



MIDDLEBURG CLASSIC HORSE SHOW

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NEW TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

DANIEL MORROW

At its regular monthly meeting on October 14, Middleburg's Town Council unanimously approved the hiring of former Purcellville Director of Planning and Zoning, Martha Mason Semmes as Town Administrator, effective November 1, 2010.

Semmes is a well-known and popular choice, having served in Middleburg before.

After a four-month search, and a long and serious review of a host of highly qualified applicants, Mayor Betsy Davis signed a tentative agreement with Semmes on October 6, pending Council approval.

Though technically an "indefinite" appointment, both parties agreed that it was their "intent" that the arrangement would last until at least October 31, 2013, with annual reconsideration thereafter.

By all accounts Mayor Davis, the Town Council, and the Town's professional staff are very pleased with Semmes decision to return to Middleburg.

She brings with her a county-and-state-wide reputation for energy, efficiency, and over three decades of technical and regulatory experience in land-use planning historic preservation, and environmental protection.

She has served in both the public and private sector, beginning in 1977 with the Northern Virginia Planning District.

From 1984 to 1988, she was Leesburg's Director of Planning, Zoning & Development.

For nearly six years she presided over Purcellville's unprecedented growth and expansion as Director of Planning and Zoning.

With an undergraduate degree from Duke University and a master's from the University of North Carolina, she is also, reportedly, a master of handling intense rivalry and competition.

Middleburg Museum

Former Middleburg Town Council Member Eura Lewis appeared before the Council on October 14 to once more urge support for the creation of a Middleburg Town Museum.

Long an advocate for an appropriate home for the documents and artifacts of Middleburg history, Lewis specifically requested that the Council meet officially to set a tentative target date for the completion of such a project, and appoint a Board of Directors to begin work on a mission state-

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CHERRY BLOSSOM WALKERS RAISE \$122,000

Generosity and determination bloomed in Middleburg, Warrenton and Leesburg when participants and supporters raised \$122,000 to fight breast cancer during the annual Cherry Blossom Walks.

"Our previous best was last year when we raised \$45,000," said founder Jim Atkins who organized and named the walk in memory of Nanette White and his wife, Cheryl Clayton Atkins whose nickname was 'Cherry Blossom.'

"This is a wonderful example of the commitment that characterizes our communities. I am so grateful to everyone," Atkins said.

Established in 2007 to honor two wonderful women, Nanette White and Cheryl Clayton Atkins, whose nickname was 'Cherry Blossom,' the events generate revenue for grants to Fauquier Hospital, Inova Hospital, Loudoun Community

Health Center, Breast Cancer Network of Strength and the Lombardi Cancer Center.

Originally organized in Middleburg, this year Cherry Blossom walks took place in Middleburg, Warrenton and Leesburg. Over one thousand walkers took part in the three events.

Participants included the Lombardi Cancer Center, Foxcroft School's team of 100 walkers and Upperville resident and surgeon Dr. Behzad Parva's team of 92 walkers.

Major sponsors included Middleburg Bank, Applied Knowledge Group, Weissberg Corporation and Warrenton Village Center.

An important \$5,000 donation was made by Karen Schulling and every single participant helped ensure that the local response to this devastating disease was sensational.



KITTY" WEAVER CELEBRATES A WELL-LIVED CENTENNIAL

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NEWS OF NOTE

PETER WEEKS LEAVES A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR MIDDLEBURG

Peter Weeks' love of his family and of the Middleburg area were with him until he died peacefully Sept. 12th at his home on Oak Hill Farm in Aldie, on a beautiful Sunday morning. His family was at his side at the conclusion of his long and hard fight against the complications of Parkin-son's.

Peter's happy and pro-ductive life began with his birth in South Hampton, Long Island on Nov. 11 1932. Al-though his family moved on to York, Pa., he returned ev-ery summer to his families' houses on Fire Island and Amagansett. His love of sand and sea never left him, and he made sure his three wonderful daughters grew up with that same love.

A graduate of The Cita-del, in Charleston, S.C., Peter was a member of the school's champion swim team. After graduating with honors in History he went on to Ranger and Airbourne schools. Al-though his performance there was greatly appreciated and he was asked to stay, he chose to go to Europe.

Instead of ending up in a Ranger company, he found himself in an armored division for which he had no no train-ing. Lunching with a friend in 7th army personnel, Peter

asked for his help in finding an opening at 7th Army head-quarters. His friend said he knew of one, but didn't think Peter would like it. Peter jumped at the chance and soon was named Escort Officer for the 7th Army Symphony.

The Symphony included very talented musicians, all from the best music colleges in the country. Under the aus-pices of the State Department the group traveled and per-formed all over Europe help-ing to heal the fractured coun-tries with music. So began Peter's life long love of clas-sical music.

On a break from his trav-els he skied at a favorite area in the Austrian Alps called Zurs. It was there he met his wife, Doris, who happened to be on holiday from her work with the Government. An avid skier from California, she and Peter quickly found they had many common in-terests: music, art, and travel.

After meeting in many of the glorious cities of Europe and surrounding countries, Peter found his service days were over so he stayed on in London where his recently married sister was living.. When Doris' job ended at last they made plans to marry and live in Washington, D.C. when they returned to the States.

While Peter studied for

his masters in International Relations at Georgetown, Doris taught art for the Ar-lington Public Schools. They spent several happy years in Georgetown, but finally de-cided to move to the country with their young daughter and raise their family there.

They chose Middleburg and Upperville as their home and Peter's love of the area became his driving force as his family grew. Soon he was shopkeeper of the very elegant Middleburg Saddlery, and he was also working with an old well-established skiwear manufacturer for whom he designed and traveled to help with marketing.. an occupa-tion that also allowed him to take his family along to all the great ski areas of the west.

Peter's shop was one of the first specialty shops in Middleburg, and it was his hope that others would fol-low and create a friendly Eng-lish type of village. He was well pleased and very proud of Middleburg's evolution as a beautiful and charming vil-lage.

Over the years, Peter re-stored and opened five shops through the years. Each shop was quite different and charm-ing. His sense of humor and wit combined with his impec-cable taste were evident in all he created and accomplished,



and his love of interior design and restoration work con-tinued long after selling The Saddlery.

He is survived by his wife Doris, his daughter Mad-elaine Weeks of New York City, his daughter, Judith and her husband Michael Minad-eo and their daughter, Joseph-ina (Josie); daughter Susan Weeks of Burlington, Vt. and son, Jasper Wygmans. He is also survived by one sister, Carol Geczy of Anchorage Ak.

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qualified to determine values when selling or acquiring a property. Whether you are looking to buy or sell a home, a farm, land, build or even rent for awhile, you can expect dedicated service from a knowledgeable professional.

Susan is also a full time resident of Middleburg who has been active in the community. She has served on the Board of Zoning Appeals in Middleburg for seven years and is currently president of her homeowner association. She is a pas-

sionate and accomplished equestrian. Her devotion to horses has opened many doors, from the hunter-jumper circuit to the world of polo; horses have been the real connection to her life and business.

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COUNTY RESTAURANTS CONDUCT JOINT FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER

On the last weekend of this month, fifteen Fauquier and Loudoun restaurants will ask their patrons to help local women fight breast cancer by donating to Middleburg's Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation.

"An alliance of this many restaurants to raise funds for the women of our two counties is unprecedented", said Mary Jo Jackson, Foundation Vice Chair. "If only 25% of their patrons respond to the request for ten per cent of the cost of the meal", she said, "more than \$15,000 will be raised

for us to use to detect and treat breast cancer in local women."

On Oct. 29, 30, and 31, each patron will be told of the restaurant's support for local women and then given a donation envelope addressed to the Foundation. The suggestion will be that ten per cent or more above the cost of the meal be donated to the local fight. The restaurants are expected to distribute more than 5,000 envelopes.

The participating restaurants are the Back Street Café, Blackthorne Inn and Restaurant, Eiffel Tower Café, Ford's Fish Shack,

Fox's Den Tavern, The French Hound, Hunter's Head, Iron Bridge Wine Company, Julien's Café and Restaurant, La Villa Roma, Lightfoot Restaurant, Magnolia's at the Mill, The Red Fox Inn, and Tuscarora Mill.

The Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, a 501(C)3 organization, has been raising money for Fauquier and Loudoun women since 2007. Earlier this month, on Oct 10, the Foundation conducted three simultaneous walk/run fundraisers in Leesburg, Middleburg, and Warren-

ton that received donations of \$121,700 from more than 1,000 participants and sponsors.

The Middleburg foundation concentrates its grant-making in the two counties rather than sending it to a national organization. Its primary recipients the last three years have been the Loudoun Community Health Center, Fauquier Hospital, and INOVA Hospital. The COO of the Health Center recently said that funds from the Cherry Blossom Foundation have allowed the Center to work with INOVA Hospital to conduct 430 mammograms.

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LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Once again we are reporting the appointment (indeed, the re-appointment) of what is, for a town of some 600 people, an extraordinary proportion of its citizens, to unpaid, critically important, and all too often incredibly time-consuming positions on the Town boards, commissions, and committees. The same can be said for the communities surrounding us. And not only do our friends and neighbors volunteer in disproportionate numbers to serve in government, they organize, establish, fund and run an extraordinary group of NGO’s and private charities.

LETTER

Dear Editor, I would like to express my disgust with the manner in which one of your contributing writers expresses his extremely liberal opinions. Our forefathers fought for our freedom to be able to publicly express our political opinions without fear of retribution, and we shall cherish this privilege always. But wouldn’t it be a much more pleasant society if people would express their views without belittling and denigrating those who have an opposite opinion? In your editorial entitled “Hypocrisy” published on August 26, the author used some very unnecessary derogatory terms to express his disgust for people with political views contrary to his own. He referred to those that did not agree with his opinions on the Manhattan Muslim cultural center (Park 51) as “sub-intelligent”, “knowledge-challenged”, “idiots”, “dopes”, “jerks”, and “hate mongers”. “Ignorant” and “mean-spirited” and were the two milder adjectives he used.

The author was referring to Newt

Gingrich, Sarah Palin, and Rush Limbaugh, among other conservative party leaders. Of course, there are many Americans who do not consider these successful, highly visible personalities as “sub-intelligent” and “knowledge-challenged”. Furthermore, using the author’s own logic that he conveyed in his writing, all who do not agree with his views are “idiots” and “jerks”. I don’t think so. I am not expressing my opinion on Park 51 or debating the merits of it. I am simply expressing my distaste for people who use nasty expressions in public to ridicule others who disagree with them. In my “sub-intelligent” opinion, I think one who must resort to offensive name-calling in order to express his views is simple-minded. So there, take that. Nah, nah-nah nah nah (with tongue sticking out).

Catherine K. Rochester
Cool Spring Farm
Aldie, VA

GOP SWEEP

FROM BEYOND THE BELTWAY

KEN RIETZ

At this writing, most pundits are predicting big gains in the House and Senate for the GOP. Based on news reports and conversations, with two weeks left before the election, here is what some political prognosticators are saying. Former Democrat pollster and political consultant, Dick Morris, predicts the huge wave of voter discontent will win the GOP control of the House with 60 to 70 seats going to the Republicans. He thinks 8 Senate seats are locked up for the GOP. Winning Nevada will give the GOP 9. Then, according to Morris, they need to win one of these 4 – Washington, California, New York or Connecticut to seize control of the Senate. The highly respected Cook Political Report projects 7 to 9 Senate seats for the GOP. It projects a takeover of the House by the GOP calling more than 90 seats are up for grabs, 80 of them presently held by Democrats and only 10 by Republicans. University of Virginia’s Larry Sabato has the GOP winning 8 to 9 Senate seats and 47 House seats. Former Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich, projects Republican gains of more than 60 House seats and thinks the wave may win the GOP control of the Senate. Election Law attorney and Fox News contributor, Jan Baran, projects 7 Senate and 53 House seats for the GOP. Former Presidential candidate, Pat Buchanan, thinks the GOP will win 46 to 47 House seats but will not win enough Senate seats to take control. Political insider, Paul Dietrich, projects the GOP picking up 8 Senate seats and 61 seats in the House. Last week Vice-President, Joe Biden, tried to explain why Democrats are not building their campaigns around the Stimulus, Obamacare and Financial Reform. He said they were “Just too hard to explain”. This is the kind of Washington arrogance voters are mad about. A new Wall Street Journal-NBC poll shows 69% of voters want to have someone new representing them in Washington. I believe voter anger with Washington and Tea party motivation will sweep 65 to 70 new Republicans into the House. It will elect 10 to 11 new Republican Senators with the GOP winning both California and Washington. AND, AT LAST, GOOD BYE HARRY REID.

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Anti-gay activists recently argued before the Supreme Court that they should be allowed to protest at military funerals. The debate centered on whether the Westboro Baptist Church has his First Amendment right to hold signs such as “God hates you” and “God hates dead gay soldiers” outside the funeral of a deceased Marine. Albert Snyder, the soldier’s father, argued that the activists invaded his privacy during the 2006 protest in Maryland, and that they intentionally inflicted emotional distress on him and on his family. Margie Phelps, the daughter of Westboro’s pastor Fred Phelps and the lawyer for the church, retorted that her group was exercising free speech on a matter of public debate — the Iraq war. The first amendment aside, do these Baptist “Christians” really feel that Christ’s father would hold up signs saying that he hates gays? Do they really feel that an all loving God would single out a group of his “children” for ridicule and hate? This kind of behavior by religious leaders leads to the guilt and self hatred that makes suicide among gay teenagers nearly 80% higher than that of straight teenagers. The recent senseless loss of a talented Rutgers student who was videoed taped having sex with another man is a tragic case in point. What made him think that, if people found out he was gay, his life would not be worth living. What kind of a self-imposed prison was he living in that he could not be proud, of who he was. What loneliness must he have felt that he could not share with family and friends the essence of who he was. I was a gay men’s peer counselor at Whitman Walker Clinic in Washington DC for a number of years and I can tell you from that experience that the most troubled, closeted gay men were those who were the most religious. Those men felt deep self hate because their religious leaders told them that they were not normal and that God would not accept their way of life. These religious, hate-mongering leaders will not accept the premise that sexuality is determined at birth. They preach that sexuality is a choice that can be reversed. The notion that any young person would choose to be different from his or her peers is ludicrous. Do they really think that a young person who is just coming to grips with his or her sexuality would want to suffer the pain that society inflicts on those who are different? One should not be condemned for one’s sexuality any more than one is condemned, for instance, for being born with Down’s Syndrome. Perhaps the recent suicides will convince those who have been taught to hate and fear homosexuals to come to their senses and challenge religious leaders who preach hate. Perhaps, if parents who see a difference in their children do not turn away from them but embrace them and accept them, suicide will not be the only avenue to peace for young gay men and women.

DEMOCRATIC GOALS DEFINED

BLUE NOTES

DANIEL MORROW

Problem: Our friends on the right are admirably succinct. Ask the most reasonable of them to define their philosophy of government. Their answers are generally straightforward: small government; low taxes. minimal regulation; local control; individual responsibility. Challenge: For Democrats to define their goals as concisely. Draft solution: “Use government effectively . . . for a safe, secure, fair, smart and healthy country . . . that works.” “Secure” means not only physically secure, but financially secure. A government that can’t defend its borders and guarantee a stable economy is, by some definitions of the word, not government at all. Try keeping the wealthiest and most powerful country in history “secure” with a “small” and ineffective right-wing GOP-led government, especially one that eschews regulation and enforcement. Insecure, at best, and unsafe. “Fair” means just that, banding together in a “more perfect union”, first and foremost, in the words of the Constitution to “establish justice” in every sense of the word. Try guaranteeing the rule of law in the wealthiest and most powerful country in human history with “small” and ineffective

right wing GOP-led government. Let “communities” decide who’s a “real” American? We know that’s unfair and unjust, though (as segregation reminds us) under the leadership of the right, not always unlawful. Worse, it’s insure, and unsafe. By “smart,” I mean not only as intelligent as a person in good health can be, but as well educated as possible, and capable of rational thought and action. Try teaching or training the citizens of the most powerful country in human history with a “small” and ineffective GOP-led government. Irrational, at best. Throw in a serious conviction of special insight into the mind of God, and it gets worse: not smart, not fair, and neither safe nor secure. “Healthy” means needing as little medical care as possible, and, if it’s needed, having it available. Try keeping the citizens most powerful economy in human history . . . and their children . . . healthy, with a “small” and ineffective GOP-led government. Unhealthy, irrational, unfair, unsafe and insecure

A country that “works” means a country AT work, and one that’s working well. People who don’t like government generally don’t run it very well. And when government (which they already distrust) is staffed by people who were elected to eliminate it . . . surprise!) Not only do the government and its agencies not work . . . neither do all too many of the rest of us.

Vote for those who respect the institutions they’re asking you to elect them to run: men and women who want to use government, not cripple it . . . for a safe, secure, fair, smart and healthy country . . . that works. Democrats.

CONSIDERING THE COMING ELECTION

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BRUCE SMART

Elections normally choose individual candidates for public office, based on their records, promises and qualifications for the job they are seeking. Purple believes there are reasons to look at this election for our 10th District Congressman more broadly. America faces many problems, each tracing to one or more of the basic dangers our nation faces: (1) Animosity between the US and some Asian peoples because of cultural, religious, and economic differences. Symptoms include wars, terrorism and nuclear proliferation. (2) Impending climate disruption. (3) Fiscal instability, traceable to excess and risky US borrowing over several decades. Resulting unemployment, deficits, and accumulated debt must be addressed. In considering these critical issues, Congress has divided along partisan lines, with adherence to the Party line demanded of its members. Thus almost no Republicans are willing to work cooperatively with the Democratic President, or vote for his proposals. Since only 41 senators (out of 100) can block any legislation, for almost two years Congress has been gridlocked. Republicans claim this proves the Democrats are ineffective, and the Democrats, with some justification, call the Republicans the “Party of No.” The Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision on the Citizens United case (all of the majority five were Republican appointees), has unleashed large sums of anonymous corporate money to spew a torrent of innuendo and misinformation into this election. For the campaign Republicans have promulgated a seven point “Contract with America.” Very briefly, they would: Vow to support the Constitution (implying some Democrats don’t) Escalate the intensity of the war on terror Propose a Constitutional Amendment requiring a balanced budget Reduce taxes (but without specifics on cutting spending) Deal harshly with illegal immigrants Promote drilling to achieve energy independence; oppose any tax on carbon emissions Reinforce a citizen’s right to bear arms

They offer no program to solve the three major issues facing America, unless you believe that differences with Islam can be ironed out by military action, or deficits reduced without raising taxes. From his 65 years of experience in business, government and conservation, Purple believes the Contract is unrealistic, drafted only to appeal to angry voters who have taken no time to understand and analyze the facts. So your vote in November is also for a Party, not just for a candidate. But how about the candidates? Retired Air Force Colonel Jeff Barnett, Democrat, is a vigorous newcomer to politics. As a combat-experienced pilot he believes the Iraq war was a “monumental mistake.” With two children in uniform he favors working our way out of Afghanistan ASAP. His military career gave him deep experience in intelligence, and he hopes to serve on that House committee. He is for “fiscal sanity,” including targeted tax increases for those most able to pay. And he supports a mix of cap-and-trade and carbon taxes to address climate change. Republican Frank Wolf has been in Congress 30 years. He voted for the Iraq war and against against any action on climate, despite the overwhelming science establishing its dangers. His best proposal was to call for a bipartisan Congressional body to address the financial mess. The Republican Senate vetoed this good idea, and Frank poo-pooed the President’s alternative – a bipartisan group of elder statesmen to propose solutions. What does that say about

Wolf’s ability to influence his Republican caucus, or stand up when he is right? Wolf is running for his 16th term in Congress. His Party’s “Contract with America” calls for a limit of six terms for Congressmen. Purple, a bit older than Frank, knows the pressure of a government job, and the hard time keeping up as one ages. Why didn’t the Republicans adhere to their Contract and select a younger candidate? The voters now have a chance to correct their error, and vote for Jeff Barnett, and the nation, rather than the hypocritical Republican Party and its long term incumbent. Bruce Smart 646 Ed note: The email form eliminates my paragraphing. You will probably need to resubmit it

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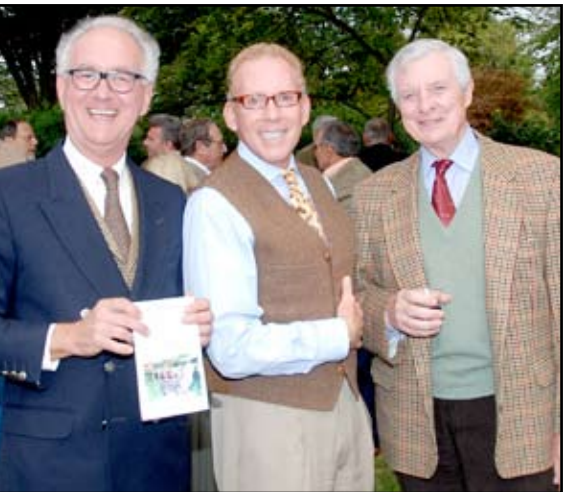
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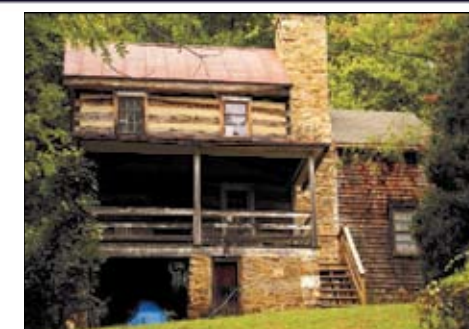
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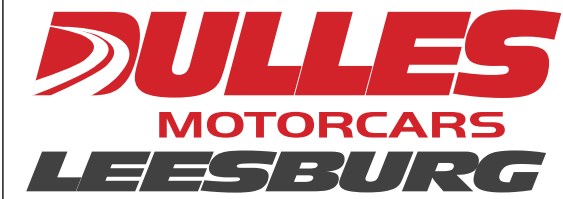
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ment, site selection, planning, budget and fund-raising effort.

Fire Station Expansion Approved

At its Thursday, September 23, work session, Council unanimously approved a long-sought ordinance approving a Special Use Permit for the renovation and expansion of the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department's existing fire & rescue facility at 910 West Washington Street.

Lynn Rita, architect for the project, noted that plans call for keeping the existing bays for equipment, constructing a one-story addition on the east side of the building to provide for more operational space, and a two-story addition on the west side for offices and residential space. The new residential space will be large enough to properly house both male and female fire fighters, Rita noted.

The exterior of the existing building will also be improved, she noted, with new brick and plank siding. New reflective asphalt shingles will make the building easier and cheaper to heat and cool.

The station's parking lot will be expanded to forty-seven spaces and a cistern will be buried under it to collect rain water to fill the department's tanker trucks, wash the apparatus, and provide irrigation for landscaping.

Propane tanks for cooking, and the existing emergency generator and fuel pumps will be relocated to the rear of the building.

Before construction is completed, the department will provide the Town with its views on the best and most cost-efficient approach to a warning system to warn motorists that fire equipment is leaving the station and entering Route 50.

Request Denied

At the same October 14 work session Council, without opposition, denied a long-standing request for a special use permit to allow professional offices on first floor of the building at 2 West Washington Street.

Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, David Beniamino, noted that the request, submitted by Autumn McCullogh on behalf of Middleburg Property Management, LLC, essentially negated zoning ordinance requirements that allow for no office uses on a first floor.

The Town's Planning Commission, he said, had recommended denial of the permit on the grounds that it was in conflict with the Town's goal of eliminating first floor offices in Middleburg's main commercial district, in order to encourage and promote retail traffic.

Main Street Recognized

The American Planning Association has named Washington Street as one of the top 10 "Great Streets in America."

The Association noted not only the streets historic architecture, but its special "sense of place" which, in the words of the Association, "... epitomizes the local equine and hunting culture of the Virginia Piedmont region."

Each year for the past four years, the Association has sought out, evaluated, and given special recognition to what it believes are the country's Great Streets, Great Neighborhoods and Great Public Spaces.

Planner and Zoning Administrator David Beniamino submitted the Town's very first application for the APA honors this spring.

For more information see www.planning.org/greatplaces.

Re-Appointments

Middleburg's extraordinary community of civic-minded citizens once more revealed itself with nearly unanimous agreements to continue to serve as volunteers on a number of critical and often time-consuming task forces.

Council re-appointed Bill Turnuer and Punkin Lee to the Middleburg Historic District Review Committee for three-year terms ending on December 31, 2013.

Howard Armfield, Edward Swain were reappointed to the Health Center Advisory Board through 2012.

Andrew Bergner, Wendy duly, Terri Kitchen, Mary Bell Peters and Mimi Stein were appointed for two-year terms as members of the Advisory Committee for the Town's official visitor center, The Pink Box.

Council also recommended that the Loudoun County Circuit Court re-appoint appoint Kathy Fisher to a five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Red Ribbon Week

Private Thaddeus Edwards of the Shenandoah Valley Young Marines appeared before Council on October 14, seeking adoption of a proclamation declaring October 23-31 "Red Ribbon Week" in Middleburg.

The "Red Ribbon" program is a federal 501.c.3 drug awareness program, run by the 18-to-23-year-old Young Marines organization, and designed to help young people "live a drug-free, healthy life style."

Middleburg joined Strasbourg, Purcellville, Round Hill, Winchester, and other small towns across the country in supporting the program. The Council vote was unanimous

WHERE'S WALDO?!?!

7TH INNING STRETCH

For all those of you counting on my deep, meaningful, significant sporting insights, disappointment awaits... A seven-nation, thirteen-day tour of sub-Saharan Africa for my day-job has conspired to keep me away from my rabid

Eccentric fan-base this month. Be well, stay safe, and let me know what you want to hear about in the coming months. Enjoy the MLB playoffs, the 'Skins stunning return to relevancy, and Ovie and the boys shooting for the moon.

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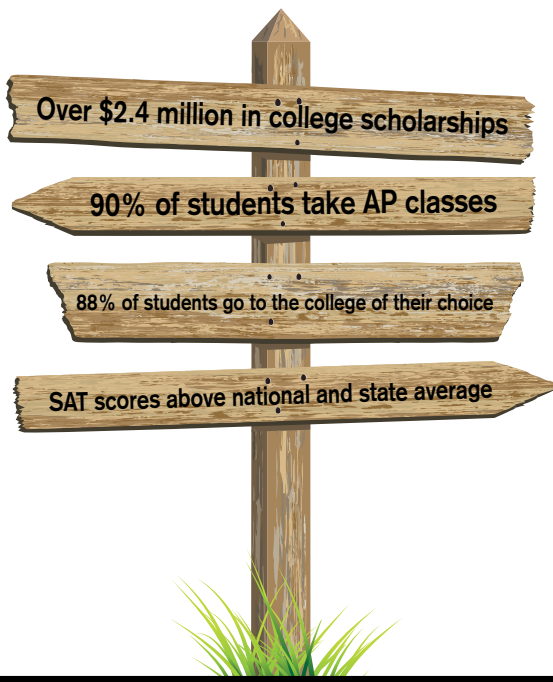


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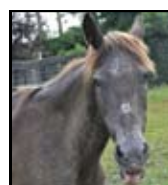
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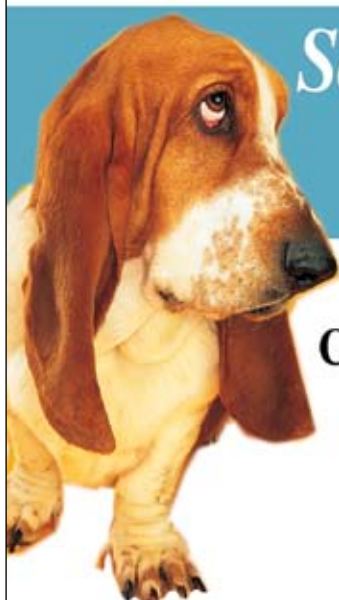
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Months ago, the producers of the movie "Smitty" announced a contest for animal rescue groups across the country. The online contest was vote-based and invited people to vote for their favorite group. The organization with the most votes would win.

The grand prize would be prominent placement of a poster promoting the group in the film. The winner would also get tickets to the premiere and special coverage in the DVD, among other prizes.

This heartwarming movie's message is "Adopt, Not Shop", and it focuses on friendship, family and responsibility. The cast, mentioned above, is A-list Hollywood, and animal-lovers are eagerly awaiting Smitty's release. No doubt, the chance to be featured in a film like this is a fantastic opportunity for any rescue group.

Enter Hilleary Bogley and the unstoppable team at Middleburg Humane Foundation (MHF). They went to work reaching out to our community and beyond, competing with 435 groups across the country for the top spot. Using every possible

medium, including social networking, they fought long and hard to claim the grand prize. It was a formidable struggle, with all of the top competitors fighting to the finish. In the end, our own MHF prevailed with a decisive and well-deserved win.

We should all be immensely proud of MHF and of how our community came together to support them. This was a tremendous victory, especially considering the significant national competition. It's a testimony to what a small community can do when people work together towards a common goal. In fact, the MHF victory is a feel-good, heartwarming plotline in itself.

I wrote to Hilleary and asked for input in preparation for this column. True to the tireless advocate she is, her focus went immediately to animal rescue. She explained that non-profits like MHF are very challenged in this economy and desperately need continued support. Calls for assistance are way up but donations are significantly down.

To that end, MHF is hard at work getting ready for a fun fall fundraiser called the Fluted Hoot Music Festival, to be held at Buchanan Hall in Upperville on Saturday, October 30, from 6:30 until 11. It will be an evening of live music, food, friends and drinks. Tickets are \$75 each. Call 540-364-3272 or email mhfdtn@earthlink.net to reserve seats or get more information.

It's my hope that all of you will consider joining MHF at this fundraiser. What better way to spend an October evening than benefitting needy animals? And, if you can't make it to the event, please make a donation to our local heroes who give countless deserving furry friends a second chance at life!

It did not surprise me

that Hilleary was humble when asked about the Smitty victory. Everyone at MHF is celebrating the win, but the reality is that this was just one of countless battles they fight every single day. It was a lot more glamorous than most, and a lot more visible to the public. But I'm guessing it's the quiet victories ... like a new home for even one

beloved animal ... that make the wonderful people at MHF feel like the superstars they are.

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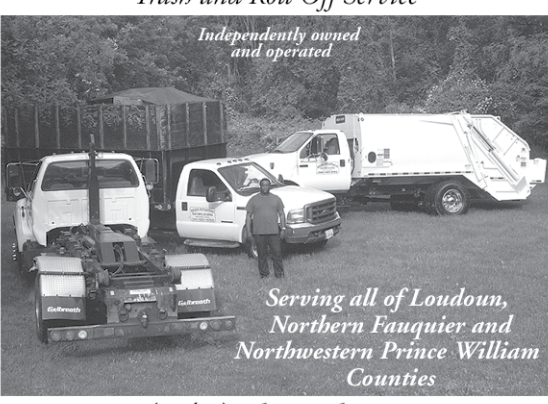


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Conde Road
Marshall, Virginia

Stunning home perched on 8+ acres near Warrenton. Perfect first floor master overlooking stately pool and plantings. Gourmet kitchen, separate dining room, library, family room. Two private bedroom suites with baths on lower level with large entertainment center, wet bar and sitting room. 4 fireplaces, 3-car garage. Warrenton Hunt. \$895,000.

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Mrs. Beaver's Cottage
Middleburg, Virginia

Excellent Middleburg location, Cape Cod circa 1944. Fabulous views of Blue Ridge, house sold in "as is" condition. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room with fireplace, hardwood floors under carpet. First time ever offered for sale. 7.12 mostly wooded acres. Great rehab potential. \$595,000.

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North Star Farm
Markham, Virginia

148 rolling and rising acres, mostly open with panoramic views, protected area, surrounded by large tracts. Stone cabin, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 fireplaces, vaulted ceilings, stone & hardwood floors, large screened porch overlooking pond. \$1,795,000.

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Kentshire
Marshall, Virginia

Lovely country home on 10.43 acres in Bellevue Farms. Stunning mountain views to west, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces. Open floor plan, 10' ceilings, rear deck, gourmet kitchen. Improvements include detached 2 car garage with office/studio, 2 stall barn and run in shed. \$875,000.

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Watson Road
Leesburg, Virginia

2 acres and a 3 bedroom stone home on Watson Rd. Great location, pretty lot with large trees and meandering creek. There are 2 fireplaces and 11'4" ceilings and vintage fixtures throughout. Expansive kitchen & sun-porch over look the lovely protected Paris Valley and large back gardens. Main section has 3 bedrooms and access to a complete 2 bedroom apartment below totaling approximately 4,400 square feet of living space. Additional improvements include the original detached garage/workshop. \$635,000.

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Cabin Branch
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Lindsay Store & Paris Post Office
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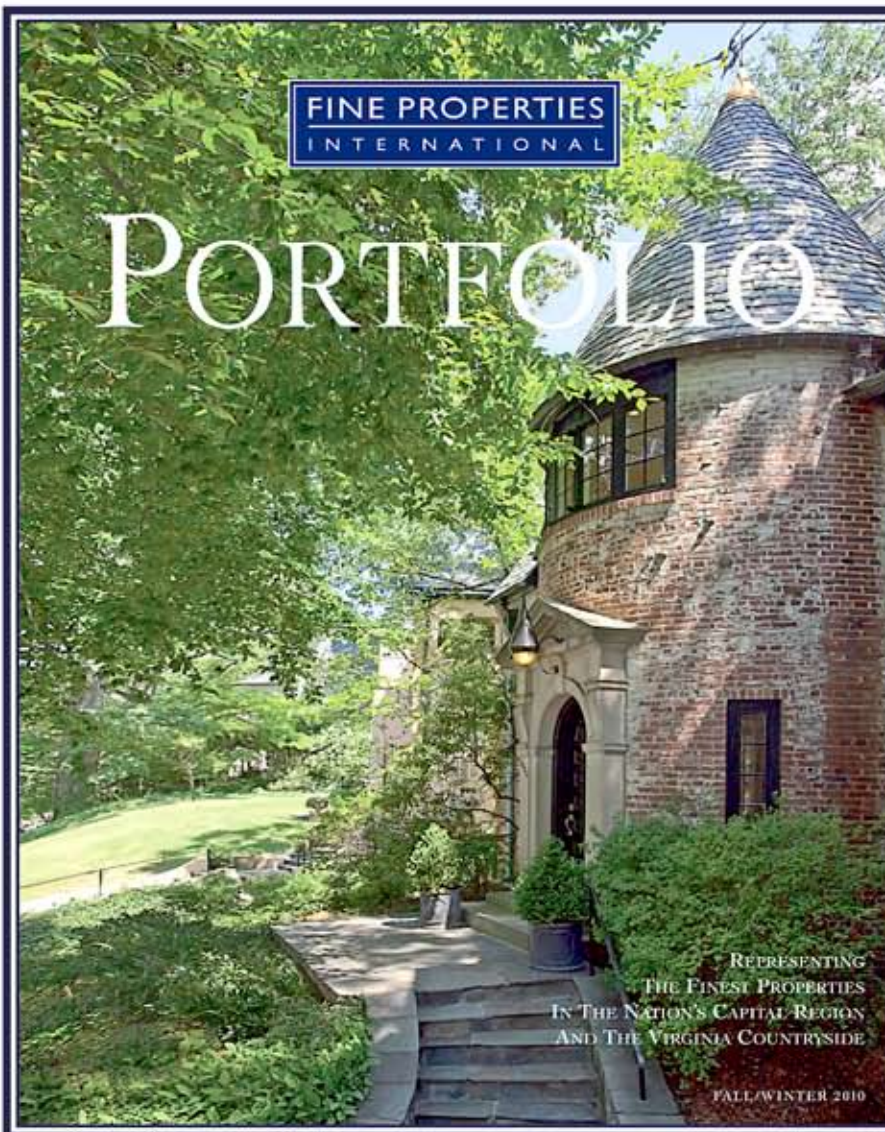
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