come see me, says this wonderful property!

221 North King Street, Leesburg  
MLS#: VALO100023  
Year Built: 1912  
Beds/Baths: 5 bedrooms, each with its own bath  
Total Acreage: Just over three-quarters of an acre  
List Price: \$1,495,000  
Agent: Linda Culbert, Associate Broker, Long & Foster  
Email: [LindaCulbert@LongandFoster.com](mailto:LindaCulbert@LongandFoster.com)  
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### Music as a crafter of beautiful minds

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#### BUSINESS

CSM offers instruction in a wide variety of popular instruments – percussion, piano, strings, and woodwinds. And, they also offer programs in more unusual instruments, including Suzuki guitar.

That instrument – and its teaching philosophy – was made famous by Japanese violinist Shinichi Suzuki who said: "Our purpose does not lie in a movement to create professional musicians, but to create persons of a beautiful mind."

That's a pretty wonderful idea, and it says a lot about what the Catoctin School of Music brings to the table. According to the folks at CSM,

music helps youth – and everyone – cognitively, spiritually, emotionally, and physically. It changes the brain's structure, and has positive outcomes on long term memory, and auditory and tactile reaction times. It also increases the "integration" of inputs from various senses, enhances working memory, and "robustly builds" language skills.

Music study also strengthens overall executive function, and increases reading skills – great assets for both adults and children.

"Music has the power to bring joy [and] happiness, [and] relieve depression, grief and stress, and profoundly change how a student sees their world and their place in it," say the folks at CSM.

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Equine as teacher, horseback rider as student

Drive down any rural or otherwise road in Loudoun County and what will you see?

Quite a few cows, of course, and maybe a donkey, or llama, or two.

But, you'll also so see horses – gazing at you from inside a barn stall, galloping alongside your vehicle as your 'round a fence line, or, basically, ignoring you ... totally engrossed with the rider sitting atop their backs.

That latter image – horse and human as one beautifully paired unit – is one of the most profoundly unique educational opportunities available to youth in Loudoun County. Get a kid on a horse – say experienced equestrians, psychologists, medical professionals, and others – and something magical happens, as that child learns how to become one with the animal, to talk to it, to care for it, and get it to do what the child wants it to do.

Red Gate Farm in Bluemont has distilled that unique learning

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# Own a piece of Americana



BY ANDREA GAINES

Long before Amazon.com, there was the Sears Catalog – the original shop-from-home retail experience. And, long before Amazon started selling tiny-house kits, Sears was selling high-quality, full-size homes that arrived in boxes, with all the parts included, ready for assembly.

The home at 36717 Jeb Stuart Road in Purcellville is a perfectly maintained treasure from that time, with a fantastic and spacious post-and-beam addition.

This is a place built for comfort, utility, family, and the Loudoun County all-American lifestyle.

Our area is dotted with only a few of these very well-made homes, and this one is for sale today in the wonderful village of Philomont.

Originally available for purchase in the 1920s, this sturdy and attractive bungalow, called the Somers model, was expanded and improved over the last century and is now a roomy four-bedroom home on nearly three acres.

Recent updates to the home include fully remodeled baths, a newly-finished basement, and recessed lighting. There are three stone fireplaces, one of which is gas, and a wood stove.

The owners also added a kitchenette to what can serve as a rental apartment or in-law suite, dressed everything up with new paint and lighting, and refinished the gorgeous wood floors ... throughout.

There are four bedrooms – three on the main level and one up top. There are also three full baths – one up top and two on the main level. The exquisite master suite on the upper level includes a stone fireplace, a heated floor in the master

bath, and a private deck to enjoy morning coffee with a view of the gardens below.

The house itself has two parts, cleverly connected so they can be used as separate living quarters for two families, or kept open for easy movement between the Sears portion and the open and airy post-and-beam addition.

The main level boasts soaring ceilings, built-in bookcases, beautiful stonework, massive beams, and welcoming fireplaces. Doorways open onto three sides of the home, with scenic views of the property and surrounding countryside.

The finished lower level provides even more space for entertaining and relaxing near the wood stove, and includes plenty of storage – plus roughed-in plumbing for an additional bath.

The property's nearly three acres has a pretty barn which houses an office, two horse stalls, and a greenhouse.

The detached four-car garage and equipment shed provide even more storage space. The idyllic scene is completed by extensive landscape and hardscape, two fenced paddocks, a fenced vegetable garden, chicken coop, grape arbor, stone wall, and mature trees.

Did we mention the wonderful metal roof, broad front and rear porches, and hot tub with decking? Come see it!

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Beds/Baths: 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths  
Total Acreage: 2.99  
List Price: \$839,000  
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Email: [Kim@MiddleburgRealEstate.com](mailto:Kim@MiddleburgRealEstate.com), [Kim@AtokaProperties.com](mailto:Kim@AtokaProperties.com)  
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# Barry Dufek promoted to Lieutenant

A competitive process for the rank of lieutenant was held by the Police Department and the Human Resources Division. Officer Barry Dufek completed the process with a rating of highly qualified.

On August 29, he received the promotion to the rank of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Dufek joined the Purcellville Police Department in August 2016, however, he began his law enforcement career in 2000 with the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office where he first served as a dispatcher in the Emergency Communications Center.

He then applied to become a sworn deputy and began his career as a member of the force. While a member of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Lieutenant Dufek served as a patrol deputy, a motor deputy, and within

the Community Policing Unit. Upon his promotion to sergeant he served as the supervisor overseeing recruitment and hiring. In addition to these duties, Dufek continues to serve as a vehicle and motorcycle lead training instructor at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy's driver training track.

Dufek will serve as the Operations Commander and have direct oversight of patrol operations for the Department. In addition, he will continue managing projects he was assigned prior to his assignment over operations.

Since joining the Department Dufek has proven himself to be a team player, and most importantly one who quickly addresses community issues.

Dufek lives in the Town of Purcellville with his wife and two children. A public ceremony will be held at a future date.



# Loudoun Seeks Members for New Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee

Loudoun County is accepting applications from individuals interested in serving on the newly created Loudoun County Human Services Strategic Plan Advisory Committee.

The committee will implement the strategies outlined in the Human Services Strategic Plan, which aims to meet the county's human service needs such as affordable health care, child care and housing.

Applications are being accepted through Sept. 30, from individuals representing four specific areas:

- Faith-based organizations;
- Funders or grant makers who provide financial support to human services programs;
- Individuals or families who have received human services from Loudoun County government; and
- Underrepresented populations in Loudoun County, such as (but

not necessarily limited to) youth, transition-aged youth, older adults, people with disabilities, low-income persons or families, foreign-born persons or families, and/or representing cultural diversity.

"We're seeking community volunteers to serve on this committee as we work together to address these critical areas of need for Loudoun County," said Assistant County Administrator Valmarie Turner.

Representative committee members, who will be chosen by the County Administrator, will serve two-year terms, with a limit of three terms. The committee will meet at least six times per year for two hours per meeting; meetings are expected to begin in October 2019.

Individuals should prepare a resume and a short statement regarding their interest in serving on the committee. Individuals who do not have a resume may submit a letter of interest. To apply, and to learn more about the plan, visit [loudoun.gov/HumanServicesPlan](http://loudoun.gov/HumanServicesPlan).

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# Surveys for Loudoun County Jury Service in the mail

Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens announced that 45,000 Loudoun County residents will be receiving jury questionnaires in their mailboxes during the month of September. The jury questionnaires will be mailed out in several different phases over the next several weeks.

### GOVERNMENT

Each September, the Clerk of the Circuit Court sends out jury questionnaires to determine who is qualified for jury duty in Loudoun County. This process enables the jury office to establish a qualified pool of jurors who may be summonsed to serve

jury duty in the following calendar year. While the questionnaire process begins next week, those citizens who are deemed qualified to serve as jurors are not subject to serving jury duty until calendar year 2020. "The jury questionnaire is essentially a survey that allows the Jury Office and Jury Commissioners determine who is qualified and eligible to serve jury duty next year," said Clemens. "The jury questionnaire is not a summons for jury duty."

Clemens asks that citizens who receive a jury questionnaire take the time to read and complete the questionnaire as this process helps the court and the clerk establish a qualified pool of juror

candidates for 2020. While recipients of the jury questionnaire have two options for completing it, Clemens strongly encourages citizens to use the website address provided in the questionnaire to complete the questionnaire online. The other way to complete the questionnaire is to simply complete the paper questionnaire received in the mail by hand and return it by first-class mail.

The online completion of the questionnaire saves the jury office considerable time in processing the questionnaire responses. Using the website is faster than completing the paperwork by hand and it saves the citizen

postage costs to return the questionnaire. The website provided is secure and safe to use. The link to the online questionnaire will be available on the Loudoun County website by Sept. 4.

"The timely participation of those who receive the questionnaires is beneficial to the efficiency of the qualification process and it helps the court system provide the constitutional guarantee of a jury trial to criminal and civil litigants," stated Clemens.

More information about jury duty and the juror questionnaires may be found at [loudoun.gov/jury](http://loudoun.gov/jury). To find out more about the services offered by the Clerk of the Circuit Court visit [loudoun.gov/cle](http://loudoun.gov/cle).

# Loudoun County Library eliminates overdue fines for all customers

Loudoun County Public Library has become the third public library system in Virginia to eliminate fines for overdue materials.

While customers will no longer be charged a 10-cent per day, per item fee for overdue materials, they are still responsible for replacement costs for lost items. Books and other library materials are considered lost once they are 21 days past due. Borrowers will not be able to check out additional materials until they pay the lost-item fees or return the items.

### GOVERNMENT

The policy change is the result of a June decision by the Loudoun County Public Library Board of Trustees, and it's one that places LCPL among a growing list of public library systems to go fine free.

More than 125 public libraries in the U.S. and Canada have eliminated overdue fines, according to the Urban Libraries Council.

Research from other libraries shows that overdue fines discourage or prevent customers from signing up for or using library cards.

"The library's resources have the power to change lives, and we want them to be available to everyone in the community," said Chang Liu, Director of Loudoun County Public Library.

With the policy change come a few tweaks to LCPL's borrowing rules designed to increase the number of books on the shelves and to get items to customers

faster:

- DVDs now check out for one week.
- All items will be renewed automatically up to three times as long as other customers haven't placed holds on them.
- Customers can check out as many as 50 items at one time.

"We are looking forward to welcoming back people to the library who haven't visited for a while," added Liu. "I really hope this re-engages our community and makes people remember how much the library has to offer."

For complete information, visit [library.loudoun.gov/NoMoreFines](http://library.loudoun.gov/NoMoreFines).

# Town of Leesburg to observe 18th Anniversary of 9/11

In commemoration of the tragic events and the lives lost throughout the United States on September 11, 2001, the Leesburg Town Council will hold a brief remembrance ceremony at the Town's Freedom Memorial, located at Freedom Park (off Tolbert Lane at Evergreen Mill Road) on Wednesday, Sept. 11, beginning at 8:40 a.m.

Anyone wishing to attend the ceremony is encouraged to arrive early. The park will remain open to the public until 9 p.m. for those wishing to visit the memorial on their own.

The Town of Leesburg encourages residents to observe the designated "National Day of Service and Remembrance" by volunteering, donating time or goods, or simply offering a helping hand during this day of commemoration. The "Serve America Act" was signed into law by President Obama on April 21, 2009. Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY), a supporter of the legislation, said, "September 11 should not only be a day of mourning. It should be a day to think about our neighbors, our community, and our country."

For more information about the ceremony, contact the Town of Leesburg's Park and Recreation Department at 703 777-1368 or visit [www.idalee.org](http://www.idalee.org).

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# Tuesday, Nov. 5 is the General Election

## Here's what you need to know

Registration deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 15, as Monday, Oct. 14 is a holiday. Register in-person by 5 p.m., online by 11:59 p.m. and by mail – postmark.

**GOVERNMENT** Absentee deadlines – by mail, online, fax or mail – application must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday,

Oct. 29. All marked ballots must be returned no later than 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5, to be counted. In-person – Saturday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m.

### In-person absentee voting

Office of Elections, located at 750 Miller Drive, SE, Suite C, Leesburg, VA 20175

starts on Friday, Sept. 20, during regular business hours – Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Office will be open on Saturday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Nov. 2 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Extended evening hours – Monday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Nov. 1 – open 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

### Satellite locations:

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### List of Board of Supervisors Candidates per district

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**Blue Ridge District:** Tony R. Buffington, Jr. (R), Tia L. Walbridge (D)

**Broad Run District:** James G. “Jim” Bonfils (R), Sylvia Russell Glass (D)

**Catoctin District:** J. Forest Hayes (D), Caleb A. Kershner (R), Sam R. Kroiz (I)

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**Leesburg District:** Kristen C. Umstatt (D)

**Sterling District:** W. Damien P. Katsirubas (I), Koran T. Saines (D.)

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**Ashburn District:** Eric D. Hornberger (non-partisan), Harris Mahedavi (D)

**Blue Ridge District:** Ian J. Serotkin (D), Ram Venkatachalam (R)

**Broad Run District:** Andrew T. Hoyler (non-partisan), Leslee M. King (non-partisan)

**Catoctin District:** Jenna M. Alexander (I), John P. Beatty (I), Zerell S. Johnson-Welch (D)

**Dulles District:** Jeff E. Morse (I)

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**27th,** Ronald J. Ross, III (D), Jill H. Vogel (R)

**31st,** Barbara A. Favola (D)

**33rd,** Jennifer B. Boysko (D), Suzanne D. Fox (R).

### Referendums

#### School Projects:

Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$93,940,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct, and equip Middle School Classroom Additions; the costs to design, construct, and equip MS-14 Dulles North Middle School; and the costs of other public school facilities as requested by the Loudoun County School Board?

#### Public Safety Projects:

Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$22,870,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct, and equip a Fire and Rescue Recruit Training Facility; the costs to design, construct, and equip Leesburg South Fire Station Renovations; and the costs of other public

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# Water system improvements kick off Hillsboro’s Rethink9 project

BY ANDREA GAINES

Via a spirited announcement sent out to all within earshot, the Town of Hillsboro is celebrating the launch of its much-anticipated Safe Drinking Water project, one element of the larger Rethink9 project. “It has been decades in the coming,” said the announcement, “But today we can now see dirt moving and the solution to Hillsboro’s safe drinking water issues coming nearer.”

### GOVERNMENT

In recent weeks, Hillsboro began “clearing and grubbing” along Spring Lane, at the Town’s current waterworks, and at the site of the locale’s new water source.

As noted by Town officials, temporary one-lane road closures along Rt. 9 and nearby roads started in late August. Other closures will take place in the coming weeks, as the drinking water project moves forward.

The water system project is one of several planned infrastructure improvements in Hillsboro’s overarching Rethink9 infrastructure project. Rethink9 is intended to benefit businesses and residents alike by addressing the Town’s traffic-calming, pedestrian safety, and infrastructure needs. It is expected to relieve the congestion caused by the more than 17,000 daily vehicle trips through Hillsboro, all while preserving the Town’s historical nature.

With regard to the larger road and infrastructure project, earlier this summer, the Town rejected bids, citing higher than anticipated cost. This was largely driven by the plan’s restrictions on work to maintain traffic flow. Further analysis of the bids and interviews with bidders revealed the maintenance of the traffic plan approved by VDOT would have pushed completion of the work to 31-36

Hillsboro residents, commuters, and other affected/interested Loudoun County residents and businesses are invited to sign up for ReThink9 updates at <https://rethink9.com/>.

months, and seriously impacted work quality. Under the original plan, the expectation was for a 24-month duration. In response, Mayor Roger Vance sent everyone back to the drawing board on the traffic maintenance plan.

Hillsboro’s leadership notes that the longer the project takes, the more disruptive it would be to residents, businesses, and those using the road.

Alternate lane closures on Rt. 9 may seem like a good idea – easier on commuters, some say. But that also has the potential to send the costs and the timeline for the work through the roof – driving users of the road crazy at the same time.

According to Vance, alternate plans project reducing construction duration to 11 months with a Rt. 9 closure – combined with a clear, concise, predictable, and well-managed alternate route plan. A good partnership with VDOT will be essential.

To get to that 11-month sweet spot, Vance and Vice Mayor Amy Marasco are preparing an Invitation for Bids to “allow for maximum flexibility for the contractor to get the job done as fast as possible.” Both want contractors to think outside the box with respect to when key parts of the work will be completed, what alternative routes might be designated at any one time, and how the contractor’s resources and expertise will be used.

While the Town prepares to review a new set of more streamlined construction proposals, it has set up what

it calls a “Rethink9 Dispatch” system to provide Town residents, commuters and visitors with ongoing electronic updates on the progress of the project, complete with photographs of the specific work sites.

For people “driving through,” the innovative dispatch system noted that on Aug. 20, 2019 there would be “limited

flagging” on the road “to bring temporary water tanks and other large materials up to the Town’s water works facility along Spring Lane.”

At the same time, those in Hillsboro “sight seeing” were reassured that the many vineyards, wineries, breweries, farms, farm markets, B&Bs, and restaurants in “The Gap” were open for business with no disruption. Easy electronic links to those businesses were provided.

And, for those “living here” throughout the transition, the website details the project’s advantages, ultimate benefits, and timetable.

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### Tree of Life Hosts Back-to-School Giveaways

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## Remembering Aerts "Buddy" Colby

Aerts "Buddy" Colby, 64, passed away Monday August 12th unexpectedly.

Colby was born August 25, 1954 in Leesburg, to Aerts and Anne Colby. He graduated Loudoun Valley High School in 1973. He immediately began his employment with VEPCo, (Dominion Energy), as a ground man and advanced to the level of Operations Supervisor. He was slated for retirement in December.

Colby married Janet Anderson in Leesburg on Nov. 25, 1978 and had three children, Kim, Kelly, and Trevor.

He began his time in the volunteer fire service in 1972 by joining the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Co. and transferred to the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Co. in 1974. He worked in every operational office over the years. Colby was Assistant Chief at the time of his passing. Along with his brothers Allen and David, he was drawn to this career by the service of his father who served as Volunteer Fire Chief of the Round Hill Volunteer Fire Company. Colby's son, Trevor, continued the tradition by beginning his fire service career with Purcellville and is now a firefighter with Loudoun County Fire and Rescue. He was greatly respected for his technical knowledge of equipment maintenance/operation and apparatus specification. He served as both a leader and a mentor to generations of firefighters. Colby was inducted into the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Hall of Fame, and had received the The John C. Carr Memorial Award in 2019. He also received the Virginia



Sons of the American Revolution Fire Safety Commendation in 2013.

His was a charter member of the Red Knights, Virginia Chapter 12, Motorcycle Club in 2008. A lifelong motorcycle enthusiast, Colby was a loyal and dedicated member of the club and was serving as Ride Captain at the time of his passing. He enjoyed the fellowship of riding with the group, and also cherished every opportunity to ride with his wife Janet and son Trevor.

Colby was preceded in death by his grandfather, Aerts "Pops" S. Colby, his father Aerts H. Colby, his mother Anne C. Colby and his daughter Kelly L. Stanfield.

He is survived by his wife Janet Colby, his daughter Kimberly (Gary) Easton and three grandchildren, his son Trevor Colby, son in law Beau Stanfield and four grandchildren, his brother Allen (Cindy) Colby and children, his brother David (Diane) Colby and children, step brothers and sisters Mike Kelley, Patti Spencer, Terry Case, Linda Kelley and a large extended family of brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

The Colby Family would appreciate any financial donations; due to the sudden loss of their daughter Kelly 5 months ago, Buddy and Janet assumed guardianship of their granddaughter, and now Janet and the family have to deal with the loss of Buddy. Donations can be mailed to: The Colby Family Fund, c/o Michael O'Brien, P.O. Box 2636, Purcellville, Virginia 20134 or The Colby Family Fund, paypal.me/TheColbyFamilyFund.

## Ida Lee Park to hold 11th Annual dog swim

On Saturday, Sept. 7, Ida Lee Park will hold its 11th annual Dog Swim at AV Symington Aquatic Center. The pool will be open for the dog-only swim from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event allows local pups the opportunity to have fun in a safe, enclosed area while swimming off-leash with other dogs.

Dog handlers must be 16 years or older and are limited to two dogs each. All dogs must be at least 6 months old, legally licensed, vaccinated, and wearing a visible dog license. All exits will be gated and a veterinarian will be on site as a precaution.

Children 9 years old and younger will need to remain in the snack area of the pool deck. No food will be allowed.

The fee is \$5.00 per dog. Registration is currently available online through WebTrac or by visiting the front desk at



Ida Lee Recreation Center. Walk-up registration on the day of the event is welcome as well. For more information, go to [www.idalee.org](http://www.idalee.org) or call 703 777-1368.



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# Short-term rental space, B&B business, Airbnb room, boutique hotel – what are they, and how should they be taxed?

BY ANDREA GAINES

Loudoun County is taking a close look at how it regulates and taxes what are known as Short-Term Residential Rentals (STRR), including the increasingly popular “Airbnb.”

### GOVERNMENT

In 2017, the Virginia General Assembly added a new section to the Virginia Code authorizing localities to take steps to register STRRs. Loudoun County followed that state action by adopting a Short-Term Residential Rentals Work Plan, in October of that year. This included possibilities for a registry of STRRs as well as a “STRR Regulation Ordinance and companion Codified Ordinances amendment for taxation, if applicable.”

County regulations state that a Short-Term Rental is “The provision of a room or space that is suitable or intended for occupancy for dwelling, sleeping, or lodging purposes, for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days, in exchange for a charge for the occupancy.”

In this category, where occupancy taxes apply, they are paid through a regulatory structure known as the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which applies to overnight stays at hotels, visits to establishments in the Bed & Breakfast category, conference center sites, and the like.

Some incorporated towns and some home owners’ associations have separate rules and regulations with respect to STRRs. Zoning permits and other constraints may also apply.

Loudoun County recently worked through a lengthy process to create a registry of people renting out space in their homes through newer services such as Airbnb. The purpose of the registry is to explore the prospect of collecting tourism taxes from individuals working through Airbnb and others. State law allows localities to charge a fee for such registries. In Loudoun County, registration is free, but failure to register is not, carrying a \$500 fine.

Some County Supervisors have considered exempting all of these STRRs and all B&Bs from the tax, while Visit

Loudoun, the County’s tourism agency wants the tax to apply to more businesses in the category.

Currently for example, the TOT levies a 7 percent tax on hotels and B&B establishments that can accommodate four or more people.

Supervisor Ron A. Meyer Jr. (R-Broad Run) wants the County to exempt establishments with room for fewer than 25 people, a move that would lift that tax burden from the owners of most short-term residential rental properties and most B&Bs.

In terms of lost revenue, the implications of that kind of tax exemption to the County are relatively small – under \$240,000, not including the B&B category, and just over \$400,000, if the B&Bs are included.

Visit Loudoun President and CEO Beth Erickson takes a black and white approach to the issue. If you are renting out space on your property or in an established business for profit, you need to pay the tax.

Others, including Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Phyllis J. Randall (D-

At Large) have pointed out that TOT is intended to pull in taxes from people operating a traditional pay-to-stay business vs. the homeowner who, for example, is trying to earn a little extra income through Airbnb. Such income is, of course, already subject to routine federal and state income taxes.

While the simple renting out of a bedroom to a couple wanting to explore Loudoun County’s vineyards might seem like a simple one, even the Airbnb example has its drawbacks, and questions. What if the couple wanted to host a small dinner party at an Airbnb locale, and what if they wanted it catered? Fine for a homeowner to use their property to stage an event for their own family. But, how might neighbors feel if the catering truck outside was part of the property owner’s

AirBnb income-generating Airbnb business?

County BOS discussions on the issue continue, and the Loudoun County Planning Commission will take up the issue this month.

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projected to be among the world’s largest per capita oil producers by 2025, according to NASDAQ.

The country is also described as “a rainforest paradise,” recently named the #1 “Best of Ecotourism” destinations in the world at the Sustainable Top 100 Destination Awards. Rainforest covers 77 percent of the country, and the current leadership is determined to balance preservation of that natural resource with the oil revenue potential that lies beneath the surface.

Purcellville, too, is fast growing, and also determined to balance demands for growth with sustainability. The governments of both places are committed to developing their economies with three key goals in mind: preserve your essential social, cultural, economic and community resources while you grow, approach everything in a fiscally responsible way, and, most importantly take your lead from the citizens you are here



L to R: Ambassador Dr. Riyad Insanally, CCH, Designing Flowers' Shelly Mcdaniel, State Senator Dick Black and Mayor Kwasi Fraser.



Visit to Dragon Hops with owner Marilla Coryell (third from left)

to serve.

The Ambassador and his colleagues made stops at several quintessential Purcellville and Loudoun County businesses and organizations. These included:

- Designing Flowers, whose owner, Shelly Mcdaniel was born in Guyana.



The group at Catocin Creek Distillery with Becky Harris.

### Where is Guyana?

Guyana is one of the northernmost countries in South America, bordering Venezuela to the east, and Suriname and French Guiana to the west. All three of those countries, along with Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina and Uruguay border Brazil.

### About Ambassador Insanally

Insanally has served as his country’s Ambassador to the United States since 2016. He has a deep background in the foreign service, and multiple degrees from Cambridge and Harvard Universities.

He has served as political advisor to two Secretaries General of the Association of Caribbean States, and as a senior trade adviser in Guyana’s High Commission. He came to Washington, D.C. in 2006 as an adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

He is currently the Permanent Representative to the OAS, and Guyana’s Ambassador to the United States.

- Dragon Hops Brewery, which relies on the local agricultural economy for its success.
- Catocin Distillery, which represents one of the newer industries in western Loudoun County.

Purcellville’s wastewater treatment plant, a state-of-the-art facility which represents water conservation and public utility management at its best.

The Makersmiths “Makerspace,” a town property now generating income for Purcellville while providing a place where citizens and businesses can promote innovation and entrepreneurial education.

The Academies of Loudoun, a STEM magnet program for Loudoun County high school students.

John Chester-Inniss, First Secretary of the Embassy of Guyana traveled with the Ambassador to Purcellville, and made the following comment:

“Following his visit to the Town of Purcellville, Ambassador Insanally noted that it was a ‘rewarding experience’ and that he was impressed with the level of business development and the quality of craft businesses there, given the relatively small size of Purcellville.

“He was also particularly impressed by the Basham Simms Water Treatment Plant. The Ambassador was, moreover, proud to know that Mr. Kwasi Fraser, Mayor of Purcellville and Mrs. Shelly Mcdaniel, owner of Designing Flowers, were both

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# Marshall Center to dedicate flagpole Sept. 14

The George C. Marshall International Center will dedicate a flagpole on the grounds of Marshall's former home at Dodona Manor in Leesburg on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9:30 a.m.

"There was no American flag at Dodona Manor," said Thomas Greenspon, president of GCMIC, "and we saw this as a meaningful enhancement to commemorate the significance of this historic site." Fifty-five of Greenspon's classmates from the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington contributed money for this project, including landscaping and tree removal necessary due to ash bore disease.

Lighting was installed to allow for the display of the American flag day and night. A flagpole will also fly a five-star flag in recognition of Marshall's five-star rank at the end of World War II.

Navy Vice Admiral Mike McConnell (Ret.) will deliver the dedication address, and Army Chaplain (Colonel) Pete Sniffin will give the invocation. Parking is available at The Shops at the

Marshall House, 312 East Market Street, and the Loudoun County Government Garage at 1 Harrison Street. For questions call 703 777-1301.

George Marshall was a 1901 graduate of VMI and rose to become Army chief of staff during World War II, special envoy to China, Secretary of State, president of the American Red Cross, and Secretary of Defense during the Korean War. His efforts on behalf of the European Recovery Program of 1948, better known as the Marshall Plan, earned him the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize.

George and Katherine Marshall purchased the 4-acre property for \$16,000 in 1941, and they lived there until his death in 1959. In 2005, it opened as a house museum of the 1950s, and 90 percent of the items in the house were owned and used by the Marshalls.



Dodona Manor is open for private events in the house and gardens by reservation and open to the public for tours on Saturday and Sunday or by appointment during the week. Details about the house and tours are available at [www.GeorgeCMarshall.org](http://www.GeorgeCMarshall.org).

# Fields of Flowers Hosts Pottery Show

Fields of Flowers, a pick-your-own flower farm in western Loudoun County, is hosting a pottery show and sale on Saturday, Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The pottery represented are works of local potters known collectively as LoCo Potters.

LoCo Potters' works are primarily functional pieces: mugs, bowls, pitchers, casseroles, vases, bird feeders, plates, and platters, as well as some art works. All are hand-thrown, glazed, and decorated, and each piece is a one-of-a-kind creation suitable for everyday use or as a gift.

Fields of Flowers is located at 37879 Alder School Road, at the corner of Berlin Pike, in Purcellville. Clients can also select from the following pick-your-own flower choices: dahlias, zinnias, hydrangeas, snapdragons, lavender, veronica, ageratum, celosia, asters, coneflowers, and much more. For more information: email [info@loudounfieldsofflowers.com](mailto:info@loudounfieldsofflowers.com), or go to [www.loudounfieldsofflowers.com](http://www.loudounfieldsofflowers.com).



BLUEMONT FAIR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

delightful rendering is reminiscent of the groovy 1970 aesthetic ... with a crescent man-in-the-moon overlooking the old Bluemont Schoolhouse ... Even the balloon lettering of the design reminds us of that long-ago time."

Artist Clyde Beck and village resident Evelyn Johnson founded the Bluemont Citizens Association and started the annual fair in the late 1960s.

That carefree time – and feeling – seemed to motivate both the artists submitting logo ideas and the group of village folks charged with selecting the winner.

This year that person was Jody West of Fort Valley, Virginia.

According to fair organizers, "Jody's design [and] delightful rendering is reminiscent of the groovy 1970 aesthetic ... with a crescent man-in-the-moon overlooking the old Bluemont Schoolhouse ...



Quality crafts, delicious food, and great entertainment, the hallmarks of the Bluemont Fair.

Even the balloon lettering of the design reminds us of that long-ago time."

Everyone associated with the fair seems to be absolutely thrilled, humbled – even set free – to be a part of the Bluemont Fair at its 50-year mark.

"I've been the publicity chair for the fair for 29 years," Snyder said, modestly. "But, I still consider myself a newcomer to the village. I've only lived here for 36 years!"

While the fair has evolved, and gotten bigger over the years, the essence of it has aged like a fine wine – growing to be more flavorful and satisfying as the years go by.

"The fiber arts aspects of the fair has really grown," said Snyder, "And, with our 50th Anniversary before us, we have more activities planned than ever before."

Snyder knows exactly how much work goes into the fair, and how wonderful the Anniversary offerings are.

There will be a Juried Crafts Show and Sale in what is called, simply, "The Old Stone Church." The Bluemont Community Center will be the site of an Art Show and Sale. And, creativity will be found in every nook and cranny – with "artists throwing pottery, turning wood, making paper, weaving baskets, carving utensils, knitting and crocheting." The Bluemont United Methodist Church will be the site of a display of a beautiful collection of quilts – made by the members of the Waterford Quilt Guild. The fair will feature the very best of the arts and crafts community.

Fairs are all about food, and drink; and there will be plenty of both available.

There will be a wine and beer garden, treating adult fair-goers to all manner of libations from Loudoun's ever more productive vineyard and brewery businesses.

The E.E. Lake Store will be in its full glory ... with a delicious (and huge) bake sale. And, don't miss the pie contest. And, the pickle contest.

There will be an extensive Farmers' Market, and a fun Gardeners' Shed, and the historic Bluemont Store will be open, too.

Children will delight in the Children's Fair area and the Indian Village wigwam. Blow bubbles, get a henna tattoo, have your face painted, climb on hay bales, watch traditional Indian dances, and learn about the area's earliest human settlers.

Kids will be welcome to stop by the Children's Poetry Contest tent, to try their hand at a Scavenger Hunt, meet some animals at the Petting Zoo, or take a pony ride.

An Antiques & Flea Market will more than satisfy anyone who likes to search out country buried treasure or just browse

the afternoon away. Archaeologist David Clark will be at the fair, talking about and displaying some of the fascinating items found in the region – including bones, weapons, and tools unearthed right here in Loudoun County. Look for him in the Montessori Field between the parking lot and the Community Center.

All are welcome to tour any one of the historic spots in the village, including the circa 1825 Snickersville Academy log cabin, and the old train station. There will also be Wagon Rides through the Boulder Crest Retreat for Military and Veteran Wellness.

A rock climbing wall and ropes course is here to attract the interest of the more

athletic – and adventurous – fair goers. There is something ... for everyone. Even a local authors area.

According to Snyder, the original purpose of the fair was to pay for street lights, scholarships, community beautification projects, historic preservation, and "food baskets for neighbors in need."

The Bluemont Fair, at the half-century mark, is doing all that, and more, succeeding in preserving a way of life in western Loudoun in the same groovy way it began.

Admission is \$7 per person, with children 9 and under admitted for free. No pets are allowed, so leave your furry friends at home. See you at the 50th Annual Bluemont Fair.



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CHAPMAN BROTHERS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Old Dominion Valley is located along Skyline Drive just south of a large stream corridor that runs approximately parallel to Hirst Road and Rt. 7 to the north. The neighborhood includes wetlands, forest and stream, and has enjoyed a tranquil walking path that runs past each home's back fence and alongside the natural corridor that includes parts of the South Fork of Catocctin Creek.

In late July, select property owners in Dominion Valley



received letters from the engineering, planning, and land survey firm of Zicht & Associates, PLLC.

Zicht represents developer John Chapman in connection with a project on the opposite side of the stream corridor.

Large scale grading, infill, and other activities on the Chapman property – activities going on for a number of years, on and off – have had the effect of pushing what is designated as floodplain towards, and in some cases, over the property lines of Dominion Valley residents.

As stated in the firm's July letter, Chapman Brothers, LLC – via Zicht – is informing these homeowners that in connection with its ongoing earth moving and infill activities, it is "applying for a Letter of Map Revi-

Chapman Brothers property matter, continued-- Related Purcellville Comp Plan discussions

At the July 25 Purcellville Planning Commission meeting, commissioners discussed zoning designations for the Hirst East portion of land addressed by the draft Comprehensive Plan.

The property that Chapman Brothers, LLC is proposing to undergo floodplain revisions is within this area, and currently designated as Local Service Industrial, C1.

New proposals for the land would designate it as Commercial Neighborhood Scale to include retail, office, services, lodging, and restaurants. This designation further delineates that "lots are larger than surrounding residential lots, deep and wide to accommodate groups of smaller buildings or medium to large format buildings with sufficient surface parking." Buildings in this area can be "typically one to two-stories." Parking areas are typically located to the side or rear of each building.

Zoning designations that bring with them large amounts of paved areas shed rainwater and send it towards the nearest drainage opportunity, including, in the case of the Chapman Brothers' property, the Old Dominion neighborhood and the very area under floodplain hazard discussion.

The majority of commissioners spoke at length about how they did not want the East Hirst section of the road to be the same as West Hirst – which is also Local Service Industrial, and already built out.

Planning Commissioner Boo Bennett pointed out that the west side of Hirst Road has less traffic than what would occur if East Hirst Road was made Commercial Neighborhood Scale. "If you have commercial, you will have traffic all day long," she said.

Approximately four residents from the Old Dominion Valley neighborhood sent emails requesting that the designation on the Chapman Brothers property remain the same – Local Service Industrial.

One resident in an email wrote, "Citizens have voiced their opposition to high density time and time again. Please respect the opinions of your taxpayers and residents in your town." Another resident said the increased use would add to increased traffic.

Planning Commissioner Theresa Stein has pushed back against citizen complaints, "If we chase every displeased person, we are going to end up with a document that is disjointed and is trying to make everybody happy, and it will not."

Town Council Member and Chair of the Planning Commission, Tip Stinnette agreed with Stein, "I am just trying to level set you on what is. I am perfectly happy with us sticking to our guns on the way we've got this. I think we've got it about right ... forget my discussion about industrial because we are past that."



Walkway and neighborhood on Skyline Drive that will be affected by the new floodplain area.

sion (LOMR) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)."

Key to the impact of such a map revision is something known as a FIRM, or Flood Insurance Rate Map. The FIRM for a community, as the letter sent on behalf of Chapman Brothers details, "depicts the floodplain, the area that has been determined to be subject to a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year." Floodplain maps, of course, affect a homeowner's insurance rates and property values.

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Nicholas Nappi obtains Eagle Badge



Purcellville Mayor Kwasi Fraser presented Nicholas Nappi with a plaque from the Town of Purcellville at his Eagle Scout ceremony in September at 8 Chains North Winery.

Dragon Hops to add to their food menu

Dragon Hops Brewing located at 130 E Main Street in Purcellville will be adding onto their food menu weekly. Soon to be added – hamburgers, cheese burgers and bacon cheese burgers on brioche buns. You can add the tobacco onions as a side or don't forget the



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French fries or sweet potato fries.

Blackened Chicken sandwiches will be added, too and don't forget the chicken alfredo. Do you like grilled cheese sandwiches – there will be a choice of brie, gruyere, gouda, cheddar, and American cheeses on a variety of breads. Add avocado or fruit to the sandwich, too.

Local farm vegetables will be served, when in season, as well. Dessert – well how about brownies with ice cream. Don't forget the kid's menu in the near future. In a month a brunch omelet and

waffle station will be open.

Said owners Marilla Coryell and Ryan Wilton, "We are so excited to be finally adding freshly made tavern food to our menu. Our guests love our food."

Sept. 7 is Medieval Fair at Dragon Hops Brewing, from noon till dark and beyond. This will include heavy fighters, fencers, craftsmen, face painting, glass blowers, and more. Lunch and dinner will be available. Their phone number is 540 441-3660.

Sponsorships available for Purcellville Halloween Block Party – Sign Up Now

9th Annual Purcellville Halloween Block Party is set for Saturday, Oct. 26. Plan to attend Loudoun County's largest Halloween party dressed in your most creative costume. There will be over \$2,000 in cash and prizes awarded in six different costume contests. Purcellville Halloween Block Party is presented by Discover Purcellville. If your business would like to be a sponsor of the event, please contact Michael Oaks 540 383-0009. For more info visit our website www.PurcellvilleHalloween.com.



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being left, by changing and letting go and moving on. And our losses include not only our separations and departures from those we love, but our conscious and unconscious losses of romantic dreams, impossible expectations, illusions of freedom and power, illusions of safety – and the loss of our own younger self, the self that thought it would always be unwrinkled, invulnerable and immortal. Somewhat wrinkled, highly vulnerable and non-negotiably mortal, I have been examining these losses. These lifelong losses. These necessary losses. These losses we confront when we are confronted by the inescapable fact ...

That our mother is going to leave us, and we will leave her;

That our mother's love can never be ours alone;

That what hurts us cannot always be kissed and made better;

That we are essentially out here on our own;

That we will have to accept in other people and ourselves, the mingling of love with hate, of the good with the bad;

That our options are constricted by anatomy and guilt;

That there are flaws in every hu-

man connection;

That our status on this planet is implacably impermanent;

And that we are utterly powerless to offer ourselves or those we love protection – protection from danger and pain, from the inroads of time, from coming of age, from coming of death;

Protection from our necessary losses.

These are a part of life-universal, unavailable, inexorable. And these losses are necessary because we grow by losing and leaving and letting go.

For the road to human development is paved with renunciation. Throughout our life we grow by giving up. We give up some of our deepest attachments to others. We give up certain cherished parts of ourselves. We must conform, in the dreams we dream, as well as in our intimate relationships, all that we never will have and never will be. Passionate investment leaves us vulnerable to loss. And sometimes, no matter how clever we are, we must lose.

*Michael Oberschneider, Psy.D. "Dr. Mike" is a clinical psychologist in private practice. He has been featured on CNN, Good Morning America and several other outlets. He can be reached at 703 723-2999, and is located at 44095 Pipeline Plaza, Suite 240, Ashburn.*

CLUSTERS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

feet of roadway. These should be, say, 100 feet long and can be cul-de-sacs. A cluster should have a main road that looks like a village lane, not a subdivision boulevard, enhanced by these small side roads that make clear it's something more than a strip of sprawl.

There should be a deeper setback from the main access road, perhaps 400 feet. Cluster lots can be as small as a half-acre and no larger than perhaps an acre and a half. This would be fine – just look at the villages of Waterford or Lincoln.

The 70 percent open space required by zoning should be under single ownership. This should entice the developer to sell it to someone who hopefully will farm it, keep horses, grow grapes or just maintain open space. That increases the chance of that open space having good soils, of maintaining its original rural slopes and topography, and of preserving it for a true agricultural use.

While roads must be paved, let them be narrower.

There should be sidewalks and a small "village green" with benches, trees and lawn. Front yard setbacks can vary from a minimum of 30 feet to a maximum of, say, 80 feet. This pulls houses "into" the village and increases a sense of neighborliness. The facades of houses must not form an unbroken visual line. Mandate that there must be a multitude of colors for painted siding and that if brick is used, the variation in design can come from differing shutters and doors and such. The primary building material of the front shall also be on all sides. Design elements (porch railings, mailboxes, light fixtures, etc.) shall be freely chosen by residents and not be some developer-specified item to which every house must conform. Architecture needs to be traditional and porches should be encouraged.

Compromise if Necessary

Look back at these fifteen or so detailed

TIM JON, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Leesburg: rocky outcrops, the familiar bubbling of the similarly-named Sycolin Creek, and enough dense woods to lend an overall sense of hush, and space, and a temporary isolation from what's to come, in just a few turns up the road. Perhaps this wild mile or two will remain for years – even generations to come – while much of Greater Loudoun converts into more and more Villages at Leesburg and other 21st Century

ideas about cluster design. Some of them economically benefit the homebuilder: Narrower roads and smaller cluster lots, for example. Others don't cost anything, such as adding more variation to clustered houses. Some might cost the homebuilder, such as cross streets. Overall, this panoply of ideas should please conservationists. This suggests there's a way to compromise.

Every one of these items can be negotiated and negotiation can be easy. Try this, for example: Reduce the open space requirement to 60 percent but keep all the other points. Or reduce the overall setback but require that more new trees be planted, and so on. Negotiating becomes a series of back-and-forth trades and is not some black art.

Reaching the Compromise

White papers, slideshows and large groups will fail. The only necessary hand-out is actual language proposed for the new Zoning Ordinance. Let that be debated by a small group until agreement is reached. I recommend that there be two members from firms that build clusters, two representatives of the conservation movement, two staffers from the County's Planning Department and a chairman who is also an aide to a Supervisor ... thus, a small workable group of seven.

If agreement is reached, then huzzahs for each of these folks. If not, then each side should present the Board of Supervisors its vision of the fairest set of cluster specifications and the Board simply chooses one or the other. This is an arbitration technique that compels all parties to try to be equitable rather than presenting its own fixed wish list.

It could be peaceable, and wouldn't that be nice?

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

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PHYLLIS RANDALL, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

Educators and First Responders: Chair Randall led the effort to raise the pay for our teachers, firefighters, and police officers. She also improved retirement benefits for First Responders and restored all the benefits that had been stripped away from them by prior Boards of Supervisors. Furthermore, Chair Randall fought to add 82 additional full time

employees to Loudoun's Behavioral Health Services Departments (Mental Health, Social Services and a new Drug Court).

Comprehensive Plan: Four years ago she promised, after 19 years to re-write the Countywide Comprehensive Plan. Four years later we have a new plan with language that she proposed, and that passed unanimously to protect Loudoun's Rural West.

When doing research I realized there are many other examples of Chair Randall keeping the promises she made on the 2015 campaign trail. I don't give away my vote, a person has to earn it, and she has done that by a mile. On Nov. 5, I'm voting to re-elect Loudoun County Chair Phyllis Randall; I strongly urge you to do so as well.

*Kacey Young Purcellville*

VOTE FOR SAM, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

continue?

I grew up in Arlington, so I've seen the Northern Virginia region, and Loudoun grow and change through the years. It's no mystery the way things are headed – more growth. It's also no mystery why traffic keeps getting worse, county and school budgets keep going up, and taxes stay so high while services decline. Houses cost more in services than they pay in taxes, and with our extreme rate of growth, we can't keep up.

It is a critical time for Loudoun. The cards are stacked against sustainable growth and keeping rural Loudoun rural. But if we all stand up for the future we want, we can win, and Sam Kroiz is the perfect person to lead our efforts. Please join me and vote for Sam on Nov. 5.

*Katie Hackett Lovettsville*

GENERAL ELECTION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 20

safety facilities approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

Parks and Recreation Projects:

Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$41,795,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design, construct, and equip Fields Farm Park; the costs to design, construct, and equip Lovettsville District Park Phase II; the costs to design, construct, and equip Philip A. Bolen Park Phase II; the costs to design, construct, and equip Scott Jenkins Park Phase III; and the costs of other public park, recreational and community center facilities projects approved in the County's Capital

Improvement Program?

Transportation Projects:

Shall the County of Loudoun, Virginia contract a debt and issue its general obligation capital improvement bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$56,885,000 to finance, in whole or in part, the costs to design and construct an interchange at Route 7 and Hillsboro Road; the costs to design and construct a roundabout at Route 50 and Trailhead Boulevard; the costs to design and construct improvements to Westwind Drive; the costs to design and construct a Sterling Boulevard and W&OD Overpass; the costs to design and construct Route 7 Pedestrian Crossings; and the costs of other public road and transportation projects approved in the County's Capital Improvement Program?

HIGGINS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

will be home to a State Park because of Supervisor Higgins' determination. Beyond all of that, what most people don't know is how much Geary worked behind the scenes to advocate for farmers and other small rural businesses. He has had countless meetings to help business owners navigate the planning and zoning process and where problems have occurred, he has worked to resolve disputes between neighbors.

Now Loudoun needs him in Richmond fighting to overcome the challenges that farmers and other small businesses face on a daily basis. I can think of no one better to advocate for farmers and rural issues than Geary Higgins. He has an unbelievable record of working through these issues for Loudoun farmers at the local government level and I know he will bring the same level of determination and passion to the General Assembly. I hope you will join me in supporting Geary Higgins for the 13th Senate District.

*Kellie S. Hinkle  
 Principal, LoudRock Development Corporation, LLC*

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*Lou Cironi Hamilton*

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According to Red Gate owner Christine Vitkus, horseback riding and horse care teaches important life lessons, including responsibility, the value of companionship, mind/body awareness, confidence, and self-control.

Vitkus has been focused on the young rider's development for a long time. "Each horse has its own personality," she said. "Children learn, develop, and mature by interacting with their fellow humans, and the same thing happens with their equine relationships."

As she further explained, Red Gate has done quite a bit of work with the Girl Scouts. "Young women and girls get a lot out of their relationship with a horse," she said, including "Learning to lead and ask for what they need – a powerful lesson that can be applied in many situations throughout life."

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## LITTLE LEAGUE, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

back-to-back no-hitters in the LLWS. And, again, history was made.

As the team began their World Series battle, a post on the team's website said the following, "Our Little League team, managed by Alan Bowden, has been in Williamsport, PA, for over a week and won their first game 3-0 over the New England region. It was a combined no-hitter by Justin Lee, Liam Thyen, and Chase Obstgarten."

Loudoun South then beat out the New England Region Champion Barrington Little League, from Rhode Island.

After a loss to a team from Wailuku, Hawaii, they played a Louisiana team in a semi-final matchup on Aug. 23. The "mercy rule" - which calls for the game to be concluded if the winning team is ahead by 15 runs after three innings or 10 runs after four innings - ended that game and sent Loudoun South "home."

Dicks Sporting Goods stores fought right

alongside the team throughout the season, and especially towards the end, to keep the team's iconic yellow T-shirts in stock. Other area sponsors and business supporters hosted "watch" parties. And, buses packed with Loudoun South fans even made the long trek to Williamsport to cheer their team on.

The Loudoun South little leaguers

## THE POTOMAC, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

Guyanese-born and were contributing to the economic development of the town.

"One of the highlights of the visit was the tour of the campus of the Academies of Loudoun, in nearby Leesburg, an innovative, state of the art high school, focused on the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) curricu-

lun, which, according to Ambassador Insanally, 'could serve as a model for helping to meet Guyana's technical and vocational education needs.'"

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gram is for farmers and landowners in Loudoun County. There are similar programs across Virginia, in Maryland, and in every state across the nation.

Loudoun County has been assigned \$1 Million to do what it can to make a difference; this is a serious effort; last year the allotment for Loudoun County was about half that amount. So this is a great opportunity for property owners to make a real difference for the better in Loudoun as the waters here flow into the Potomac and then into the Chesapeake Bay.

We should be aware that, along the way, as the Potomac travels east, it is the water supply for Loudoun and neighboring Counties; there are "straws" in the Potomac drawing these waters for the general public.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts including our own review applications share the cost of implementing best practices to preserve and protect the soil and water. The array of districts review and dedicate the funds for worthy applications.

The most popular aspect of the several programs is called the "cost share program."

In some cases, because of changing rules this year, the Districts may be able to underwrite 100 percent of the cost depending mostly on the size of buffers if a larger buffer makes sense for the applicant's property under consideration.

The program objective is straightforward. How it's implemented can be more complex because of logistics and topography and what works for the landowner.

There are experts who work at this in the various districts to assure the effec-

tiveness of the program and Loudoun not only has a diverse staff of experts in this science of agriculture but who have the experience of visiting and studying properties all over the County.

These Soil and Water Conservation Districts were formed across the nation after the human and agricultural disaster that we know as "the Dust Bowl."

Plains grasslands had been deeply plowed and planted to wheat without regard for the danger of low soil moisture and drought.

High winds and choking dust swept across America from Texas to Nebraska. Tons of topsoil were blown off barren fields. Storm clouds carried the dust for hundreds of miles. Livestock and crops failed. Farmers and families died. It almost destroyed the nation's bread basket.

Many know this from John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath, the story of the Joads, escaping from Oklahoma, trapped in the Dust Bowl, headed out to California. Others have no doubt watched the award winning documentary by Ken Burns on the Dust Bowl - www.pbs.org/kenburns/dustbowl/.

The fatal error was that no effort was made to understand how to apply dry land farming, resulting in the severe winds that carried the soil away as dust.

The most obvious practices in this region, where we are today, are to limit nutrients (waste) in the waters, and to exclude livestock from the streams with fencing and to re-direct the livestock to water troughs in the fields where they graze.

Cover crops and other practices discourage and contain erosion as well. Assuring clean water warranties that

our creeks, rivers and bay are fit to drink, to swim or boat, and will safely preserve and protect our water industries, the fisheries, and will eliminate dead zones that can compromise or kill the Bay shellfish, oysters and water creatures.

Landowners and farmers should consider whether they are suitable candidates for these cost share programs. It's good for your property and terrific for the Bay. If you want more information, think you may have a situation that could benefit from BMPs, think about submitting an application for funding for your property to the Loudoun County Soil and Water Conservation District, and, if you have any questions, you may visit LSWCD.org or call Loudoun's Soil and Water Conservation District at 571 918-4530.

John P. Flannery is the Director and Treasurer of the Loudoun County Soil and Water Conservation District.

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As the Chapman property is worked in preparation for development and/or potential resale, Zicht "is proposing to revise the FIRM to reflect the as-built conditions for the approved fill [on Chapman's land] placed in the designated floodplain ..."

Parts of the natural areas and walking path within the Old Dominion neighborhood have already experienced increased water incursion.

As Chapman Brothers raised the level of their property along Hirst Road, the floodplain realities on the ground began to change for select Old Dominion properties. Each letter tells the different homeowners exactly how their situation has changed. For example, zero square feet of your property was in floodplain before, but now you have 200 square feet in flood plain - that kind of thing.

Letters to individual homeowners also notify each that a detailed analysis of this "flood hazard revision" can be found at Purcellville's Department of Planning and Zoning, telling them to contact Patrick Sullivan, Town of Purcellville Director of Community Development, or Zicht with questions.

Sullivan sent an email to concerned property owners noting that the Chapman Brothers' representative is available to address any concerns they might have. He also suggested that a community meeting might be held to address the issue.

## KETOCTIN DAR, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Regent, and since then there have been 35 women serving as Ketocotin Regents. The original 1950 meeting was recorded for posterity with a photograph of the group which launched the Ketocotin DAR. And, at this year's tea the tradition was repeated, as a group photo of the Ketocotin DAR's current members was again taken for posterity.

All members of the DAR are true missionaries for the organization, stressing that the focus is always on the value the DAR brings to history, patriotism, and education - not the individual members themselves.

Said one member, "I'm the first person in my family to belong to the DAR ... We're all about God, home, and country. We're a service organization, honoring those who formed our nation. It is with great pride

that we do the work that we do."

In the case of the Ketocotin DAR, that tireless work is evident is small, and large, and dramatic, and subtle ways throughout Loudoun County

This includes the organization's role in the naturalization ceremonies that welcome people to the United States once they have gone through the official citizenship process.

Ketocotin was also instrumental in the restoration of the County "Rough Minute Book 1780-1782," which documents Loudoun's connection to the Revolutionary War history of that time. The dynamic, hardworking Ketocotin DAR continues to work on and make accessible to the public other historic records of the era.

A beautiful plaque at the Ketocotin Baptist Church - made responsible by the Ketocotin DAR - bears the names of Revolu-

tionary War soldiers John Chew, James Copeland, Thomas Humphrey, Abel Marks, Isaiah Marks, and George Poulson, along with "Patriot" Rev. John Marks. The Ketocotin DAR is responsible for placing plaques, signage and markings at 10 Revolutionary War historic sites and the graves of 14 Revolutionary War heroes in the County. History is, not only not forgotten, but brought back to life through their efforts.

The organization also plays a key role in youth education, scholarships, and recognizing young middle and high school students for their historical research projects.

A \$10,000 DAR grant was used to restore the floor in the original log cabin at Farmer's Delight Plantation, in Middleburg.

On Veteran's Day 2015, the Spirit of Loudoun statute was unveiled at Court-

house Square in Leesburg. The Ketocotin DAR was instrumental in the creation of the statue, which pays tribute to the Loudoun families who were part of America's fight for independence. The painful but brave statue features a Loudoun farmer - arms around his wife and son - as he prepares to leave them to go off to war.

Ketocotin DAR members are also involved in National Wreaths Across America Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and welcoming home troops making their way from the battlefield, through the nation's airports, and back to their families.

Loudoun women interested in visiting or belonging to the Ketocotin Chapter may contact either First Vice Regent, Kecia Brown at [keciabrown@me.com](mailto:keciabrown@me.com) or Registrar, Megann Eichner at [meichdar@yahoo.com](mailto:meichdar@yahoo.com). Website: [www.Ketocotin.org](http://www.Ketocotin.org).

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