



COUNCIL APPROVES \$2,485,600 BUDGET

UPPERVILLE HORSE SHOW

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LEWIS HONORED FOR SERVICE

DAN MORROW

Mayor Betsy Davis and the entire Town Council praised Town Administrator Jerry Schiro and his staff for both the quality of their work and the approach they'd used in preparing a unanimously approved draft \$2.5 million budget for fiscal year 2008/2009.

Council also honored retiring Council Member Eura Lewis for a dozen years of outstanding service on the Town Council. Lewis received a standing ovation in recognition of her service, from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2008. She played a n

important role in the difficult negotiations leading to passage of the Salamander Inn Memorandum of Understanding and the subsequent annexation and zoning legislation, and her untiring work with the volunteers who staff the town's Pink Box visitor center.

The 2009 budget, the second drafted by Schiro and his staff, had been discussed, debated and fine tuned by Council and staff over the course of several months.

It not only reflected greatly improved bookkeeping and financial reporting, but a budgeting process made considerably more efficient by the Town Administrator's early 2007 decision to eliminate a free-standing Town "finance committee" and work, instead, through regular, full-council "work sessions."

Indeed, by the end of debate at the Council's May 5, 2008, work session the budget had been thoroughly discussed, revised, and was, for all practical purposes, ready for passage.

Public Input

The only criticism of the budget, and that more of process than the budget itself, was concern about the lack of public awareness and input.

When, on May 5, Council Member Bundles Murdock asked when the required public hearings on the budget would be held, Schiro, suggested holding them during another of the Council's "work sessions," this one set for the evening of May 22, 2008.

Thus, no discussion of the budget took place at the Council's regular May 8 meeting, pending placement of advertising announcing public hearings on the budget and two revenue enhancement proposals.

On May 14 the Town bought an ad in the "public notices" section of the Loudoun Times Mirror, containing a brief synopsis of the new budget and formal notice that "public hearings" on both spending and revenue legislation would be held, at an evening "work session," set for May 22nd.

May 22, 2008

Three "Public" Hearings.

At it's 6:00 PM, May 22, work session, with only Council Member Bundles Murdock absent, Council held no less than three critical "public hearings."

Cigarette Tax Increase

The first "hearing" addressed a new ordinance to increase the local tax on cigarettes.

Minutes of the five-second "hearing" duly record that "No one spoke and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed."

Minutes later Mark Snyder moved, and Eura Lewis seconded, a motion to increase the Town's cigarette tax to fifty cents per pack.

The motion passed without opposition.

Water and Sewer Fee Increases

Next, the Council held a duly advertised "public hearing" on an ordinance to "amend the schedule" of the Town's water and wastewater charges and to "revise" water and sewer charges and availability fees.

Again, "No one spoke and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed."

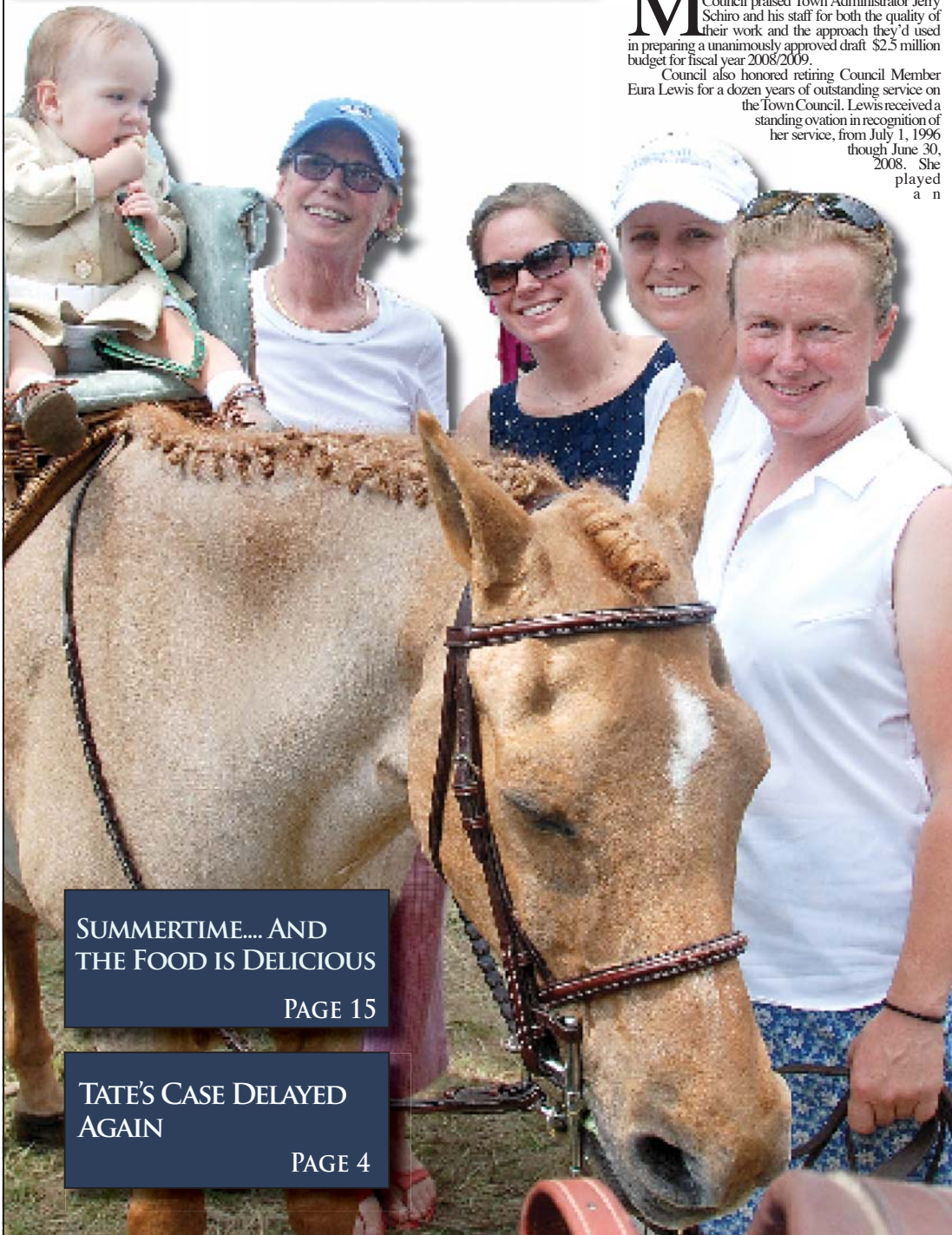
Minute later, Council Member Mark Snyder moved to increase charges and fees for water and sewer service in Middleburg, noting that the Town was following its "auditor's recommendation for a 6% increase; that the "increases are necessary;" and "the system cannot operate without them."

Snyder's motion, and the fee increases, passed without opposition.

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TATE'S CASE DELAYED
AGAIN

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NEWS OF NOTE

TATE CASE DELAYED AGAIN PLOWMAN DEPOSITION IN LIMBO

At a June 9, 2008, hearing in Loudoun County Circuit Court Judge Thomas D. Horne issued an unusual order from the bench.

Due to orders issued three months earlier, on March 3, by retired Virginia Circuit Court Judge Thomas A. Fordort, Judge Horne ordered the Commonwealth's Special Prosecutor and the defense attorney for former state Senate candidate Mark D. Tate, to work together to set a date for a deposition.

Specifically, King George County Commonwealth Attorney Matthew J. Britton and Middleburg Attorney Edward B. MacMahon were to schedule postponing of Loudoun County's current Commonwealth Attorney, James Plowman, under oath, about his role in the events leading up

to the May 21, 2007, indictment of Tate for perjury and campaign fraud on the eve of the 2007 Republican Primary.

Issued from the bench and not appearing, Judge Fordort's order required that questions to Plowman be limited to people and events relevant to the Virginia statutes of limitations affecting charges against Tate, some of which dated back to the 2003 GOP primary.

"Private Testimony" Challenged

On June 9, Judge Horne, Tate's attorney, and apparently the Special Prosecutor as well, seemed to agree that Plowman should testify in public.

James Plowman was a much-publicized, vocal and financial supporter of Tate's opponent in the GOP primary, J. Holtzman Vogel of Warrenton. After reportedly looking charges of Tate's perjury indictment to the press, on the eve of the GOP primary, Plowman withdrew from the case. His placement, Special Prosecutor Matthew Britton, dropped Plowman's indictments against Tate in October, 2007, in November Holtzman Vogel was elected State Senator. In January, 2008, after dropping all perjury charges, Britton convinced a grand jury to indict Tate on nine counts of alleged election fraud. Not until April 2, 2008, however, under orders from Judge Fordort, did Britton provide Tate's defense with a bill of particulars, listing the specific charges against Tate and providing the evidence supporting those charges. What Plowman knew and when he knew about

the allegations against Tate are critical to both sides of the case, and to the defense's contention that Tate was the victim of political dirty tricks.

Jury were still seated, however, by Judge Fordort's March 9th order, stating that Plowman's deposition should be conducted "in private," a process usually reserved for testimony from rape victims or underage witnesses.

Under those circumstances, Judge Horne daily ordered that the date and time for Plowman's "private" testimony be set, but in a way that would allow him to hear testimony about why he should not rule that Plowman's deposition be made in public.

Specifically, Horne ordered that no less than one hour be set aside for him to hear opinion on the propriety and legality of a "private" deposition, before he ruled on the issue.

Noting that he fully expected to hear

from the editors, publishers, and legal representatives of the news media covering the case, he ordered his bailiff to collect business cards from all the reporters present who would like their newspapers informed in advance of the hearing.

Reporters from the Washington Post, Winchester Star, Northern Virginia Daily, the Loudoun Times-Mirror, Loudoun Today, and the Middleburg Economic daily submitted cards. Most, if not all, seemed certain that their papers would support a ruling in favor of public testimony by Plowman.

At press time, roughly two weeks after Judge Horne's order, no date has been set for the Plowman deposition and no newspaper has been contacted.

Pending the Plowman deposition, rulings on a number of key defense motions have been delayed and Tate's defense deprived of sworn testimony far larger deems critical to his case.

COL DALE DOUGLAS HOGOBOOM, JR. USA RET., DIES AT 90

Col. Dale Douglas Hogoboom, Jr., USA Ret., 90, formerly of Middleburg, VA, died on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in Winchester, VA. Born on June 11, 1917, in Fargo, Cass, North Dakota, a son of the late Dale D. Hogoboom, Sr. and the late Ethel Ruby Jensen Hogoboom. Dale graduated Fargo High School 1934, from college, North Dakota State College, 1938; in his senior class he was president of his class and Theta Chi Fraternity.

He then went on to serve his country through ROTC at NDSC, 2nd Lt. commission, July 1938, on active duty for one year. He was recalled to active duty, 27 June 1941, as 2nd Lt. 68th Division, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO.

Landed on Omaha Beach in France on 8 June, 1944, with 79th Inf. Div. 7th Army.

He received Bronze Star for action at Cherbourg and was promoted to Lt. Colonel, Aug. 1944.

Commanded the Battalion that captured the Nazi fuel refinery in Rotterdam, April 1945.

Served as a staff officer during the Korean War.

Served as Comptroller in Okinawa Island Headquarters in 1952.

He attended Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS, in 1954 (then served on the faculty for 3 years where he received a Commendation for outstanding work).

Served as Post Comptroller at Fort Richardson, Alaska, 1955 to 1961.

Served in Pentagon Office of Comptroller, where he was promoted to Colonel, Alaska, 1955 to 1961.

Served at the Army Security Agency and was Awarded LEGION OF MERIT for that work, 28 Jan 1972.

Retired from the Army as Colonel, May 1972.

Other occupations included 1939 Collector for Commercial Credit Co., June 1972 became Business Man.

ager of THE CHRONICLE OF THE HORSE and Whitewood Farm owned by George Orban, Middleburg, VA.

His family and friends filled his life with joy. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a long time member of the Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains, VA.

PRECEDED IN DEATH BY:

First wife, Marjorie Helen Gatz in 1971; 2nd wife, Ruth Wilson Sills in 1978; infant son, Steve Gatz Hogoboom in 1942; and brother, Elmer Ellsworth Hogoboom in 2001.

SURVIVORS INCLUDE:

Sons, Lawrence G. of Denver, CO; Steven Jay of Leesburg, VA; granddaughter, Missy Jo, grandsons, Dale, Justin, Douglas, and Matthew; and brother, Richard L. Hogoboom of Ft. Myers, FL.

Grassroots services and interment will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at 11:00 am with full military honors for his rank.

Memorials to Blue Ridge Hospice, 233 West Oak Street, Suite #405, Winchester, VA 22601.

Arrangements by Loudoun Funeral Chapel, Leesburg, VA.

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NEWS OF NOTE

SECOND YEAR OF GRANTS FROM THE S. MURRAY RUST AND MARY H.C. RUST STUDENT PHILANTHROPY PROJECT APPROVED

London and Fauquier County Grants totaling \$2,250 have been approved by the directors of the Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF). The grants will fund four youth projects in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties recommended by the student steering committee of the S. Murray Rust and Mary H.C. Rust Student Philanthropy Project. Two of the grants will go to Fauquier County and two grants to Loudoun County. The committee is made up of regional students representing eleven high schools in Loudoun and Fauquier Counties. Students worked on this project, named "Forward Turn," the entire school year learning about philanthropy and how to run a grant-making program. The Rust project is a community outreach program of the PCF and is seeded with an endowment from the children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. S. Murray Rust.

The Wakefield School Service Club will receive a \$1,500 award to have their school partner with the Fauquier County Food Distribution Coalition (FCFDC), to provide assistance in improving the monthly food distribution at the United Methodist Church in Warrenton. The need for food for low-income citizens is increasing, especially as the cost of daily living rises. Students wish to add a laptop computer, wireless network card and software to the FCFDC computer system to speed up the efficiency of service at the distribution location, and purchase additional carts to move the boxes of

food to the vehicles of those in need. Students from Wakefield volunteer for FCFDC on the third Saturday of every month so they have first-hand knowledge of what will help the distribution. Learning that the "Forward Turn" program could accept a grant from young people was the answer to their search for a way to assist in improving the food distribution. Over 1000 households in the Warrenton area have registered to receive food. The food comes from USDA surplus and donations. Any grant money remaining, after the expenses mentioned, will be used to purchase food from USDA.

St. John the Evangelist Student Council Association will receive a \$750 grant to have their school partner in improving the lives of children who are living at a local homeless shelter, the Haven, run by Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc., in Warrenton. The grant was written by three seventh grade girls from St. John's who named their grant "Making the Haven's Dreams Come True." Their goal is to build stronger foundations for the children of the Haven. The grant will start projects to donate school and household supplies and to plant flowers to brighten the Haven community. There will be educational events with St. John's students, tutoring and interacting with the children at Haven. They will have a health and fitness day and they will teach about the environment. The young grantee requested \$600 but the student site visit team felt the seventh grade applicants were so organized and passionate about their

project, the site team recommended that the grant be raised to \$750 for more supplies. The three seventh graders said, "We are happy to know that there is an organization that gives young people the chance to help others in their community."

The Claude Moore Community Builders (CMCB), a teen initiative run by Loudoun Care, will receive \$500 in support of the teen volunteers who will participate in the Keep Loudoun Beautiful Day, a clean-up day scheduled for late summer for the popular Keep Loudoun Beautiful Park in Leesburg. The clean-up day is a partnership between Loudoun Care (which fosters community initiatives) and Keep Loudoun Beautiful (a local nonprofit with emphasis on environmental stewardship). With funding from "Forward Turn," the second annual clean-up day will have support for the purchase of the supplies listed by the 15-25 teen volunteers. Supplies such as gloves, sun block, bug spray, gardening gear, trash containers, lunch, snacks, and water are essential for those working diligently for 6 to 8 hours on the one-day project. During those hours the teens pick up trash, clear overgrown walkways, prune plants and other clean up duties to "Keep Loudoun Beautiful," which was the name of the youth grant submitted to "Forward Turn." With adult supervision, the CMCB teens are tasked with "leadership" for the day, dividing the work fairly, monitoring the timelines and filling out evaluation forms on the project. Because of the youth leadership element of the project

and the meaningful youth volunteer activity itself, the student grant-makers recommended support for the project.

Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers (LVC) will receive \$2,500 in funding to launch an ongoing youth services program to provide a meaningful volunteer experience for Loudoun youth, under the age of 18, in assisting the frail and elderly with disabilities to maintain independence in their own home environment. A youth focus group will help determine the services to be provided by youth, under the supervision and training of LVC. Because this project creates a new meaningful youth volunteer opportunity and it directly involves youth in the creation, execution and evaluation

of the program, the student grant-makers were excited about giving funding to a project that can make a lasting difference in our community. Planning will begin at LVC this summer and the initial start-up phase of development, implementation and training will be completed by March of 2009. Youth interested in the focus group should contact LVC at 703-779-6677.

To offer support or to learn about the S. Murray Rust and Mary H.C. Rust Student Philanthropy Project and the student committee of "Forward Turn," please call the Piedmont Community Foundation offices at 540-687-5223 or visit the PCF website, www.piedmontcf.org.

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COUNCIL

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Annual Spending Plan

The session's third "public hearing" and the only formal public hearing devoted to the budget this year, covered the town's spending plan for fiscal year 2008/2009.

The budget hearing also listed roughly five accounts, with Council minutes, again, duly recording that "no one spoke and the Mayor declared the public hearing closed."

A short time later, Council unanimously approved a "final reading" of the budget - a plan to spend roughly \$2,485,600 in fiscal year 2008/2009.

Budget Highlights: Who Pays?

Four sources are projected to account for the lion's share of the town's expected income in fiscal year 2008/2009: local businesses, water and sewer fees, property taxes, and a one-time windfall of nearly a quarter million dollars.

1) The top-ranked source of income for the town is the \$880,500 generated by what the budget describes as "other local taxes" - for the most part, taxes and fees paid by local businesses and those who patronize them.

The largest contributors in this category are: Business licenses (\$220,000), Bank Franchise taxes (\$210,000), taxes on meals at restaurants (\$185,000), and utilities taxes (\$95,000).

2) Water and sewer fees, including more than \$132,000 derived from wireless connectivity suppliers that lease space on the town's water tower, account for another \$601,257 of projected revenue.

3) Local estate and personal property taxes are projected to produce \$401,000.

4) The fourth largest revenue source for 2008/2009 is a one-time windfall: the transfer to the town's general fund of \$229,240 from the "Pink Box Fund," a trust account originally established to hold funds contributed for the purchase of the building that houses the town's information center. The town now leases the building for \$5,200 per year plus \$4,000 in real estate taxes and \$2,500 in maintenance.

Budget Highlights: What Are We Paying For?

Five expense categories account for 97 percent of the town's \$1,507,228 "general fund" budget.

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time employees, one part-time administrative assistant, the Mayor, and seven members of Council account for more than three quarters of that amount (\$294,157).

The Mayor is paid \$1,000 per year. Compensation for all seven Council members totals \$4,800, or less than \$700/year for each.

2) The Street Maintenance Budget (\$318,950) pays for the salaries and benefits for a superintendent and one part-time worker (\$91,600); refuse disposal (\$74,000); and a host of other services including care of the town's street lighting, snow removal, street cleaning, landscape maintenance, and care and maintenance of the town's parking lots.

3) The Planning and Zoning Budget (\$170,964) covers salary and benefits for the town's planner and zoning administrator (\$83,561) and all of the legal, engineering, consulting, and advertising required to administer and enforce all the town's existing laws related to property development and use, and to provide expert advice and counsel on future change and development.

4) Public Safety (\$466,530) is the largest single expense for the town. Pay and benefits for the town's police chief and four patrol officers (one of them projected to serve for only the second half of the fiscal year) account for \$372,151 or 80% of the total.

5) Town Administration (\$30,257) makes second among projected expenses. Compensation and benefits for these full-

development and other costs.

Middleburg's water and sewer services cost the town nearly \$602,000 each year, with all costs covered by fees and some income from the town water tower.

The town also owns and rents out the "Health Center" building, better known as headquarters for the Middleburg Police Department. Rental income covers all expenses, which are projected to total just over \$85,000 for the year.

Other News: The Chain's Crossing Oak Goes Down

On June 12, Council finally approved a long-standing request by Clue Hagley for zoning that would allow construction to begin on a project known as "Chain's Crossing," a mixed-use office and retail development across from Middleburg Bank, at 112-116 West Washington Street.

Shortly thereafter the town began receiving complaints that large trees on the site were being cut down.

Ten trees on the Chain's Crossing site, including a large yellow oak, nearly 22 inches in diameter, had for years posed special problems for Hagley, his architect, and the town.

Hagley's original plans called for his project's new buildings to be set back a significant distance from the front prop-

erty line: a plan that would have saved the 22-inch oak.

In 2005, however, the town's Historic Review Committee recommended that Hagley's plans be amended, along building fronts more or less flush with the front property line to preserve the traditional "look and feel" of Middleburg's "downtown."

Hagley responded positively, and hired well-known historical architect, Richard Wagner, to completely redesign the project.

On October 12, 2006, Council conditionally approved Hagley's request to allow the removal of all ten trees on the site to facilitate construction if, and only if, actual construction of the "Chain's Crossing" buildings were underway.

On June 12, 2008, Council's grant of a Zoning Location Permit for the project finally cleared the way for the removal of the Chain's Crossing Oak. All parties regretted the loss of the tree.

Hagley's long-approved plans call for extensive new plantings.

MacManions

Town Planner David Beniamino reported to Council on May 22 that, in his view, the town's Planning Commission was operating under the impression that it "... had the Council's blessing to move forward with the concept of expanding the Historic District" at the best means to address the threat posed to the architectural integrity of the village by those who wished to build out of scale houses, or MacManions.

The Council also responded positively to Town Planning Commission Chairman Stephen Pleškov's suggestion that the town's citizens be involved to make their views known on the matter, perhaps in a series of design input and review sessions, or charrettes.

Residential Parking Permits

Lengthy discussion on whether or not to institute a residential parking permit program resulted in a decision to, essentially, table the issue.

Laptops for Council and Staff

Noting that the new Town budget included \$5,000 for the purchase of computers, Mayor Davis noted, at the May 22 work session, that the purchase of laptops for Council members was on the town's list of desired capital improvements. Town Administrator Schaeff noted that such a purchase, while possible, would require the amendment of the new budget. With Council approval he ordered his staff to begin research on prices and approaches to laptop use.

"Visiting Retreat"

Town Council and staff have scheduled a "Visiting Retreat" for July 12, 2008 at an as yet, undetermined location. "Typically," according to Town staff, "Council retreats are held outside of the jurisdiction since working in a different environment is recommended for exercises like this."

The retreat, designed to allow Council to "... spend a longer time reflecting on substantial policy issues than normal meetings permit," is scheduled to be moderated by Tyler St. Clair, a member of the staff of the Walden Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

"There is no action taken at such meetings," according to Town Manager Jerry Schiro, "and minutes are kept, although not as detailed as regular council meeting minutes."

The meeting date, location, and time will be advertised to comply with the State's open meetings act, Schiro notes.

"The press often establishes a policy not to attend, which allows open dialogue between Council [members]."

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EDITOR'S DESK

DO YOUR HOMEWORK FIRST...

Along with so many people across the country, we were all saddened by Tim Russert's sudden death in the NBC newscast.

Tim always did his homework first. And he did it well. No matter what the topic, which side of the issue, how sensitive the subject or who was involved, Russert made sure he had studied long and hard before he sat down to strike up a conversation with the leaders of the day.

Members of the NBC Washington Bureau performed valiantly after his death, but the shock of his loss shadows every one of them. Like Russert gave perhaps the most remarkable performance of all as he comforted his mother and all others who came into his field of view as he put Tim Russert Park on their shoulders and assured them his dad was in a better place.

It's amazing how much we depend on the strength and substance of those who steady us, as Russert did for his family, friends, colleagues and viewers.

It is even more astounding when that leader departs and the scale of significance that was played in our lives is suddenly and sadly inescapable.

Russert's love of his family and his dedication to his viewers and his personal commitment to proceed only when his homework was complete is a model all should follow. Fortunately for us, we have a model worth following too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I wanted to let you know that I enjoyed reading Ken Rietz's OpEd in the Middleburg Eccentric and certainly agree with his comments on the importance of NAFTA. I spent a great deal of time in the late 1980s and early 1990s working first on NAFTA and then on NAFTA (both the negotiation and the Congressional legislation). So, I am somewhat dismayed by the current debate over NAFTA in the Democratic primaries.

In fact, in light of record oil prices and concern over the security of our energy supplies, it is puzzling why more has not been made of the energy provisions in NAFTA, Chapter 6 of NAFTA, which deals with energy, a little complicated, but the basic fact remains that under Chapter 6 Canada's ability to interfere with the normal functioning of energy markets (oil, gas, electricity) in North America is severely limited. Since 25-30% of our energy imports come from Canada, Chapter 6 isn't exactly an unimportant source of energy security for the US. Some people might argue that Canada would never interfere with energy exports to the US and therefore all of this is meaningless. I would urge people who believe this to look at past Canadian practices in this area as well as the current export bans on rice implemented by a number of Asian nations, not to mention the infamous Nixon ban on soybean exports to Japan in the 1970s, which traumatized the Japanese as the

time and whose impact lasts to this day (e.g., Japan undercuts the development of Brazil's soybean industry). Mexico, by the way, has reserved rights under Chapter 6 to control its energy industry, but we import a lot less energy from Mexico than Canada. Furthermore, rather than backing away from NAFTA, we should be using it to try to build greater energy security with Mexico. This may be more than you ever wanted to know about the energy provisions of NAFTA, but I wanted to let you know why I liked the points in Ken's Middleburg Eccentric article.

Howard Lewis
Larry Dog Fern
Bluemont, VA

RANT & RAVES

summers is coming, the kids are getting out of school, attention may be fading a little bit from the still-endangered status of Middleburg Elementary School.

As things stand, the Loudoun County Public Schools Administration has indicated that they are likely to cut one or two teachers at Middleburg Elementary.

Some September, if enrollment does not rise, LCPS Administration may combine 2nd and 3rd grades and also combine 4th and 5th grades. That would decrease the quality of education provided to our local children in half-day. The possible cut of 2 out of 55 teachers (kindergarten is half-day), represent 36% of the teaching staff at the school. It is all fine and well for LCPS Administration to

speak loftily about how all the schools in Loudoun may lose one or two teachers due to budget constraints this year. A loss of one or two teachers in bigger schools may be a minor irritation, a mere flesh wound. In Middleburg, it is comparable to losing an arm and a leg. The debate can be left to another day to ask why LCPS Administration always looks to cut teachers first rather than last, why other "full time equivalents" in administration or support staff do not feel the same as the teachers who have the most direct influence on children's educational experience. The question can also be left to another day as to why LCPS Administration appears to always strike first at the small rural schools in the west of the county. Is it prejudice, the "you people out there" attitude, or is it cynical reasoning that the west will squelch and the east will sleep while even greater deprivations are inflicted on the eastern schools?

What matters at this moment is the necessity to increase the enrollment at Middleburg Elementary for this upcoming school year in the Fall. Residents of Middleburg can take an active part in doing this by spreading the news, to friends who live outside the immediate area, about the wonderful "open enrollment" policy which is in place for all Loudoun public schools. This policy was pioneered several years ago by Middleburg community members and by our LCPS School Board representative Priscilla Godfrey, in response to earlier

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Ignored by the corporate and sponsored media, a politically explosive secret deal proposed by the Bush Administration between the US and Iraq has been exposed by Patrick Coburn of the UK's Independent. This story has only been reported here by independent media, such as Free Speech TV and Amy Goodman's Democracy Now, not even by Keith Olbermann of MSNBC, which is surprising.

Here's the deal in a nutshell: The US and the Hypocrisy is very evident if you keep in mind all the reasons given for the invasion of Iraq last proposal, if approved by the Iraq Congress, will ultimately keep US troops in Iraq indefinitely and will fund future presidents. It calls for 50 permanent bases in Iraq, demands immunity from Iraq law for all US troops and private contractors and would allow the US military to carry out arrests and conduct any activities it wishes without consultation with the Iraq government.

It also demands control of Iraq airspace below 20,000 feet and the right to pursue the "war on terror" in Iraq, making areas and launching military campaigns without the permission or input from the Iraq government. For leverage the US is literally blackmailing the Iraq government by threatening to withhold over 2 billion dollars of Iraq oil revenue unless the deal is signed. It also calls for control over Iraq oil and gives preferential treatment to western oil companies. One person who could stop this so-called "strategic al-

RED VS. BLUE

KEN RIETZ - (R)

As we celebrate our Independence Day on the 4th of July, we have so much to be thankful for. Our founders created the strongest system of government the world has ever known. A government based on individual freedom, free elections, representative democracy, checks and balances and the protection of individual rights.

From this bold experiment has grown a powerful economy, a free society and the most generous nation on earth. Despite our faults, we are inundated with people wanting to visit, study and live here.

The heartfelt pride we all share in our country is well described in the words of Lee Greenwood's song "GOD BLESS THE USA."

"If tomorrow all the things were gone,
I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again,
with just my children and my wife,
I'd thank my lucky stars,

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

to be living here today.

"Cause the flag still stands for freedom,
and they can't take that away.
And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.

And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.
And I gladly stand up, next to you
and defend her still today.

"Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA.

Ken Rietz, a resident of Delaplane, is a former Deputy Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

THEY'RE ALL GONE.

DAN MORROW - (D)

I was a student in Germany in 1972 when ABC's Jim McKay spoke those words, contrasting for the world the death of eleven Israeli athletes and coaches at the hands of Black September.

For many of us Tim Russert's Sunday morning broadcast also constituted a ritual of hope. And for those of us fortunate enough to engage in even vaguely similar work, it was not only a ritual of hope, but a ritual celebration of the highest standards of research, reporting, and newswriting of the first amendment.

Russert's death, and McKay's, leave the world a lesser place. Let us be grateful for their work, and for their example, and dedicate ourselves, to the best of our ability, to furthering both.

and age... nobility.
For me, Paul Fussell, a soldier and scholar, described best what McKay evoked with such grace. "Increasingly as I've grown older," he wrote, "I find myself brought to tears by evidence of such nobility... it's hope (stimulated... evanescent beauty)... youth."

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EDITOR'S DESK

PRINCE WILLIAM'S POLICE STATE

JOHN P. FLANNERY

Only if you've been asleep could you have missed how badly Prince William County is mishandling anyone who looks Hispanic and who lives there.

From 1990 to 2000, the County's Hispanic population grew from 4.5% to 12%, and then to 22% in 2007, this according to sworn testimony by the Pew Research Group.

Prince William County's reaction to this Hispanic influx was not to assimilate itself in full-throated cries of know-nothing nonsense by local elected officials who promised that they were going to take back "our community."

The County government officials didn't just say these terrible things; they acted, by enacting police policies to question anyone who was even suspected of being in the country illegally and jailing them if the person they "suspected" couldn't prove he was legal. In other words, if you looked Hispanic, you had to prove that you were legally present in the United States.

The Virginia State Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights had hearings in Prince William County and received testimony that immigrants, rightly present

in the United States, were repeatedly stopped by Prince William police for no good reason and then harassed with insulting questions, and held in custody for hours until they could prove that they were legal residents.

Prince William County might have served this nation better if they had ever listened to the plights of all legions, particularly where we subscribe to one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

This denouncing attitude toward Latinos, and its general acceptance, because we have failed as a nation to construct a workable immigration policy, has confounded the good judgment of Congressman Frank Wolf, who attacked a UN emissary who was merely planning to take a look for himself at what was going on in Prince William County.

Frank travels offshore all the time to study alleged submarine conduct rendered by other nation-states. With all due respect, he really should take a closer look at what's happening closer to home because what Prince William County is doing, in the name of taking back the community, is compromising the fundamental values by which we define ourselves as the land of the free and the home of the brave.

In the last few days, Police Chief

Charlie T. Deane revised the police policy and brought this "new and improved" policy was "the most stringent in the country" so it allows police officers "to make inquiries prior to arrest" about the person's citizenship status if they have a "reasonable articulable suspicion."

You don't have to be a lawyer to know "reasonable articulable suspicion" is a weasel word phrase calculated to conceal and defend a questionable police practice.

The Police Chief admitted as much when he said the "new" policy "still has the strength of the old policy" and is more legally defensible.

In 2006, the 500 person police force in Prince William is being trained in the "new" policy and will be implementing it in a neighborhood near you this July.

John is a former federal prosecutor, former Special Counsel to the Judiciary Committee for the U.S. Senate, and to the U.S. House of Representatives, and he has prosecuted immigration cases, and also defended foreign nationals who have been abused by our criminal justice system; constructive comments may be forwarded to johnflannery.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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open enrollment at Middleburg Elementary and help drive up the attendance numbers this Fall. This is the time for action.

Dennis Cotter
Middleburg, VA

To the Editor:

It has been said that everyone is entitled to their opinion but not to their facts. Tom Pratt repeats the claim of Senators Obama and Clinton that NAFTA is a failure. According to economists, NAFTA increased trade between Canada, Mexico and the US by about \$600 Billion per year.

As with any change, there are winners and losers. But the auto industry's losses are due to competition, getting on gasoline toys, and the UAW's legitimate efforts to increase worker wages. As we see by the giveaways negotiated recently, the total hourly cost per worker became too high for the current business environment.

George Kaplan
Haymarket, VA

Verily, many protect workers. But not always. And somebody pays the bill for the tariff.

A candy firm in El Paso, Texas produces its candy in Mexico just across the border. Mexico imports sugar at world market price, substantially lower than the subsidized price for US Cane and Beet sugar. The candy production jobs lost are due to subsidy not NAFTA. I suspect many more examples could be found.

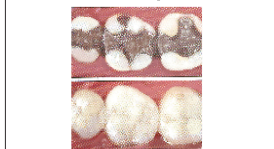
Besides increasing trade, NAFTA was intended to permit Mexico to establish manufacturing zones far from the US border to reduce illegal immigration. Unfortunately, Mexico, probably for their internal political reasons, have not been successful in establishing these zones. No doubt both we and they pay a price for this failure.

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PASTIMES

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THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REKRODE

Our summer equinox arrives and it seems that the sun delivers a magical light for such long periods at the beginning and end of each day. I'm mesmerized by it and want to sit for long periods and admire the shadows as they are cast. One of the most handsome plants as it captures the light, are the plumes of field grasses. Hints of pink and purple move with every light breeze. Flow-ering with the field grasses are several flowering plants. They lift their heads, seeking pollination. Interspersed, possibly supported by the grasses thin blades, there is a three di-mensional quality that many of us attempt to duplicate in our flower gardens. One such perennial has begun to flower and can be seen in fields and along roadsides. Shasta daisies or leucanthemums, they blend with red clover, verbasicum and fleabane to create color-ful sweeps. The shasta daisy is a composite, once grouped with chrysanthemums, the fa-mous chrysanthemum break-up placed them under a rather wry genius and one that took some getting used to - leucan-

theum. As with all composites or daisies, the flowers contain rays or petals that surround a yellow center which holds hundreds of male and female disk flowers. The process of producing ripe pollen, which ensures pollination, is rather entailed, might I simply say that the process is designed so that each flower is not self pol-linated, but receptive to pol-len from other shasta flowers. Typical of all composites, the hundreds of central disk flow-ers do their job very well and copious amounts of seed are produced. Even though we see many leucanthemums (ox-eye daisy) in our fields, they are not na-tives. Before the colonists came over, there were no ox-eye or shasta daisies. Orig-inal from Asia, their spread can be tracked across Asia to Europe, then to England and finally here. More than likely the seed was mixed with straw or grain. In addition, livestock feed the plant unpalatable and leave it alone, another reason it stands out in grazed pastures. The most famous hybrids, even the name shasta daisy, came from Luther Burbank's work in his experimental gar-

den in Sebastopol, California. Apowerful hybridizer, he is re-sponsible for hundreds of types of flowers and food crops. In the late 1800's he crossed Leucanthemum maximum, from the Spanish Pyrenees with L. lacustris from Portugal and developed our vigorous gar-den perennial. He named them shasta daisies after Mt. Shasta, a landmark he enjoyed seeing every day. Much hybridiza-tion has occurred since then and many garden varieties are available today. As garden per-enials they spread via under-ground rhizomes. Clumps are very thick as the rhizomes re-main tight, radiating out from a central core. The flowers are white, variable in size and height, depending on variety. All make excellent cut flow-ers. The biggest pest problem comes from thrips, a tiny insect that nips the petals by leaving fine brown streaks wherever they feed. This is all the more obvious on pure white petals. Otherwise they are remarkable perennials with a very strong stamina. A flower that might portend some ones love for you!

If Luther Burbank only knew.



NEW GOODSTONE HEAD GARDENER MAY ADD TWENTY GARDENS

Goodstone Inn & Estate has an-nounced the appointment of Arnyce May as head gardener for the historic, luxurious inn and estate, located near Middleburg, Virginia. Ms. May brings a decade of experience in horticultural restoration, installation and main-tenance to her new role. "It is a pleasure to welcome Arnyce to The Goodstone Inn & Es-tate," said Mark Bitt, owner. "She is a gifted horticultural 'artist' and gar-dener, and we are so pleased to have her expertise at our property. We look forward to the exquisite horticultur-al expertise she will create as she helps further position Goodstone as a help-ing, dining and gardening destination experience." In her new role, May will be re-sponsible for the enhancement of The Goodstone Inn's existing gardens and orchards, and the creation of several new gardens throughout the 265-acre estate. May intends to add cutting gar-dens, woodland gardens and a large vegetable garden and an expanded herb garden. In an effort to re-introduce native species, May will install an increased number of indigenous plants through-out the estate. Also planned are se-sonal garden paths for guests to use as they enjoy the flora and fauna of the gardens. Every garden at Goodstone is regularly maintained using sustain-able agricultural techniques. May brings vast experience with

historical gardening programs to her new role. She has designed and imple-mented garden restoration projects for properties in Virginia, including Outlands Farmstead and Little Outlands, as well as properties in West Virginia and Mary-land. She has worked closely with historic gardens at Oak Wind Farms, Stonecroft Farms, Windfield Farms, and a Waterford and Leesburg, Vir-ginia.

Previously associated with Gar-den of Delight, a high-end estate gar-dening resource located near Leesburg, May has also owned and managed her own business, Garden Guidance, pro-viding consultation and educational programming on organic gardening, planting design and garden main-tenance practices. She has also served as gardener for the River Crest Golf Club in Leesburg and the Oak Spring Farm in Upperville, Virginia.

Arnyce May comes from a fam-ily of professional woman gardeners. Her mother, Andrea Watson, is a high-ly respected garden designer in North Carolina and her sister, Morgan Walk-er, owns Gardens of Delight Nursery. Ms. May holds an Associate in Horticulture degree from Northern Virginia Community College of Sterling, Virginia. She is an active member of the American Community Gardening Association. Arnyce May resides in Hamilton, Vir-ginia.

SUMMERTIME ... AND THE FOOD IS DELICIOUS

YOUR PERSONAL CHIEF

ALYSON BROWETT

The best thing to do this time of the year - when the weather is warm, the days are long, and the pace is a little slower - is to gather some friends or family and enjoy a good ol' cookout. Bring your sunscreen and bug spray, because the party is moving outside!

Gargantuan-Staffed Hamburgers

Created by Alyson Browett

Although it's less healthy, you'll want ground beef that is about 85% lean. The fat helps the meat stick together and stay juicy. You can also use ground turkey, but add one lightly beaten egg and about 2 tablespoons of dried bread crumbs to help the meat come together.

2 lb. ground beef
6 oz. provolone cheese, cut or crumbled into 1/2 oz. sections
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pep-per
1 teaspoon mild paprika
1/2 teaspoon fresh ground nut-meg

Place all of the ingredients, except for the cheese, into a large bowl. Mix well by folding in the spices. Divide the beef into six equal balls. Divide each ball into two equal sections and flatten into round patties, about 1/2 an inch thick. On one patty, place one ounce of the cheese. Top with the other patty and press together, pressing and sealing the edges well. Set aside and re-peat with the other five ground beef balls. Cook the patties on a pre-heated and oiled grill, grill pan or sauté pan. The heat should be me-dium-high - high enough to sear the outside of the meat but low enough that it'll burn before the inside reaches about 140°/160° about 4-5 minutes per side. Each grill and stovetop varies, so some exper-imentation might be necessary (trust me, your family won't complain). Enjoy on a toasted bun, or by itself, with Dijon mustard, tomato, lettuce and onion. Serves 4-6.

Southern-Style Pulled Pork

Created by Alyson Browett

I spent my summers as a kid in South Carolina, so I know bar-becue! This is a wonderful meat for entertaining large crowds. If you use store-bought BBQ rub, I highly recommend the Portlatch Seasoning from Williams-Sonoma. 2 lb. boneless pork shoulder
1 1/2 cup BBQ seasoning (see recipe below, or use store bought)
2 tablespoons kosher salt
2-4 cups apple cider vinegar

Preheat the oven to 275°. Mix the seasoning and salt together. Rub the meat with the mixture, making sure to get it into all the nooks and crannies. Place the meat on a rack in a roasting pan. Pour the vinegar in the pan, but not over the meat. The vinegar should not touch the meat but should cover the bottom of the pan. Cover the pan with aluminum foil and seal the edges well so none of the steam escapes during cook-ing. (This might take several pieces

of foil.) Place in the oven and cook for 4-5 hours - rest at least 15 minutes to open the foil before this time up! However, if you notice there is steam coming out of the pan, re-move it and re-seal the edges. Af-ter 4-5 hours, carefully lift the foil and release the steam. The meat should be tender and "flake" with a fork. Remove the foil and let the meat rest for 10 minutes. Using two forks, "pull" the meat apart, leaving chunks as large or as small as you wish. With a turkey baster, draw up some of the juice from the pan, get-ting below the fat on top, and coat the pulled pork. Serve with BBQ sauce. Serves 6-8.

Side note: You can use this same braising method for ribs. Wrap a rack of ribs in heavy duty aluminum foil, and seal tightly by folding over the edges; leave un-open. Place the ribs "pouch" in a shallow pan and pour in about 1/2 cup of a mixture of beer, balsamic vinegar and brown sugar. Seal that end and place in an oven preheated to 275°. After 4-5 hours, carefully remove the ribs and break on some BBQ sauce. Quickly sear the rack over a hot grill or under the broil-er to caramelize the sugars in the sauce. Enjoy with plenty of nap-kins!

BBQ Seasoning Dry Rub

2 tablespoons paprika
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon crushed red pep-per
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/2 teaspoon powdered cori-ander
1/2 teaspoon powdered cumin
1/2 teaspoon dark brown sugar

Mix all ingredients together in a dry bowl. Makes 1 1/2 cup. The mixture will keep for several weeks in an airtight container in a dark cabinet.

Peach Poblano BBQ Sauce

Created by Alyson Browett

A great way to use overripe peaches or to create a BBQ sauce that is free of corn syrup and other nasty ingredients (what is modified food starch and hydrolyzed vegeta-ble protein, anyhow?). This sauce has a great sweet and sour and spicy combo, so it's good on anything from pulled pork to broiled fish. 3 Roma tomatoes
2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 small Vidalia or other sweet onion, chopped
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon whole coriander seeds
1/2 teaspoon chili powder (op-tional)
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 peaches
1 poblano pepper
1/2 cup white balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon molasses
Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350°. Cut the tomatoes in half lengthwise and lay on baking tray cut side up. Drizzle with one tablespoon of ol-ive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast the tomatoes for 25 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside. Turn the oven to broil and broil the poblano on a baking mat lined with aluminum foil and broil, turning so that all the sides get charred. Remove the tray and loosely wrap the pepper in the foil. Set aside.

In a small sauce pan, heat the remaining olive oil over medium heat and add the onions. Sweat the onions for about three minutes, but do not brown. To the onions, add the tomato paste, cumin, coriander, chili powder and salt. Stir to combine and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add the oven-roasted tomatoes, smashing them as you stir them in the paste-onion mixture. Set aside over low heat.

Meanwhile, peel the peaches and cut them into bite size pieces over another sauce pan that can catch all the juices. Carefully un-wrap the pepper, peel off the charred skin, remove the stem and seeds and cut into small pieces. Add the po-blano, vinegar and molasses to the sauce pan with the peaches. Bring to a boil over high heat, then re-duce the heat to low and simmer for about 15-20 minutes, uncovered.

Combine the tomato and peach mixtures into one pan and simmer for 5-10 minutes to allow the fla-vors to meld. Let the mixture cool.

slightly. Using a blender, blend the sauce in small batches until smooth (do this carefully, as a blender with a sealed lid is likely to explode when filled with very hot liquids). Makes about 2 cups of sauce, which can be kept in the refrigerator for one week.

Shrimp and Veggie Skewers

So simple yet so delicious, these skewers are super-healthy and a great way to enjoy a little lighter fare among all the hamburgers and burque. They're also great at the beach because there is little in the way of preparation.

1 lb. extra large or large shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 small zucchini, cut into 1/3 inch rounds
1/2 pint grape tomatoes
1/2 red onion, cut in half and into 8 wedges
8-10 sweet mini peppers or a red, yellow or orange pepper, cut into 1" chunks

Salt and pepper
2 tablespoons grape-seed or canola oil

Preheat your grill to high. En-sure that the grates are clean and oiled. Using metal or wooden skewers (using the latter, be sure to soak them in water for at least an hour in the fridge), skewer the shrimp and veggies in any way that suits you - just make them color-ful!

Drizzle the skewers with the oil and salt and pepper them. Place them on the grill and cook with the lid down for about 1-2 minutes per side. Do not leave the grill! The shrimp will turn pink when they are cooked. The veggies will still be crisp tender in the center and have delightful grill marks and smoky flavor. Enjoy with rice, couscous or over a bed of greens with balsamic vinaigrette. Serves 4-6.

Fuzzy Pina Rita

Created by Alyson Browett

Cool your mouth from spicy BBQ sauce. Or, better yet, trans-port yourself to a tropical island by sipping this luscious drink (prefer-ably by a pool...or at a beach...or a lake...or at least imagine you're there...).

15 oz. can cream of coconut
6 oz. pineapple juice
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ALEX CUDABACK

George Carlin died of a heart attack at the St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica, CA, this past Sunday.

His "Seven Words" bit, first delivered to what I can only assume was a giddily stunned audience in Milwaukee in 1972, eventually led to the Supreme

Court's ruling on indecency over American airwaves to this day can get radio and television stations and personalities fined, censored and, in extreme cases, removed from the air entirely.

Carlin later added three "auxiliary" words to the bit, bringing the total up to 10.

In 1982, nearly ten years after his original, groundbreaking routine, Carlin presented his

complete and updated magnum opus on all things filthy, immoral, wrong and generally guaranteed to lead to the downfall of civilization as we know it, when he performed at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1982.

By then, the list had reached 200 words, and the beauty lay not so much in the "filth" itself but the obvious maniacal glee with which Carlin read each and every offending noun, verb,

adjective and adverb. He was like Santa Claus getting way too big a kick out of reading the naughty list. It's an impossible list to read without smirking. Really.

You should check it out...

George would've had some choice words to describe the manner in which the New York Mets let go of their Skipper, Willie Randolph, last week. With the National League's highest payroll and following their historic collapse at the end of last season, everyone and anyone with half a brain knew the Mets were one protracted losing streak away from getting Willie sent to swim with the fishes.

What nobody expected was realization that the Mets would bungle the job so completely. Having dodged a bullet during a come-to-Jesus meeting with team brass only weeks before, having seemingly side-stepped any lingering landmines from playing the race card shortly before that, and having just been sent out West with, at least according to Randolph, a personal vote of confidence from his General Manager, everybody in New York and throughout baseball was left with an awful taste in their mouths when the announcement of Willie's ouster was released.

In Los Angeles.

At 12:15 in the morning, 3:15 East Coast time.

Following a Mets win over the first-place Angels, G.M. Omar Minaya worked hard to paint himself as the old-school, honorable hatcher-man in the scenario, sleeping on his decision before flying out West to deliver the news to Randolph personally, "eye to eye," and after that night's game (did I mention it was a win?), even going so righteously far as to give Randolph a chance to shower, change into his street clothes and come back to the hotel.

You know, so as not to catch him off guard or anything.

Reecewwww. Speaking of slinky, kudos to Ted Leonsis, George McPhee and the rest of the Caps brass for managing to avoid any flak whatsoever from area fans and media for the way they helped show Olaf "Olie" Kolzig to the curb last month. After spending his entire career with one team, after toiling to carry that team on his back after management decided

that a "rebuilding process" was in order (largely due to the incredibly short-sighted, money-burning, talent-sucking signing of perennial whiney-baby, Jaromir "I've Got the Talent Just Not the Heart" Jagr), after saying all the right things in public when the Caps traded for goalie Cristobal Huet three-quarters of the way through the season, Kolzig was notably and justifiably bent when his first playoffs in a thousand years turned into a cheerleading exercise. When the Caps were eliminated in Game 7 by Philadelphia, Kolzig packed up his things, the nametag from his locker included, and simply went home, everything in his mind pointing to the crystal-clear realization that the Caps had found a new starting goalie and that his days in D.C. were beyond numbered.

They were over.

Some might say Kolzig's up and leaving in a huff was classless, a naked attempt to draw attention away from the young team and all they'd accomplished, and back to the too-long-in-the-tooth former superstar. Bull, I say. Not if you knew anything about Olie.

Kolzig gave everything he had to the Caps, starting in 1989 when they drafted him, and continuing through his starting career that encompassed over a decade in D.C. He won the Vezina Trophy, awarded to the league's best goalie, in 2000. He was recognized, by fan vote in 2004, as the top player in franchise history. Name a team record for goaltending and I'll bet you Olie owns it.

And Ted and George let him blow out of town like any other tumblein' tumbleweed.

Nobody chased after him, nobody begged him to reconsider, nobody admitted that maybe, just maybe, they could have handled the situation a little better and that maybe, just maybe, they were blinded by Cup-frenzy into forgetting just who had done so much of the work, who had done so much of the heavy lifting, who had made so much of the sacrifice and who, exactly, had shed so much of the blood that had gotten them there.

Nobody.

Eeeceewww.

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Long & Foster Insurance and Brian McGowan from Thomas & Talbot. Refreshments and lunch were provided by Long & Foster Insurance, Prosperity Mortgage and MBH Settlement Company.

Stevens also announced that Scott Buzzelli and Peter Pepecsevich were named Sales Team of the Month for their achievements during the month of May. Buzzelli, active in Northern Virginia real estate for the past 12 years, brings experience in property development, financing, zoning and conservation policy to his clients.

Pepecsevich, born and educated in Austria where he entered the commercial real estate field, has worked with resorts in the Caribbean and has experience in land acquisition, marketing and high-end luxury properties.



EILEEN KENNEDY JOINS MIDDLEBURG BANK

Middleburg Bank announced that Eileen Kennedy has joined the organization as Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking and Community Executive.

As the Community Executive, Ms. Kennedy will be responsible for all Middleburg Financial Corporation's activities within the Leesburg market. This includes retail and commercial banking, investments, trust and mortgage for the company's three offices in Leesburg, which are located on Catoctin Circle, Fort Evans Road and King Street.

Ms. Kennedy had worked for Middleburg Bank as a Vice President, Senior Commercial Lender from 2005 - 2007 before leaving briefly to serve as Senior Vice President, Regional Community Executive for another financial institution in Loudoun County. Ms. Kennedy brings over 20 years of financial services experience to her current position, having held senior leadership

roles with national, regional and community banks.

"We are very excited that Eileen has come home to Middleburg Bank and will be leading our efforts in the Leesburg market," said Gary K. Shook, President of Middleburg Bank. "Eileen is a highly experienced banker and we are confident her market knowledge and insights will be a valuable resource for our current clients and will also help us attract new clients who are looking for the highly personalized banking experience that Middleburg Bank is known for," added Mr. Shook.

Ms. Kennedy is active in a variety of civic and community groups in Loudoun County, including Leadership Loudoun, the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce, the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Committee for Dulles and the Piedmont Community Foundation's Student Philanthropy Program. She lives in Haymarket, Virginia, with her husband and daughter.

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URSCHEL DEVELOPING NEW TECHNIQUES IN EQUINE RESEARCH AT MARE CENTER

DONNA MCDONALD

Kristine Urschel, a postdoctoral student working under Paul Melton, Professor Ray Geor at the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center (MARE Center), has been developing new techniques for measuring amino acid metabolism and carbon dioxide production in the horse. Urschel's work is part of a larger study that will ultimately look at protein requirements and metabolism.

The research will use non-hazardous stable isotopes to trace protein metabolism in the body. This methodology will allow Urschel to assess how much of the tracer amino acid is being oxidized to carbon dioxide and subsequently exhaled, and how much is being used for protein synthesis. "This research project represents the first time these techniques have been used in the horse to study protein metabolism," said Urschel.

When asked why the horse was wearing the mask, Urschel replied, "This is used to take breath samples to measure carbon dioxide production, which will help us measure many aspects of protein/amino acid metabolism. It allows us to study rates of protein synthesis and breakdown in an in-depth manner that is not possible using other research techniques."

The current standard for assessing carbon dioxide production is a challenge for many reasons.

Said Urschel, "Current standards for doing this type of research are cumbersome, expensive, difficult to get accurate measures of air flow, and requires keeping the horse more confined for long periods of time, while connected to specialized equipment." She went on to explain that the method under development overcomes these disadvantages. "The equipment will be portable, thereby freeing the horse from monitoring equipment and the

need to be held in stocks during the study. Urschel's work has been supported by the Advance VT program at Virginia Tech, the WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition, and the estate of the late Paul Melton.

Virginia Tech's Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center's mission is to advance the health and well-being of the horse through graduate education for equine professionals, nutritional and pasture management research, and community educational programs. Located in Middleburg, Va., the center is one of 13 Agricultural Research and Extension Centers located across the state that help serve the commonwealth's agricultural needs.

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MARE CENTER INCLUDED IN RECENT STABLE TOUR

The 49th Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour, presented by Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, included the Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center (MARE Center). The center, situated in the heart of hunt country, was honored to be included in the tour.

One of the presentations this year was by Becky Carter, PhD candidate on her research project on metabolic aspects of obesity, including insulin resistance, and its relationship to laminitis. Carter explained to our visitors that as with humans, obesity is a growing problem in horses and its presence may lead to disease. Specifically, Carter and her colleagues have hypothesized that obesity causes insulin resistance, a condition prevalent in horses and ponies with laminitis which is a disease of the hoof. Everyone was intrigued by Carter's presentation.

The MARE Center "Name the Baby" contest was a winner with young and old alike. Several pairs of mares and foals was brought to the barn for viewing and for an opportunity to name the new baby. All of the children had a grand time selecting names. Some of which included the lively, out of Othello and by Hansel, "Fairytale Othello" and "Misty Way," a baby colt out of Medley and by Ball's Bluff, "Cadillac Jack" and "Jeeves" to name just a few.

A boyrider tour of the MARE Center was provided by faculty, students and staff at the center. These rides included a brief history and a ride down the line to see more mares, foals and stallions. Everyone had a good time sharing questions and comments along the way.

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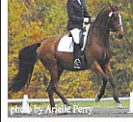


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FOXCROFT'S 94TH COMMENCEMENT SENDS 42 YOUNG WOMEN INTO THE WORLD



Bright skies and bright smiles filled Miss Charlotte's Garden on the Foxcroft School campus Friday morning as 42 members of the Class of 2008 received their diplomas at the School's 94th commencement.

The Class, which includes young women from nine states, six foreign countries and the District of Colum-

bia, is an accomplished one, having received 125 acceptances to 86 colleges and universities, including Duke, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Southern Cal, Virginia and William & Mary.

John H. Sutoris III, Head of School at Lorea The School in Dorset, VT, and former Academic Dean at Foxcroft, was the featured speaker, selected by the graduates. He built his speech around five key words – Learn, Love, Lead, Laugh and Live – advising the girls to find their passions, build bridges, believe in themselves, find their “funny spots” (and visit them daily) and live a rich and full life of challenges and risk-taking. He also surprised each of the graduates with a small care package taped to the bottom of their chairs – an envelope

Adrienne Teeley, of Upperville, A., received the Charlotte Haxall Roland Award for best combining the qualities that Miss Charlotte (Foxcroft's founder) valued: high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishment

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The Ida Aggripante Award, for courtesy, went to Bailey Cooley, of Charleston, SC. Chelsea Secor of Monkton, MD, received the Dudley Prize for the senior who has been most cooperative in efforts for the good of the school.

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EMMA BISETT MEYER GRADUATES FROM FOXCROFT SCHOOL



Emma Bisnet Meyer of Berryville, Va., graduated from the Foxcroft College on Friday, May 23, at the School's 94th commencement. She was one of 42 students from nine states, 34 foreign countries and the District of Columbia, who were welcomed by Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer.

Meyer, who plans to attend Ursinus University in Pennsylvania in the fall, served as Dean's Perfect in the Library, earned Honor Roll membership,

ship and was a member of the Athletic Association. She also played basketball, basketball, and served as captain of the soccer team in her senior year and captain of the JV lacrosse team in her junior year, when she also earned Most Improved Player of the JV Lacrosse team. She was named MVP of the JV Lacrosse team in 2007 and 2008, respectively.

Meyer is the daughter of Kyle and Terry Meyer of Berryville.

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HANNAH CALLEN SMITH GRADUATES FROM FOXCROFT SCHOOL



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Smith, who plans to attend Duke University in the fall, received the Virginia Governor's Gurnell Poetry Prize at the Annual Awards Assembly one day earlier. As a junior, she won the Sewanee University of the South Book Prize; Smith was a school newspaper editor and a member of the Student Body and the Student Government. She is president of School, on the Judicial Council and as a dormitory leader. A talented singer, she also was co-head of Afternoon Devotions, an ecumenical singing group and had featured roles in several Foxcroft theatrical productions and concerts. Athletically, Smith was a two-year member of the Varsity Tennis team.

She is the daughter of Richard and Kelly Smith of Milwood.

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JUNIOR STEWARDS CLUB PRESENTS PEC WITH DONATION



The Wakefield School Junior Stewards Club enjoyed a special celebration of their organization in a "Mantle of Light" in the ar-

Meel and Green, in the garden of the Hickory House in Middleburg. The party, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. William Hubel Smith, members of Hickory House, and daughter, Georgina Arthur, acknowledged the contributions of the Junior Stewards as well as the ongoing influence of Mrs. Eve Fout who was instrumental in getting Miss Margaret Boozer, President of the Wakefield Junior Stewards Club, started in her conservation efforts.

"The Junior Stewards Club is an organization dedicated to the protection and preservation of the Piedmont's rural landscape," said Mrs. Fout.

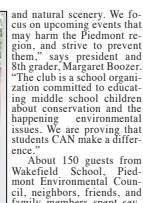


Figure 4 Bill Clinton, 44th President of the United States

In the shade garden by the fox bronze sculpted by Eve Fout, Miss Booze proudly discussed the club and its efforts to raise money for conservation. Along with other members of the Wakefield School Junior Steward Club, she presented a check to Mr. Chris Miller, President of the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC), and Mr. Doug Larsen, Vice President of PEC, for \$500. The club earned the money by selling baked goods and making hand-painted flower pots stuffed with seeds and other gardening goodies, and selling them at Arbor Day in Middleburg. Mr. Miller and



Figure 4 Bk. Unity Miller 'President, PLU; Mrs. John McSmith (Hoskins), Mr. Fritz Quinn 'Headmaster, Wendell School and Mr. Don Larson 'Vice President, PLU)

In the shade garden, the bronze sculpture by Eve Foot, Miss Boozer proudly discussed the club and its efforts to raise money for conservation. Along with other members of the Wakefield School Junior Stewardship Club, she presented a check to Mr. Chris Miller, President of the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC) and Mr. Doug Larsen, Vice President of PEC, for \$500. The club earned the money by selling baked goods and making hand painted flowerpots stuffed with seeds and other gardening goodies, and selling them at their Day in the Middle event. Mr. Miller and

Mr. Larsen expressed their gratitude, but more importantly expressed true joy in the service of the community. These school girls are so passionate about making a difference that they are willing to give up their own time.

Photographs for this story are courtesy of Mrs. Cynthia Benitz, Wakefield parent and member of the Wakefield Junior Stewards Club.

The Wakefield Junior Stewards Club - This club is organized to teach students about the importance of environmental stewardship in and around Fauquier County and is a great way for students to be active in related community issues. Middle schoolers at

activities twice a week. The activities are designed to develop an appreciation for life learning, encourage the development of critical thinking and speaking skills, and provide an opportunity for civic involvement at service.

The Piedmont Virginia Council of Environmental Protection (PEC) works to build better communities while stewarding the natural resources of the Piedmont. We promote and protect the environment, conserve natural resources, economy, natural history and beauty, and protect the environment. Visit our site, www.pcvca.org.

RODDY SELECTED AS NEW HEAD OF WAKEFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

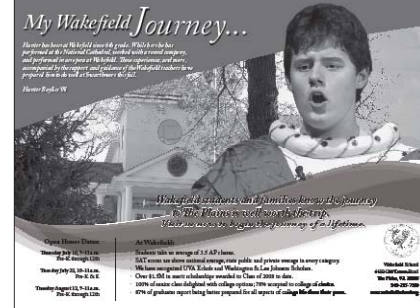


Quinn stated, "Mr. Troy Roddy is currently the head of school at St. John Berchmans School (K-8) in Louisiana. He started his teaching and coaching career in 1993 and served as Dean of Students at St. Martin Episcopal School in 2000. He was hired as St. John Berchmans' first headmaster in 2006.

"Mr. Roddy has earned the respect and appreciation of his colleagues for his 'notable resilience in the face of the demands of his job,' and for never failing 'in his effort to do the right (rather than the popular) thing.... Troy sets very high standards for himself in every aspect of his personal and professional life; he would continue to thrive in a school of similar high standards.' His colleagues related to me that he has made a 'tremendous'

On April 28, 2008, Mr. Peter Quinn, Headmaster, Wakefield School, announced the school had hired a new Head of the Middle School to begin on July 1, 2008. Describing him as "emphatically a person of integrity," Quinn expressed that "Mr. Roddy's calm, detail-oriented approach will serve Wakefield well. He was the clear first choice of Wakefield personnel who met the finalists."

coached baseball, cross country, basketball, and football."



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CAPITAL HOSPICE POLO BENEFIT

LLANGOLLEN FARM, UPPERVILLE VA. JUNE 15, 2008
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Destructive Weather No Match for Second Annual Capital Hospice Polo Benefit

Neither wind nor rain was the destruction of tents and stages could stop preparations for the Virginia International Polo Club benefit for Capital Hospice, which was, when the beautiful day dawned, a resounding success at the Llangollen Farm arena last weekend.

Dedicated in loving memory to Albert G. Van Meter, Sr., the second annual event presented by the Virginia International Polo Club attracted a highly fashionable crowd of enthusiasts for the fast-paced matches. Elegant fans in pretty summer dresses, smart straw hats, pale khaki, pastel shirts and white Bermudas cheered on their favorites and contributed generously to the worthy cause.

Brunch, cocktails, exhibition matches and the direct strap preceded the trophy presentations during which everyone from the winning teams to the outstanding groomers were recognized with silver trays and beautiful silver cups filled with blue and white flowers.

The Van Meter team took first place led by Ashley Van Meter. She also won the Most Valuable Player award for excellent work in the first.

Capital Hospice's mission is to improve care for those facing life-threatening illness through direct support of patients and their families, public education and public advocacy. The organization is dedicated to individuals who need help during life transitions and traumatic events, especially when death is a certainty. They provide assistance regardless of the individual's ability to pay, and they believe that care of those with terminal illness must be improved locally, regionally and nationally.

It was announced that a recent gift of land will make it possible for Capital Hospice to build a new facility in Northern Virginia that will set new standards for hospice care in the United States.

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A Wonderful Walk at Glenstone

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Whether you're walking through the beautiful garden or just sitting on the lawn, you'll find a beautiful view of the river and the gentle sound of birds meeting their morning pleasure in the morning sun at Glenstone is a truly beautiful place to visit.

Combination of evergreen, grass, silver and chocolate on plants everywhere to complement the structure of Glenstone and, as you walk across the lawn, past the pond to the main and chocolate-covered, you're begun in Glenstone's lovely landscape of faces and places.

1685 and 1686 gardens to walk after in the Glenstone Garden behind a series of 14" trees, and a great walk across the lawn at the end of the Glenstone walkway covered with pink-yellow roses in full bloom.

Children and adults who are committed to being grateful to Middleburg Beautification & Preservation for their contribution to the beauty and environmental quality of the Village, enjoyed their delight and gratitude for this journey through the marvelous Glenstone garden.



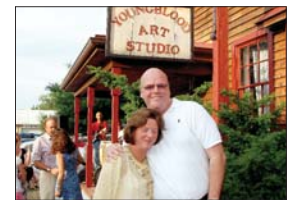
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ALBERT'S CORNER
A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

This month I'm dedicating my column to some exciting recent discoveries. I'm calling it "Pawstive Picks" and I'll write similar columns from time to time throughout the year. This time, I've got a few terrific finds to share.

My first discovery is a vacation spot on the Chesapeake Bay. It's the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort, Spa and Marina in Cambridge, Maryland. Hotels normally don't interest me, but this place is not only really pretty, it's also dog friendly! I'm not talking about the kind of place that allows just any dogs, either. This Hyatt welcomes furry friends up to 80 pounds! It's even okay to bring two dogs!

My people recently went to the resort for a conference, and they told me all about it. They saw dogs frolicking on the lawns, playing Frisbee and fetch, being walked by hotel staff, and accompanying their owners inside the resort hotel. The resort even provides do not disturb signs that feature paw prints and say "Let Sleeping Dogs Lie... Dog Vacationing in Room." This is a great place to go for a weekend get-away with pets. From Middleburg, vacationers and their four-legged friends can drive less than 3 hours and find themselves at a truly relaxing, waterfront escape. The rooms are clean and well-appointed, and there is no end to the list of amenities. From Middleburg, vacationers and their four-legged friends can drive less than 3 hours and find themselves at a truly relaxing, waterfront escape. The rooms are clean and well-appointed, and there is no end to the list of amenities.

The next discovery I want to share relates to grooming. Middleburg has two excellent new grooming options. The first is Middleburg Humane Foundation's new grooming salon, which is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Funds raised



ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL FEES TO INCREASE JULY 1

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a fee increase for Animal Care & Control services effective July 1, 2008. The fee increase was deemed necessary during the budget process for fiscal year 2009 to help offset costs for two new Animal Care & Control staff positions.

Beginning July 1, the cost for a Loudoun County Dog License will be \$10.00 annually regardless of the spay/neuter status of the dog. Animal Care & Control Director Thomas Koenig noted that "licensing fees are an essential source of revenue to allow Animal Control to provide a high level of service to Loudoun County citizens."

Adoption fees will also be changing on July 1. To clarify the overall fee for adopting animals, a separate spay/neuter fee will be charged for dogs and cats requiring the surgery. By law, all dogs and cats that have not previously been altered are spayed or neutered prior to going home with their adopter.

While the cost to adopters for spaying/neutering their new pets is increasing, the Department is still subsidizing a significant portion of the overall costs for the surgery," noted Director Koenig. "It is also important for citizens and potential adopters to understand that the cost of providing for the care and welfare of animals at the Shelter has risen every year, while this is the first increase in fees since 2002."

To help encourage the adoption of older pets, the Department will continue to offer a discounted adoption fee for members of its "Gray Whiskers Club," which are cats and dogs age 7 years or older. A complete list of new fees, including fees for boarding and impoundment, is listed below.

LICENSE FEE	
All Dogs	\$10
ADOPTION FEE - DOGS*	
Dogs under 7 years of age	\$50
Dogs age 7 years and over	\$25
SPAY/NEUTER FEE ADOPTED CATS*	
Male Dogs	\$65
Female Dogs	\$75
ADOPTION FEE - CATS*	
Cats under 7 years of age	\$20
Cats age 7 years and over	\$10

SPAY/NEUTER FEE ADOPTED CATS*	KENNEL LICENSE FEE
Male Cats- \$50	Up to 20 dogs- \$40
Female Cats- \$60	IMPOUNDMENT FEE
*Adoption and spay/neuter fees are now listed separately. Fees must be added together (when necessary) to determine the total fee to adopt the animal.	First Impoundment- \$35
ADOPTION FEE - OTHER	Quarantine Impoundment- \$50
Exotic Reptiles- \$30	Any Additional Impoundment- \$75
Ferrets- \$30	BOARDING FEES (PER DAY)
Exotic Mammals- \$30	Livestock under 50 lbs- \$5
ADOPTION FEE LIVESTOCK	Livestock- \$25
51 to 150 lbs- \$50	Reptile and Exotic Animals- \$10
151 to 500 lbs- \$100	Dangerous Dogs: Potentially Dangerous Dogs & Dogs Confined for Rabies- \$30
501 or more lbs- \$200	

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Dakota
Middleburg, Virginia

Dakota consists of 85 private acres of open and rolling fields surrounded by 100-year-old oaks. Though only three years old the hillside and stone house exudes quality from the deep foresting a reclaimed timber barn converted into a massive family room overlooking two expansive ponds. Well-designed home includes an impeccable custom kitchen, master suite, lovely first floor master suite and 4 bedrooms. Additional finished space below includes the media room, hot exercise facility and generous storage. 3-car garage, in-law suite, 3-bath barn and generator. \$5,600,000.



Oakfield
Upperville, Virginia

Just one of the village of Upperville, the property consists of 86 acres of open and forested land with two spring-fed ponds. The main house is a stone structure of extraordinary resonance which has recently been impeccably renovated to include a gourmet kitchen and pantry, a generous first floor master suite and four additional bedrooms. The home is bound by mature perennial gardens, stone walls, arched and panoramic views of the Blue Ridge and Bull Run Mountains. Property includes a stone house and stable. \$5,600,000.



Jeb Stuart Road
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Beautiful 1820 log and frame home in the heart of historic Philomont, midway between Middleburg and Purcellville. Renovated and enlarged in 2001. Open floor plan with random width hardwood floors throughout. Exposed beams, exposed interior logs, large fireplaces. Walk one lower level with French doors. Gourmet kitchen, central ac, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Great front porch and large yard. Wonderful opportunity in a great location. \$895,000.



Wildwood
Bluemont, Virginia

Built in 1966, frame construction home with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces, family room, den, breakfast room, dining room, large deck and gold fish pond. Large storage building could be used as a barn and shed. Situated on 117.64 acres with spectacular southern views. Subdivision potential. \$2,800,000.



Creek Ridge
Middleburg, Virginia

French Country home built in 2007 on 25 mostly wooded acres with frontage on Goose Creek and mountain views. 7,000 sq. ft., brick exterior, 6 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, top of the line finishes, exotic cherry floors on main level, gourmet kitchen, large rooms and 4-car garage. Perfect for entertaining. \$2,400,000.



Northwood
Middleburg, Virginia

Immaculate brick home, custom built in 2002, on 6.77 gently rolling, open acres. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, den, large kitchen, family room, living room, formal dining room, gas fireplace, 9 foot ceilings and 3-car garage. Lovely mountain views and a pond. \$975,000.



Lanark Farm
Delaplane, Virginia

Situated: 6,300 square foot, 4 bedroom, Craftsman style home just built with exceptional detail and solid construction overlooking 10 immaculate acres. Gourmet kitchen with Thermador and Viking appliances, Strat Rosewood floors throughout the main and upper levels, and custom millwork. Huge finished basement, workroom, home office, lot of storage, view from every window. Property is bound by a bold creek and large mature trees. \$1,999,000.



Firethorn Lane
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Very special 2 acre property in the sought-after location between Middleburg and The Plains. The main house has been expanded and completely renovated including the new master suite and two other generous bedrooms, a large gourmet kitchen, lovely dining room, wrap-around porch, a charming guest house, gardens and more. Great western views from the elevated site. \$1,395,000.



Chinn Lane Gate House
Middleburg, Virginia

This Gate House has been transformed into the perfect in-town home. Lovely yard with flowering roses, a new sunco wall for privacy and side terrace. First floor master bedroom, large living room with fireplace, separate dining room, lot of built-in and storage. Expanded second floor includes two bedrooms and one full bath. Fantastic new kitchen with granite counter, new baths with marble vanities. Looks great! \$750,000.

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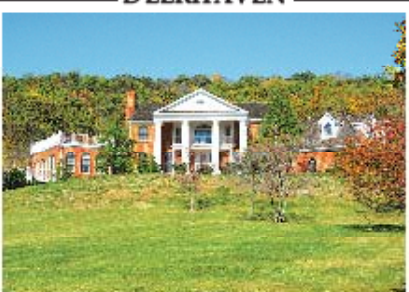
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