



MIDDLEBURG HUNT BALL

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FIRE, WATER, AND \$\$\$

DANIEL MORROW

At its regular monthly meeting in May, Town Council learned that improvements are once more under way at the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, that progress continues on improvements to the town's water infrastructure, and that next year's budget may well benefit from improved cash flow driven by a slowly recovering economy.

MBVFD HQ \$\$\$ OK'd

Paul Draisey, Treasurer for the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, told Council on May 12 that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee had approved, without objection, a proposal to provide additional funding needed to complete improvements on the Middleburg fire station.

Work had been postponed af-

ter the County had failed to obtain bids for the work at the prices originally budgeted.

Fire and EMS Personnel have already moved into temporary trailers as work begins.

The department's giant emergency alert siren has also been disconnected, Draisey noted to applause led by members of Council whose families live near the station.

Draisey thanked the Council for its ongoing support of the project, and praised Mayor Betsy Davis for her personal role in "communicating with the members of the Board of Supervisors regarding the additional funding."

Water

Town administrator Martha Semmes reported the contractors' "punch list" of final changes and corrections necessary before the town's new water and wastewater

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NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY'S BOOK FAIR

If you, like Thomas Jefferson, cannot live without books, the National Sporting Library & Museum's Book Fair this weekend will be an enormous pleasure. You will meet authors, peruse the fabulous collection and have an opportunity to purchase splendid sporting books that are duplicates of volumes in the National Sporting Library.

Organized by NSLM Librarian Lisa Campbell, the Book Fair will take place Saturday, May 28th, during the 52nd Annual Hunt Country Stable Tour.

"We have invited a wonderful group of authors who will speak about their new books and sign copies for visitors," explained Lisa. "And a range of duplicate books from our extensive collections will be offered for sale."

"The Book Fair will open at 10 a.m., so for individuals who love equestriana, please plan to arrive early! The books for sale will be real treasures, and I am certain they will be purchased quickly."

Six authors will discuss their books during the Fair:

Tim Rice, author of "Broke in a Tangle: Legends and Losers, A Lifetime of Turf Memories," will speak at 11 a.m.

Bill Woods, author of "Dressage Unscrambled," is scheduled to speak at 12 noon.

Rita Mae Brown, author of "Hounded to Death," will speak at 1 p.m.

Norman Fine, who wrote "Foxhunting Adventures: Chasing the Story," will speak at 2 p.m.

And, Kate Chen-



ery Tweedy and Leeanne Ladin who wrote "Secretariat's Meadow: The Land, the Family and the Legend," will be the final speakers at 3 p.m.

Booksellers will be on hand, and the author's books will be available for purchase.

This is the first National Sporting Library and Museum Book Fair. Librarian Campbell modeled it after the Fairfax County Library Foundation Book Fair at George Mason University which is a noted success and highly appreciated by the community.

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WENDY ANDREWS 703-408-0719



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NEWS OF NOTE

GEORGE LINWOOD BEAVERS

FOUNDER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF THE PLAINS VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE COMPANY

DR. ANTHONY WELLS

The Plains, Fauquier County, and surrounding counties lost a great friend and fine human being with the passing of George Linwood Beavers on April 25, 2011, a few days shy of his 80th birthday. George is remembered for many varied contributions to the life of our community. He was the sole surviving founder member of the Plains Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, founded in 1950. He served at Company 4 until illness overcame his active duty for sixty years of indomitable service, including 24 years as Chief and then later as President. George's service was specially honored in 2010 at the 60th anniversary celebration of The Plains Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company. George's six decades of unselfish, dedicated and courageous volunteer service reflect on a man who was remembered at his funeral service at the Battlefield Baptist Church on April 28, 2011 for many fine qualities that transcended life in the area from the early 1930s through to our time. George was a devout and kind man who cherished life's finer values of service, loyalty, charity, honor to all men and women, and holding fast to that which is right. Generations of members of Company 4 and Fauquier residents recall George's kindness, willingness to always help, remain uncritical when a little redirection was necessary, and his firm belief in the parable of the talents, that all his colleagues, friends, associates, neighbors and family had individual unique qualities to offer their fellow men and women.

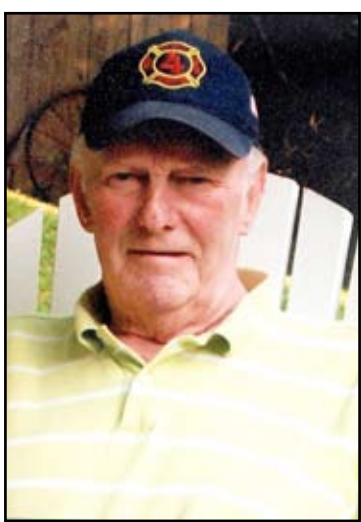
George Beavers gave service above and beyond the call of unpaid volunteer duty. He drove the first fire

truck in The Plains to the first ever fire call. A vehicle was on fire in a garage and bullets in the car were detonating. He was there on High Point Mountain to remove two deceased persons from a light aircraft crash, he helped fight the Great Fire in The Plains of 1967 caused by a tractor trailer colliding with a train at the rail road crossing, and in 1975 George led the Company to the scene of the horrific TWA crash on Paris Mountain, where there were no survivors. George went on thousands of calls, such as an auto accident near Selby Bridge on a Saturday afternoon, when the driver was ejected into the water. George removed the driver's body from the water. This was volunteer service of a high order, often performed in hazardous, life threatening situations. Between 1950 and 2010 The Plains Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company made approximately 30,000 fire and rescue calls. George led volunteers to calls that many area residents will remember - responses to downed wires and trees from storms, flooded homes, and the effects of severe weather, such as snow storms. George made the Fire House a refuge for people trapped in bad weather. On one Thanksgiving Eve when route 55 was blocked with deep snow the Company fed over 300 people. George Beavers' steady and resourceful hand at the helm kept our community safe and secure with one of the finest volunteer fire and rescues companies in Virginia. He took Company 4 from its modest beginnings in 1950 to a high tech and awesome organization of the 21st century. A visit to Company 4 quickly reveals the extensive array of modern well equipped vehicles in the bays. Company 4 Volunteers are highly trained dedicated professionals working around the

clock seven days a week. George oversaw this growth, and provided the inspiration and leadership. He ensured a sound financial footing, and his deft hand and tactful manner ensured that the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors paid proper attention to the fire and rescue budget while also leading the annual giving drive within the local community. George attended an endless number of meetings, committees, and professional fire and rescue gatherings, all on a volunteer, unremunerated basis.

Many local residents remember George for his recovery business in The Plains. Most can recall being grateful to George for turning out at all times of the day and night to help them with a broken down vehicle or one incapacitated by accident. George made a living from providing a service, but it was different - it was not just business - George's innate goodness shone in the way he ran his business and helped people - always cordial, never given to panic, he had that wonderful twinkle in his eye, the great smile and kind words that reassured, and restored stability, calm, and confidence to the most overwrought driver who was stranded in their vehicle or their vehicle badly damaged. George saw human nature at its best and worst, but he never once faltered in his deep faith in the sanctity of everyone's opportunity in life to come through and do good things. At George's side during these years was a fine woman, wonderful wife, and exemplary mother, Katherine Beavers.

A person's legacy can be in many forms. George and his late wife, Katherine, gave Fauquier County four fine sons, all of whom are treasured members of our community with the sad exception of George junior who



is deceased. Joe, Roger and Linwood Beavers are in the wonderful mould of their father and mother, and the community is grateful for what they contribute, with Roger and Joe being Life Members of The Plains Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, with many decades of dedicated service.

George Beavers' passing makes us all reflect on the brevity of life, and that a life fully lived with dedicated service and friendship to one's fellow human beings can bring joy and satisfaction that transcends life's turmoil and travails. George set a benchmark of service and humanity for us all. We will all miss him so much. To his sons and wife Helen our community sends heartfelt condolences, and also the sure and certain knowledge that George lived a full and wonderful life for which we are all so very grateful. Thank you George.

PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

MILAN MILL



Charming c.1909 stucco farm house privately located on 37+ acres overlooking Goose Creek • 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths with full basement and walk-up attic. Includes 1800's stone and frame 3 story grist mill • 5 Stall Barn • Fenced paddocks • Two large spring fed ponds • Surrounded by over 500+ acres of protected farm land. In Piedmont Hunt territory.
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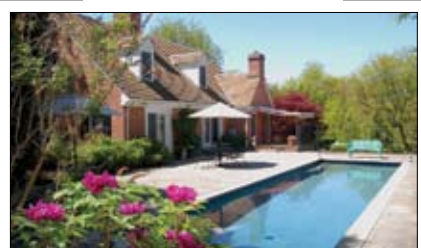
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26 CHINN LANE



Middleburg • Brick colonial right in town • Master Suite on 1st floor with Fireplace • Pine-paneled Living Room with Fireplace • Formal Dining Room • Open Kitchen with Breakfast Area and Fireplace • 2 Guest Bedrooms upstairs • Lovely fenced yard with creek • Pool with flagstone terrace • 2 Car Garage and heated front walkway.
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STOVER MILL



Charming 3 bedroom cottage recently renovated with attention to preserving historical detail. Inviting covered porch with views of mountains, stream and pastures. Exposed stone. Protected views. Beautiful land. Lovely two stall barn with large tack room, stone terrace and lots of storage. Fenced paddocks with two run-in sheds. Convenient to I-66.
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Emily Ristau (540) 878-1909

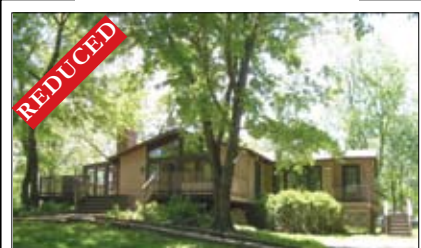
15 HUNT COURT



Beautiful, light filled end townhome within easy walking distance to the restaurants and shops of Middleburg. Chef/owner designed kitchen was extended two feet and is equipped with Miele gas cooktop & dishwasher, Kraft Maid cabinetry and granite counters. Four fully finished levels, 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, hardwood floors, security system and CAT 5 wiring throughout. Excellent move in condition.
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ZULLA COTTAGE



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NEWS OF NOTE

MT. ZION CHURCH & PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, built in 1851, will open its doors to the public for guided tours and living history programs on the fourth Sunday of each month through October 23rd from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Site supervisor Tracy J. Gillespie, staff member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, believes the church's intriguing history as a hospital and temporary prison during the Civil War will be of interest to all.

"Many cars pass by Mt.

Zion on Route 50 near Gilbert's Corner every day," says Gillespie. "Most of the drivers glance at the old brick church and wonder about its history. Now is their chance to find out just what went on here."

Used as a place of worship by members of the Old School, or Primitive, Baptists from 1851 until 1980, Mt. Zion Church and its adjoining cemetery not only witnessed fighting during the Civil War, but also served in the aftermath of battle as a hospital for the wounded and a final resting place for some who fought

in the war.

It's also known as the first, and frequent, meeting site of Confederate guerilla fighter John Singleton Mosby and his Rangers. Local legend refers to a lit candle in a church window that would signal Mosby's men when it was time for a rendezvous. Rumor has it that a lit candle can occasionally be glimpsed in a window even today.

"It's especially fitting to focus on the Civil War heritage of the site during the commemoration of the Sesquicentennial" of the war, stated

Gillespie. "More than ever, we need to bring alive the stories of the men who fought in the war, the women whose lives were impacted by it, and the enslaved African Americans whose futures were forever changed. This one site contributes greatly to all of those stories."

Visitors to Mt. Zion during Sunday openings will hear about local resident Eliza Davis, who tended to wounded soldiers in her front yard nearby, and about African Americans buried in the cemetery.

A highlight during the

tours will be to look at preserved signatures written on the walls of the church by wounded soldiers hospitalized there in 1863.

Admission to the fourth Sunday programs & tours is free, but donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information, contact Tracy J. Gillespie at tgillespie@nvrpa.org or call her at Aldie Mill Historical Park, 703-327-9777.

Mt. Zion Historical Park and Aldie Mill Historical Park are owned and operated by Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. For more information about NVRPA, visit www.nvrpa.org.

KIMBERLY SMITH JOINS GALLEGOS/JACKSON DENTAL TEAM

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos and Dr. Ronald D. Jackson recently welcomed Kimberly Smith to their dental team after Kim returned 'home' to Virginia from Georgia and Florida where she and her husband spent the past twenty-two years.

Kim received her R. D. H. (registered dental hygienist) degree from Miami-Dade College in Miami, Florida in 1996. Prior to becoming a registered dental hygienist, Kim worked as a dental assistant for five years.

When asked what she enjoys about her new job Kim replied, "I am so pleased with the opportunity to join a dental practice where excellence is the norm. I also love the Virginia countryside and look forward to settling in the Middleburg area as soon as a suitable property to accommodate my menagerie including dogs and horses can be arranged."

"I am so grateful for the warm welcome I have received from everyone I've met so far and look forward to getting to know all of the patients over the coming months and years."

Dr. Gallegos added that, While we were saddened with the departure of Lisa Banks, we are confident that Kim will continue the excellent personalized care that Lisa provided over the years."

"We wish Lisa the best in her future endeavors and know that she will make a positive contribution whether her plans for higher education take her into research, public health or any other area she may choose."

SONABANK OPENS 14TH BRANCH IN MIDDLEBURG

Sonabank's brand new branch office is now open for business at 10 West Washington Street in Middleburg. As soon as the bank received the Virginia Federal Reserve's approval, the lease was signed and construction began.

This is Sonabank's 14th branch, and the third in Loudoun County. Other branches are located in Leesburg and South Riding.

Sonabank believes that the Middleburg and Loudoun County markets present extraordinary opportunities for a locally owned community bank.

Georgia Derrico, CEO of Sonabank commented: "It's going to be so great to again have a branch in Middleburg with all of our old business friends."

According to Derrico, "We will entertain all types of middle market lending, including commercial real estate and construction lending."

Sonabank opened for business in April 2005 with a branch in Charlottesville. In December 2005 Sonabank

purchased a branch in Clifton Forge, Virginia. In December 2006 Sonabank acquired 1st Service Bank of McLean, Virginia that had branches in McLean, Reston and Fairfax. In April 2007 it opened a branch in Warrenton, Virginia, adjacent to its administrative center.

The bank purchased the Leesburg branch and drive through in February 2008. In June 2009 it purchased the Old Town Warrenton branch. December 2009 saw the purchase of Greater Atlantic Bank, which brought the additions of Virginia branches in New Market, South Riding, and Front Royal, and a branch in Rockville, Maryland.

Sonabank, a middle market business lender, specializes in small business lending and retail banking except for residential mortgages and Home Equity Lines of Credit.

"We understand the problems of small and middle market businesses," Derrico concluded, "and we believe we understand them better than any other bank. Just ask our customers!"

MIDDLEBURG'S LONG & FOSTER RECEIVES INDUSTRY AWARD

The Middleburg, Va., office of Long & Foster Real Estate Inc., the largest independently held residential real estate company in the United States, was recently recognized for its success helping clients with transactions outside the local area.

Representing the team of expert real estate agents who produced the highest percentage of outgoing referrals in the Long & Foster company, the Middleburg office's managing broker, Michele Stevens, was selected to attend the 2010 Conference of Leading Real Estate Companies of the World® (Leading RE) in Las Vegas. The annual conference attracts representatives from top real estate firms in the U.S. and Europe. Leading RE is a network of the top independent and regional brokerage firms in the residential sector of real estate.

"We are fortunate to be part of a network that allows us to help our clients relocate to anywhere in the country, including

to countries outside the U.S.," Stevens notes. "We can help our customers sell their vacation home in Jackson Hole, Wyo., and buy something in Greenwich, Conn. Our referral network, both inside and outside our eight-state footprint, works seamlessly."

An active participant in the Leading RE referral network, Long & Foster was also recognized as a company with several awards for its performance in outgoing referrals.

"Being recognized for these achievements from among the top real estate companies in the U.S. and around the world is truly meaningful to the Long & Foster team," stated Jeffrey S. Detwiler, president and chief operating officer of The Long & Foster® Companies. "The value we derive from being an active part of this powerful network not only makes Long & Foster the brokerage of choice for so many agents, but delivers to our buyers and sellers connections and reach that goes far beyond state and national borders."

CALLING ALL MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY ALUMNI! WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

In honor of Middleburg Elementary School's centennial celebration, the PTO is planning to release a cookbook! We are currently collecting recipes from all current students and alumni!

Please send all recipes in by June 1, 2011.

Please double check your recipe for accuracy and include your name. Also, if you'd like

to, please list the years you attended Middleburg Elementary or the year you graduated. If the recipe is special in anyway, be sure to add a note to the bottom of the recipe. (For Ex, "This recipe was handed down by my grandmother and is a family favorite.") We love to include the history of your recipe!

Please take the time to participate in this wonderful event. We look forward to receiving your recipes! Please either email the recipes to Lea Longerbeam at scottlea@verizon.net or mail the recipes directly to the school: Middleburg Elementary School, Attention: Lea Longerbeam, 101 North Madison St., Middleburg, VA 20117

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1853

COLT & HORSE SHOW

June 6th thru June 12th

Featuring
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Daily highlights:
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 *Good Food
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NEWS OF NOTE

GLORIA ROSE OTT EARNs ASSOCIATE BROKER'S LICENSE

Top sales person Gloria Rose Ott, who has worked with Armfield, Miller & Ripley for the last two of her eight years in real estate, recently earned her Associates Broker's License in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Most recently and prior to entering real estate, Gloria Rose was Chairman of the Board of a publicly traded energy company and served for six years on the OPI Board of Directors nominated by the President of the United States.

She has raised hundreds of millions of dollars for charitable causes and business ventures over her career and spends free time with her family, horses, dogs and books on her farm in Hume, VA.

Gloria Rose currently has listings in Fauquier, Rappahannock, Warren and Loudoun Counties and works with Buyers from around the world.

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SIXTH ANNUAL POLO FOR PIEDMONT

The sixth annual Polo for Piedmont that benefits Piedmont Child Care Center will take place at the Upperville Polo Field at the corner of Route 50 and Willisville Road, on Sunday, June 26th. Match time will be determined closer to the date.

Tickets are \$30 per car and food will be available for purchase. Ticket costs are tax deductible as the Piedmont Child Care Center is a not-for-profit.

"This is our sixth year and the event just keeps getting better," said Alice Dugan, PCCC Director since it's opening in 1984.

"Polo is a wonderful sport and this is an exciting event for the whole family"

A Silent Auction will take place during the Polo. Last year's offerings were fabulous and included an incredible oil portrait by Liz Dunning, Stella & Bean Merchandise, jewelry from Mystique Jewelers, a Shenandoah River canoe trip for 12, and much more.

General admission tickets are \$30 per car in advance, \$40 at the gate. Reserved Railside Car passes overlooking the Polo Field are \$100 in advance. Delicious food will be available on-site or bring your own tailgate picnic. Car passes admit up to 6 people per vehicle.

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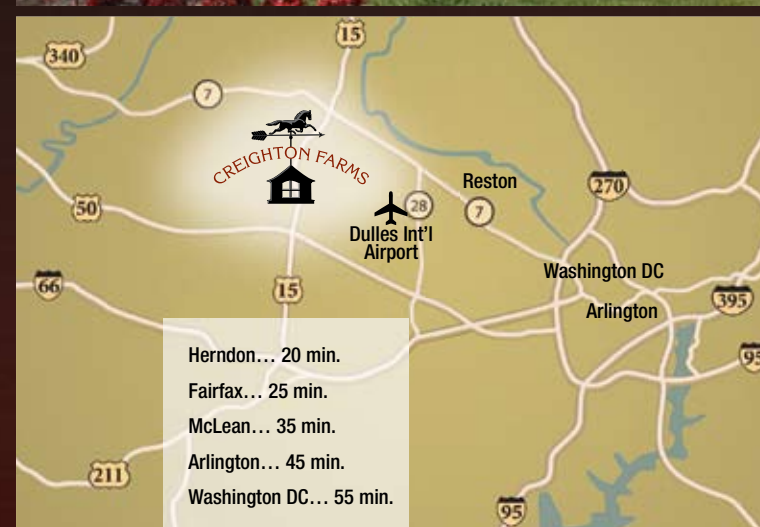
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NEWS OF NOTE

BARREL OAK WINERY TO OPEN GALLERY & WINE TASTING ROOM

Barrel Oak Winery of Delaplane plans to open an art gallery in Middleburg on Saturday, May 21st where wine tasting and beautiful art will meet to create a delightful experience.

Located at 8 East Washington Street in Middleburg, the new Barrel Oak space is located next to the Red Fox Inn.

According to Proprietor Brian Roeder, expectations should be high.

"Our main winery is known as a place with great wine that's wrapped in a great experience," he said. "There are no judgments about your wine knowledge, we just want to help you discover the pleasure. Our Middleburg gallery won't be any different."

The size won't be the same though. Capacity crowds at the gallery may not reach even thirty people, while Delaplane can accommodate almost five hundred. Music will be very much in evidence with smooth jazz playing through the speakers.

Gallery visitors may try up to seven wines in elegant glassware for \$8, but the first



two glasses are on the house. Barrel Oak is sharing the spotlight and the tastings with Rappahannock Cellars and the Phillip Carter Winery.

Accompanying appetizers will include savory meats, gourmet cheeses, and fresh bread, all locally sourced from local farms.

Landscapes and street scenes by Armand Cabrera will be on display for the foreseeable future. The former Lucas Arts game designer has suc-

cessfully established himself as a Fine Artist. His award-winning oils will be on display.

Cabrera is expected to be present for demonstrations, and some of his prints will be available for purchase.

"We're really excited about our Middleburg gallery," Roeder said. "We'll be welcoming kids and dogs just like we always do in Delaplane."

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NEWS OF NOTE

EIGHT FOXCROFT ATHLETES EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS FOR SPRING SPORTS

Eight Foxcroft School athletes -- three each from softball and soccer -- have been named All-Delaney Athletic Conference First Team selections, Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff announced recently..

Juniors Luisa Brown and Caroline Harris, and senior Claire Knepshild were voted to the all-DAC



LUIA BROWN

softball team by the league coaches, marking the first time that Foxcroft has had more than one player so honored. In soccer, senior co-captains Sarah Gilmore and Ellie Meyer, and junior Kitty Foster received First Team honors and, in lacrosse, senior Markesha Burnett and sophomore Carter Ware were tabbed.

All three softball players were ranked among the top 10 vote-



CAROLINE HARRIS

getters among conference players, with Luisa finishing in the top five. It is the third year in a row that Knepshild received mention. The senior from Ford City, PA, who plans to play at Sewanee: The University of the South next year, was an honorable mention selection in her sophomore year and a first team selectee in her junior year.

Brown, a junior co-captain from Delaplane, VA, had at least one hit in nine of 10 DAC games



CLAIRE KNEPSHILD

and hit .516 against league competition. She also led the team in hits (16), RBI (13) and on-base percentage in league games. She played strong defense at third base and in the outfield and was named the team's Most Improved Player by the coaches.

Knepshild hit .345 against DAC competition and had an on-base percentage of .553 with



KITTY FOSTER

percentage of .537. She also hit two home runs and two triples against DAC pitching and led the team in slugging percentage with .709. An excellent defensive shortstop, Caroline's powerful throwing arm is the best in the DAC and turned what appeared to be several sure base hits into outs. The Foxcroft coaches named her the team's Most Valuable Player.

Gilmore, a co-cap-



ELLIE MEYER

tain who grew up on the Foxcroft campus, proved to be a powerful and efficient defender for the soccer team, which advanced to the semifinals of the Conference Tournament and finished with a 5-6-1 record. She knew when she had time to pass the ball up and assist in a



MARKESHA BURNETT

play up front. She was a very eager player who improved a great deal over the course of the season and was named the Most

Valuable Player by the team's coaches.

Meyer, the other co-captain, was switched from midfield to forward midway through the season and scored four goals, including a hat trick against Emmanuel Christian School. Despite an ankle injury late in the season that hampered her play, the senior from Berryville, Va., never lost her



CARTER WARE

enthusiasm and offered great insight and support to her team. She was given the team's Coaches Award for her contributions.

Foster, who played both midfield and forward, was the team's most polished player in terms of strength, precision and finesse. A junior from Leesburg, Va., she scored four goals, including a game-tying goal in the waning moments against Quantico High that earned the team a 1-1 tie in the first game of the season.

Lacrosse had perhaps the most dramatic story of the spring season. Burnett, a senior from Philadelphia, PA, had been a field player for three seasons but was asked to step in as a goalkeeper when starter Alexis Hall was injured. Burnett was stellar in the net, saving many goals with clutch saves and collected 28 saves against DAC competition during three games in the net. She was named the team's Most Improved Player.

Ware, a sophomore from Middleburg, was the team's leading scorer with 10 goals and eight assists against DAC competition. She was a solid player at both ends of the field, creating scoring opportunities and playing first-rate transitional defense. She was voted by the coaches as the team's Most Valuable Player.

ECCENTRIC AWARDS HONOR VILLAGE GARDENERS

Many Middleburg businesses were honored recently for their beautiful and creative gardening displays at the Jump Into Spring festivities.

Each winner was presented with a charming Joan Gardiner tile in recognition of their dedication to freshening up their storefronts to keep the village beautiful.

2011 Winners include Betsy, Best Overall; Mello Out, Best Dining Patio Planting; Foxtails, Best New Business Planting; Country Way, Best Ecclectic Spring; Window; The Fun Shop, Spring Tailgate Window; Middleburg Methodist Church, Emmanuel Church, Best Garden for Reflection; Julien's, Best Window Boxes; The Red Fox, Best Small Gardens and The Tasting Room, Planting Most Compatible with it's Architecture.



Also in the 2011 Winners' Circle were Duchessa, Best Use of Surrounding Area; Country Classics, Best Planters; Wylie Wagg, Most Creative and Humorous Window; The Home Farm, Best use of Edible Landscaping; A Place to Be, Best Non-Commer-

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SARAH GILMORE

12 RBI. She is the team's pitcher and served as captain for the second consecutive year, leading the team to its most wins in at least six years with a 6-7 record.

Harris, a transfer from softball powerhouse Bishop O'Connell who lives in Vienna, VA, scored 21 runs in 10 conference games and batted .387 with an on-base per-

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FIRE, WATER, AND \$\$\$

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treatment plants can be formally dedicated is “getting smaller.” Once the installation of a security system and final testing of plant equipment has been completed, the system will be ready for a final “demonstration” before handover to the Town and Loudoun Water.

Meter testing and replacement will also begin soon as Middleburg begins to address the significant loss of either water, or revenue, or both, resulting from the disappearance, at least in statistical terms, of well over half the water pumped from its wells. Most of “missing” water, once feared to be truly “lost” as a result of leaks in the town’s aging pipes, is now thought to be “missing” only in the sense of being incorrectly accounted for as a result of aging or water broken meters. A 10% loss rate from “leakage” appears to be the “norm” for most systems.

Money

With development of the Town budget for fiscal year 2012 in progress, Council Member Bundles Murdock noted with pleasure the revenues from the town’s meal and occupancy taxes appeared to be rising. Though revenues were down during a particularly rainy April, Mayor Davis noted, they are indeed up for the year to date.

Go Green

Without objection Council approved an ordinance to formally establish the “Go Green Committee” as an “ad hoc committee of the Town of Middleburg.”

The committee will monitor and advise Council on environmentally sensitive approaches to energy use, recycling, and other “green” practices.

Appointed to two-year terms on the committee were: Rebecca Poston; Jillann Brunett; and Mary Woodruff. Council also voted to appoint Bev Sincavage and “a person

to be named and appointed at a later date” to one-year terms. Council Member Kathy Jo Shea will serve as the Council’s non-voting representative, with Town Planner and Zoning Administrator David Beniamino serving as an ex-officio representative of the Town administration.

A Town Gas Tank

The Town of Middleburg currently has no “town-owned” gasoline source. It buys its gasoline from local stations (in Middleburg proper there is only one) at the full retail price, including state and federal taxes that it is legally not required to pay.

If the local station is closed, or its pumps are not functioning, or if it is “out of gas” for any reason, Middleburg’s emergency response vehicles could find themselves high and dry. That’s also the case for motorists who run out of gas in Middleburg at certain “inconvenient” times of day.

For these “financial, supply, security, and availability” reasons Town Administrator Semmes suggested the town buy or lease a gasoline tank of its own.

Noting that Middleburg at one time owned an above-ground gasoline tank, and that it had been removed “without the Council’s knowledge” Semmes reported that Middleburg could buy a tank for around \$5,000, or get one “free” from Holtzman Corporation, provided the town used a minimum of 2,000 gallons of tax-free gasoline a year, or roughly 166 gallons a week.

Town Council opted, unanimously, for the Holtzman option.

The most likely site for the new tank will be on the well-secured grounds of the new water treatment plant.

Thanks and Congratulations

Council approved a formal

Resolution of Appreciation recognizing Sandra Atkins, CPA/PFS for her thirty-five years in business in the Town of Middleburg.

Council member Shea then noted that there were other businesses in Middleburg that shared Atkins long and distinguished record of service. The Mayor, and council members Snyder and Murdock agreed, and suggested that the Town take a look at just how long its businesses had been active and consider a formal program of recognition, with business allowed to display a gold star, or red fox, or some other agreed-upon symbol of “official” recognition for each five years of service.

One onlooker noted that the Red Fox Inn would be hard pressed to display all its “ribbons.” The Inn has been in business since the late 1720’s.

Council Without a Quorum

When Mayor Davis called the regular monthly meeting of Town Council to order on May 12, she discovered that she could not. Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk, Trowbridge Littleton, David Stewart, and Kevin Hazard were absent, with Hazard fighting his way through afternoon traffic on his way home from the District.

For more than twenty minutes Council cooled it heels, unable to convene or conduct business for lack of a quorum.

At council member Mark Snyder’s suggestion, the town will adopt a change in its rules of procedure to allow Council to convene, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, go over the discussion items on its agenda, discuss “information” items, and do practically anything else except take binding legislative action.

Wording to that effect that complies with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act is being drafted.

Police Affairs

NSL BOOK FAIR

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Lisa, who grew up in Annapolis and began her career with AT&T, always loved horses and was a very successful dressage rider.

“I loved eventing and in the late 1970’s moved to Virginia.

“In 1991, I started writing for The Chronicle of the Horse and when Peter Winants arrived to become Director of the National Sporting Library, he needed an assistant, and I was fortunate enough to be offered the Assistant Librarian position.”

When Lisa’s father fell ill, she left the NSL to care for him.

Laura Rose, who was the NSL Librarian, resigned in 1999, and Lisa was asked to return as Assistant Librarian. In 2001, she was promoted to Director of Publications when Robert Webber was the Librarian. She held that position until 2004, when Webber resigned and Lisa was offered the position.”

“I love books,” she said smiling. “Books are incredibly accessible, whether they are new or a volume on dueling printed in 1523. Our collections here are extensive and important. I know the collection intimately, and love to help visitors find and research a particular area of the sporting life.”

“Nothing could make me happier than to welcome a large group of visitors to the Book Fair,” said the charming and attractive young woman.

“Book sales at The Book Fair will help us fund the library’s acquisition fund, but no tickets are required for the event.”

“We want to welcome the community, bibliophiles from our area and individuals who have come for the Hunt Country Stable Tour,” she continued. There is absolutely no fee to come to The Fair!”

Many rare books as early as 1743 will be exhibited at The Book Fair, from the rare book room, art from the permanent collection, and antique mechanical toys from the Athelstan and Kathleen Spilhaus Collection in “Horses at Work and Play.”

In addition to her responsibilities at the National Sporting Library, and her involvement in NSL exhibits of books and ephemera, Lisa is also an author. Her book, “Jumps, Etc.” is an invaluable aide to equestrians who wish to know how to build jumps.

“When I arrived in Hunt Country, I could not find a book about how to build jumps,” she remembered. “I wanted jumps at home to train my horses, but I could find absolutely no instructive material.

“So, every time I drove past a pasture with jumps, I would stop, walk over and measure everything, noting materials and workmanship. That was the basis of research for my book, which is still in print.”

For more information about the National Sporting Library’s Book Fair, please consult their website, www.nsl.org.

Standing Orders.

The changes, scheduled for formal council consideration in June, will affect retiring Police Chief Steve Webber’s successor and radically change formal oversight of the department.

Chief Webber reported that the Town had been “quiet” during Gold Cup Weekend. He reported that he is recovering well, though not yet fully, from recent surgery.

Resumes from some thirty-five applicants for the post of Middleburg Police Chief have now been received and interviews are being scheduled for leading candidates. The current Chief, Steve Webber, will formally retire on June 28.

Council continues to consider changes in the Town Code, Employee Handbook, and Police Department Rules, Regulations and

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“Me and D-Wade.”

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I can’t tell you how many times I’ve seen quotes like this from LeBron James this season.

And there wouldn’t be anything wrong with them, if there really were only two leaders on the Heat.

But there aren’t. There are three.

There were Three Amigos this off-season in Miami, it was the Big Three as the season got underway and it’s still Three That’s a Magic Number.

Chris Bosh has been maligned his whole career as too soft to get it done. His own G.M. in Toronto even went to so far as to question Bosh’s “toughness” (a cardinal sin just about anywhere, but completely unforgivable in today’s NBA) towards the end of last season.

And throughout this season, people have been maligning Bosh and what he’s brought to the table, no matter what he does or doesn’t do.

Too few points? Not enough fire in his belly. He’s

a wallflower with skills well below those of his flashier teammates who’s just happy riding their coattails. Riles should do us all a favor and trade the bum this off-season for better complementary players.

Too many points? He’s not distributing enough. He’s a shooting too many jumpers. And he’s not banging around the middle like he’s supposed to be, anyway.

(Don’t even get me started on “g” word.)

Soft, soft, soft... Bull.

Bosh is a 20 points-per-game guy for his career, and averages 9.2 rebounds-per-game. That’s soft?

Well he disappears in the playoffs, the chuckleheads say. Wrong.

He’s averaging 18.2 PPG and 9.1 RPG this year, off his numbers by a single basket per game.

That’s less than LeBron’s scoring decline in the playoffs, by the way.

The drop in Wade’s scoring is less than either of them, but he’s been here before. He’s won a ring. So that eases the butterflies a bit.



Jim Riggleman banging his head against his office wall at Nats Park. The Nats beat the Orioles last week 17-5. How awesome is that?!? So why is Riggleman playing Moby Dick with his mellow? Because all around that offensive onslaught were losses of 1-0, 3-0, 1-0, and 2-1.

Eeeewwww...

At least when I played baseball we lost convincingly and consistently. We weren’t trying to tear anyone’s heart out.

While we’re talking about tearing people’s hearts out....

Every time another cycling Judas comes forward to damn Lance Armstrong a little part of me shrivels up and looks for a place to die. And it has nothing to do with cycling. Cycling is jogging on two wheels as far as I can tell. Go go go in a big ol’ circle and find yourself ending up exactly where you started, just sweaty and short of breath. No. Armstrong’s legacy for me will always be about the fight he’s brought against cancer, a fight we should have all been fighting for the last 50 years but haven’t, a fight that could be won within a decade if the government, our government,

The bottom line, for all the “greatest” talk that surrounds Wade and James, is that neither of them can do it alone. Period. Wade needed Shaq to get it done in Miami. James made a habit of folding like lawn-chair in past playoff appearances. And Bosh? Well, he never spent all that much time playing in the post-season.

But I’d venture he was pulling a heavier load. And to discount him at this point, as James seems to want to do, as too many basketball “experts” seem to want to do, would be a mistake.

James needs every bit of help he can get to finally win the Championship trophy everybody (himself included) seems to feel is his birthright. He spent the first part of his career in Cleveland proving to the world that he couldn’t get it done on his own.

What he should do now is accept that, like he did in the off-season, and thank his lucky stars he’s got a guy like Bosh in his corner.

Bosh ain’t no Ringo.

Speaking of Ringo, that steady banging noise you’re hearing isn’t coming from the drums, it’s the sound of poor

would turn the big guns against it.

If we can spend 10 years and trillions of dollars looking for a guy hiding in plain sight in Pakistan, maybe kicking cancer’s ass can be next on the agenda.

Hmmm? How ‘bout those Caps!?

Oh...

Well.... Nevermind. There’s really nothing to say.

I think there’s some tennis thing going on somewhere. Maybe France. Pretty sure there are no Americans anywhere near the thing, and if there are they certainly won’t be playing for long. At this rate, tennis is going to be about as popular as horse-racing in the U.S. any day now.

Is the NFL lockout over? No? Guess “activist” judges aren’t so bad when they’re ruling in the favor of big-business, huh?

Happy Memorial Day. Try to take a moment during your holiday weekend to remember what it’s all about.

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THE ARTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

What a spring we have had! The Piedmont delivers such a palette of diversity in color across itself this time of the year. It’s like a school girl getting all gussied up for the prom. It all starts with those two little signals late February-early March. One’s visual and one’s audible, the crocus and the peepers. For me, hearing peepers for the first time in spring is downright mood changing. It’s like nature’s little chorus. We actually have some neighbors that spend the week in the burbs. He told me once that the peepers on his pond actually drove him crazy. What?, I said. Who hates the sound of peepers?!? Can it possibly be like country folk hearing sirens in the city?

Then come the daffodils, hyacinth, tulip trees, pear trees, and apples. For those that have endured the dormancy, “especially artists”, it becomes a pinch me moment. Even stepping out of the ice box for a little quality time in Florida, I find myself saying, finally some color! Well I guess winter gray is a color, but it

hardly bears a pulse when you’ve been over exposed to it. Tha-thump, tha-thump, “Doctor, we still have a pulse, but it’s very weak.” “Is he an artist?” “Yes, I’m afraid so.” “Give him a heavy dose of spring “stat” and hit em’ with two CCs of those peepers first!

Then things get really interesting, with red buds, dogwoods and the new leaves of spring green bringing a splendor of hues, especially against the Blue Ridge. As the tulips, azaleas and rhododendrons finally pop, along with big beautiful ornamental cherry trees, for me as an artist, this is possibly the sweet spot of spring. There’s certainly more to come, but such a wonderful time to remind ourselves of the gifts the Piedmont gives us. A inspirational picnic.

This is also the season of the lawn. Is it still a lawn when you’re mowing acres of it or is it just a field? Even the creative have yard work to do. It’s not like Paris 100 years ago, “or yesterday”, where we artist types can just sit around cafes waiting for our creative impulses. Spring has sprung

tiring, but coming on like a heat wave ... IT’S AUGUST!!!! AUGUST passing Mowing!! Now AUGUST scorches Rain and Grass and both show signs of tiring!!! But MOWING is making a come back hurt only

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EDITOR’S DESK

THE MIDDLEBURG ECONOMY

This month’s Eccentric reports rising meal tax revenues. Last month real estate tax revenues were higher than expected. Next year’s budget should, at the very least, offer the prospect of modest raises for our town employees and avoid the prospect of heavy cuts in services.

In part this good news is a function of a reviving economy, slowly emerging from the deepest recession since the Great Depression.

It is also a tribute to the citizens, businesspeople, and town government of Middleburg.

The entire town is honored for the spirit and commitment of its volunteers.

The business community and town council are religiously committed to the appearance

and functionality of not only the main shopping areas of the village, but all its entrances.

The town council moves steadily forward on projects to make the town “green,” to make the town itself, and the fields and meadows around a “meandering trail” for the pleasure of visitors and citizens alike, and to optimize the effective delivery of town services at the most reasonable possible costs.

Let us hope that the underlying economy for Middleburg, Loudoun County, the State of Virginia, and the nation as a whole continues to improve.

But whatever the case, here in Middleburg, we’ll not only play with the economic hand that’s dealt us, we’ll work hard to improve it.

“CULTURE OF COMPLICITY”

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America and the world are today beset by seismic demographic, social, technological and economic changes. World population will reach 7 billion in October, 3.5 times that when the writer was a boy. The United Nations has just raised its forecast for 2050 from 9 billion to 10.1 billion, almost all in less-developed countries. Communications technology, widely applied, is moving the world from a series of national industrial and agrarian societies into a global Information Age. Worldwide, employment, money and political power are shifting in response to the fault lines established by these “tectonic” shifts.

Humans, especially those advantaged by the status quo, resist change, sometimes violently, as evidenced by the “Arab Spring” uprisings and repressions. Just 150 years ago the United States was itself ripped apart by resistance to change, stemming from the growth of the industrial age and an emerging middle class in the north at the expense of a patriarchal southern

agrarian society. Cultural and social differences tracing back to the English civil war 200 years earlier aggravated our Civil War. Hopefully, as we re-live that conflict during its sesquicentennial, America will find ways to deal responsibly with the changes it needs to make.

It will not be easy, given the shifts taking place around the world. We face a series of inter-related domestic difficulties, among them unemployment, fiscal deficits and debt, environmental degradation, worn out infrastructure, demographic divides, and an imperfect educational system. Internationally we are involved in difficult wars, face threats from nuclear proliferation and the global population explosion, and have lost respect and leverage with large segments of the world’s people. Recovery to once again become Ronald Reagan’s “City on a Hill” starts by accepting these facts. Denial of them is irresponsible. Spending time on a partisan search for past villains is counterproductive. Blaming our distress on the fault lines of change is useless.

We have a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people” that has usually served us well. It is OUR government. We are in the early stages of renewing that government – for Virginia this fall, and nationally in November, 2012. Candidates and campaigns are mobilizing now. The future Virginia and America, our state and nation, will become reflections of whom we elect. Purple believes it is superficial, probably irresponsible, to look only for the letter “D” or “I” or “R” in selecting a candidate. It is time to look beyond party, slogans, bumper stickers, emotional social issues, and divisive campaign smears to find serious candidates who will bring us together, tell us where we must sacrifice, and what we should support, in order to pass on to our children a Nation as good as the one into which we were born. As Americans we have no greater civic responsibility. A troubled world needs us to be all that we can be.

“CULTURE OF COMPLICITY”

BLUE NOTES
DANIEL MORROW

In a recent New York Times analysis of the recent and ongoing nuclear disaster in Japan, Norimitsu Onishi and Ken Belson concluded that “a culture of complicity” made the Japanese nuclear energy complex at Fukushima “especially vulnerable to the natural disaster that struck the country on March 11.”

Noting that “inconsistent, nonexistent or un-enforced regulations played a role in the accident,” they charged that the “main players” were “more interested in protecting their interests than in increasing safety.”

What the reporters described as a culture dominated by “ . . . nontransparent, collusive interests . . .” can, of course, be deadly.

It can also be unfair, unjust, disrespectful, costly, demoralizing, time-consuming, expensive and generally annoying, whether

it becomes the norm in government, business, or private affairs.

Even with the best of rules and regulations, without oversight, society is truly at the mercy of the judgment, wisdom, courage and personal integrity of . . . whistleblowers.

Sodom (and Gemorrah)

On Sunday, May 22, Nicholas Kristoff published an op-

ed piece slugged as a “Religion and Sex Quiz” by the New York Times.

Kristoff’s multiple-choice Question 7 read as follows: “The people of Sodom were condemned principally for: a. homosexuality; b. blasphemy; or c. lack of compassion for the poor and needy.”

Kristoff’s answer? “Sodomy” as a term for gay male sex,” he noted, “began to be commonly used on in the 11th

century and would have surprised early religious commentators. They attributed Sodom’s problems with God to many different causes, including idolatry, threats to strangers and general lack of compassion for the downtrodden. Ezekiel 16:49 suggests,” he says, “that Sodomites ‘had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy.’”

I hereby resist the temptation to coin new phrases.

HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Have we become a lawless society as well as one of the most hypocritical countries on the planet?

I have written about Jose Posada Carrilles in the past, but to jog your memory I have included a cut and paste from Wikipedia.

“A former Central Intelligence Agency agent,[8] Posada has been convicted in absentia in Panama, of involvement in various terrorist attacks and plots in the Americas, including: involvement in the 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner that killed seventy-three people:[9][10] admitted involvement in a string of bombings in 1997 targeting fashionable Cuban hotels and night-spots:[11][12][13] involvement in the Bay of Pigs invasion; and involvement in the Iran-Contra

affair.[14] In addition, he was jailed under accusations related to an assassination attempt on Fidel Castro in Panama in 2000, although he was later pardoned by Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso in the final days of her term.[15][16] Posada Carrilles has always denied involvement in the airline bombing and the alleged plot against Castro in Panama, but has admitted to fighting for “freedom” in Cuba.[17]”

In his book he admitted to the Cubana Airline bombing (which killed the entire Cuban fencing team of talented young people) but when he was detained by U.S. immigration officials, being in this country illegally, he recanted that assertion. But there are volumes of evidence tying him to the bombing.

I have brought Carrilles up again for a very specific reason. Carrilles is Cuba’s Osama

Bin Laden and how do you think the U.S would react if Cuba sent an elite force to Miami and shot Carrilles in the head. I would guess that it would cause a war with Cuba. And yet that is exactly what we did in assassinating Bin Laden, without notifying the Pakistani government.

In a related subject: how do you think Americans would react if the Mexican government decided to send unmanned drones over the border to target suspected drug dealers and in the process killed a few hundred innocent citizens of San Diego. That is precisely what we do on a daily basis in both Pakistan and Afghanistan!

What has happened to this country?? After World War II both Churchill and Truman refused to even listen to those who advocated for assassinating those identified as committing atrocities against not only Jews but many others in the death camps of Eastern Europe, insisting that they be brought to justice and tried in a world court, hence Nuremberg.

Bush, the lesser, started ignoring the rules of law and war by advocating torture and by holding prisoners without charges or legal representation. Unfortunately President Obama has not only carried on with the unconstitutional acts but has increased them. He, Obama, is now advocating the killing of an American citizen in Yemen without charging or trying him. Obama is also holding detainees indefinitely and without charges or trials in Guantanamo. He has condemned and tried Bradley Manning, the whistle blowing hero, in the court of public opinion and seemed very unconcerned by his treatment which

over 70 lawyers deemed torture. Only because so many of us rose up in protest was Bradley Manning removed from Quantico and sent to Fort Leavenworth where he apparently is being treated as a normal detainee and no longer subjected to torture.

This lawlessness must stop and if it takes articles of impeachment being brought against President Obama and the prosecution of Bush the lesser along with Cheney and Rumsfeld so be it.

We as a nation must repudiate torture and return to a law abiding society and condemn not only illegal acts during the so called “war on terror” but also corporate crimes that have become rampant in the last decade which seemingly go unnoticed or ignored by the people and even accepted as the way business operates.

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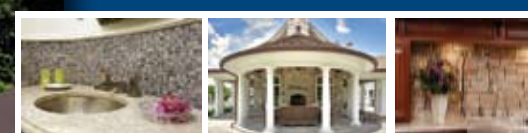


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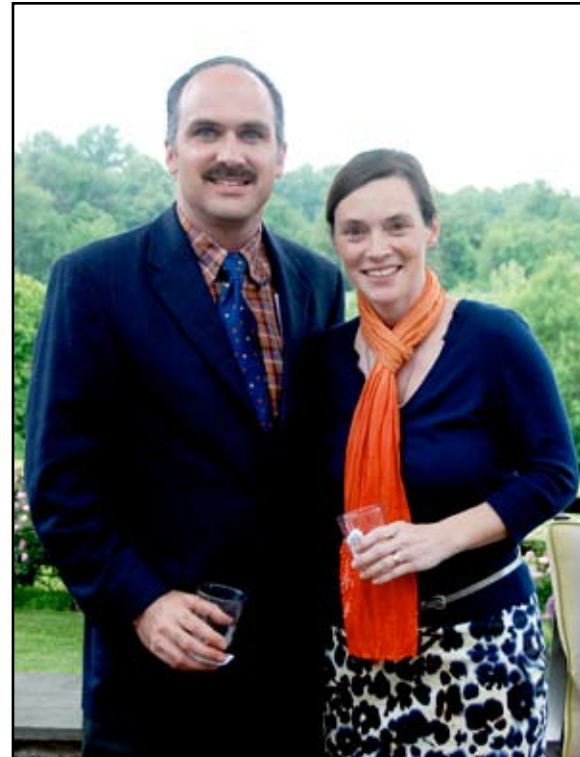
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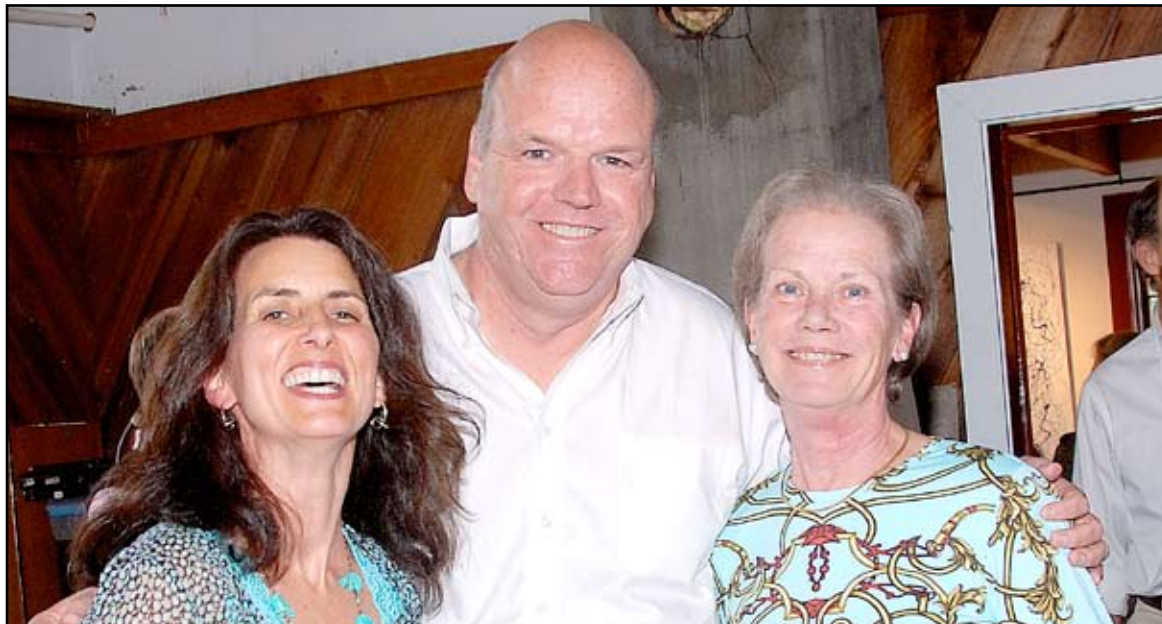


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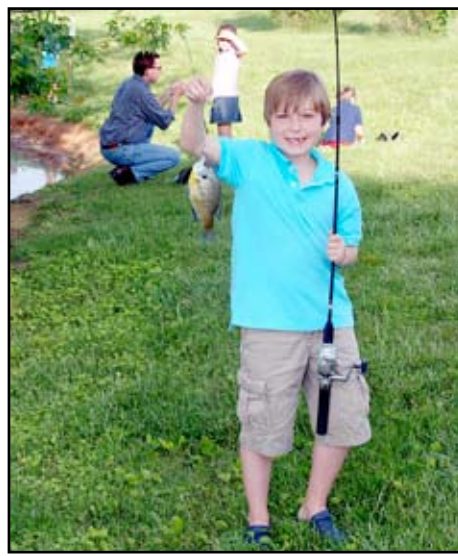
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Hidden Brook Farm

Unison, Virginia

25 acre horse property. Home was completely renovated from top to bottom in 2003. Bright open floor plan with 1st floor bedroom, pine floors, well proportioned rooms, 2 fireplaces and pool. Entire property is fully fenced, 16 stall stable with apartment, feed room, tack room and 2 bay garage. Lighted stone dust arena and great ride out. Manageable property for the amateur or professional. \$1,750,000.

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Rectortown, Virginia

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51 acres in Orange County Hunt located just minutes from town surrounded by large farms off the highly sought-after Zulla Road. Interior renovations have begun. Attractive stone cottage, 3 car garage, stable and tenant house are all in need of renovation but will make a fine estate. Currently in two parcels. \$2,500,000.

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Purcellville, Virginia

Hilltop setting with panoramic views on 11.48 acres. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath frame Colonial, 2 gas fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout, wraparound front porch, tiered decks off rear of home lead to pool and cabana. Improvements include barn, shop and board fencing. Mature landscaping. \$975,000.

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New Mountain Road

Aldie, Virginia

Almost 2 acres in a peaceful setting on New Mountain Road in Aldie. Well cared for 2 bedroom home with extensive landscaping and patio area overlooking private pond with waterfall & outdoor entertaining space with grill and fire pit. Half of the lot is open and completely fenced for dogs. \$425,000.

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Rectortown Road

Rectortown, Virginia

1942 home located in a quaint village setting. Main house has a first floor master suite and 2 additional bedrooms. Large wood paneled living room with a wood burning fireplace and French doors leading to the stone terrace and garden area. Additionally there is a charming guest home and 3 stall barn on approximately 3 acres in 2 tax parcels. Lovely setting. \$885,000.

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Martin Avenue

Middleburg, Virginia

Extra large corner lot in the village of Middleburg with extensive plantings on a lovely street. This traditional cottage has 3 bedrooms, nice bright living room with wood burning fireplace. There are hard wood floors throughout and the interior has been freshly painted. Plenty of room for expansion. Floored attic and large side porch. Tremendous potential. \$350,000.

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A DEDICATED VOICE OF CONCERN FOR THE SHENANDOAH AND A HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL AREA UNDER SIEGE

George Ohrstrom II believes Virginia's 'development mentality' began in the 1700's, has not abated significantly since and is today playing havoc with our region, our water and our small sector of civilization.

His passionate concern for the Shenandoah River is clearly evident in The Downstream Project, a non-profit initiative to investigate, analyze and determine what has turned one of the most beautiful and healthiest rivers in the country into a dying river that is hardly fishable.

Ohrstrom's efforts to preserve Northern Virginia counties have included producing a beautiful educational film, Shenandoah, Voices of The River, to explain what is happening to the Shenandoah River, and the creation of partnerships that help realtors, farmers, environmentalists and land conservationists work together. His commitment and concern have not mellowed over the years. His insistence on the need for change is as vibrant as ever.

George L. Ohrstrom, his grandfather was introduced to Hunt Country when he came here for foxhunting. He soon purchased Whitewood Farm and many adjoining properties. He

renovated a house for George II's father, and the young boy spent every summer and most weekends in the area.

His education at St. Paul's, St. James and UVA, where he graduated with a degree in English, led to a career as an asphalt worker with McCandliss Construction.

"We had the best educated asphalt crew in the county," he chuckles. "Every member had at least one college degree... several had more!"

George II became a fine cabinet maker, building high-end custom cabinets and renovating his mother's Newport home over a three-year period. But George could write, and soon he was writing op-eds for the Winchester Star.

He worked closely with his Dad on the farms until his father died in 1995. George II then took over the estate's business that he continues to oversee to this day.

The entire Ohrstrom family were co-founders of the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC). Today, George II, who joined PEC in 2003, is the chairman. He is also vice chair of the Clarke County Easement Authority.

Zoning by Owning in Clarke County was an early pas-

sion of his, and his dedication to preservation in the area in known far and wide. He has played an important role in keeping the 1980 zoning laws in place that continue to preserve farmland.

The delightful, charming and determined gentleman minces no words when he describes the difficulty of creating a rational approach to growth in these beautiful and historic areas.

"It's all about protecting natural resources, building alliances and getting the word out," Ohrstrom emphasized. "We must create new goals that address the needs of often opposing groups. Without consensus and everyone giving a little, we are lost."

His Downstream Project capitalizes on social media to disseminate what is learned through research and monitoring to like-minded conservationists and others who can help bring the Shenandoah River back to healthy and vibrant life.

"The Shenandoah rolls past some of the most beautiful places on earth," Ohrstrom says sadly. It is 150 miles long and has been fished for thousands of years. The first Native Americans took superb care of her.

"This magnificent river was

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A CREEK RUNS THROUGH US

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

Two parts hydrogen, one part oxygen, water is the source of life. But, is water intelligence?

As Charles Fishman writes in his newly released book, The Big Thirst, "Everything human beings do is, quite literally, a function of water, because every cell in our bodies is plumped full of it, and every cell is bathed in watery fluid. Blood is 83 percent water. Every heartbeat is mediated by chemicals in water; when we gaze at a starry night sky, the cells in our eyes execute all their seeing functions in water; thinking about water requires neurons filled with water."

Consider that all the water that has ever been in the world is still here. Water is neither destroyed nor created. We have but one water allotment that is cycled from clouds to biological forms (animals, plants, and humans) to rivers to oceans. So water con-

tains a continuous and rich history that is in constant motion. Matter of fact, a water molecule stays in the atmosphere 9 days before it is deposited again in the form of rain or snow.

Water is both global yet very local. Our relationship to water is a complex story of abundance, scarcity and value. As Adam Smith once wrote, "The word VALUE, it is to be observed, has two different meanings, and sometimes expresses the utility of some particular object, and sometimes the power of purchasing other goods which the possession of that object conveys. The one may be called "value in use"; the other, "value in exchange." The things which have the greatest value in use have frequently little or no value in exchange; and on the contrary, those which have the greatest value in exchange have frequently little or no value in use. Nothing is more useful than water; but it will purchase scarce any thing; scarce any thing can

be had in exchange for it. A diamond, on the contrary, has scarce any value in use; but a very great quantity of other goods may frequently be had in exchange for it."

Water gives us a different value --- value in being. It is not a value rooted in self as Adam Smith assumes through use or exchange, but rather in connection. That connection is to a world of water in continuous motion. As John Muir aptly observed, "when we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the universe."

To "Just Be" is to be present, alive and connected. It is the cycle of water that connects us all. From this fountain, the source of intelligence springs forth.

Chandler Van Voorhis is Managing Partner of C21, LLC in Middleburg, a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America and serves on the board of the Goose Creek Association.

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WHO USES OUR WATER?

WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Let's talk today about freshwater use in the United States. You may be in for a surprise.

Of course, public supply would have to be the principal freshwater use in the United States, wouldn't it? Indeed, 86 percent of the population of the U. S. in 2005 obtained their drinking water and water for other domestic uses from public suppliers. The other 14 percent of the population obtained their water (totaling about 3 billion gallons per day) from private sources including personal wells.

Water withdrawals for public supply were 44 billion gallons of water per day or a little over 16 trillion gallons of water per year. That's a lot of water. In fact, 16 trillion gallons is enough water to cover one square mile of land with a column of water over one mile high! And, guess what? People actually were conserving water. While that amount of freshwater represented 2 percent more than was used in 2000, the U. S. population increased 5 percent during the same period, so the water use per person dropped slightly.

Here's the surprise! The total of freshwater withdrawals in 2005 for all uses was 349 billion gallons per day. Public supply accounted for only 13 percent! So what accounted for the largest amount of freshwater use?

How about self-supplied industrial water? This refers to industries that have sources other than public supplies, like their own wells. No! Self-supplied industries used approximately 18 billion gallons per day.

What about aquaculture? Aquaculture refers to water used in raising organisms that live in water, such as finned fish and shellfish. Again, no. Aquaculture used just under 9 billion gallons of water daily.

How about livestock watering? Wrong again. Withdrawals for livestock watering totaled only a little over 2 billion gallons

each day.

It has to be mining, right? Unfortunately, not. Water use for mining was approximately 4 billion gallons per day.

What's left? We still have the two biggies. Let's look first at irrigation. Freshwater withdrawals for irrigation amounted to a whopping 128 billion gallons per day in 2005, almost three times the amount of freshwater used for public supply. This means that 37 percent of all freshwater withdrawals in 2005 were used for raising food and grain crops. Interestingly, withdrawals for irrigation were about 8 percent lower than in 2000 although the irrigated acreage remained relatively constant over the same period. Irrigators were conserving water.

This leaves freshwater withdrawals for thermoelectric-power generation which accounted for a whopping 143 billion gallons per day in 2005. Who would have ever guessed energy production accounted for the largest amount of freshwater withdrawn for any purpose?

Since it is withdrawn for once-through cooling at power plants and mostly is returned to streams, some feel that freshwater withdrawals for thermoelectric-power generation should not be used in computing water use. If these withdrawals are not included in the 2005 freshwater use figures, irrigation withdrawals at 62 percent are by far the largest water use with public supplies a distant second at 21 percent.

So let's wrap up with the same example used for public supply. The total freshwater use in the U. S. in 2005 including thermoelectric-power generation would cover a square mile of land with a column of water almost 9 miles high. Now that's really a lot of water!

The information contained in the column is based on the U. S. Geological Survey Report, "Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2005."

“HORT COUTOUR”



KAREN REXRODE

Yet another new marketing strategy has surfaced for branding and marketing garden plants. Developed by Jim and Jennifer Monroe, previously of Greenbrier Nurseries in Virginia and West Virginia, it's called "Hort Coutour", a plug at fashion, using good plants to "dress up your garden". Logos, store sign-age, and fancy pots all draw the customer to their new line that includes tropicals, annuals, vegetables and perennials. A few of their plants are new, many



are not, all have been chosen for good performance in our area. That is what initially drew me to the line, unlike the very successful "Proven Winners", with plants that sometimes only succeed in a narrow geographical location, the "Hort Coutour" line addresses summer heat and offers impressive tropical plants with unusual foliage, all grown in extra large pots and of superior quality.

New Energy & Environment Leader

Alan Brewer is Loudoun County's new Energy and Environmental Program and Policy Administrator. The former consultant is honored to have been selected and looks forward to helping the county promote and enhance these critical programs.

Drunk With Power

Whiskey is definitely part of the solution! Several famous Scot distilleries, including Glenlivet, Chivas and Macallan, plan to send spent grains to a new biomass plant in the village of Rothes to create power. The plant just received the go-ahead and will be up and running in 2013. The plant is expected to provide enough energy for roughly 9,000 homes and will save 46,000 tons of carbon dioxide compared to coal-generated electricity. This is as much energy as two wind turbines... listen up Cape Cod!

From The Daily Good.

A DEDICATED VOICE

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surveyed by George Washington, home to some of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War, and home to generations of fishermen who found tranquility and beauty in her company.

Perhaps the pollution began in the '30's with Dupont and Viscos, large companies making rayon and other materials, the production of which created very toxic, nasty byproducts that, theoretically, went into catch pools... But seepage and lack of oversight allowed those toxins into the Shenandoah anyway.

There were 1,200 people working in those plants. The jobs were important. More important than the health of the Shenandoah.

The Department of Environmental Quality, DEQ, was under-funded and under-focused on the threat pollution represented to the river. They didn't act. Making matters worse, chemists hired to provide oversight were often the same chemists working at the chemical plants.

Additionally, farmers were not aware of the devastation their cattle grazing on the riverbanks of the Shenandoah could have on its waters. Many were also located on creeks and streams that fed into the river, and people simply did not believe that cows could affect the big river. But they could. And often did.

Today, farmers like Don Roberts are terribly concerned about the Shenandoah. They fence their cattle well back from the river, but others see the fencing as a threat to their maximum annual yield, so no fences are erected.

When farmers today keep their cattle well away from the banks, one can quickly see the water become clearer and cleaner.

"Point pollution" is easy to measure and analyze because it is measured against a specific factory or farm. But "non-point pollution," which includes fertilizer run off from agriculture, poultry farms, housing developments and others, is very difficult to track.

"But it is all going into the Shenandoah. And the Shenandoah is going into the Bay, and until we all accept responsibility for clean water, we are drinking that pollution. No matter how many times it is cleaned," Orstrom continued.

Ohrstrom joined Clarke County Planning Commission in. He is known for his dedication to the protection of agriculture and his distaste for development. He has played an important role in the establishment of zoning laws that better serve farmers.

His Downstream Project is rapidly evolving into a not-for-profit organization that raises

funds by teaching other areas how to protect their rivers.

"We help other like-minded conservationists raise their profiles and educate people about their issues on social media. We charge a very small fee, and that keeps us going."

"Clarke County is now green, small and beautiful with only 14,000 people. We have clean industry like the Bertlesman Printing Business in Berryville that makes major contributions to our area."

"Success for preservationists is all about protecting natural resources by building alliances and getting the word out. We are actively engaged in helping others do precisely that."

T.S. Elliot said "we've been very negligent about our care of water... We come from water, each of us, from the water in our mother's womb."

"The simple point is that we all live downstream," Orstrom concludes. "We simply must protect the Shenandoah or we will have a dead river, and that will compromise all our lives."

For more information about The Downstream Project, please visit their website at <http://www.downstreamproject.com>

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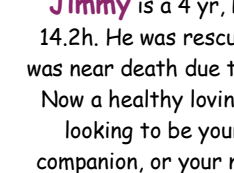
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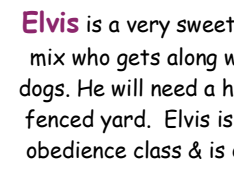
Aspen is an adorable 3 yr old terrier mix. She is very well mannered & is excellent with kids, cats & other dogs but cannot live with livestock. She is the perfect family friend!



Jimmy is a 4 yr, Paint pony, 14.2h. He was rescued when he was near death due to starvation. Now a healthy loving boy, he is looking to be your horse's companion, or your new project.



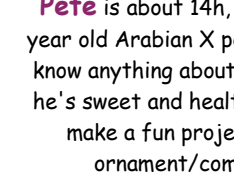
Jack is a super cute tabby kitty. He has a nice mellow personality & gets along with other cats. His slightly crossed eyes and charming big tom cat head makes him hard to resist!



Elvis is a very sweet Retriever mix who gets along with other dogs. He will need a home with a fenced yard. Elvis is attending obedience class & is doing well.



Honey is an absolutely adorable 4 year old Border Terrier/Pit Bull? mix who is excellent with kids & other dogs. She is super intelligent & will make a great companion!



Pete is about 14h, dark bay, 10 year old Arabian X pony. We don't know anything about his past, but he's sweet and healthy and would make a fun project or lawn ornament/companion.



Middleburg Humane Foundation

Matching Gifts Opportunity!

The Middleburg Humane Foundation is pleased to announce that The Jessica Beath Foundation has committed to match all donations it receives in excess of \$100, up to a total of \$10,000, through the end of June.

Jessica Beath created The Beath Foundation in 1991 with two missions in mind. The first was to honor the memory of her husband, parents and sisters; Dr Thomas Beath, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Annie Thomson and Beatrice Stockdale. Its second mission was to provide financial support for organizations with certain charitable purposes, first and foremost among them being the general welfare and protection of animals.

Jessica pursued both of these missions relentlessly throughout her life and with a bequest to the Jessica Beath Foundation at her death. Sadly, Jessica Passed away in June 2010.

Now, it is incumbent upon Middleburg Humane Foundation to continue and expand her legacy of animal rescue and protection with the generous financial support her foundation has offered to provide us.

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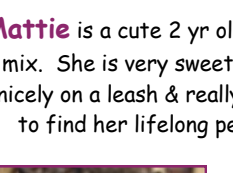
Pebbles & Annie

Pebbles is an 8 yr old Shetland Pony mare who gave birth to Annie on March 25th. Annie will be a medium to large pony when she grows up since her daddy was a horse. They need a home with a very experienced horse person to continue their daily training.

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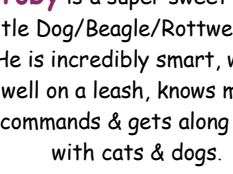
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ALBERT'S CORNER
A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS.

ALBERT P. CLARK

I'm about to preach to the choir. I'm completely aware of it, but I'm doing it anyway. This column addresses those people who might not understand the importance of animals in their friends' and family members' lives. I know, I know – that's not you, my pet-loving readers. But please indulge me, nonetheless.

Yesterday, my person was working in the store and a fellow shop-owner lamented that so many visitors to Middleburg comment on how "animal-crazy" the town is – and they don't always mean it as a compliment. These visitors are sometimes taken aback by all of the Middleburg Humane Foundation pictures in so many stores. They often come upon adoptions in progress. They notice the abundance of pets with their owners. They note all of the furnishings and art with animal themes. Yes, Middleburg is rather fond of our four-legged companions. As it should be.

I feel so fortunate to call Middleburg home because I live in a place where being crazy about pets and wildlife is the norm. The result is a kind and gentle community. There is an unmistakable air of compassion and caring here, and I'm grateful for that. Unfortunately, there are still too many people who just don't get it when it comes to being smitten with four-legged friends.

Not long ago, a national Associated Press poll determined that 86% of pet owners consider pets to be "part of the family". Even with that impressive statistic, however, one doesn't have to look very hard to realize that while many people feel this way, there's still a bit of bias against being overly "pet-centric".

Celebrating your pet's birthday with a party? You'll probably raise a few eyebrows. Exhausted by sleep deprivation because of a new puppy? The boss is not likely to let you skip a day of work. Mourning the loss of a beloved four-legged best friend? In some opinions, the grieving period should be about a day or two, if that. These reactions typically don't come from fellow pet lovers, of course, but they're far too common.

Customers sometimes come into my people's stores and are visibly relieved just to be able to talk at length about a new arrival, shed tears about a loss, or tell engaging stories about their pets. They speak with the same pride as parents. They share pictures. They worry about nutrition and medical care. And yet, it's often obvious that they do not have many opportunities for these kinds of discussions. It's not uncommon for them to apologize for being so "over the top" about their pets.

It seems that many more people could take the time to celebrate the relationships their friends have with animals. Going to a dinner party in a home with pets? Bring a toy or treat. Have a friend who just got a new puppy or kitten? Send a card or welcome basket. Know someone who just lost a companion? Call, offer a sympathetic ear, and remember to ask how the person is doing even weeks and months after the loss. These may seem like small gestures, but they mean the world to anyone who has chosen to be a pet parent.

Even if there isn't an event to trigger a conversation about someone's pet, just a sincere inquiry will do. Most people with pets like talking about their furry friends as much as they like talking about any topic. It's the perfect way to bond, reinforce a friendship or break the ice.

I thought long and hard about whether this subject merited a column. It's such a simple thing, really. Yet sometimes the simplest things are the ones too often overlooked in relationships. So spread the word. And to my readers, just keep doing what you do. You make me so proud!

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a shop for dogs, cats, and their people, in Middleburg, Fairfax, Falls Church and Arlington.

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