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DAN MORROW

Middleburg Town Council celebrated the beginning of the holiday season with good news for hard-pressed local taxpayers, businesspeople, and charities.

FY 2009 Audit

Council commended Town Administrator Jerry Schiro for his tight management of Town expenses after reviewing Jeff Mitchell and Sandy Tondreau's presentation of Mitchell & Company's annual independent audit of the Town's books for fiscal year 2009.

With assets valued at roughly \$9.3 million and liabilities totaling \$3.8 million, Mitchell reported that the Town was "in a strong financial position."

Mitchell noted that "...this was not the case three or four years ago." While noting the large contributions of the Salamander development project to the town's coffers, Mitchell pointed out that "it took a lot of work to get to this point."

Schiro noted that the cost-control and oversight improvements were "due to the efforts of the entire staff."

Among the Town's assets: Cash investments of more than

\$980,000; a Water Fund with \$630,000 in cash on hand; \$1.9 million in cash on hand.

Tax, fee, and license revenues for 2010, however, are down, and cost-control efforts continue. Three surplus vehicles, including a police cruiser, have been sold.

Health Center "Profits" Distributed

The Town's "Health Center" is, in fact, not a health center at all, but the building that houses the town's police department and several other rent-paying tenants.

Run by a "Health Center Advisory Board," chaired by Vice-Mayor Darlene Kirk, the building generated an operating surplus large enough to allow \$30,000 in grants to local community service organizations.

At November's regular Council meeting, Vice-Mayor Kirk presented letters of gratitude from all the organizations receiving funds.

George Lengauer of Seven Loaves (which provides food to needy families) and Martha Cotter, of FISH (which, among other things, provides transportation services for those otherwise unable to travel to local medical facilities), appeared personally at the session to ex-

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PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

On November 18, Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF) hosted a public open house at the Middleburg Community Center to celebrate ten years of work in building a base for providing charitable resources permanently to the Piedmont region.

PCF President, Brad Davis, said, "Since its inception PCF has made over \$800,000 in distributions to service needs of the community and PCF expects that number to grow exponentially with the passage of time. More than 100 local grants have been made to date."

There is perhaps one common denominator which helps to motivate those who support and make a gift to PCF. It is love of place and the community in which we live. Through PCF we are able to connect with that place and with the people

who make up that community.

The Council on Foundations has expressed it well; "community foundations go beyond simply making grants that advance charitable activities. They also identify current and emerging issues, channel resources to address their communities' needs, and help their regions prepare for the future." Nationally community foundations serve tens of thousands of donors, administer over \$40 billion in charitable funds, and address the core concerns of some 700 communities and regions.

The event was sponsored by Middleburg Bank. More information is available through Executive Director Karen Krei, at info@piedmontcf.org or call 540-687-5223.



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NEWS OF NOTE

MILLICENT WEST UPPERVILLE, VA

Millicent West, a long-time native of Middleburg and Upperville, Virginia, died at her home in Upperville, on November 9. She was, from 1974 to 2009 a Director of the Middleburg National Bank, for which she received a special award for her service in April of this year. (During her tenure, the bank assets grew from \$3 million to \$985 million.)

She was a Vice President of the Garden Club of America and the Garden Club of Virginia and was known throughout Virginia for her volunteer work, having shared her time, talents and enthusiasm with organizations across the region, including the Democratic Party of Virginia, The Hill School, Middleburg,

The Health Center, Middleburg, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Upperville, of which she was a member.

Joseph Boling, CEO and Chairman of the Board, Middleburg Financial Corporation, in his presentation of an award for her service said: "She was an engaging ambassador for the bank and has never met a stranger."

Mrs. West was born in Linden, Virginia on April 14, 1921.

She grew up in Alexandria, Virginia where she graduated from George Washington High School, and attended Catholic University in Washington, D.C. She received her nursing degree in 1939 from Garfield Hospital in Washington, D.C. in 1939.

Mrs. West was predeceased



FOXcroft PONY CLUB- AT FOXcroft SCHOOL GROUNDS, (CIRCA 1950'S)

by her husband, Washington businessman (and President of Middleburg Bank), Donald MacKenzie, in 1974, and William H. West, Jr, whom she later married, in 1986.

Mrs. West is survived by two sons, Ross MacKenzie of Los Angeles, California, and Doug MacKenzie of Upperville, Virginia, and four stepchildren: Gail Rogers of Winchester, Vir-

ginia, Nicola Shugars of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Karen West and Cathy Thomas, of Orlando, Florida. Her stepson, Bruce MacKenzie, also predeceased her.

Mrs. West will be buried in a private ceremony. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: the Marshall Rescue Squad, Marshall, Virginia.

WATERFORD CONCERT SERIES COME TO MIDDLEBURG

HOLIDAY CONCERT FEATURES "PIANO FOR FOUR HANDS"

On December 6th, just in time for the holidays, the Waterford Concert Series will host a special performance at the Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center at The Hill School. The featured artists, Myriam Avalos Teie and Rosanne Conway, will

play together on a single grand piano, a style known as piano for four hands.

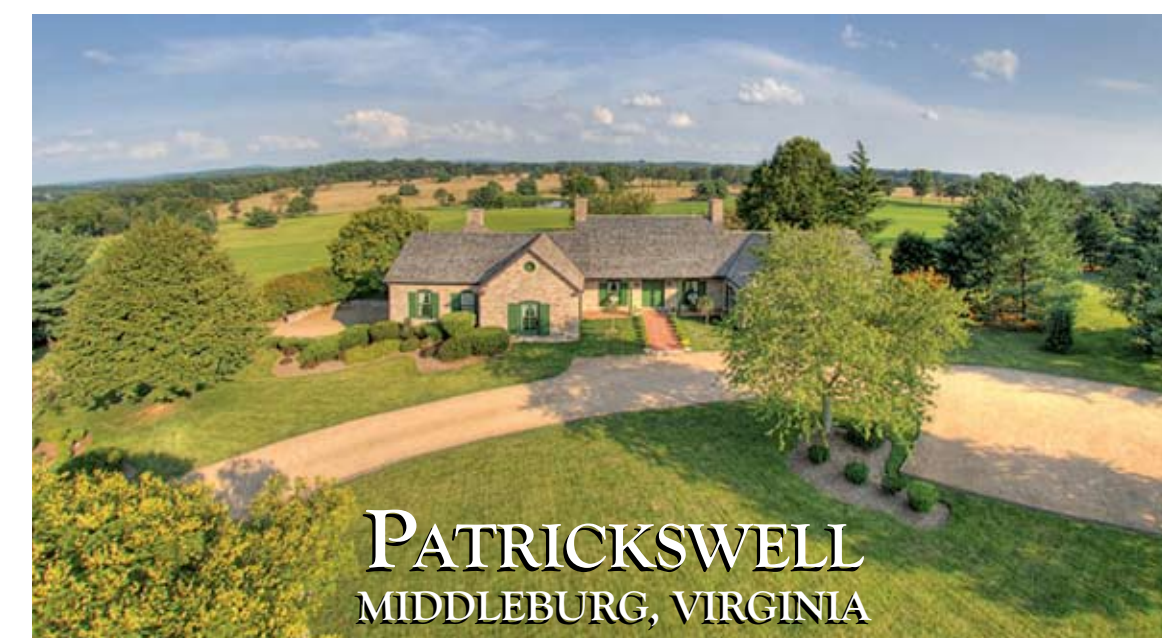
The celebrated duo will perform a holiday medley combining traditional Christmas carols with selections from Bizet, Listz, Vaughn Williams and Tchaikovsky. Both pianists are

known for their sparkling renditions and breathtaking performances.

The concert is being held as a fundraiser to benefit the rebuilding of the Waterford Old School auditorium, which burned to the ground in January 2007. The auditorium, built

in 1931, was the venue for the Waterford Concert series.

Concert tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by telephone (540-882-3018) or online (www.waterfordfoundation.org). Fifty dollars of the purchase price is tax-deductible



PATRICKSWELL
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Nestled in the rolling hills of Virginia halfway between the villages of Middleburg and Upperville lies Patrickswell. This 585 acre horse farm with breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains is centered in arguably the best fox hunting area in the world.

Patrickswell was built in 1984 and originally consisted of 213.82 acres. In the late 80's the 348.2 acre Arlington farm was purchased along with several other adjoining parcels. The original farm consisting of the 213.82 acres is in scenic easement. The balance of the farm is unencumbered by easements. The entire property is in land use.

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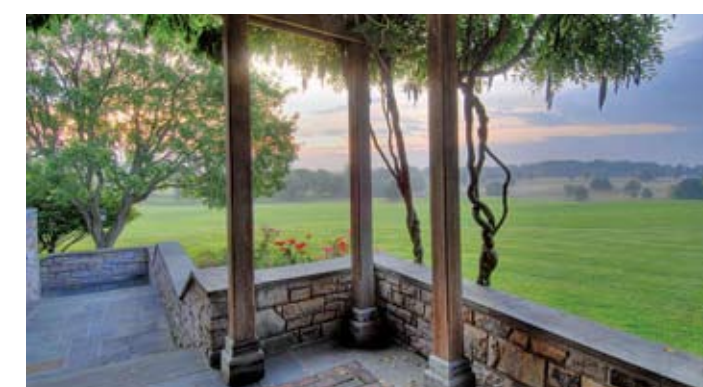
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Patrickswell's main residence has four bedrooms with four full and two half baths and a studio apartment on the lower level for staff or guests. There is a lovely pool and tennis court amid the gardens in the rear of the house. Just a short walk down the driveway is a custom 20 stall center-aisle horse barn with an office, tack room, and 2 wash stalls. All of this is encircled by a 1/16th of a mile indoor track that doubles as 4 turn-out paddocks in inclement weather. There is a 2 bedroom guest house and an equipment shed in the barn area. On the adjoining 371 acres there are three tenant houses, four barns and numerous outbuildings.

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This property offers convenient access to the cosmopolitan amenities of city life here and throughout the world. \$18,500,000.



NEWS OF NOTE

MORE THAN THE WAR

AN INTERVIEW WITH ARTIST AND ILLUSTRATOR, MORT KÜNSTLER

DANIEL MORROW

Mort Künstler, born just sixty-six years after the Civil War ended, is now 78, and is arguably, a national treasure.

Though best known for his work on “The War,” Künstler is a living connection to that generation of artist-illustrators who, for many, defined their perceptions of the adult world of childhood, and beyond.

Künstler has often donated art for good causes, especially to promote historic preservation and discussions are currently underway with the Mosby Heritage Area Association to commission a series of his pieces.

The plan is to ask him to capture the rich history that took place in Northern Virginia geography with an emphasis on the light cavalry struggles of the friends and foes of John Singleton Mosby between 1861 and 1865.

The Boy from Brooklyn

Künstler was born in Brooklyn in 1931, and came of age during the Great Depression and Second World War.

He insists he was born with two talents, and art is the second he mentions.

“One was athletics, believe it or not. I was a very skilled athlete, though a little on the fragile side.”

A track star and a swimmer, at 18, he took a fourth in the Penn Re-

lays 400-meter hurdles, threw championship javelin, and was on the diving team.

While a student athlete at Brooklyn College, he was awarded a basketball scholarship to UCLA. His dream was to play center field for the Brooklyn Dodgers. His oldest friends, he says, are jocks: among them coaches and Olympic medalists. And some of the first works of art he ever sold were diagrams of football and basketball plays, for a book by one of his coaches, and later for Scholastic’s Coach Magazine.

The Young Artist

“I guess I was born to be an artist,” Künstler says now.

The combination of being a tough-minded, never-give-up, Brooklyn kid, with no fear, and a body that tended to break, meant that he wasn’t destined to challenge The Duke for his spot in center.

Very early he had shown a special talent for art. At age three he copied the work his older sister brought home from kindergarten. Happily, his parents encouraged him.

After Brooklyn College and UCLA Künstler studied at the Pratt Institute, and became a much sought after free-lance commercial artist.

“People think that I just paint the Civil War,” he said, “but I’ve painted, oh, four or five thousand pictures by now.”

In his early career he gave life to the covers and characters found in

nearly all the country’s most important, classic and beloved mid-twentieth century print media: from The Saturday Evening Post, to True and Argosy; from Mad Magazine to the box tops for plastic models; from pulp novel covers to posters for blockbuster movies and hit TV shows.

As a recognized “collectable” artist, fans sought out his work on traditional themes from the American West. It was great work, he said, but after a time, it became, somehow, repetitive.

“How many tired cowboys framed by a sunset can you paint?”

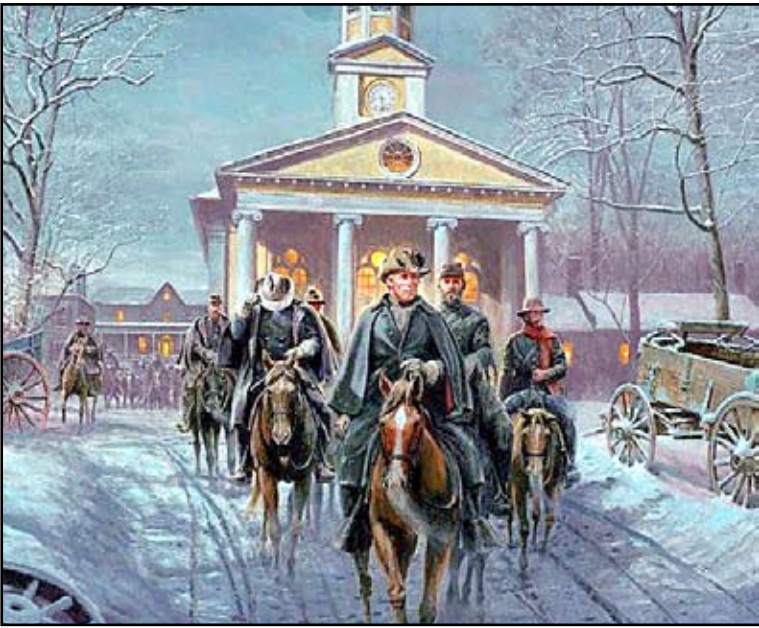
His first Civil War piece was a cover for True: a dead-tired rebel soldier, from an unidentified unit, at an unknown time, taking a drink from his canteen.

The 1961-1965 centennial of the Civil War led to several commissioned pieces, and a lifelong interest in The War.

Asked why, despite his “south Brooklyn” birth, so many of his paintings focus on the soldiers of the south, he thought a minute, and then mused, “Somehow, the paintings seem to mean more to Southerners. They still live among the battlefields. Family ties run deep and strong.”

While working on art for the movie, “Gods and Generals,” Künstler says Robert Duvall (who played Robert E. Lee), expressed some surprise that Künstler was born “a Yankee.”

Laughing while he tells the story, Künstler says, “I told him I was



born in SOUTH Brooklyn . . . though I went to Abraham Lincoln High School.”

For Künstler the real joy of painting lies in bringing to life, to the best of his ability, a story, a human experience, rooted in time and place, but rising above both.

Pulitzer Prize winning Princeton Professor of American History James McPherson, arguably the dean of the nation’s chronicler’s of the Civil War, puts it this way:

“Of all the artists working in the Civil War field, none captures the human element, the aura of leadership, the sense of being there and sharing in the drama, quite like Mort Künstler. He has that enviable talent of being able to re-create history on canvas and to translate events into art.”

Indeed, his very name means, “artist.”

On November 21, Künstler will be at the Warrenton Courthouse, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., signing books and prints of his latest painting The Gray Ghost, depicting First Lieutenant John S. Mosby. For details, contact Mark Moore at Framecraft gallery, 64 Main Street, in Warrenton, VA. Telephone #540-341-0001.

An autographed and framed limited edition print of his painting of Jackson’s “Foot Cavalry,” Old Mill, Strasburg, VA, June 1, 1862, is currently being auctioned by the Mosby Heritage Area Association. Ticket sales end at Midnight, Dec. 3, 2009.

The drawing will take place Friday, Dec. 4, 2009. For details and to purchase tickets, please visit the Association’s web site: www.mosbyheritagearea.org.

A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

The waters of time twist, turn, and run through the soul of the land. From the hoofs of horses crossing a tributary during the Civil War to the pitter-patter of kids splashing on a hot summer day to the wading of the angler looking for a smallmouth bass --- Goose Creek is a watershed that defines our heritage and shapes our land ethic.

The origin of Goose Creek is on top of the Blue Ridge at Manassas Gap. From there the river falls some 600 feet during its first 10 miles before leveling out at Delaplane and heading northeast for 10 more miles where it crosses route 50 and continues to the western foot of the Catocin Mountains. From there it heads north to meet up with The North Fork of Goose Creek and then turns east and joins Little River for 15 miles where it reaches its final destination --- the Potomac River.

Goose Creek meanders for 55 miles through Fauquier and Loudoun counties, from the Blue Ridge to the Potomac River. The tributaries connect to Goose Creek one by one in the following order:

- Mitchell’s Branch
- Bolling Branch
- Gap Run
- Panther Skin Creek
- Cromwell’s Run
- Wancopin Creek
- North Fork Goose Creek
- Jack’s Run
- Crooked Run
- Beaverdam Creek
- Big Branch
- Little River
- Tan Branch

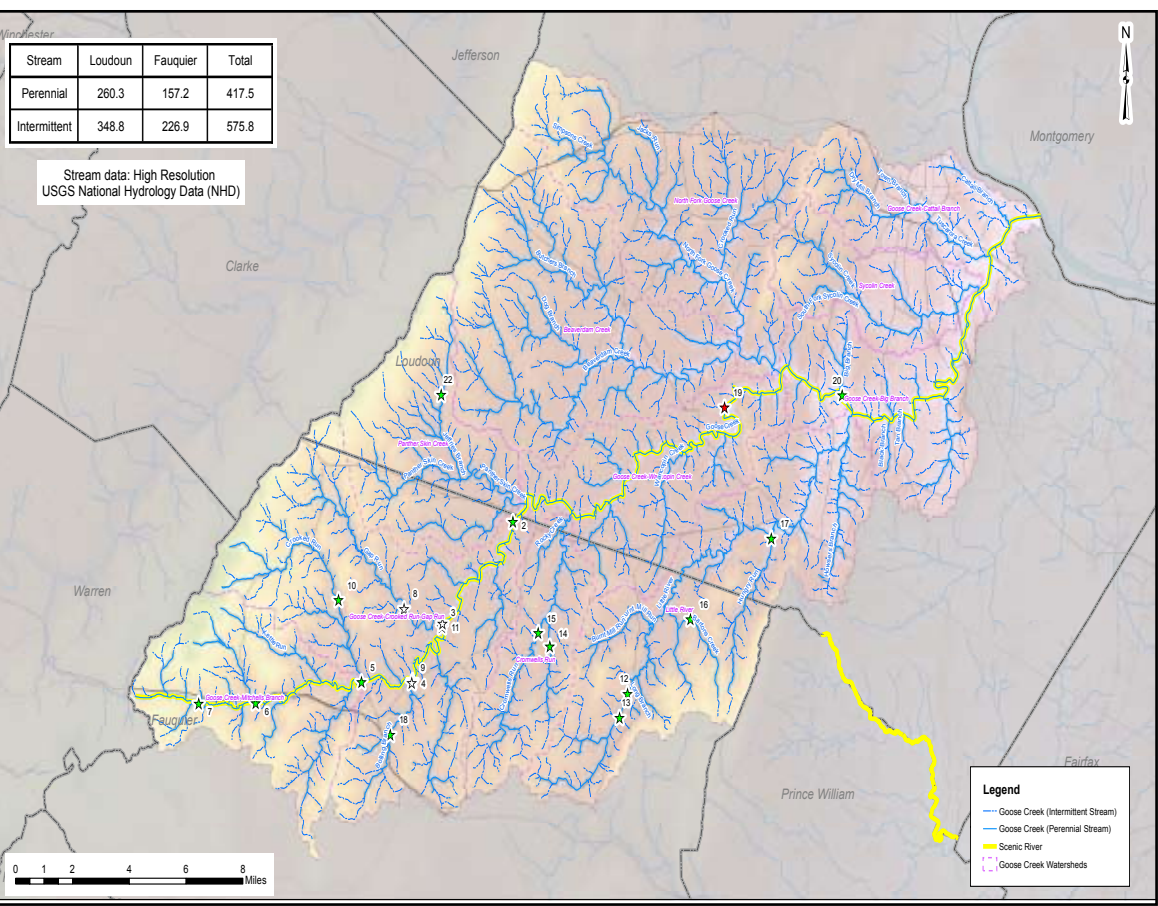
- Black Branch
- Beaver Dam Creek
- Sycolin Creek
- Tuscarora Creek
- Cattail Branch

All told, Goose Creek and the tributaries total 417.5 miles in length. Since each mile has two banks, there is 835 miles of land touching Goose Creek watershed, creating a sense of place while providing a source to the web of life we call home.

The Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (LCSA) provides water and sewer to 175,000 residents of Eastern Loudoun. Each day, LCSA distributes 19.9 million gallons of water to its customers. Two-thirds of the water supply comes from the Potomac, and one-third from Goose Creek. From the gurgles on top of the Blue Ridge to the faucet of the cities to the East, Goose Creek supplies residents in Eastern Loudoun 6.5 million gallons of water daily. As the great conservationist John Muir once wrote, “When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe.”

The hitching point is not just east and west, but past and present. Acts of great stewardship today ripple downstream tomorrow. We should never forget Stonewall Jackson’s final words ----- and remember to take time to “cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.”

Chandler Van Voorhis is a board member of Goose Creek Association (www.goosecreekassn.org) and a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America.



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press their appreciation.

The town administrator noted that some \$400,000 of Health Center money is currently held in the town’s cash accounts. Some will be required for further renovation and repair, including a solution to a persistent problem with mold in the below-grade-level parts of the building. The rest, Schiro suggested, should be taken out of the town’s general “sweep” account, and “put into a higher yielding investment.”

Support for Local Merchants

Council also continues to discuss measures to support local businesses during the ongoing recession. With the annual “Christmas in Middleburg” parade and festivities set for December, Mayor Betsy Davis made a special appeal to all the residents and friends of Middleburg to support our local shops, restaurants, inns and other businesses.

“Middleburg’s a special place,” she noted, “and the people and businesses that make it special need us more than ever.”

High rents, many of them raised in anticipation of the now-delayed opening of the Salamander Inn remain a special concern.

At a late October work session, Council briefly discussed supporting the establishment of a non-profit foundation, to buy and rent commercial property.

At their regular work session Council unanimously approved moving forward on a request to make the volunteer “Farmers Market” and “Arts Council” committees, official town advisory committees.

Other News

With Mayor Betsy Allen Davis abstaining, Council approved moving forward on a request to make the volunteer “Farmers Market” and “Arts Council” committees, official town advisory committees.

Council unanimously supported applying for a Virginia Energy Efficiency Block Grant, to support the replacement of some of the Town’s street lighting with more efficient, and less sky-glare-producing LED fixtures.

The Town is still seeking contractors willing to remove snow from several parking lots and other areas not covered by Virginia DOT service. Because the Town’s streets are “owned” and maintained by the state, the town’s snow removal needs are relatively small, thus making it sometimes difficult to find a contractor willing to commit people and equipment to be “on call” for the town.

NEWS OF NOTE

HUNT MASTER SETS SIGHTS ON MORE THAN FOXES

JOSEPH KEUSCH JOINS SHERIDAN-MACMAHON REALTORS

Long-time Middleburg resident and Master of Foxhounds Joseph Keusch has joined the real estate firm of Sheridan-MacMahon as a real estate agent.

"I've ridden across much of the Virginia hunt country for over twenty-five years," Keusch said. "While the face of local real estate has changed during that time, especially the view from the back of a horse, one thing has remained constant: the Virginia hunt country is one of the most desirable places to live in the world. I look forward to helping folks find their dream property in this special community."

Keusch seeks to use his knowledge and love of horses and hunt country real estate along with his expertise in construction and craftsmanship to guide property buyers and sellers in achieving their goals. As a business owner, hunt master, community leader,



and trainer of riders in Europe and across the USA, Keusch's experience will be invaluable to those interested in real estate in the Virginia countryside.

Keusch and his family live in Middleburg with their horses, dogs, cat, and pet goats.

LIGHTS OF LOVE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital invites the community of

Loudoun to join in celebrating the annual Lights of Love tree-lighting ceremony on Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the lobby atrium of the Lansdowne campus.

The Lights of Love tree will be lighted, refreshments served, and music provided. "We are delighted to again welcome the 4th and 5th

grades of Hillside Elementary directed by Rachel Newell and Todd Grivetti, and the music group, Twelve (for 12 Wonderful, Energetic, Loveable Vocal Entertainers) from Heritage High School, directed by Nancy Riley", said Becky Ottinger, chairman of the Lights of Love program.

"The Lights of Love is a year-round remembrance project that raises funds for nursing scholarships for those who live and/or work

in Loudoun County", said Joyce Biesecker, president of the Ladies Board. "In May 2009, the Ladies Board granted 53 nursing scholarships for a total of \$100,700."

To place a light on the Lights of Love tree, donation forms can be found by going to the web site: www.Ladies-Board.org and clicking on Lights of Love. For additional information, please call 703-771-2985.

BOWA BUILDERS RANKS NUMBER ONE ON REMODELING MAGAZINE'S LIST

BOWA Builders (www.bowa.com) recently ranked number one on REMODELING magazine's Remodelers list with more than \$26 million in revenue from 2008 residential remodeling projects. Bucking the economic downturn trend, the company estimates its total revenue will be over \$36 million in 2009.

"We at BOWA are honored by this achievement and are most pleased by what it means for our clients," said

BOWA Builders CEO Larry Weinberg. "Recognition such as this, combined with our 20-year track record, means we can provide clients with the depth of resources, buying power and trade partnerships of a very large company, but still offer the positive experience, personal attention and long-term relationships they desire thanks to our small, community-oriented teams."

The Remodeling 550 is REMODELING's first list of home improvement companies since it published the Re-

modeling 1,000 in the 1990s. Determined by company revenue, the list takes industry diversity into account by grouping the 550 companies into four major categories: full-service, replacement or specialty, insurance restoration, and franchise. Data for the 550 is based on a survey jointly developed by REMODELING, its sister publication REPLACEMENT CONTRACTOR, and Specpan, an Indianapolis-based consultancy and business data collection provider.

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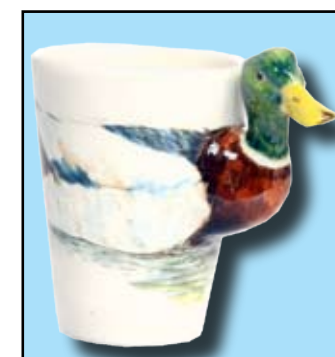
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PEOPLE WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE RING THE BELL

Friends and residents of Middleburg can be thankful for many things, not least among them . . . the friends and residents of Middleburg.

We're a town of 600 . . . with what often seems to be ten times that number of volunteers.

Because of them, the town works, and is a pleasure for all those who live, work and visit here.

Last year, for the very first time, Manuel Simpson led a local initiative to ring the Salvation Army Bell at the Middleburg Safeway. The word went out that he needed volunteers to help keep the bell ringing all day.

Volunteers from every corner and walk of life came to help. The final donation total was amazing, allowing many children and families to enjoy a generous holiday spirit, but the volunteers enjoyed that spirit too. Mothers and daughters, sisters and brothers, bankers and bakers, dogs and their masters..... all stood ringing to remind us that giving is the best part of Christmas.

Our schools and libraries, food for the poor, affordable housing, historic preservation, transport to doctor's offices, scouts, veterans, Christmas in Middleburg, concerts, plays, economic development, guide services and even Town Council (whose monthly pay approximates the cost of a drive to DC and back) would simply not work without . . . volunteers.

If you want to meet Middleburg, and the people who love it ... stop by Crème de la Crème and volunteer to ring the bell.

It's a good thing to do. It's a better thing to be.

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

I will write about our findings and my travels when I return.

So, this month, a short note once again about the health care issue facing the United States:

We must be the laughing-stock of the entire developed world. Can you imagine what they must think of the ridiculous goings on in Congress worrying about how to pay for health care for all of our citizens?

How ludicrous that this country can spend hundreds of billions of dollars on wars killing people and then cry and complain about how we will afford to save American 'citizens' lives here at home by passing a health-care-for-all bill.

This country is owned totally by the corporations especially the health insurance industry, drug companies, banks, food producers and the lobbyists who represent them.

We will never have

GOP REBOUND FROM BEYOND THE BELTWAY

KEN RIETZ

During the final days leading up to any election the rhetoric is heated.

This time, however, the Liberals really outdid themselves.

Joe Biden branded Republicans "extremists." James Carvell called Tea Party activists "nut jobs." The writer of "Blue Notes" on this page compared Republican voters and Tea Party activists to segregationist George Wallace voters and KKK supporters. Attempting to portray voters and activists as extremists, nuts and bigots is preposterous.

Not only are these comments misguided, they are neither accurate nor constructive. They say more about the judgment and prejudice of the author than they say about Tea Party activists or the Republican Party.

Recent polls tell the real story. According to a new Frank Luntz survey, "72% of voters are mad as hell." Another poll shows that over 50% of Americans feel the country is now "headed in the wrong direction." Another shows that 40% of voters call themselves "Conservative" while only 20% identify themselves as "Liberals."

Many thought the 2008 election results spelled the end of the GOP Brand.

The liberal media trumpeted its death as a national party and predicted it would be reduced to a regional party.

But voters don't vote for Brands. They vote for people. The Independents call the tune in most elections and they support people and policies, NOT parties. That's what happened in Virginia and New Jersey. Both Republican candidates received more than 60% of the Independent vote. In both cases, good candidates offering fiscal responsibility and real solutions, beat bad candidates offering bigger government and weak leadership.

In Virginia the victory was even more striking. Republicans swept ALL statewide offices for only the second time in history. They defeated six members of the House of Delegates many of

whom were Obama activists running on national issues such as Cap and Trade.

In 2010, more than 80 Democrats in the House of Representatives will be running for re-election in districts which went for Bush in 2004 or McCain in 2008.

The new Gallup Poll shows Republicans have made a big comeback in Congressional Districts with Independents favoring Republican candidates by 4% in the generic ballot.

The key for Republicans is not the Brand. It is recruiting good candidates like Bob Mc Donnell who the Richmond Times Dispatch called a "sunny conservative."

The opportunity for the GOP is enormous. Discussing the philosophical disagreements within the Republican party, so promoted by the liberal media, democrat pollster Pat Cadell said "the civil war isn't in the Republican party, it is between the people and the politicians."

Ken Rietz lives in Delaplane VA.

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POST-ELECTION REFLECTIONS

BRUCE SMART

The claim of "mandate" by the winners seems a bit thin, since only 21% of the electorate voted for our new Governor (distressingly, 64% didn't vote at all). Nevertheless, we congratulate Governor-elect Bob McDonnell on his victory, earned by an organized and disciplined campaign, with positions well communicated. The question now becomes: what policies will he advance? Here Purple's jury is still out. Will McDonnell work across the aisle to find consensus with moderates of both parties,

as he has hinted, or will he take the election as a mandate to pursue the right wing agenda of his Party's "base," as Republican leaders may insist.

The other day I received a telephone call from a well-spoken woman asking me to participate in a survey. I said "yes." She then read me a Newt Gingrich diatribe accusing "liberals" in general and Speaker Pelosi in particular of deliberately trying to destroy the country. This reading was followed by a pitch for Gingrich's new book. Angered by this non-constructive approach, I blew up at her. She hung

up. I quickly saw that I had now done my bit to divide the country, just as she was doing. The better course would have been to say, politely, "I don't agree," and explain why.

This experience explains why Bob McDonnell may have difficulty moving to the center; his Party leadership is still using fear and hate to excite voters and paralyze Washington, hoping that nothing constructive gets done. Obama gets blamed, and the Republicans, responsible for eight recent years creating the mess, sweep back into power in 2010. Purple wishes Bob

McDonnell well if he goes against this tide, and works for Virginia, rather than just his Party's extremists. But it will be hard.

In addressing issues such as climate change he must put science ahead of ideology and wishful thinking. To untangle transportation he will need to call on experts to analyze the problems in detail, develop engineering solutions, and find money - probably including higher taxes - to fund the needed improvements, just as Creigh Deeds proposed. And he must address education, where Virginia, like the rest of America, is jeopard

izing its future by cutting back support at all levels to avoid raising taxes.

None of the above should suggest that Purple is happy with the Democrats. The Republicans are rightly concerned about the growing national debt, though not very specific about how to rein in its greatest component, rising health care costs. The Democrats, in urging universal health care coverage (a worthy goal), are bypassing the need to change the current system, and its perverse incentives to spend too much, before expanding it. Both sides talk past each other as they sat

isfy their Party's activists and the lobbyists on whom they depend for campaign contributions. The national interest is ignored.

That takes us back to our first paragraph. When 64% of voters are involved, the selection of candidates, and thus public policies, are left to the ideologues of each party. The resulting food fight between extremists is no way to govern. In this coming season of Advent we pray that Governor-elect McDonnell and our divided legislature can find a common star to guide Virginia. In that hope, we wish them well.

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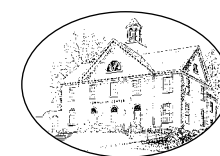
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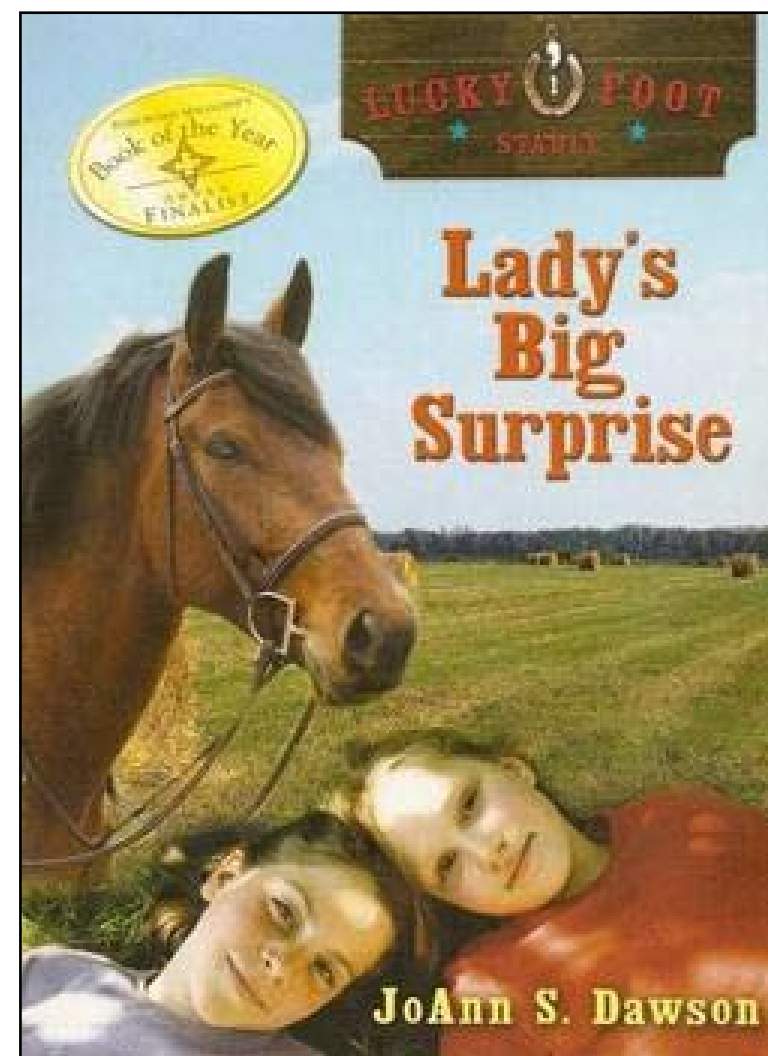
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The Lucky Foot Stable series, written for children ages 8-12, follows the adventures of two best friends, Mary and Jody, as they care for their ponies, Lady and Gypsy. Dawson's first book, Lady's Big Surprise, was released in 2003, followed by Star of Wonder in March of 2005 and A Star Discovered, in March 2006. The fourth book, Mary & Jody in the Movies was released in Fall of 2008. All four of Ms. Dawson's books have been finalists for national awards such as PMA's Benjamin Franklin Awards, the Independent Publishing Awards, and ForeWord Magazine's WWW.MBECC.COM

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Ms. Dawson owns and operates Fairwinds Farm & Stables in North East, Md., with her husband Ted, offering riding lessons, summer camp, trail rides, and a bed & breakfast. (www.fairwindsstables.com). Her farm has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, and on Good Morning America. Ms. Dawson works as an animal wrangler for film and TV, and as a Screen Actors Guild member has held principal roles in The Sixth Sense, 12 Monkeys, and Oprah Winfrey's Beloved. She also teaches Equine Science and Acting for Video Production at Cecil College in North East.

Admission to the program is free, but seating is limited, and children must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP to Judy Sheehan at 540-687-6542 x 10 and leave your name and number. The National Sporting Library is located at 102 The Plains Rd., in Middleburg, Va., and its website is www.nsl.org.



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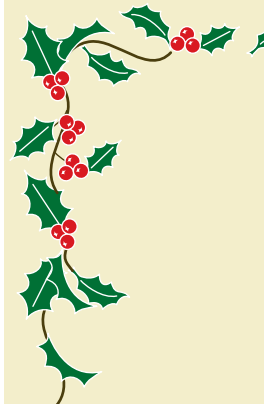


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DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners can be considerable—and very tasty. At the heart of every holiday meal is the custom that we indulge our appetite to the point where it hurts. Overeating is generally the culprit that brings on indigestion and heartburn after these festive occasions. Most of us are willing to put up with a bit of stomach discomfort for the sake of a special meal but what about when you have regular chest pain after meals? What causes indigestion and heartburn besides overeating?

Indigestion is a feeling of fullness or discomfort during or after a meal. It can also cause a burning pain (heartburn) in the chest, known as acid reflux. Acid reflux, or GERD (gastroesophageal reflux disease) is caused by acids from the stomach that rise into the esophagus. Besides overeating, there are a number of associated diseases that can cause indigestion and GERD, for instance: ulcers, irritable bowel syndrome, and thyroid disease. Medications such as aspirin, estrogen, oral contraceptives, steroids and antibiotics may also be a cause. Lifestyle issues like eating too much, eating too fast, eating high-fat foods, stress, alcohol, smoking and fatigue are also contributing factors. Frequent heartburn (more than twice a week) is cause for concern. Your physician may recommend a simple test to evaluate if you have GERD.

There are also silent signs of GERD. Often patients do not know that they have GERD because they don't experience the

burning sensation or taste the acid. Those who have had GERD for several years may become accustomed to the feeling to the extent that they ignore it. Another common occurrence is for reflux to occur during sleep. These indicators are often hidden until some damage has occurred. Fluid from the stomach is highly acidic; when it enters the esophagus it causes inflammation, thinning of the esophageal wall and can lead to tears and/or esophageal cancer. Another indicator of GERD is the teeth. The same acid that can damage the esophagus is strong enough to dissolve (erode) teeth. I look first at the tooth enamel for signs of a frosty and rough appearance to determine if my patients suffer from GERD. Long term GERD will even cause cupped areas in the biting surfaces and/or near the gum line. If the condition continues to go unchecked, teeth will become thinner, shorter, chipped and eventually expose the inner darker layer of the tooth (dentin). Dentin is softer than enamel and will erode even faster. When patients reach this stage of tooth erosion they usually experience some pain and have limits to their ability to chew—and may lead to tooth loss.

What are the medical treatments for GERD? Often lifestyle changes are sufficient. Eat right, lose excess weight, moderate exercise, stop smoking, limit alcohol, get the right amount of sleep and elevate the head of the bed about 6 inches (not an extra pillow). If these changes don't make a difference, medication may be needed. Most often over-the-counter medicines like Prilosec or Zantac are enough. In more severe cases prescription strength medicine or



even surgery may be necessary to control GERD. What are the dental treatments for teeth affected by GERD? If there is limited tooth damage prevention of acid erosion may be the only treatment. Once dentin is exposed some form of renewal of enamel is important to protect the teeth, this could be as simple as a tooth-colored restorations or more involved treatment such as onlays or crowns.

At your next dental visit ask your dentist if he or she sees any signs of acid erosion of your teeth. If so, get their advice about the degree of erosion on your teeth and whether you should have the teeth renewed. Also ask if you need to talk with your physician about being tested for GERD. And by all means, enjoy that pumpkin pie!

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos is a Fellow of the American Academy of General Dentistry, he is on the faculty of the Scottsdale Center for Dentistry where he is an Assistant Faculty in cosmetic and advanced dentistry, he is a mentor at the Pankey Institute for Advanced Dental Education and a general member or Fellow of several dental groups including the American Dental Association. Dr. Gallegos practices dentistry in Middleburg, VA. You can learn more about his practice at www.MiddleburgSmiles.com.

FOOD, INC RENEWABLE ENERGY IN VIRGINIA

DALE SCHULZ

How much do we really know about the food we buy at our local supermarkets and serve to our families? If you are like me, not very much.

In Food, Inc., filmmaker Robert Kramer pulls the curtains on our nation's food industry, exposing "Big Agriculture's" highly mechanized underbelly that's hidden from the American consumer with the assistance of Federal regulatory agencies, such as the USDA and FDA. Our nation's food supply is now controlled by a handful of corporations that often put profit head of consumer health, the livelihood of the American farmer, the safety of workers and the environment. We are left with widespread obesity, particularly among children, and an epidemic level of diabetes among adults. We have new strains of e coli – the harmful bacteria that cause illness for an estimated 73,000 American annually. "The industry doesn't want you to know the truth about what you are eating- because if you knew, you might not want to eat it." So says, Eric Schlosser, author of "Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal" and one of the films principal talking heads.

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& Low, diapers, Motrin, and cattle feed. We are told that the gut of a cow fed on corn breeds the deadliest strains of E. coli; that Monsanto Co. controls its genetically engineered soybeans; that the Smithfield Hog Process Plant, just off RT 95 in North Carolina, slaughters 32,000 pigs per day. Fifty years ago it took 70 days to raise a chicken to slaughter. Today it takes only 48-days and the big-breasted poultry cannot support their own weight.

Featuring interviews with such experts as Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation), Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Dilemma) along with forward thinking social entrepreneurs like Stonyfield Farm's Gary Hirschberg, Food, Inc reveals surprising, and often shocking truths, about what we eat, how's it produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.

The documentary moves briskly through its impressive array of talking points. Consider it a primer on a deadly serious issue that affects all of us, several times per day. The message is that it is up to us, the consumer, to change things in the food industry. Director Robert Kenner's documentary is powerful, maybe even life-changing, easily one of the most important of the recent spate of socially conscious documentaries. Food, Inc is available from Netflix or can be purchased from Amazon for approximately \$15. I would be glad to lend you my copy. Just stop by my office in town.

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KAREN REXRODE

Fall was particularly glorious this year. Long and without frost, gardeners everywhere were delighted. As December fast approaches the final clean-up is at hand, the garden is ready for its winter slumber. The sprawling stems of asters and chrysanthemums are finally cut back, some having shot out four feet, they lay heavy on anything that grows beneath. Very often the gardener finds some whimpering perennial buried, suffering from lack of light and the weight of heavy stems, death by suffocation may take a couple of years, but

in the end the more competitive plant wins. The sprawl was intentional, their motto "Spread and Conquer". These plants are the competitors. Sharing the garden space with pioneers and stress-tolerators, their MO is to grow with large soft leaves, spread to gain ground and flower late in the year. Often the results are weighted stems that fall and subsequently gain more ground. This was no weak stemmed, inferior plant but a cold, calculating competitor. For the gardener and the editor, observation comes into play as the interface of one against another becomes the line in the sand. Do you manage the garden or leave it as live and let live?

Those heroic stress-tolerating plants are the tough leaved, evergreen, slow growing, early flowering perennials that we worship. Of the three types of survival strategies - competitor, stress-tolerator and pioneers, this group gives us the most satisfaction in the off seasons. The poster child for stress-tolerators are the helleborus.



Flowering in the latter part of winter with evergreen leaves (that deer don't eat), their health is paramount. In the long run, these stress-tolerators will be growing and flowering every winter and early spring for many, many years. They will require far less maintenance and play well with each other (slow growth, not liable to out-compete), unless, of course, a competitor has had its way with them.

Gardeners are not too different from one another. When asked, would you rather have flowers in February or November? We want it everyday, or so the majority claim. There are those few that live for their glory in May and June with iris or June and July with their daylilies. Good for them, on matters of survival there is clarity. For the rest of us, we must edit and prune for the health of all. It's a mighty big job.



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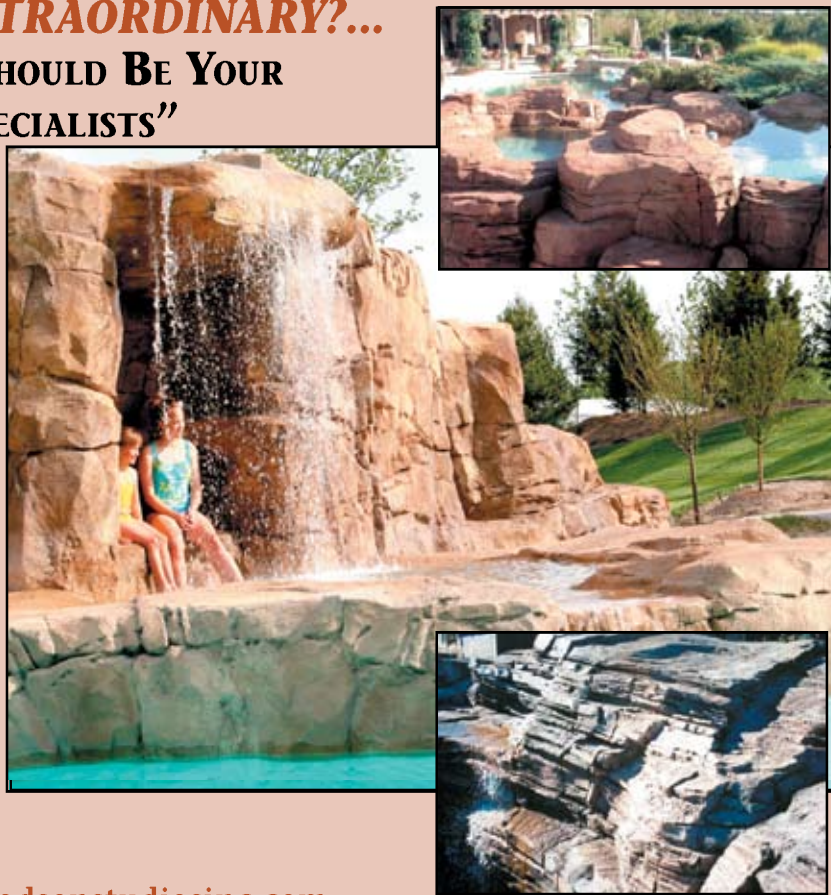
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This Sunday’s game at The House That Jerry Built just got a lot more interesting. In the span of a single Sunday afternoon, the momentum shifted dramatically from America’s team to the Burgundy and Gold.

Think about it.... One of those teams just combined for seven points over the course of an entire game, all of which came in fourth-quarter garbage time. The other just clamped down on their opponent for an entire second half, holding them to zero points and negative-eight yards passing. One of those teams just lost to a mid-tier opponent that was barely clinging to .500 and in desperate need of some shred of positivity to push them towards end of the season. And the other team overcame a three-point first-half deficit by reeling off 13 unanswered second-half points to grab a victory.

In case you missed it, the team whose offense sputtered like the Little Engine That Couldn’t, the team that laid an egg against a struggling opponent after winning four straight, that team was the Cowboys.

The team that beat a division leader, the team that featured a balanced offense that showcased a pounding running game and a quarterback who connected with nine of his receivers, (and whose punter connected with a tenth), and the team whose defense knocked out their opponent’s starting quarterback to close the first half and feasted on his replacement in the second, that team was the Redskins.

Not bad. The offensive line actually looked offensive, in a good way, for a whole game for the first time this season. Yes, Jason Campbell was sacked three times

during the day, but he didn’t resemble a guy desperate to join witness-protection like he has for most of the season. The fact that he managed to stay upright for much of the day behind a line with more patches than Windows XP is a miracle in and of itself.

The defense, if you take away the first half, looked like a collection of Pro-Bowlers. Forget for a moment that the quarterback they were playing against has barely more actual NFL game experience than I do over the last two seasons, and forget for a moment the entire first half during which Kyle Orton and Brandon Marshall did their best Joe Montana and Jerry Rice impressions, and forget for just a moment longer that LaRon Landry, Fred Smoot and Carlos Rogers sometimes look like the three blind mice. They still all buckled down when it counted.

Special teams? When your punter has a perfect passer rating on the season and is the only player to both run and pass for a touchdown, hey, what is there to complain about.

Brian Orakpo continues to evolve into something very, very special, and no player has benefited more from Albert Haynesworth’s signing than Andre Carter who looks more and more like a player reborn in each passing week.

What does it all mean? Hard to say, but if (IF!) the Redskins can jump on the Cowboys on Sunday, it could make for a very, very interesting second half of the season.

Also in the Bag...

Gilbert Arenas and the Wizards don’t quite look like world-beaters just yet, but that doesn’t mean they won’t. Without a healthy roster, there’s just no way to say. That said, if things don’t translate into a playoff run this year, even a one-round playoff run, it’s time to

shop at least one or two of your big-three.

Ted Leonsis, George McPhee, Bruce Boudreau and the rest of the brain trust running the Caps look more and more like they really know what they’re doing. It just goes to show that you don’t have to live above the 49th parallel to appreciate hockey. Unlike some people in the Phoenix area might want you to believe.

Congrats to Jim Riggleman on being named full-time manager of the Nats next season. I think...

And congrats to Manny Acta on landing the manager’s gig in Cleveland. Again, I think....

Super big congrats to Michelle Wie on winning her first PGA Tour event. On second thought, that might be super big congrats to the PGA Tour on Michelle Wie’s winning her first tour event.

Tiger won the Australian Masters, beating Adam Scott and a bunch of other Aussie golfers you’ve never heard of. It only cost the organizers \$3 million to get him there, half of which was financed by the Australian government. See, down under the government has the right idea; instead of giving corporations zillions of dollars which then get blown on golf tournaments, the Australian government just gives the money directly to golf tournament itself. Nobody can complain about that....

I’ve never enjoyed seeing anyone suffer a brain freeze as much as I did Bill Parcells when he called a rinky-dink pass play on 4th-and-2 at the end of the Colts game rather than doing what 99.9% of people would’ve done and punted it. That was the dictionary definition of “too smart for your own good.” The fact that it cost Parcells and his team the game? Priceless.



WHEN A LITTLE REALLY MEANS A LOT

CAROLYN STYS

This has been a difficult year for many. Most of us will be glad to put it in the record books and move on to what we hope will be a far better 2010.

In this column I have tried to impart knowledge, de-mystify complex topics and debunk the many myths surrounding investing and financial matters, so as we head into the holiday season I want to debunk the myth that only big donations make a big difference to a charity.

In fact, it is the combination of thousands of small donations that really make the difference. Every dollar counts. Especially now.

As you may suspect charitable giving is down this year. It is down 5%. This is the largest drop in 50 years.

On the flip side, it is down ONLY 5%. America continues to be, by far, the most generous country in the world when it comes to donating money. This well-documented fact doesn’t change the reality that the economic downturn has seriously affected charitable giving

So, we continue to give, even when it hurts. But the drop makes life even more difficult for many foundations. And they too have suffered serious portfolio losses this year. Some have lost as much as 40%, and some were wiped out by Bernie Madoff.

If you not sure whom to give to or what they need, please

consider that Middleburg has many wonderful local charities that cross a broad spectrum of needs.

Windy Hill and Middleburg Humane Society are two that provide superb services and there are many other local charities that will be immensely grateful for your help.

If you wish to have a national impact, please consider helping military families and their soldiers through the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program or The Wounded Warrior Project. Whatever your interest you may visit GUIDESTAR.com and search for charities that need your help and have been vetted and reviewed.

If we share the same instincts and enjoy giving to specific projects in the education space, visit donorschoose.org.

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This year has been extraordinarily difficult for many and although it remains to be seen what The New Year holds for us, if you can spare only a \$1, you may be certain it will help.

If we all give what we can, we are well on our way to making 2010 a better year.

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REMODELERS Q & A

PHIL BZDYK

Glenn from Lovettsville asks: ARE TODAY’S SOLAR ENERGY PRODUCTS REALLY PRACTICAL TO USE IN MY HOME?

Of course they are! First off, I’ll tell you that today’s solar products are not the hideous, awkward technologies of the 1970’s energy crisis era. There are many solar energy installations that make good sense in a residential setting. But before I get into the products, I’d say the best thing a builder or homeowner can do in a new house or addition is to site the building with as many windows facing south as possible with large roof overhangs. The overhangs prevent too much solar gain in the summer but allow plenty of sunlight in during the winter months when the angle of the sun is lower. Also in rooms with southern exposure, try to include a good thermal mass; something like a tile floor or a masonry structure like a fireplace to collect all that sunlight. Perhaps you’re not planning to build new or renovate, so you might consider a solar water heater, which uses sunlight to heat circulating water. These systems aren’t terribly expensive and once installed don’t require any day to day operation; they just do the work all on their

own. The water can be used for domestic hot water needs or home heating. Photovoltaic (sun powered electricity) is usually a bigger investment so it takes quite a bit longer for a “payoff”, but you can also start out in a small way. Our chicken coop is “off the grid” with some very inexpensive photovoltaic panels for indoor & outdoor lighting. It’s always going to require some sort of investment up front, but every year, technology gets better for these products, and I expect more and more installers are going to acquire the training to be on top of this excellent energy source. A good place to start learning about this growing technology is a government website <http://www.energy.gov/energysources/solar.htm>, which will give you an overview about the subject. There are also a number of websites about solar products, do it yourself topics, and the like. As always, if you hire some someone to work on your home, make sure they’re licensed and insured, and ask for references and certifications.

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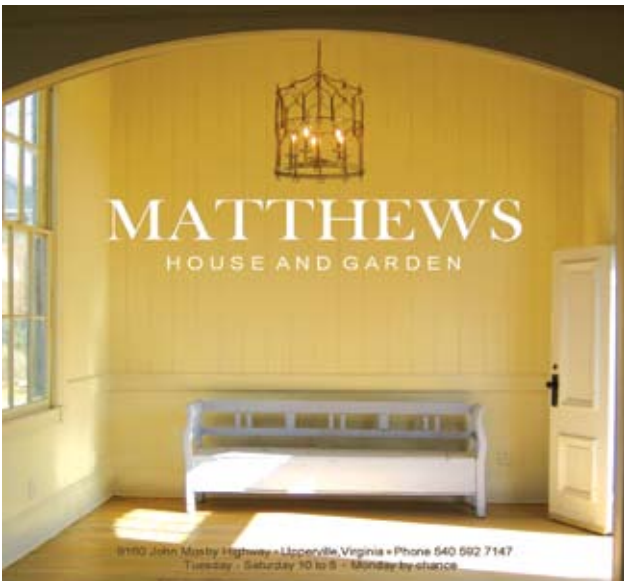


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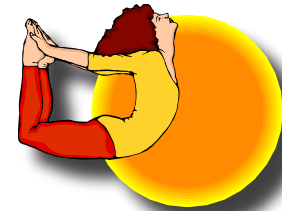
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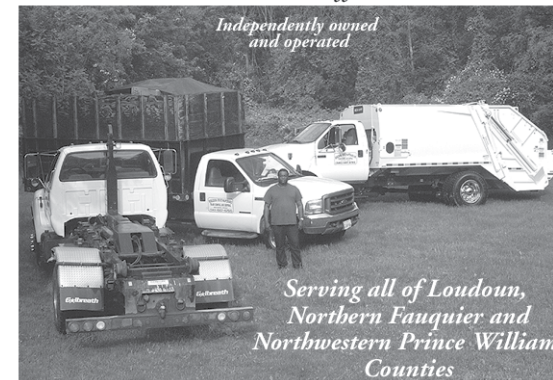
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VIRGINIA TECH TO DEVELOP NEW EQUINE EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MIDDLEBURG

The Virginia Tech College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has announced plans to create a new equine education program at the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center (MARE Center) located in Middleburg, Va.

An undergraduate student learning experience in equine sciences will serve as the cornerstone for the teaching program at the center. In addition, Virginia Tech will relocate its world-class group of sport horse mares from Blacksburg to Middleburg, adding to the band of horses in residence at the center.

"We are extremely excited about the opportunity to expand the equine programs at Virginia Tech by taking full advantage of the facilities and location of the MARE Center. Providing a novel, cutting-edge learning experience in equine education is consistent with the

high ideals and standards already set by the university. The MARE Center already plays a critical role in the college's discovery and outreach functions, and this addition enhances Virginia Tech's commitment to the education of tomorrow's leaders," said David Gerrard, head of the Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences. "Our long-term goal is simple: preeminence in the area of equine sciences."

The semester-long experience will immerse students in an environment filled with horses. This experience will not only prepare students for positions in the equine industry, but will also provide them life skills, as the students will need to work as part of a cohesive unit during their stay at the center.

Along with the normal demands required by a structured curriculum, students will be expected to participate in all aspects of the dai-

ly operations of a large-scale equine breeding, show, and sales facility. Additionally, students will be able to participate in in-depth summer internship programs as well as a study abroad course.

"The difference between this program and the program offered in Blacksburg will be the amount of experiential learning that will be demanded of those enrolled in the program. This is a working operation, where horses require attention 24/7," explained Gerrard. "There will be ample outreach and discovery opportunities for these students during their stay at Middleburg, exemplifying the comprehensive scope of the three missions of a land-grant university."

Mimi Abel-Smith, vice chair of the MARE Center's Advisory Council, commented, "I am pleased that the emphasis will be on the management and research needs of sport horses

— those used in eventing, dressage, and showing — and applicable to all other breeds and functions." Dr. Matthew Mackay-Smith, an advisory council member and former medical editor of Equus Magazine, added, "The activities at the center will benefit every horse and horse person, from a child's pet to the fastest race horse. This expansion provides the horses and programs essential to achieving excellence in both equine science and education, and adds to the layman's understanding of this marvelous animal."

As funds are secured, Gerrard anticipates significant expansion of the center's physical facilities. The program will require large indoor and outdoor arenas for teaching purposes, along with serviceable breeding facilities and additional classrooms and research laboratories.

Rebecca Splan, associate professor of animal and

poultry sciences, will relocate to Middleburg to join Shea Porr, superintendent of the center, to develop and teach the curriculum. Faculty members at the Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Va., have also expressed an interest in collaborating in the program.

The equine education program on the Blacksburg campus will remain largely unchanged but will likely benefit from future additions to the faculty. "Clearly, we have a rather large student body interested in an education centered on the horse, and we intend to do our utmost to ensure its viability and growth into the foreseeable future," said Gerrard. "The program at Middleburg simply adds to our equine education portfolio and increases the flexibility of our program to meet the needs of an ever-changing and excellence-minded undergraduate clientele."

VA FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 2009 Virginia Field Hunter Championships were hosted by the Piedmont Fox Hounds Sunday Nov 8th at Salem in Upperville, VA. This search for the best field hunter in Virginia is believed to have been held every year since 1950. Against the idyllic backdrop of the Blue Ridge Mountains, 21 competitors representing 12 different hunts were tested in a hack class, a mock hunt and a very difficult individual test.

The competition began with a fiercely contested turnout class where the Middleburg Hunt dominated taking both 1st (Tracy Cover on her own "Clementine" and 2nd Devon Zebrovius and "Kalliopy"). After a group hack class, 2008 Champion Frannie Kansteiner led the field across the stunning Piedmont for a mock hunt behind Piedmont Huntsman Richard Roberts, whips Spencer Allen and Donny Yovanovich and the Piedmont hounds. Ten judges both on the ground and mounted, whose roster included the likes of Gail

Wofford, Olympian Linden Ryan and former Va Field Hunter Champion Will Coleman were watching their every move and picked the top 8. Some of the tests the final 8 were asked to do included handgallop a timber fence, open a gate and trot a coat over wire. After much discussion by the judges they crowned Robyn Harter and her "Butterfly Painting" of Snickersville Hunt the 2009 Virginia Field Hunter Champion, reserve Champion went to Emily Day of the Blue Ridge Hunt on Mary Swifts "Fergus". Piedmont Hunt and its supporters hosted a fabulous tailgate for the many spectators and competitors after the awards. With a reputation of great hospitality and merry festivities we look forward to the Snickersville Hunt hosting the 2010 Championships. Many thanks to the Bonnie Family, The Irish Draught Horse Society of North America (southeast region) Tri County Feeds and Southern States for helping make this event possible.

ORANGE COUNTY HUNT, BLUE RIDGE HUNT WINNERS

Over 160 participants competed at the Orange County Hunt Team Event at Old Whitewood Farm near The Plains

The second-time winner of the Junior Hunter Championship was Blue Ridge Hunt member Georgie Wilkins, 12, of Winchester, riding twelve-year-old bay

pony, Wilhemina. Georgie Wilkins first won in 2006 and Sunday took home the George L. Ohrstrom, Jr. trophy, a bronze fox head, and a \$100 check for her hunt. Blue Ridge Hunt member David Pawlak, 12, of, riding the bay pony Paris, was Reserve Junior Champion. Twenty Junior riders, age 16 or under, entered the cham-

pionship in the Limit Hunter division, a one-and-a-half mile course.

The Genuine Hunter Championship was won for the third time by Orange County Hunt member and Olympian, Nina Fout, riding nine-year-old bay thoroughbred, Highwater Mark, owned by Mrs. Jaqueline Orhstrom, over the twenty-

three fences of the Genuine Hunter course. Nina Fout secured the Alfred Hunt Memorial bronze and a \$100 check for her hunt. Reserve Champion was Charlie Ross of Warrenton, riding fourteen-year-old Wordsmith.

In the Hilltopper Pairs division, Warrenton Hunt members from Fairfax Lizzie Rogers, 13, riding Red Knight's delight, and from Oak Hill, Alex James, riding Little Miss Sunshine won the best Hilltopper Pair.

Final Results for the Orange Count Hunt Team Event included:

Limit Hunter Best Hunt Team: Auntie Bundles Buddies — Georgie Wilkins (Wilhemina), Lucy Catlett (Sir Pinkerton), David Pawlak (Paris), Blue Ridge Hunt

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Limit Hunter Ideal Time: Piedmont Pixies — Graham Alcock (Pisani), Forest Stone (Wicklyns First Knight), Hayley Alcock (Millpoint Far Better), Nancy Alcock (Looking Glass), Piedmont Fox Hounds

Junior Hunter Champion: Georgie Wilkins (Wilhemina), Blue Ridge Hunt

Junior Hunter Reserve Champion: David Pawlak (Paris), Blue Ridge Hunt

Genuine Hunter Best Hunt Team: Fout Folly — Beth Fout (Sussabout), Nina Fout (Highwater Mark), Lisa Malek (Light Speed), Orange County Hunt

Genuine Hunter Best Turned Out: The Middleburg Marauders — George Kuk (Teddy), Devon Zebrovius (Kalliopy), Anne Sittman (Abraham), Tracey Cover (Clementine), Middleburg Hunt

Genuine Hunter Ideal Time: Milady and Her Knights — Lilla Ohrstrom (Josephine), Trevor Potter (Bobby), Jeff Keffer (Milton), Jimmy Parsons (Ridle), Orange County Hunt

Genuine Hunter Champion: Nina Fout (Highwater Mark), Orange County Hunt

Genuine Hunter Reserve Champion: Charlie Ross (Wordsmith), Warrenton Hunt

Hilltopper Pairs Best Pair: Over The Grass Red Team — Lizzie Rogers (Red Knight's delight), Alex James (Little Miss Sunshine), Warrenton Hunt

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OVER 400 STUDENTS VISIT PROJET'S AVIATION EXPO FOR CAREER HELP

Over 400 middle school, high school and college students from schools in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Washington, D.C. recently visited the ProJet Aviation's 4th Annual Aviation Expo at Winchester Regional Airport to learn what a career in aviation has to offer.

The Expo, which is completely free for students and participating vendors, is co-sponsored by ProJet Aviation, a D.C. metro area aircraft management and charter operator, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA), the largest,

most influential aviation association in the world and FlightSafety International, one of the world's largest flight safety training organizations.

This year was FlightSafety's first year as a corporate sponsor and Dan Walker of FlightSafety was pleased and impressed.

"It would be impossible to leave this event and not be inspired by the experience and opportunities provided. We were happy to be a part of the expo, and hope to partner on this effort for many years to come."

Forty-six vendors donated their time and resources

to educate students on the many careers in aviation, such as aviation safety, training, aerial mapping, aircraft and avionics maintenance, and emergency response services. Local catering companies, businesses, and professionals donated and sponsored lunch for all students, guests and vendors. From 10am until 2pm, students had the opportunity to crawl through several types of aircraft, fly a simulator, and interact with aviation professionals.

In addition to a K-9 anti-drug demonstration presented by Homeland Security's Customs and Border



Patrol unit, there were presentations by some of the industry's most influential and inspirational speakers, including: Scott Stocker, Chief Pilot for Delaware Park, Ian Twombly, AOPA's Deputy Editor for their flight training magazine, and Katie Pribyl, General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) representative, spokesperson, and pilot.

Julie O'Brien, Director of Marketing for ProJet and co-founder of the expo explained to the students: "You will never find so many people in one place that are all completely sold on and passionate about what they do every day!"

Ian Twombly added, "I think it's great when an industry can get together and show students the world outside. There are cool ways to work hard."

Aviation entrepreneur, aerobatic pilot, and "Dream Launch Tour" founder Ja-

mail Larkins gave the keynote speech, thrilling students with stories and images of his amazing aviation pursuits. Larkins regularly travels to schools nationwide on his DreamLaunch Tour, promoting careers in aviation. In addition to being featured in Parade magazine and on The David Letterman Show, the 25 year-old has shared the podium with Gen. Chuck Yeager at various fund-raising events, and will be featured in the upcoming edition of Inc Magazine.

The Aviation Education Expo was honored to be a recipient of the 2009 Wolf Aviation Fund Grant. The grant allowed the Expo to expand this year, explained O'Brien. "The Wolf Grant allowed us to grow the event in some new directions, and accommodate more students than ever before."

To learn more about ProJet Aviation please visit: www.ProJetAviation.com.

CHELSEA FISHER TO REPRESENT USA AT WORLD AGE GROUP



Stone Ridge resident, Chelsea Fisher, a senior from Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, has earned a spot on the United States Tumbling Team that will compete at the World Age Group Games in St. Petersburg, Russia from November 14th to November 22nd. Chelsea qualified in Las Vegas by finishing second at Nationals in late September. Since tumbling is not currently an Olympic sport, the World Age Group Games is the Olympics of the sport and what these athletes work towards for all their lives. Chelsea will compete in power tumbling, which combines the skills of artistic gymnastics on the floor and those of trampolining. Chelsea has been competing in gymnastics at Capital Gymnastics in Burke since the age of 4. In 2007, she competed in the last World Age Group games in Quebec and finished an impressive 13th.

LOCAL SCHOOL DEVELOPS NEW MOTTO

Middleburg Academy (formerly Notre Dame Academy) announced today that the Board of Trustees has approved new visual symbols and a motto that will identify the school as it formally shifts to its new name by July 1, 2010. Included are a redesigned school shield, and the new motto: "Learn, Lead, Serve." (Cognoscere, Ducere, Servire). The new symbols will be used on all school stationery, publications and signage. Athletic uniforms and related clothing will feature a gold-colored letter "M" in block form, outlined in blue.

"We have kept the school's colors, blue and gold, and our mascot, the dragon, as they connect us to the past, and the ethical and spiritual values that we have inherited from earlier days," said Elizabeth (Libbi) Murray, head of school since January, 2009. She added: "The shield retains the classical Lamp of Learning featured on previous Notre Dame identifiers, and adds a heraldic dragon, the school's

date of founding (1965), and a tree representing both knowledge and our commitment to protecting the environment. Where appropriate, the shield will be accompanied by a banner bearing the new motto."

Notre Dame Academy, founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame, has shifted over time from its origin as a Catholic girls' boarding school, to a co-educational Catholic day high school, to its present status as an independent, non-sectarian, college preparatory high school. Murray added: "We see establishing this new set of visual representations as yet another step towards achieving our stated vision of 'instilling in our students the ambition and desire to embrace opportunities in leadership and service as stewards of a fragile planet'."

Creation of the new designs was assisted by graphic designer Evan Brown, with input from many individuals in the school community. They will be phased in, as appropriate, over the coming months.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PLANNED AT FOXCROFT



Adults and children of all ages are invited to join Foxcroft School students in celebrating the holidays Sunday, Dec. 6, with a spectacular Christmas Pageant, followed by a visit from Santa Claus, on the Middleburg, Va., campus of the School. The performance, which begins at 2 p.m., will be held in FoxHound Auditorium in the School's main building this year while the Athletic/Student Activities Center is under construction.

Foxcroft's pageant is a tradition that was started by Charlotte Haxall Noland, the founder of the School, shortly after it opened in 1914. Each December, Foxcroft's new students and Chorale present the nativity story as a gift to the community. Miss Noland's script includes several characters you won't find in the Bible and provides a musical and visual treat - complete with live animals. This year, goats and bunnies will be featured, along with non-stop Christmas music and beautiful costumes that have been part of the show for

decades. Karin Thorndike, a Fine Arts teacher at Foxcroft, directs the performance, assisted by Department Chair Robyn Yovanovich and other faculty members.

Following the Pageant, Santa Claus will give the children in the audience gifts that have been prepared by Foxcroft students. The pageant is the culmination of a weekend of community out-reach and holiday activities on campus. Last year, the girls decorated 100 mini-Christmas trees for residents of Loudoun Hospital and Goodwin House; filled care baskets for needy families and boxes of supplies for Middleburg Humane, wrapped more than 250 gifts for local children, created a float for the Middleburg Christmas Parade, and went Christmas caroling on horseback.

The highlight of the weekend, however, is the Pageant and all are invited! Foxcroft is located on Foxcroft Road (Route 626), four miles north of the center of Middleburg. For more information, call 540.687.5555.

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Every year I long for a seat at the table, and while that has never happened, a dog can hope. The good news is that even though I may not get to sample all of the culinary delights, I always get something special on the big day. I thought I would share my safe and healthy holiday tradition so that some other furry friends might be able to give thanks too.

First, I get a little bit of skinless and boneless turkey. The skin is too fatty for pets, but plain turkey is perfectly okay (and delicious). I also get steamed carrots and green beans. And for "dessert", I get a small helping of canned pumpkin (no sugar or salt added). It's a very tasty and safe way to take part in the festivities. A good rule of thumb is that "people food" for pets should always be in a whole, unprocessed and additive-free state. Fat, sugar and salt are simply not good for us.

Of course, there are some foods that pose risks even in their whole states. Dangerous foods include raisins, grapes, onions and mushrooms. Chocolate is another food to avoid at all costs. In addition, cooked bones of any sort can be extremely unsafe for us.

If you're a little too busy to prepare a meal for your pet this Thanksgiving, there are some excellent ready-to-eat products that can help make the day special. Merrick makes all-natural canned stews with names like "Thanksgiving Day Dinner" and "Grammy's Pot Pie" for dogs and cats. There are also lots of yummy sweet potato treats like the ones made by Sam's Yams. Plenty of healthy dog treats come in flavors like turkey and cranberry. There are even cans of pumpkin made especially for dogs!

If you have a house full of guests, remember that they may not be as knowledgeable as you are about what your pets can and should eat. It's always a good idea to explain the house rules about table scraps when guests arrive. That way, you can make sure that well-intended people are not slipping us fatty, inappropriate food or feeding us directly from the table.

Most importantly, keep an eye on us even when things become hectic. This can be a challenge when lots of people are visiting, so it might be a good idea to put us in a quiet, comfortable room for a little while. This way, even if there is food all over the house, we won't be tempted to eat it. I should know: I once watched my "brother" jump on a high counter and eat half of a carrot cake in about three seconds. (He was my hero, but even I have to admit that he was not a happy camper afterwards.)

I'm already dreaming of my Thanksgiving turkey and pumpkin. It's going to be a great day! In the meantime, I'm still working on learning how to open the refrigerator after my people go to sleep. I know I can figure it out. I have to. It's Heaven in there. Just trust me on that one.

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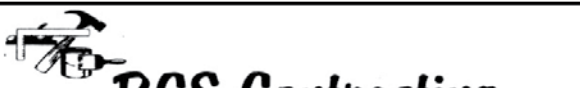
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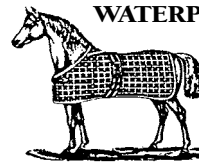
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Custom built log home on 109+ acres, top of the mountain with unbelievable western views. Private but easy access to Route 50, hunters' paradise, house has 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, 3-car garage, top of the line finishing throughout. Very energy efficient. \$1,575,000.

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Lincoln Road

Purcellville, Virginia

Beautiful farm on 55.24 acres recorded in 5 parcels. Gently rolling land with lovely views in protected area near Lincoln. Contemporary home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. 3 fireplaces and 2-car garage. European style stable with 6 stalls, tack room, office, wash stall and apartment. Very private. \$1,395,000.

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Beaver Creek

Purcellville, Virginia

Hilltop setting with panoramic views on 11.48 acres. Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath frame Colonial, 2 gas fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout, wraparound front porch, tiered decks off rear of home lead to pool and cabana. Improvements include barn, shop and board fencing. Mature landscaping. \$1,250,000.

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Rectortown Road

Rectortown, Virginia

Stucco Hunt Box in quaint village setting, 2 tax parcels, 2.92 +/- acres, home circa 1942, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, and 2 fireplaces. Improvements include guest home, 3 stall barn and board fencing. Lovely setting. \$995,000.

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St. Louis Road

Purcellville, Virginia

Solid brick colonial located between Middleburg and Purcellville. 4 bedroom home with hardwood floors throughout, 3 1/2 baths, open kitchen and family room with wood burning fireplace, bright sun-room, large unfinished basement. Mature plantings surround the pool and gazebo. Gorgeous bank barn with space for an apartment above. \$895,000.

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