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MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

At this month's, September 10, regular meeting of the Middleburg Town Council, Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk introduced, and Council adopted without opposition, a resolution " . . . expressing the Town's full support for all law enforcement officers, in particular those serving the Middleburg Police Department, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department and the Virginia State Police and encouraging citizens everywhere to stand up for the safety of those police officers across the country that protect and serve them."

Noting that " . . . the Town has always had good police officers," Kirk " . . . explained that she wanted the Town to stand up for law enforcement "in light of what was happening around the country."

Presented with a signed copy of the resolution, drafted by Town Clerk Rhonda North, Police Chief A.J. Panebianco expressed his appreciation of the gesture and promised to communicate Council's support to his officers and to police organizations with which he and his department are affiliated around the state.

Vice Mayor Kirk expressed her hope that "other jurisdictions" would adopt similar resolutions.

Intruder

Later in Thursday's Council Session, Police Chief Panebianco reported on a recent incident in Fauquier County affecting the safety of one of his own officers.

An intruder, he told Council, had broken into one of his officer's houses while the officer was out jogging. Once inside, the intruder allegedly barred one door of the house by jamming a chair under the front doorknob, then proceeded to help himself to the officer's uniform shirt, badge, and several items from a gun belt. The officer's gun, Panebianco emphasized, was not taken.

Though the front door barred, the back door apparently wasn't, leaving it as the only way into the house for the returning officer, or out the house for the intruder. "The situation," Panebianco noted, could have become dangerous.

Happily, officers from the Warrenton Police Department were in the area, ostensibly thanks to calls they had received related to other suspicious activities in the neighborhood.

Hearing a Middleburg Police officer shouting commands to an apparent intruder, they intervened, and quickly arrested a suspect found actually wearing the Middleburg Police officer's missing uniform shirt.

The suspect, according to Chief Panebianco, was taken quickly taken into custody, then legally released, only to be arrested again the next day, accused of stealing a purse.

Panebianco told Council that, in view of the potentially very dangerous circumstances, his officer had performed well and

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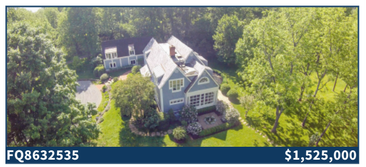
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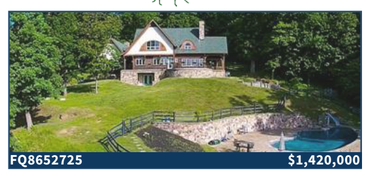
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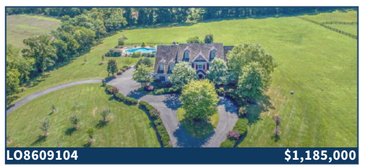
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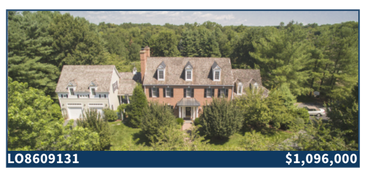
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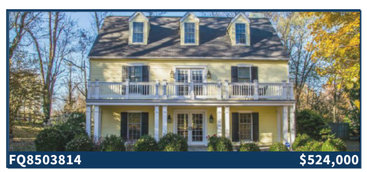
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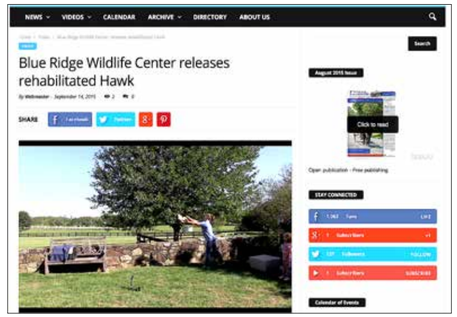
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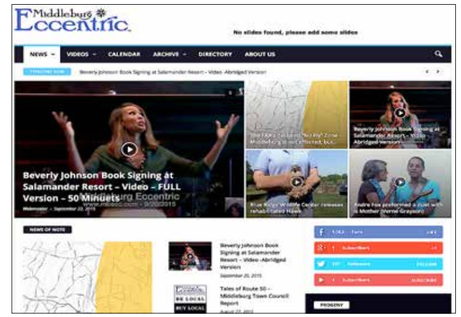
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My Very Special Afternoon



Erica Wiley, Lilly and Delaney

Erica Wiley

So, I usually post "public service" messages on Facebook, but today I would like to share my very special afternoon with you.

A few months ago, I was fortunate to be the high bidder in the auction of a painting titled "Firefly" by Lilly Killinger, a rising Hill School second grader and pupil of local artist Anthony Barham. Lilly painted this very special painting to sell at auction to raise funds for Lilly's friend's, Delaney Clements, cancer treatment medical expenses. Lilly explained in the auction sale narrative that her friend Delaney is like a "firefly" because she is always " 'light', even when it is dark." Lilly thus painted Delaney as a "firefly" accompanied by two magical fairies. At age seven, Lilly is a talented and prodigal artist, and I could tell from the auction pictures that this was to be a noteworthy piece of art on its own. But more importantly, I also knew that this painting was going to be very special as it was painted with much love by Lilly for her friend Delaney.

This afternoon, I took delivery of this beautiful painting and was fortunate to meet Lilly and Delaney (both of whom are beautiful inside and out). I also met Lilly's wonderful family (who have lovingly taken Delaney under their wing.) The painting exceeded any expectation I had…it is not only brilliantly executed but one can feel the love by Lilly and her family for Delaney within it. Indeed, Lilly's "Firefly" is the very definition of what art is: a beautiful creation from the heart. And Delaney truly is a "firefly", a child of the light…her sparkling eyes and contagious smile light up the room. It is also evident that Delaney is much loved by the Lilly's family, the Killingers, a very special family who support children with cancer. Each of the Killinger children participates and brings their own talents in this regard.

Can I say my heart is full? I am filled with hope that in a world of much hate that there is much good and love by people on this earth for one another. I am filled with hope and the belief in miracles and fairies. I am in awe of the thoughtfulness and love that was the genesis of this painting. I am inspired by the strength, courage and grace of all of these beautiful children, especially Delaney. What I thought was a gift from me to Lilly and Delaney in the purchase of this painting turned out to be a beautiful gift to me. Needless to say, this beautiful painting, Lilly, Delaney and this afternoon will always hold a special place in my heart.



I believe in the power of prayer for healing for Delaney so I ask my community to help set the intention for miraculous healing for this beautiful girl - may she be blessed (and truly enjoy the Taylor Swift concert this weekend!)

If you would like to see this very special painting (and other paintings by Lilly), look for it in an upcoming show at Common Grounds in Middleburg (where I will reluctantly lend it back!) Proceeds of other painting sales will continue to go to offset Delaney's medical expenses.

Thank you for letting me share this.



Unison Day Plans Portend Fabulous Fun



Huge live and silent auctions, fresh-shucked oysters and clams, barbecue and home-made desserts, accompanied by imported wines, beer and blue grass music and a Halloween costume contest for children 12 and under, are features of this year's Oct. 31st Unison Heritage Day.

The Saturday Fall Festival, from 1-5 p.m. in one of Loudoun County's most scenic and historic villages, will take place on the Village Green and in the 19th Century Unison Store, the community center and home to the nonprofit Unison Preservation Society.

The village also is home to the historic Piedmont Hunt, the nation's oldest fox hunting club. The hunt's children-friendly hounds, who love to be petted, come and mingle with and annually delight the Heritage Day crowd.

The popular live/silent auctions will include a Shenandoah River canoe trip and picnic for 12, Hunt Country B&Bs and restaurants, the work of more than a dozen artists, an adventurous tree-top Zip Tour through the woods for two at the new Salamander Resort and Spa and a chauffeured champagne fall-foliage drive for two in an original 1957 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud, with lunch at the British-style Hunter's Head Tavern in Upperville.

Other auction items, donated by more than 100 Western Loudoun and Fauquier firms and residents, include shotgun lessons from a nationally recognized expert, a landscape discovery visit to your home or farm by a historical ecologist, home window cleaning and garden tree work, classical music performances for parties, antiques and rugs, and the annually popular guided trout-fishing trip for two on Virginia's Mossy Creek, with a gourmet stream-side lunch.

The multitude of gifts to this year's auctions also includes massages, pedicures, manicures, jewelry, organic turkey and foods, gourmet wine baskets and winery tours, car service and Hermes scarves and clothing.

The live auction starts at 2:30 p.m. The silent auction starts at 1 p.m. and ends one-half hour after the live auction.

Perhaps the reason why Unison's live and silent auctions have been so popular for almost a dozen years, as are similar auctions held by schools, museums and other non-profit organizations, is that they invite local residents and businesses to make gifts, then people do good by buying and enjoying them. Money raised by the Unison Day festival will be used to improve the 1870s store and community center, with new windows and doors, a back porch and an easy access ramp.

Silent and live auctions like Unison's are an American tradition, in a country where many schools, colleges, libraries, museums, parks and public places, even youth sports teams today, were created by gifts and donations and supported by citizen volunteers. The Unison Store was purchased two years ago by Middleburg-area philanthropist Dr. Betsee Parker, who donated it to the nonprofit to create a community center and a village green.

The Oct. 31st Unison festival this year will feature the Cobbler Mountain Grass Band and its Blue Ridge Mountain music. The barbecue and "fixin's" will be by Middleburg's Barbara Page Caterers and the annual multitude of homemade pies and deserts will be made by members of the historic Unison United Methodist Church. The 1832 brick church was used as a hospital by the Union army during the 1862 Battle of Unison. Wounded soldiers left names and messages on church walls, many of which have been preserved and are visible today.

Unison, originally a Quaker village, one of the first five settlements in what is now Loudoun County, today is one of the county's most peaceful villages, with more than half the surrounding countryside under conservation easement, little traffic except tractors, horse trailers, horses and bicyclists, and no crime. It is the only place in Loudoun with three overlapping historic districts: the village historic district (2002/2003), the 8,000-acre Unison Battlefield Historic District (2011), both on the National Register of Historic Places, and the county's Beaverdam Creek Historic Roadways District (2002), the only one of its kind in the nation.

The village is at the north end of Foxcroft Road (Rte. 626), a State Scenic Road that stretches about six miles from Middleburg's Red Fox Inn to Unison. It is the only paved road into the village. Three other Unison roads, all also in the historic roadways district, are dirt and look almost exactly as they did in the 18th and 19th centuries.

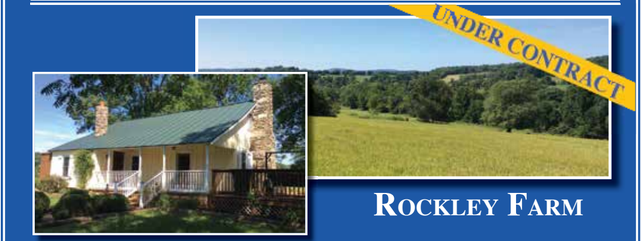
Tickets to the fair are $30; Early Bird (advance) tickets are $25; children 12 and under free. Checks for Early Bird tickets, made out to UPS, must be received by Friday, Oct. 23 and sent to Unison Preservation Society, Box 606, Middleburg, VA, 20118. For further information, see the UPS website at www.unisonva.org.

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Danica Patrick Tells Foxcroft Students 'No Dream Is Too Big'

Trailblazing race car driver talks about racing, engineering & breaking barriers





Using Foxcroft's 3-D printer, STEM Club students made a replica of Patrick's race car and then junior Hannah Butcher(Leesburg) painted it in Danica's colors.

Race car driver Danica Patrick had never been to a girls' boarding school before and most of the students in Foxcroft School's Currier Library had never met someone who drives at speeds in upwards of 200 mph for a living. During a 40-minute Q&A, though, the two seemingly disparate parties bonded over boys, Beyoncè and breaking down barriers. Then they went to the Physics Lab to talk science and engineering.

By the time the 33-year-old dynamo left the Middleburg campus hours later, a mutual admiration society had clearly been established.

"I have no doubt that one day I am going to be buying something you designed or built," Patrick said after a group of engineering students talked about designing and building podiums last spring for a future conference room, and STEM Club members showed her the unassisted aerial vehicle (UAV) they built through the Kashmir World Foundation's Da Vinci Challenge.

"She is so cool," said one student. "I like that she talked about the people who had helped her and that it wasn't just about her," said another. "She asked us a lot of questions and really listened to us," added a third.

Indeed, throughout the visit, Patrick seemed as interested in the School and the girls -- who gave her a huge "Foxcroft welcome" when she arrived -- as they were in her. She asked each of the STEM students what they learned or what they were going to do after Foxcroft. At one point, Patrick peppered Board member Nan Stuart '71, who was instrumental in arranging the visit, with questions about some of the School's traditions.

Danica's visit began in the library, which was packed to the gills with students, faculty, parents and press. After Student Head of School Lexie Williams (Lovettsville, VA) introduced her and Patrick said a few words, seniors Serena Holz (Delaplane, VA) and Natalie Harris (Washington, D.C.) moderated a Q&A comprised of students' questions. Many of them centered on Patrick's experiences in a male-dominated career.

"At times it has been a challenge getting people to believe in what I can do and getting what I need to run with the big boys," Patrick allowed, noting that occasionally men at the track have made wisecracks about her being a woman -- and then sharing some good comeback lines with the girls.

"But I have always believed, I was brought up to try to be the best at whatever I am doing -- not just the best girl," she added. "I don't mind being unique and standing out. . . But I don't think I'm really different from the other drivers. We all want to win."

Commitment was a recurrent theme. "There's never a perfect way to get to the top, there's no set plan. You just have to figure out what you want to do, what you want to be, and get going," she said. "I changed my whole life when I was in high school to work harder and get better as a driver. And if I hadn't, I wouldn't be where I am now.

"There's not always going to be the perfect scenario but I tell you what -- from anything and everything you do that is headed towards your goal, you will learn, absolutely learn. You'll learn something from the experience and be better for it," continued the woman who has had plenty of ups and downs on the way to becoming the best female racecar driver in history.

"If you could do anything in your life, what would you do? Answer that question. Think about that tonight. If you could be anything you wanted to be or do anything you wanted to do, what would it be? There's no dream too big."

Having covered boys (men) and barrier-breaking during the discussion, Patrick really hit a chord with the girls when she answered a question about her most memorable experience ever.

"Being in a music video with Jay-Z and Dale Earnhardt Jr, and having lunch with Beyoncé," she said, sharing details of the shoot in Monaco. "That was really cool."

And so was Patrick!

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It's very easy to remember how Auguste Fauchon began his Place de la Madeleine gourmet shop in Paris, France when you enter Gary Hall's *Brassicas Farm and Fresh Market & Café* in Aldie, Virginia. The sunny, pristine shop behind flower boxes filled with beautiful fresh herbs offers charming seating near the front windows and an assortment of delectable fare you may enjoy there or take with you.

Granted, it is a small shop, with every square inch of delightful space filled with deliciously aromatic and beautifully packaged products, but one must not forget that Monsieur Fauchon began as a street vendor, and, frankly, Mr. Hall's place of business is leagues beyond that.

What is undeniable is that Gary Hall is as passionate about American food as M. Fauchon was about fine French food. There is little doubt that he is curating a group of growers and suppliers that will establish his shop and services as a haven for Northern Virginia gourmands.

Gary Hall's considerable experience in the food business is amply evident in the dairy, wine, cheese, sweets, meat and vegetable selection at *Brassicas*. How he is achieving his objective to grow ingredients locally will be quickly underscored if you stroll to the back of the shop to see his amazing garden and meet the brigade of chickens who guard and glean it. Behind the towering hedge of Alabama Red Okra, there is ample evidence of Summer's bounty and the current transition to root and Winter vegetables.

"I've always wanted my own market and café," Gary said smiling, "…where the garden dictated the menu. The response to what we offer has been wonderful. I am so grateful to the patrons and customers who are confirming my instincts."

"My mission is to prepare unique and interesting food…. and to keep it simple," he continued.

In addition to the diverse variety of local products, and everything on the menu, *Brassicas* offers delicious prepared first and main courses.

The Ricotta Rellenos with organic black beans and brown rice are spicy and scrumptious and need only ten minutes in a 400-degree oven to provide a delicious supper for three or four. Priced at $10, this dish will definitely tempt those who love Southwestern fare.

Add some slices of melon or peach or fig to the proscuitto stuffed with sage ricotta and you have a highly refined and truly delectable first course that will please any dinner or cocktail guest.

The menu offers seasonal kale and pesto dishes, grilled cheese sandwiches with Asiago, white cheddar and tomatoes, an eggplant sandwich with feta, greens, tomato and tahini, roast pork with sour cherry jam, pulled turkey and much more.

An excellent wine and beer selection is also available, and you may check the menu of the day on the *Brassicas Farm Fresh Market & Café* Facebook page.

You'll enjoy many gluten-free options as well as local honey and fair trade coffee. Children will love Trickling Springs Creamery chocolate milk and you will thoroughly enjoy their selection of dairy products.

Many cheeses are sourced from Mountain View Farm and George's Mill Farm, smoked bacon and chorizo from Spring House Farm and naturally grown produce from Quarter Branch Farm, many located in Lovettsville, Virginia.

Root vegetables are growing in the garden for a fall menu that will include acorn and butternut squash dishes, spinach, parsnip, carrot, chard and kale delicacies.

Brassicas just received approval for outdoor seating that will offer a delightful reverie for hot apple cider, mulled wine and cookies as the crispy Autumn days arrive.

"We hope customers will enjoy our outdoor space and garden after their meal," Gary said. "We have grown our offerings tremendously since this time last year and we are thrilled that our catering services are becoming very popular as the holiday season approaches."

Brassicas is located at 3933 John Mosby Highway or Route 50 in Aldie, Virginia. Telephone 703 327 2006. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends until the shop closes for the Winter.

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News of Note

Booth Malone Workshop and Show



Artists in Middleburg is happy to announce award winning equestrian artist Booth Malone will be in Middleburg October 22-25. While here,

Booth will discuss his work and conduct a painting workshop with the Artists in Middleburg (AiM) Gallery and Classroom, October 22-23.

He will then show his work at the Museum of Hounds and Hunting Art Exhibit and Sale at the Salamander stables, October 24-25.

Recognized for having an eye not only for detail, but for the telling detail…the nuance of gesture, of motion, of light and gear which reflects an insider's grasp of the outdoor world, Booth's work is highly regarded.

His appearance schedule includes:

Thursday evening, October 22: Talk at the Artists in Middleburg Gallery and Classroom, 102 W. Washington Street.

Friday, all day, October 23: Painting workshop, venue to be announced.

Saturday and Sunday, October 23-25: Museum of Hounds and Hunting Art Exhibit and Sale at the Salamander Resort and Spa Stables.

For further information please contact: Sandy Danielson, Artists in Middleburg, 540-687-6600 or sandy@mcgheefoundation.org

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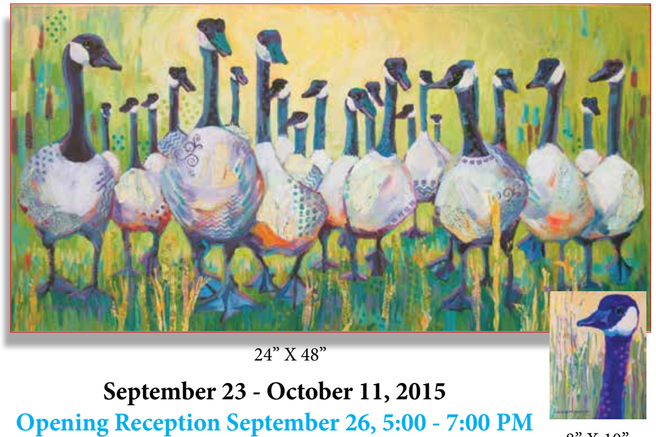
She resides in Lovettsville with her husband Tommy, a lifelong resident of Loudoun County. In her free time, she enjoys riding her horse, Mac, and training her golden retriever.

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Emmanuel Episcopal Church Wins Lilly Endowment Grant To Explore 'Energetic Aging' Programs for Area Seniors

Middleburg's Emmanuel Episcopal Church has received a $49,756 grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Clergy Renewal Program for 2016. Emmanuel's winning proposal will enable its minister, the Reverend Anne Hallmark, to conduct a three-month research sabbatical beginning in August of 2016.

Her research will focus on 16 innovative programs in the US and northern Europe which currently offer more active lifestyles for older community residents than what is generally available elsewhere. Following three months of interviews and travel, she will report back to Emmanuel on best practices worth replicating in Middleburg where many residents have expressed the wish ''to retire in place," if at all possible.

"The best programs for us," says Rev. Hallmark, "…are probably going to be those where older members take an active role in their neighbor's well being as well as their own. Anyone at any age can become more alive by serving others."

Rev. Hallmark christened the proposal, developed jointly with a congregational task force, the Abraham and Sarah Initiative, "to remind us that, as it says in Gen 18:11, God makes it possible for the 'old and advanced in years' to play awesome roles in expanding the Kingdom."

Emmanuel is one of 144 congregations across the country winning an award in this year's competitive grant program, funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and administered by Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

The Endowment's grants allow Christian congregations to support their pastors with the gift of extended time away from their ministerial duties to engage in reflection and renewal. The program is particularly valuable for smaller parishes with limited budgets. Congregational needs during the minister's renewal experience are considered, with up to $15,000 of the grant allocated to support interim pastoral leadership during the pastor's retreat, as well as renewal activities within the congregation.



Sky Meadows State Park Upcoming Events

Fall Farm Days

Every full weekend in October you can enjoy picking your own pumpkins, festive food, live music, blacksmith demonstrations, historic tours, and more. Additionally, each weekend will have a different Sky Meadow's theme offering special family-friendly activities.

View of Sky Meadows
October 3rd & 4th, 10am- 5pm

Let Sky Meadows State Parks' beautiful scenic vistas inspire your artistic creativity. We will kick off a month long photography contest with a Photography Tips and Tricks session. You can also help paint a mural-sized banner, see and purchase the work of Fauquier County Quilters, and go on a photography themed historic tour.

Life on the Farm
October 10th & 11th 10am- 5pm

Come on back to the family farm at Sky Meadows State Park. This weekend we are celebrating corn! Wonder through a corn maze, try grinding corn with Burwell-Morgan Mill representatives, taste cornbread cooked over the hearth, and make a cornhusk doll. We will also have farm animals from the Department of Corrections- agribusiness program, Meet the Beekeepers, the Farmers Forge, and more.

Nature of Sky Meadows
October 17th & 18th , 10am - 5pm

Fall is a beautiful time of year to enjoy nature at Sky Meadows State Park. Learn all about the forests, fields, watersheds, plants, and animals of Northern Virginia. Our park rangers will be joined by experts from the Fauquier County Department of Forestry, John Marshall Department of Soil Conservation, Virginia Working Landscapes, Raptor Conservancy, Blue Ridge Wildlife Center, and more. Enjoy guided hikes, live animal presentations, hands-on informational activities, and rich fall colors.



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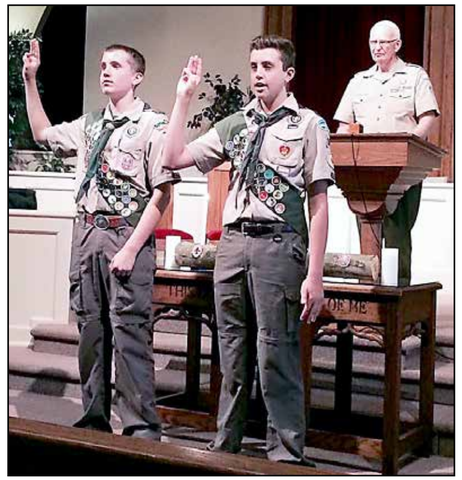
Brothers Awarded Fourth Generation Eagle Scout at Recent Eagle Court of Honor

Nicholas Schaefer, age 15 and Ethan Schaefer, age 13 of Leesburg, VA based Boy Scout Troop 982 were recently recognized for achieving their Eagle Scout rank in a special ceremony at the Leesburg Community Church. They represent the fourth generation of Eagle Scouts from their family and the 109th and 113th Eagle Scouts, respectively, to come from the thirty-one year-old Troop.

Town of Leesburg Mayor, The Honorable Kristen C. Umstattd, was among the Court of Honor attendees, and as part of the presentation read official town proclamations recognizing the boys for their achievements and specifically for the community service projects they completed as part of their Eagle Scout rank requirements. Virginia Delegate Randy Minchew (10th District), a fellow Eagle, also shared his remarks and offered guidance to the boys and attendees.

The boys' Great Uncle Ernest A. Schmidt of Chicago, IL received his Eagle Scout in 1926 and was later recognized with the Distinguished Eagle Scout award. The boys' grandfathers who are also Eagle Scouts, Richard Schaefer of Dayton, OH and Thomas George of Austin, TX participated in the ceremony and awarded their grandsons the Eagle rank using their own original sterling silver medals earned as boys in the 1950's. Fifteen Eagle Scouts of all ages including they boys' father, David Schaefer of Leesburg, VA, joined the boys in taking the "Eagle Charge."

Other family members participating in the ceremony included the boys' mother, Caroline Schaefer of Leesburg, VA (Leader of Girl Scout Troop 5293), their sisters, Phyllis and Nora Schaefer (both active in Girl Scout Troop 5293), their Grandmother, Katharine Schaefer of Dayton, OH and their Aunt, Katherine Schaefer of Leesburg, VA.





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Rohani Stewart moved to Sterling, Virginia from Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1992. She received her real estate license in 1998 and began working for Weichert Realtors. Rohani relocated her business to the Great Falls Remax office and then to Custom Service Realty.

Rohani has a Graduate, REALTOR® Institute (GRI) designation, Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation, Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR®) designation, and the Certified Negotiation Expert (CNE®) Designation. She holds Associate Broker licenses in Virginia and Maryland and an Agent's license in the District of Columbia and is a member of the Dulles Area Association of Realtors. Rohani's hobbies include cooking and horticulture. She is fluent in Malay.

Blue Ridge Hospice, Middleburg Bank Team Up to Support Hospice's Area Thrift Shops

Blue Ridge Hospice and Middleburg Bank are teaming up to sponsor a Donation Day in Middleburg on Saturday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. The large Blue Ridge Hospice thrift shop truck will be available for the public to drop off gently used clothing, household items, books, and furniture at Middleburg Bank's parking lot on Federal Street behind the bank.

The donations will be used to stock the shelves at Blue Ridge Hospice's area thrift shops. Appointments may also be made that day for the pickup of large quantities of items or furniture. Proceeds from the Hospice thrift shop operations go toward the not-for-profit organization's services and to support the care provided individuals who don't have insurance or the financial means to pay for their care.

Blue Ridge Hospice can not accept the donation of large appliances, tvs, exercise equipment, computer-related equipment, or mattresses.

Blue Ridge Hospice is celebrating its 34th anniversary of serving the counties of Loudoun, Fauquier, Clarke, Shenandoah, Page, Rappahannock, Warren, and the City of Winchester. Last year, Blue Ridge Hospice cared for 1,176 patients and assisted more than 2,000 family members through its grief and loss services. $313,000 was provided in charity care to the communities it serves. For more information, visit blueridgehospice.org or call 540-313-9200.

Ayrshire Farm Open for Farm Harvest Festival



Ayrshire Farm, will be open to the public as part of the Loudoun County Farm Tour on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18. The farm will open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day, and there is no charge for admission. All are welcome, but pets should be left at home and will not be admitted.

Ayrshire Farm is a certified organic, certified humane producer of heritage breed livestock, including Gloucestershire Old Spot pigs; Scottish Highland and White Park cattle; and Midget White, Broad-breasted Bonze, Spanish Black and Standard Bronze turkeys—many of which will be on display along with Ayrshire Farm chickens. Ayrshire Farm's antique carriage collection will also be on display. The famous Ayrshire Farm Shire horses will be providing the "horsepower" for a demonstration of chain-harrowing and the horses will also pull wagons for hayrides.

Children will find plenty to see and do, with a variety of children's activities and games, including face painting, hayrides, hay-maze and visiting the many Ayrshire Farm animals on display.

October is traditionally the month when farm communities come together to celebrate the harvest. "This is a great opportunity to showcase what we are doing right here in Loudoun County with certified organic, certified humane, and heritage breeds," stated Livestock Manager Crystal Ritenour. Ayrshire Farm has been working with the community for more than a decade in an effort to increase support of local, family farms and to provide the community with more wholesome food, reduced food miles, and make the community a healthier place to live and grow.

Farm food will be available for sale and will include sloppy Joes, beef hamburgers, chicken salad, and maple-bacon doughnuts-- all featuring Ayrshire Farm's organic, humanely raised meats. The farm will also be serving apple dumplings with caramel sauce.

Directions to Ayrshire Farm: Route 50 West to Middleburg, Virginia, continue on Route 50 for approximately 8 miles through the village of Upperville and turn right on Trappe Road (Rt. 619), drive 1.4 miles, parking entrance is on the right just past main drive.



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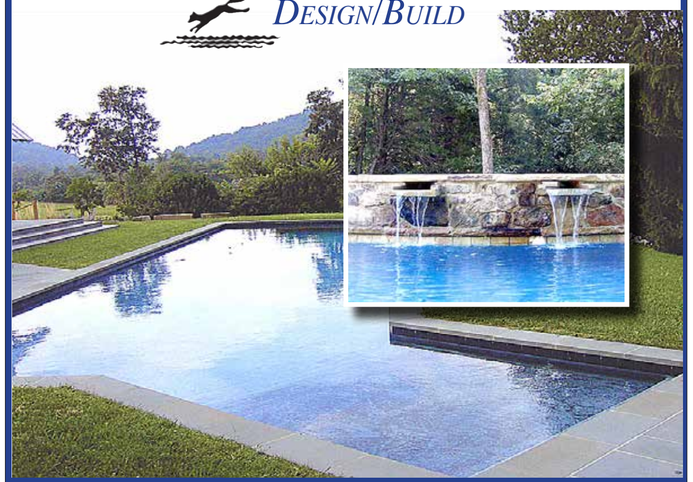
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Hill's Arboretum Showcases Sustainable Plants from Around the Globe

Eryn Gable

If you've ever taken a stroll on the Hill School's verdant campus, it is evident that the school places great emphasis on the importance of the natural world. From the delicate blooms of the densely flowered short-toothed mountain mint to the graceful river birches, the beauty of the nature surrounds you and fills your senses wherever you roam.

And it all started with the vision and foresight of former Hill School parent and grandparent Polly Rowley some 20 years ago, when she oversaw the ambitious planting of hundreds of trees that now form the school's impressive "Hillscape" arboretum. The entire collection, which includes more than 200 species of trees and shrubs, has now reached maturity, giving visitors a unique opportunity to see first-hand many rare species.

"It was a lot of work on her part to get to where we are today," said Bob Dornin, Hill's Grounds Supervisor.

You don't have to be a student or a parent to enjoy the splendors of Hill's 138-acre campus. Meander on the school's walking paths and you'll enjoy a glimpse of wildflower meadows, towering pines, a circle of native trees and ponds and wetland areas teeming with life.

"I was thinking of it being a community resource, so that people see that there are plants out there that aren't just the same old, same old that professionals will stick in front of your house," Rowley said.

Many of the plantings on campus started as experiments, added Dornin, who graduated from Hill in 1972 and received a bachelor's degree in forestry and wildlife management from Virginia Tech in 1984.

"If it's something that has some interest, that looks like it can survive in our climate and our soils and it'll add variety and diversity to the landscape, a lot of times we'll try it," he said.

For example, Dornin said Hill has experimented with different varieties of perennials to see what works best in the area. "We've had a lot of failures. We've had a lot of plants that we simply couldn't get happy," he said, adding that "better gardeners may have better luck."



Bob Dornin



Bob Dornin

Still, it's clear that there's more than luck contributing to the program's success. Given the rich biodiversity of Hill's landscape, it should come as no surprise that the campus has attracted the attention of local groups interested in learning more about its holdings. In April, graduate students from George Washington University's Sustainable Landscape program visited the school to study its native plant collection.

Susan Abraham, an adjunct professor at GW and principal of Lush Life Landscapes in Waterford, said the campus provided her students with an opportunity to examine how the school made good use of its space while incorporating native plants in the landscaping. "It melds both environmental aspects and aesthetic design, and we could show our students a beautiful site that employs native plants that are difficult to find," she said.

The Piedmont Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society also visited the campus last year to learn about the arboretum's native plants, with a tour by Polly Rowley that highlighted her choices in arranging the plants according to their environmental preferences and ornamental qualities. For example, the campus features groupings of Asian species, as well as groupings of different species of tree types like oaks and maples.

"It was a matter of choosing the right plant for the right place," Rowley said.

Rowley stressed that she doesn't believe in using strictly native plants for landscaping, saying diversity is key to maintaining the health of the environment. "Things keep changing," she said. "As the climate changes here, the plants are going to change, so I think it's time to branch out."

Of course, the outdoor environment is also used extensively throughout the school's curriculum as well. For example, students in the sixth grade study the school's flower gardens and meadow, complete with on-campus field trips that allow them to collect data and make scientific observations. In the spring, the students plant a habitat restoration project on campus.

Carrie Blair, a member of the Virginia Native Plant Society, stressed the importance of incorporating environmental education into the school's curriculum, noting that it helped students gain a deeper understanding of why it's important to care for the environment.

"It shows children a whole new way of relating to nature, that they matter and what they do matters, and that recycling matters, too," she said. "And that even by doing something as simple as putting out birdseed, you can take care of nature."

Whether you're a student at Hill, a parent, or a local resident, Hill's outdoor campus has something to offer everyone, be it a place for scientific study, quiet reflection, exploring the natural world, or enjoying a little exercise.

On any given day, you will find students exploring the trails with their teachers, locals walking their dogs, runners, and parents with young children in tow.

Some of the species are labeled along the path, but if you want an in-depth look at the property, be sure to stop by the school library, where you can find a complete list of the trees and shrubs as well as a book with photographs documenting the landscape's transformation to its present state.

"It's a nice place to take an hour's walk and it's educational for everybody--even the garden clubs go over and learn something new," Blair said.






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Ex-Grand Prix Jumper Odiel Enjoys New Career with Julie Coles

Lauren R. Giannini

Julie Coles is thrilled with her new show hunter, Odiel (aka Odie) — and rightfully so. At the Warrenton Horse Show, they entered only one class, the $5,000 Warrenton Toyota Scion & Miller Toyota Scion Hunter Classic, and they won in a very competitive field of 22 with E. Sue Bopp and Chawton, winners in 2013, placing second, followed by Eliza van der Woude and Copeland.

"Odie can march into a strange ring and be a gentleman — it's his background as a grand prix jumper in Europe," said Coles. "He's very scopey, very athletic, and my goal is to make him a Derby horse."

Odiel made his competitive debut as a brand new show hunter at Upperville in June. Sloane Coles, daughter of Julie and John Coles, joint-MFH Orange County Hounds, showed him in Performance Working Hunters (3'3"), winning one over fences class and earning the reserve championship. The duo also contested the USHJA Hunter Derby for 12th place overall.

Odie, a Spanish-bred warmblood sporthorse, had enjoyed a successful grand prix show jumping career in Europe. Last winter, he competed in Florida in 1.40meter jumpers before landing in April at Sloane Coles' Spring Ledge LLC, The Plains. Odie, owned by friends of the Coles, was for sale, a good home was essential. As it turned out, he had found it.

Coached by Sloane, Julie and Odie made their debut together at Lake Placid, in July, in the Adult Amateur Hunters (over 50). They won three out of four classes over fences to harvest the championship.

"My mom's a great rider and they got along really well," said Sloane. "Odie has shown all over the world, and I think he's happy to be a hunter. He's such a good boy in the stall, the paddock and the ring. Odie still looks like a jumper, but he's right up there with the best."

With foxhunting a major element of life for the Coles, Julie already has two field hunters. Her plans for Odie include Hunter Derbies. She doesn't intend to hunt him even though they go on trail rides a couple times a week. Odie's foot-perfect cross-country and nothing seems to faze him.

"John and I bought Odie, because I'm nuts about him," said Julie. "He's all the things you wouldn't think a 13-year-old grand prix jumper could be — he's really quiet and hacks cross-country better than my field hunters. He's absolutely perfect. At Warrenton Horse Show, I knew, if he was good, that I could win the Hunter Classic. It's a fun, fun place to show with the crowd and everything. I wasn't concerned at all about taking him into that ring without an introduction. He showed all over Europe in day and night classes."

Sloane, who along with Kitty Barker (Middleburg) coaches Julie, was showing in New York and missed the Hunter Classic. "At Warrenton, it was John and I and our stable manager, Lillibet Motion, so she trained me that night," said Julie. "It was such a treat to win that class. Odie was wonderful. It's his scope and attitude and he's so athletic. There are fancier horses out there, but Odie could jump a house. I'm thinking he can do the big derbies, the big options, and I think he'll be fun and really good at it. I'm so happy to have him. He's a trooper and a real sweetheart."

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Photo by John Coles

Julie Coles and Odiel celebrate their show ring debut by winning their first hunter championship at Lake Placid in New York.




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that he was sending a letter of thanks to Warrenton's Police Chief, commending the Warrenton officers who intervened.

Special Events Regulation

Town Planner and Zoning Administrator Will Moore reported that he was in the process of translation of Town Council's, general policies on "special events" into the formal language required to modify the appropriate chapters of the Middleburg Town Code.

Among other things, Moore outlined proposals covering liability insurance requirements and granting authority for what all those involved in the project hoped would be short, simple and clear "special events" permits.

Moore also suggested that, once approved, information about permitted "special events" should be made available electronically to all relevant government agencies.

At that point Councilmember Bundles Murdock "expressed concern about the definition that was proposed for a "special event" noting that it seemed to apply to "any gathering that required on-street parking of more than twenty vehicles." Murdock questioned whether the rule would apply to a funeral or funeral-related event.

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea observed that, while funerals themselves were excluded, " . . . if Ms. Murdock had a large party at her house that involved parking on the street, she must let the Police Department know and secure a permit."

When Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson noted that, indeed, if a family had a gathering at their home after a funeral, larger than the "special events limit," it would not be covered by the "funeral exception," Town Administrator Semmes, at that point, suggested "the exemption of all funeral-related gatherings."

Mayor Davis then expressed concern about requiring a permit for anyone hosting an event at their home after a funeral, noting that such gatherings could hardly be classified as "a party."

Councilmember Shea then observed that "the Police Department needed to know when there were twenty cars parked on the street."

After a lengthy discussion of other possible limits and exceptions for private and personal events, funerals, weddings, and reunions foremost among them, Councilmember Murdock, noted that "the last thing on someone's mind when they were planning a funeral was the need to go to the Town Office." She suggested the language related to the twenty-car limit be tweaked and that a private individual not have to provide forty-five days' notice of an event.

Councilmember Snyder agreed, noting that "a wake was seldom planned."

Councilmember Shea suggested the sub-committee work on this further, noting that there were many good reasons for the Town's Police, Fire and Emergency responders to know "that an entire street was going to be lined with cars on both sides in the event there was something else going on."

Chief Panebianco agreed, but recommended the Town's sub-committee do more work on the ordinance

Mayor Davis agreed, noting that, in her view, the Town should not "get too involved in residential activities." A party with one hundred people was one thing, she noted, but "when the Town started regulating everything, including when someone had a family reunion, it was over stepping its bounds. Councilmembers Snyder and Scheps agreed, at which point Mayor Davis asked the sub-committee to continue to work on the matter and bring new suggestions to Council.

Ghost Tours

Request to establish regulations to allow for ghost tours in public rights-of-way – Heather Kyle

Heather Kyle, noting that she was "an anthropologist and ethnographer who came to Middleburg to collect stories," appeared before Town Council to request permission to run "ghost tours" of Middleburg for paying customers. After working in what she described as "some of the most haunted locations in Middleburg" and discovering that she, herself was related to a ghost sometimes described as "the Shrieking Shrew of Foxcroft," Kyle came up with the idea of conducting ghost tours, similar to those conducted in Leesburg, Harper's Ferry, Williamsburg and many other locations around Virginia.

Her tours, she said, would be modeled on those offered in Williamsburg, with tour guides in costume and presentations based on historical fact. Groups would be limited in size to around twenty people.

Her goal, she said, was to begin offering tours on October 1st, if possible, in order to have a couple of weekends under her belt before the Middleburg Film Festival. Her ghost tour website, she said, " was poised and ready to go."

After lengthy discussion of permits, insurance requirements, short notice and possible conflict with other special events planned for Middleburg during the fall, Councilmembers Bundles Murdock and Kathy Jo Shea suggested that Council should discuss the request further with Town staff and get back to Ms. Kyle.

Cidery Expansion

Marc Chretien, the owner of Mt. Defiance Cidery, appeared before Town Council to seek advice and counsel on hoped-for changes to his business, now located at 207 West Washington Street.

The Cidery is doing well, he noted, and needs to expand and modernize.

Tearing down his current building and replacing it with something both larger and more appropriate to the style of the Town would help, he noted. Current plans call for the construction of "an 1860's style historic barn that would look like it belonged in Middleburg."

His real need, however, was land.

According to Chretien he now has a "sixty day study period contract for the purchase of twelve acres of land located at the end of East Federal Street."

The land, he said, is ideal for him to plant apple trees.

His problem, he continued, "was that eight acres were located in the County and four in the Town."

Loudoun County, he said, "requires a minimum of ten acres for a winery, which was how he was licensed" but could not give him a farm permit unless the entire ten acres fell under County jurisdiction.

Loudoun County, he said, had" indicated that they would have no objection if Middleburg annexed the property." VDOT, he said, was on board, most of the property was surrounded by a cemetery and he would have only one neighbor, on the end of Federal Street, who would be protected by "a large buffer of trees between his property and the Cidery."

Chretien asked that Council provide some indication as to its attitude toward the project "within the next fifty days so that he could buy the land."

Mayor Davis advised Chretien that his requests would be scheduled for discussion during Council's September work session.

"Whipped Cream" Group Show at Dairy Barn Gallery

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The Dairy Barn Gallery opens to "Whipped Cream," an exhibition of artists October 17, from 4-6pm. Join the artists to mingle, nosh and expand or begin your art collection. The artists will be showing paintings, sculptures, pottery and collage.

"Whipped Cream" is the third group show of the Dairy Barn Gallery organized by Julie Miles, the first two, "Got Art" and "Fresh Cream" by Winslow McCagg. "Whipped Cream" will feature fourteen artists, Winslow McCagg, Julie Miles, Joan Gardiner, Nol Putnam, Isabelle Truchon, Mike Shaffer, Gail Guerreri Maslyk, Amy Oliver, Sage Chandler, Lilla Ohrstrom, Rosemary Markowski, Nancy Kleck, Karen Oliver, and Pamela Klein.

"The Dairy Barn show, heading into its third bash, has been nothing but wonderful, I could say that this one coming up might be the best yet, but that's what I felt about the two previous shows, so one feeds upon the other. These shows are about rounding up creative peoples in this fabulous region for us to show our work and for visitors and art lovers to enjoy, celebrate, and to become engaged," explained Winslow McCagg.

"The creative spirit, the creative muse, the creative action is within all of us, and we need it like air, and we know whether it fits our taste, touches our dreaming, or is outside our limitations there is still a reason, cause, and need for viewing and interacting with works of craft and works of art, and often they are the same," McCagg continued.

"It's the hippest art scene in our area…" noted Joan Gardiner.

"Wonderful pieces and wonderful evening! Thank You to all the artists who are showcasing their talents all this weekand KUDOS to Tom Trial for his handiwork in taking a magnificent former dairy barn and creating a beautiful canvas for artists to show their passions," said Kim Cupples.

The show opens October 17, 2015, 4-6pm, with music from Justin James Forcione, and will be open Oct.18, 24/25, 31/ Nov1 from 12-5pm, and by appointment. A closing reception will be on November 1, 2-4 pm with music from Morgan and Dave of Furnace Mountain. The Dairy Barn Gallery is located at 22989 Sam Fred Rd, Middleburg VA 20117.

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The Masai Giraffe



Teresa Ramsay riding "Koru".



Gordie Church and Crew posing with our Group on the Mara River Bank.



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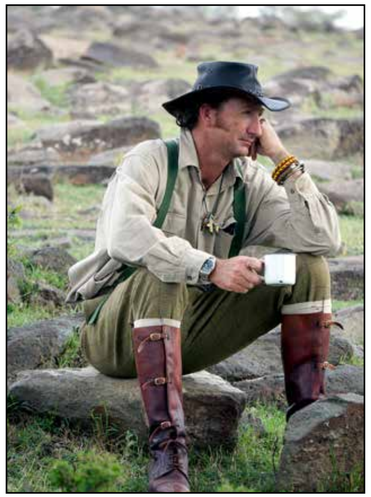
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Riders crossing the Mara during Migration



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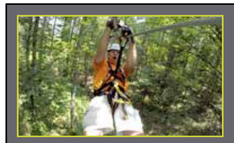
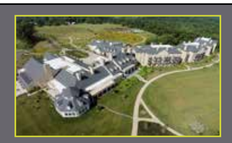
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A Wild Wild West Polo Ball

Greenhill Winery, Middleburg, VA ~ Photos by Tony Gibson/www.22Gates.com

Lauren Giannini

Great Meadow Polo Club finished the season with "A Wild Wild West" Polo Ball at Middleburg's Greenhill Winery, Sept. 11. Many of the 180 guests dressed up in wild west attire as gunslingers, sheriffs and saloon gals for the evening's agenda of cocktails, dinner and dancing. Great Meadow Polo Club President John Gobin did the honors as emcee and gave all the credit for organizing the party to GM Polo Club manager, Whitney Ross. Annual awards are a Great Meadow Polo Club tradition, and La Martina shirts were presented as "trophies" to Rob Banner, Great Meadow Foundation president, honored as "Man of the Year"; Greenhill Winery owner David Greenhill — "Most Improved Player"; Craig Pirtle — "Best Fall"; Luis who works for Bill Ballhaus — "Best Groom," to name a few. Great Meadow Polo Club will return to action in the arena and on the grass in mid-May.



Great Meadow Polo Club President John Gobin, GM Polo Manager Whitney Ross



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Virginia Downs

Great Meadow, The Plains, Virginia

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Bruce and Edi Smart, bonded (IRE), andTrainer Jimmy Day



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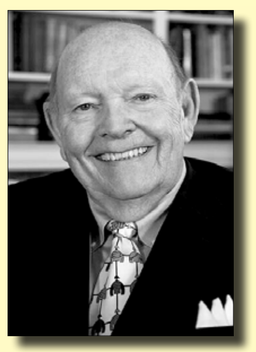
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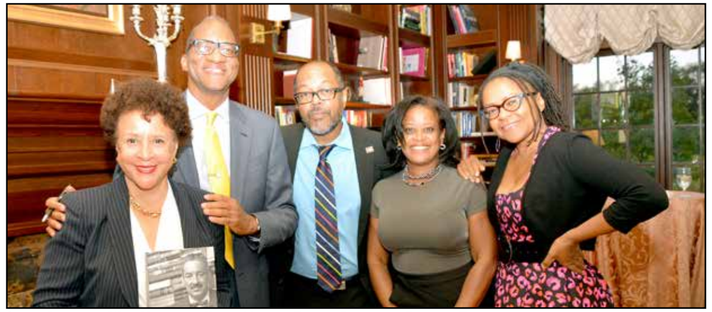
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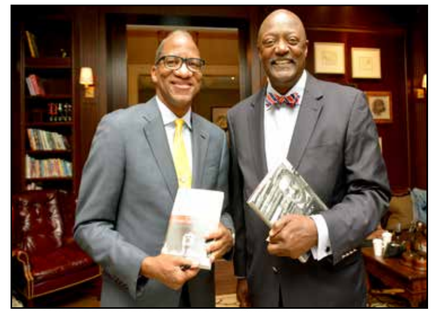


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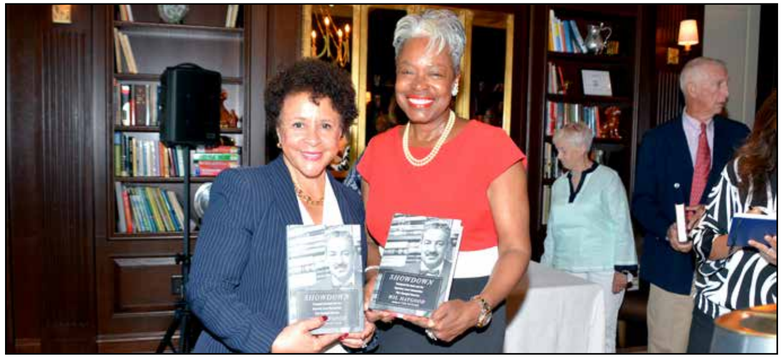
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Mountainside Montessori Rings in the School Year with New Staff



Sure. From left to right: (standing) Lakota Coon, Jeff Wolfe, Amanda Hess, Shannon Falli-Lasser; (seated) Shannon Rogers, Janelle Stewart, and Edel Kunkel, Mountainside's Head of School.

Eryn Gable

As Mountainside Montessori School starts the school year at its new location in Marshall, the school has also welcomed several new staff members to aid its mission of providing high-quality education integrated with sustainable agriculture, environmental stewardship, and free play in nature.

The new staff members include:

Lakota Coon (Toddler Guide): A native Virginian, Lakota received her bachelor of fine arts in ceramics and art education, with a minor in special education, from James Madison University. Subsequently, Lakota attended the Montessori Institute of San Diego for her Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Assistance to Infancy training. She enjoys all creative endeavors, including cooking, baking, and theater.

Amanda Hess (Elementary Guide): Amanda received a bachelor of arts degree in child and family studies from Berea College and an AMI Elementary Diploma from Washington Montessori Institute. Now in her fifth year as an Elementary Guide, Amanda enjoys reading, gardening, and swing dancing.

Janelle Stewart (Adolescent Guide): After graduating from George Mason University, Janelle taught World History and French at a public high school in North Carolina and worked as a program administrator at a private school in northern Virginia. Janelle left the education field for about 15 years and pursued a career in construction management only to be called back by her passion for education and for children. She is pursing a master's degree through George Mason's Transformative Teaching Program and Montessori Adolescent Training through the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education and expects to complete both programs next June. Janelle and her family have raised hogs, sheep, and goats on their farm, and participated in 4H for the past 7 years, where she currently serves as the leader for the Loudoun County 4H Sheep Club.

Shannon Rogers (Adolescent Mentor): Shannon has an undergraduate degree in studio art from Beloit College and a master's in museum administration from Baylor University. Her work experience includes Red Fox Fine Art in Middleburg, and fundraising at Baylor University, the Corcoran Museum, Wakefield School, and Highland School. Recently, Shannon co-chaired Middleburg Montessori School's "Art of the Piedmont" fundraiser and installed the 68th annual Piedmont Regional Art Show at Grace Episcopal Church in The Plains.

Jeff Wolfe (Adolescent Mentor): Jeff has taught middle school math and science for over 20 years in Fairfax and Fauquier counties. His most recently assignment was Marshall Middle School, where he taught Physical Science and 7th Grade Math. He holds a degree in music education from Principia College and Elementary classroom certification from Pacific Lutheran University.

Martha Johnson (Extended Day Assistant): Martha has decades of experience in the field of child care, including raising five children of her own. A grandmother of six, Martha worked most recently at Brumfield Elementary School doing payroll and office management. Martha and her husband, Nathan, live in Warrenton and enjoy cooking and spending time with family.

Shannon Falli-Lasser (Office): Shannon holds a bachelor of science in biology from the University of New Hampshire and a master's in business administration from Arizona State University.

The new hires come as the school moves to its new location on Belvoir Road, the fruition of a five-effort that included planning, fundraising and construction. The new facility rests on 10 acres of farmland, with a separate classroom and garden area for each age group, from toddlers through adolescents.

The school's new location close to Interstate 66 also makes it easily accessible for families throughout the region, including Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William counties.

All of the students will have access to the outdoors throughout the school day, allowing them to work in the gardens, interact with the livestock and hike around the school's property.

Mountainside's older students will also be responsible for tending the school's sheep, goats, chickens and bees. It's all part of a hands-on educational experience that allows students to apply their knowledge in subjects such as math, science and economics by essentially operating their own farm.

Mountainside is also offering a free class on Friday mornings from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for parents with infants and toddlers from ages 8 weeks to 3 years. The class will give parents and caregivers the opportunity to learn about appropriate developmental tasks for their children and get answers to common questions like how to potty-train.

Parents who are interested in arranging a tour of the facility or want to learn more about its programs should call 540-253-5025 or email office@mountainsidemontessori.com.



John Neff to Chair Wakefield School's Board of Trustees

Wakefield welcomes John Neff as our new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. John brings a multitude of talents as well as a strong passion for the school and for the community.

He grew up in an academically centered household where both parents achieved master's degrees from Harvard University. He was taught early on that "practical" learning in combination with a strong liberal arts background would allow one an open platform for pursuing their passions.

Neff has already fulfilled one of his life's dreams by becoming partner at Akre Capital Management in Middleburg where he helps direct the investments of approximately $4.5 billion in assets. He was named Co-Portfolio Manager of the Akre Focus Fund in August 2014.

Prior to his assignment at Akre, he worked for 10 years at William Blair & Company in equity research and as a senior analyst. From the years of 1994 – 1999, Neff worked for First Chicago NBD Corporation and Merrill Lynch in the securities industry. John received his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1999 and holds a B.A. in English from Colgate University.

John and his lovely wife, Jennifer, live in Marshall, Va. They have two children, Michael, an 8th grader, and Kate, a 5th grader. The Neff family moved to this area from Chicago in 2010. John still holds true to being a life-long Bears fan!

In accepting his new post John stated, "This is such an exciting time for Wakefield School. The school is outstanding and the new momentum that's building is truly impressive. To serve and cultivate that from this new vantage point is a very special privilege."

Wakefield School Hires David Noyes as the Head Coach of the Boy's Soccer Program

Wakefield School in The Plains, Va is pleased to announce the hiring of Dave Noyes as Head Coach of the Boy's Soccer Program.

Dave is currently the Technical Director of Culpepper's Soccer Club. His passion for soccer has allowed him to play, coach and manage all levels of soccer clubs in the Virginia, DC and Maryland areas. In 2014, Noyes was the head coach for the Men's and Women's soccer programs at Lord Fairfax Community College. Prior to LFCC, Dave was the general manager of the professional soccer club Real Maryland FX and was the assistant coach/GK Coach with the Carolina Railhawks, both teams are members of the United Soccer Leagues (USL).

Wakefield's Athletic Director, Paul Sipes states, "We are thrilled to have a coach with the professional credentials of Coach Noyes joining our staff. More importantly, we are happy to have a man who understands the value of a liberal arts education and whose philosophy is a perfect compliment to the educational goals of Wakefield School."

Noyes is originally from Bridgewater, Mass. During his collegiate years, Dave attended Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, known as the "soccer power house school". He transferred to Stonehill College in Easton, Ma where he captained the team, which was all-conference and N.E.I.S.L. All Star. Post graduation, Dave played professionally with the United Soccer Leagues' Rhode Island Stingrays and the Northern Virginia Royals. Noyes has also coached at Bates College, Lewiston, ME; Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI; Super Y-League; RI State ODP; Region I ODP; and W.T. Woodson H.S. which won the Boys AAA Northern Virginia Regional Championship and an appearance in the Virginia Boys AAA Final Four State Championship.

Noyes has earned his United States Soccer Federation (USSF) B License and the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Advanced National License.

Wakefield School is an independent school (junior kindergarten – 12th Grade) that focuses on each individual student to achieve their best in order to be contributing citizens to their community. A fine example of our commitment to our student's athletic division, the hiring of Dave will drive Wakefield's soccer program to great achievements.

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Pastimes

Weed Smarts



Karen Rexrode



The daily routine of weeding is constant. The process teaches us a lot about the tenacity of weeds. If they don't explode, they catch on your clothes, fly in the wind or arm themselves with thorns. In fact weeds are so good at spreading their seed that modern inventions have been designed from studying the whys and wherefores of seed dispersal. Good examples are Velcro, devised from the seed of cockle burr and the stealth bomber which mimics the seeds of an Asian climbing gourd, Alsomitra macrocarpa.

During the fall there always seems to be more weeding than the gardener can keep up with. A necessary tactic is to understand their means of procreation and attempting to put a halt to it. The yellow sorrel or oxalis will send its seeds in a showery explosion as soon as you touch it. The best method of eradication is to grab as much of the plant as possible with a clenched fist and tug till the plant is uprooted. The same tactic works for penny-cress (Thlaspi arvense), a cool season weed with tiny seeds that launch themselves as far as 16 feet.

When plants spread their seeds by flinging them away from the parent plant, it is called mechanical dispersal. Rain drops are frequent triggers, which aids germination with added moisture. Temperature can also be a factor; this is how hamamelis or witch hazel spread their seeds. The pods are made up of two compartments, each filled with one seed. The warmth of late summer pops the seed pod open, flinging the seeds far away from the mother plant. Our local impatiens, Impatiens capensis also known as touch-me-not, or jewel weed is a well-known native with small turnip shape exploding seed pods.

Prongs or hooks are another strategy, moving the plant away from the parent by riding on a passing animal. This method is known as passive mechanical dispersal. Bidens or two-pronged tick-seed is common in Virginia and readily comes to mind. Its ability to latch on is remarkable, evident with tiny, black spears that grab onto jacket, sweater, even hair. The flowers produced by this aster relative are bright yellow and fill unmown fields in late summer. That along with lavender asters and little bluestem make for an attractive wildflower meadow, yet all are capable of producing seed that can latch on.

In fact a wildflower meadow could be achieved by wearing an old ratty sweater, running through a high growth field in the fall, arms outstretched and then planting that sweater and waiting for spring. I'm just kidding of course, unless you're endlessly happy with weeding.

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



I've done a fair amount of art show judging this year which has had me looking at nearly 2,000 pieces of art. The art has covered a very wide range of ages, experience and raw or acquired talent. As well, there has been a wide spectrum of mediums, subject matter and genres.

I share this because after so many years of painting and so often speaking with those who are learning to paint at all ages and stages of life, I have really begun to ask the question of when does it really "click" for an artist? I mean in that transitional stage from beginner, with beginner looking results, to that of an experienced painter?

This is in no way an art critique article, but rather an attempt to isolate that "click" or the "I get it", in an artist's life. Some get it very young or early in their attempts, while others spend years breaking through barriers. So, in my attempt to unfold this artistic road map, I hope the following thoughts will help new painters progress to that next level.

I don't like critiquing paintings. I would rather help someone fix a particular problem they think they have than pick what they've done apart. I helped a artist once by asking him two questions; What is the color of water and what is the color of chrome? This artist didn't think his river water looked real. His answer to what is the color of water, was blue. The answer is clear. Pools look blue because the cement is painted blue. But what gives water its color is the reflecting sky, surround trees, what you see through it, current and it's tint, as in muddy water, which is still not opaque. Chrome by the way is basically a mirror, his answer though was silver, and both of his answers were natural mistakes which help make beginner paintings look the way they do.

Painting is also not only artistic, it's mechanical and like dancing, it does require coordination. It's also like learning a new language. In France, just because you don't know how to speak French, doesn't mean you have nothing to say. You just cannot be understood. A new language takes awhile [that 10,000 hour rule],and kids always seem to learn quicker than adults. This is largely due to the unwired brain not having to unravel itself and kids are way better at having fun. Adults are too results driven, especially at first.

Painting is also one of those things that requires tools. A brush is not a magic wand, it's a tool. There are good tools which do produce better results, and student grade tools, meaning cheap. An experienced painter using a cheap tool will get better results than a student, but both would be better with quality tools.

If you take a painting class and you are trying to learn about the tools, the paint, the drawing, light, composition, subject matter choices, and developing your style, all at once, well, good luck. Best learning to draw, then about the paint, how it works, and how the tools work for you, rather than you for them. This goes for modern art as well.

Artist paint is a tool too. It is a tool of expression, no more, no less. Why use acrylic, or oil, or watercolor? Which is best? The one that works for you! They each have characteristics that make them the best for a chosen result. I would much rather look upon a masterfully done watercolor, than a poorly done oil. Make these mediums work for you, not you for them. Learn how they work.

Often light is a big one. Take any object, sit it next to a lamp and really look what the light does to it and the table it's on. Don't just look at the object, look at what is happening to and around the object. The light bulb is action, the light upon the object is the reaction. The shadow it casts is its reaction to the table it is on. Move the lamp around and discover what happens and you can apply these things inside or outside.

Edges are a big one too. Really look at the edges of things in your paintings. Are the edges soft, or hard, is there contrast between them? Understand hue [color] and value [dark and light]. Often people new to painting try different colors, but all of the same value, giving flat results. Most of all, have fun!

Live An Artful Life, Tom



Eating for More Energy

Kay Colgan
Certified Fitness Professional

Do you want great skin, shiny hair and have loads of energy? Then rethink your dinner plate and pack on some color. The deepest richest colorful fruit and vegetables are loaded with free radical fighting antioxidants. These health promoting foods will not only taste great they will liven up your spirit.

A smoothie made with colorful fruits and vegetables is a smart and nutritious way to start your day. A green smoothie made with kale, celery, ginger, lemon, and apples will be surprisingly sweet and nutritious too. Lunch time can be met with organic crusty bread adorned with sliced avocados, a little lemon juice, topped off with sprouts. Dinner can be gorgeous beet pasta with ricotta. It is surprisingly easy to eat healthy when you have the right ingredients on hand. In fact, it is fun and rewarding to eat this way. Your body will thank you and your energy will soar. Stop the package food route and give your body what it truly craves. Maybe you are craving organic lean protein with a colorful salad. It is not hard to find colorful lettuces, cabbage, tomatoes or many other colorful fruits and vegetables to add in. Have fun with creating your meal. In fact the less complicated you make it the better it will be. I like to get the family involved, it is a fun way to bond and share in the cooking process.

Farmers' markets are still overflowing with beautiful bright colorful fruits and vegetables which will liven up your meals. The good news is you will not only be making healthy food for your family, but also supporting our local farmers. From the garden to your table, farmers markets are loaded with fresh produce. Fresh means the nutrients are still alive and well and ready for your consumption. Living foods really pack a punch for our immune system as well as our overall well-being.

I hope to see you at a farmers market soon.

For more information about health and fitness, please contact Kay Colgan, at Middleburg Pilates and Personal Training, 14 S. Madison Street, Middleburg, Va. or call 540-687-6995.

Julia and Lola
A girl and their dogs





The Plains' Fifth Annual Village Scarecrow Contest!

October 10-30, 2015



Design your own scarecrow – the wackier, the better!
Prizes awarded for:
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Contest Kick-off on October 10, 11am-2pm!

Fun activities along Main Street! The annual Wakefield 5K Run, live music, special store events, face-painting, and more!

Entries must be up for judging by Oct. 7. Public voting runs Oct. 10–30. Winners will be notified and posted on ThePlainsVirginia.com. Non-residents are encouraged to participate and welcome to place scarecrows on the front lawn of The Community House on Main Street.



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Pastimes

Albert's Corner

A monthly column for people who share their homes with four-legged friends.



Albert P. Clark

Over the last decade, there have been encouraging advances in pet nutrition. I've been the lucky taste tester of many healthy and delicious new food options, and I've learned a lot about what does my body good. I've been the most excited about food that gets closer to its natural state – freeze-dried, dehydrated, raw, and even canned options made from whole foods.

While I really prefer those dry food alternatives, I know they are not for everyone. For some people, life is so busy that it can be difficult to put a lot of thought into what goes into our bowls. For others, keeping an eye on the bottom line is a must. For still others, convenience is key. The reality is that kibble is king and it makes up the lion's share of pet food sales. The good news is that there are high quality dry foods available today. And it takes only a little bit of knowledge to separate the good from the bad.

The standards that have been in place for years are still true. Read labels carefully, understanding that the first ingredients are the most prevalent. Avoid formulas that include corn, soy, or wheat. Do not buy food that includes the word "by-product" in the formula. And avoid artificial colors and preservatives.

Some other aspects of food assessment are not as widely known, however. Many people, for instance, believe that "meal" is always a red flag on a package. It is not. Meal can be very nutrient dense, but it can also be very nutrient poor. It all comes down to the quality of meat that was used to make the meal. Ideally, meal should be identified as coming from a specific protein source (chicken meal, beef meal, venison meal) and should be made by a reputable manufacturer. Lower quality foods include by-product meals (chicken by-product meal, beef by-product meal) or generic meals (poultry meal, meat meal, animal meal, bone meal).

Another myth is that grains are always bad for dogs. Thanks to robust marketing efforts, carbohydrates have been demonized and the grain-free marketplace is booming. While it is true that some pets do better without grains in their diet, some amount of carbs can be beneficial for most of us. The trick is to make sure that carbs make up a far smaller percentage of the food than meat. If grain is the first ingredient, the food is not going to be the best choice for us. Additionally, we should eat whole grains rather than unrefined.

Be aware that some pet food companies employ a trick called splitting to hide the fact that a food is mostly made up of grains. You can spot this tactic by looking for the same grain named multiple times in different ways (i.e. rice bran and rice gluten or corn meal and corn flour). By splitting the grain ingredient, companies are able to make it appear that meat is the first ingredient since the grain components can be stated in smaller percentages.

As is the case with human food, pet food is a behemoth industry fraught with complexity. It pays to do a lot of research and choose your pet's diet carefully. Just because a brand has beautiful advertising campaigns or takes up lots of shelf space in stores or even in vet's offices does not mean it's the right choice. Feeding your pet well can result in a longer, healthier life. We truly are what we eat!

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a Middleburg-founded company for dogs, cats, and their people. (wyliewagg.com)

The Salton Sea: Live or Let Die

The Third of Three Parts : Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

"Live or Let Die." No, it's not a Paul McCartney song or a James Bond movie. The Salton Sea in Southern California is faced with these choices.

In the two previous parts of this series I've discussed how the Salton Sea came into existence and summarized discussions in 1995 about how to save it. Twenty years later the discussions are more about whether to save it, in other words, should it remain in existence or ultimately vanish.

Traditionally, since an agreement was signed in 1922 among the Colorado River states allotting a portion of the Colorado River water to each state, the Imperial Valley in California received 70 percent of the California allotment annually. Return flow from irrigated fields in the Imperial Valley to the Salton Sea slowed the Sea's evaporation but carried toxic chemicals to the Sea. The Sea continues to shrink in size and become more saline and the exposed seabed contains these toxic materials.

In 2003, an agreement between the Imperial Irrigation District, the City of San Diego and the Coachella Valley provided a temporary reprieve for the Sea. The Irrigation District agreed to quit farming 50,000 acres and ship the water that would have been used to irrigate those acres to San Diego and to the Coachella Valley for residential usage. In return, those urban areas agreed to pay for water conservation efforts such as canal lining and drip irrigation for remaining agriculture in the Imperial Valley. Because it would not be receiving runoff from the acreage taken out of production, the agreement called for 32 billion gallons of water each year to be piped to the Salton Sea. However, this transfer of water to the Sea is scheduled to end in 2017. Then what?

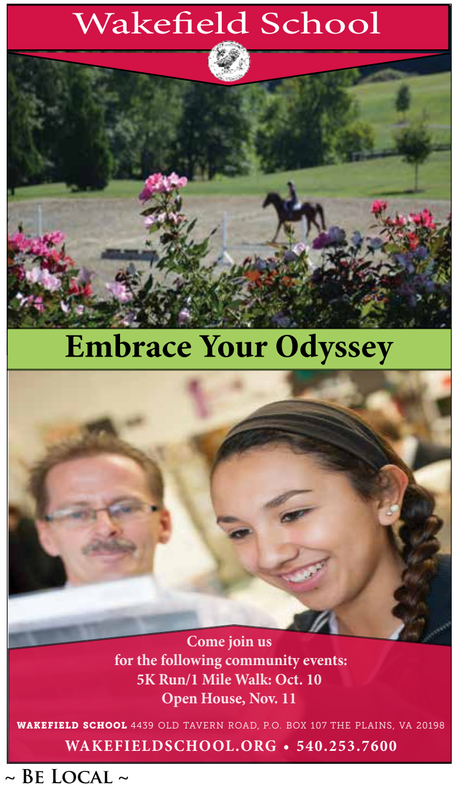
The solution to saving the Sea is enough water to insure that water levels do not decline further. But where would more water come from? Presently, there is not enough water to go around in Southern California.

For some, the ideas discussed in Part 2 of this series to save the Sea are still under consideration. Build a 100-mile long canal to bring water from the Sea of Cortez to the Salton Sea. Some local residents feel this is doable but state and federal officials do not.

For others, building dikes to maintain a smaller Sea would save the fish and provide for the migratory birds usage of the Sea would save part of the sea. Once again, who would pay and would it be sustainable for the long term? Where would the water come from to maintain a consistent water level in the Sea?

If nothing is done, a reasonable estimate is that the Sea water level will decline by 20 feet in the 15 years following 2017 dramatically increasing the salinity of the remaining water. This will doom the already stressed fish population. Then, of course, there is the problem of exposed fine-grained toxic sediments that dry and are scattered by wind. This could be an increasing health problem for residents of Southern California.

Presently the Sea is slowly dying. Who wants to save it? Environmentalists concerned about the fish and birds and some but not all the local populace. The rest of the country really could care less. Can it be saved? I don't know the answer. Should it be saved? I don't know that answer either. Ultimately, will it be saved? I can sum up my answer to that question in three words, I doubt it.



Who Should Go on the $10 Bill?

Chandler and Jerry, "Dutch" Van Voorhis

On a lighter note, the candidates in the latest Republican Presidential Debate were asked, "What woman would you like to see on the $10 bill?" as the Treasury Department plans this change.

The answers were very plausible and personal for the most part. They ranged from Susan B. Anthony and Clara Barton, to Mother Theresa and Britain's Margaret Thatcher, to Abigail Adams and Rosa Parks, to keeping Alexander Hamilton there for relevance and stability as the main author of America's financial system.

The candidates were under the pressure of time and the glare of lights, of course. So we offer another thought – one the Treasury Department should closely consider. She is Rosie the Riveter, the famous name given to the women who worked in the industrial factories of America in World War II.

Rosie – and the millions of women working the home front, assembling the goods of the manufacturing sector, giving us our uniforms and bombers and everything between – made a selfless commitment to country for years. More than 310,000 women alone worked in the U.S. aircraft industry in 1943, making up 65 percent of the industry's total workforce.

Primarily a fictitious character, the strong, bandanna-clad Rosie became the most iconic image of working women in the World War II era. She was in movies, newspapers, posters, photographs and articles. Normal Rockwell's iconic May 29, 1943 Saturday Evening Post image of Rosie with a flag in the background and a copy of Adolf Hitler's racist tract "Mein Kampf" under her feet may be the most famous. But her prototype was created in 1942 on a featured poster for Westinghouse under the headline "We Can Do It!" And once an early 1943 popular song called "Rosie the Riveter" debuted, the name went down in history.

The "Rosie's" of America worked around the clock for America. We would not have won the war without the force of their unremitting 24-hour three-shift factory work and constant wartime production. The America of today is still largely the product of the Second World War securing the peace, progress, and prosperity that has led the world for the last 70 years.

Putting Rosie on the $10 bill would somehow connect the dollar to work again. The dollar would be more sacrosanct by creating a tie back to the notion of labor. Rosie celebrates not only women, but also the need to produce. Her symbolic presence would counter the currency as a ticket for the river (and flow) of consumption in a consumer and now, worrisomely, growing dependent society.

Rosie was healthy for society then, and Rosie is a healthy symbol for society today. We have paid tribute to the men who make up the World War II generation. Are not the women who fought and labored so mightily in World War II equally worthy of the "The Greatest Generation" name?

George Washington was the first face to go on the dollar since as a national figure and symbol he stood first. The first choice of a woman matters as much. We have many wonderful female leaders and reformers across our historical landscape, but Rosie is ensconced in our historical tradition at a level that exceeds the unique deeds of individual female leaders and reformers.

Rosie is a historical symbol of the strength of our national womanhood. She honors our history and purpose as a nation and is woven 100% into its very fabric. She calls forth why we are a great nation, would give us new appreciation for our money, help us see the dollar as a generating rather than a distributive and spending tool, and discipline and anchor our currency, once more, to integrity. She is also the most apt female replacement for Alexander Hamilton.

All the suggestions are good ones, but The Public Square believes Rosie "fits the bill" best.

You Know You are From Middleburg When…

Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell

I am not from Middleburg proper but I am a western Loudoun County native. I have not been around here as long as others, however Middleburg has been a part of my daily life since about 1989 so I feel pretty attached and well versed in being local. I fondly recall places like the Coach Stop, BP, The Finicky Filly, Piedmont Gourmet, Mosby's, The Intimate Fox, Huckleberries, and The Windsor House. Though times have changed, I am glad that Middleburg, for the most part, has stayed the same.

You know you are from Middleburg when…

1. You do your best to support your local community, businesses and culture and are perfectly happy to commute to anywhere else to find a Starbucks, Subway or Multiplex rather than welcome them to town.

2. Having a dust covered car is completely normal. Potholes happen. Who needs a perfectly aligned, clean car, anyway?

3. You are well aware of the difference between those who dress like a Ralph Lauren advertisement to look like they fit in and those that actually have been in the vicinity of a real, live horse. You can most often tell by some sort of dirt, hay, sawdust, hair, scent or manure somewhere on their ensemble.

4. Your go to hostess gift when you go out of town is a box of cow puddles. Your go to dinner outing when you host is to get some peanut soup.

5. With zero disrespect to the success of Fox Chase, The Red Horse or Middleburg Academy, to some they will always be called Paper Chase, Magpies and Notre Dame.

6. Everyone knows that it takes "20 minutes" to get anywhere and people legitimately can use the excuse of being stuck behind a tractor or hunt or needing to help a lost dog, cow, or horse when they are late.

7. Ladies know how acceptable and actually sought after and preferred a wedgie is at the races. Shoes, people. Stilettos at the races are a dead giveaway that you are not local.

8. You know they are not dogs and no, they don't shoot the fox.

9. You really know you have arrived when there is at least one unfounded rumor floating around town about you. And that rumor morphs several times as it travels from the post office to the coffee shop. Probably the ugliest side of Middleburg. The sad but true reality of our lovely, little village.

10. And last but not least, you know you are from Middleburg when you have at least once illegally parked at the Safeway when you didn't go in there to shop.



What are the Options for Replacing My Missing Tooth?

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos

Even with great advances in dentistry in the last 50 years, people still face the unfortunate event of tooth loss. I am frequently asked about the need and approach for tooth replacement. Fortunately, with the advancements in dentistry we can replace teeth in a life-like, aesthetic restoration with natural function and beauty.

There are several options for replacing a missing tooth or teeth. The possibilities depend on: where in the mouth, how many teeth are missing, the age and overall health of the individual, and the health of the adjacent teeth and surrounding gum and bone.

- The options for replacing missing teeth are:
- Do nothing
- Removable partial denture or complete denture
- Non-removable bridge
- Implants with removable teeth
- Implants with non-removable teeth

Doing nothing, this is usually not a good option. A missing tooth is a functional and may also be a cosmetic issue. Missing teeth will affect how well you chew, lead to teeth shifting and a bad bite, diminish your smile and cause food traps. A bad bite will affect how well you chew and can contribute to joint and muscle pain (TMJ). Besides the annoyance, food trap areas lead to decay and periodontal disease, and neighboring teeth tend to shift into the gap changing the bite. Usually, the only time I recommend a do nothing approach is in the case of an acute medically compromised individual.

Removable partial or complete dentures, these were the treatments of choice years ago when options for more stable outcomes were not available. There are many disadvantages to dentures. Dentures tend to move around causing difficulty in eating, talking and smiling. They need to be removed for cleaning and soaked at night to keep the mouth and denture from becoming infected. Dentures rest on the gums and bone and cause sore spots and bone loss, eventually leading to dentures that don't fit. Partial dentures also anchor on teeth and the pressure put on these anchor teeth weakens otherwise healthy teeth often leading to more tooth loss. Dentures need to be relined every one to two years and replaced every 5 to 7 years due to bone changes and when the denture teeth wear out. Dentures are usually the least expensive option and for some patients medical health may not allow for alternative treatment.

Non-removable bridges, this option has been the standard for replacing single or multiple teeth for decades. Bridges are attached to other teeth. If you are missing one or more teeth but still have several healthy natural teeth a bridge may be fitted to the existing teeth. As long as the adjacent teeth and gums are healthy this is a very successful long term solution. The cost is higher than dentures but the benefits outweigh the cost differential. Bridges are stable for chewing, they do not move, longevity is very good, cleansing ability is fair, and they can be made to match your natural teeth. On average, well-made bridges tend to be replaced every 12-17 years. The biggest drawbacks to bridges are homecare is difficult and when the bridge needs to be replaced it involves several teeth.

Implants with removable teeth, this is an option for replacing multiple teeth in adults. Implants are titanium posts placed in the jaw bone to replace the roots of missing teeth. Implants can be placed singularly or in multiples. The health of the patient is extremely important. Patients taking bisphosphonates for osteoporosis will need to consult with their dentist and physician about this procedure. Like removable dentures, they need to be removed for cleaning and are left out at night. They can cause sore spots and bone loss in the areas that they rest on the gums. The big advantage to having implants is increased stability of the teeth and bone preservation in the areas of the implants. These teeth are more comfortable than non- implant supported removable dentures because they have less movement. They do need to be relined when there are gum and bone contact because the gum and bone will recede. This option can be more costly than removable dentures but is much more stable, more comfortable and longer lasting.

Implants with non-removable teeth are usually the most stable and longest lasting way to replace missing teeth. Children, teens and some young adults may not be good candidates since their jaw bones are still growing. Implant(s) are placed in the jaw bone and non-removable teeth are made to fit to the implants. With this option maximum stability is attained and the implants help prevent bone loss. Patients can resume normal chewing with no restrictions. These implant restorations can be made to mimic natural tooth and gum tissue. Single teeth can be replaced with an implant and crown. Multiple teeth can be replaced with implants and bridges or implants and teeth -- all non-removable. Implant replacement of teeth may be more expensive than bridges or removable dentures but implants have better longevity, are more comfortable, feel like teeth and are easier to maintain.

Deciding which approach to take should be achieved with a patient and dentist discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of each, but replacing missing teeth is usually the best option.

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Editors Desk

Party Permits?

Town Council is currently considering just how big a party can be before a citizen of Middleburg can be compelled to report his or her intentions to host same to Town Hall, the Police, or both.

At this month's regular session of the Middleburg Town Council the notion surfaced that "twenty cars in a bunch" might serve as the outer and visible sign of excessive celebratory or ceremonial exuberance.

One concern, of course, is traffic and ultimately the safety of those using our streets. Another is the swift and safe passage of emergency vehicles. Still another is noise and nuisance.

All are legitimate concerns.

That said, our small police force does a magnificent job of responding to unexpected "special events:" a party that grows a little beyond expectations; a wedding; a funeral; six tables for bridge; three for poker.

We suggest that alerting the police to forthcoming private parties and events be entirely voluntary and left up to the hosts. Most, if not all of us, care enough about our neighbors and our own safety to give our police force a heads up that our "event" might need a little extra attention.

For commercial or other fund-raising events a 20-car rule of thumb seems reasonable. They are, after all, usually planned and, we hope, insured.

Alerting those who might be called on to help just makes good business sense.

Good Cops . . . and Others

When introducing her unanimously supported "Resolution in Appreciation of Police Officers," Middleburg's Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk reportedly noted, " . . . the Town has always had good police officers."

We agree, absolutely.

Today's force, led by Chief A.J. Panebianco, is arguably the best in the ten-year history of this newspaper, and clearly longer if one takes the time to read the minutes of past Town Councils, readily accessible at Town Hall.

We have never been without good police officers. Some have been outstanding. Some have become legends in their own right.

But we have also suffered under less than stellar officers and chiefs.

In the past, Chiefs have left under clouds. Officers have resigned en masse.

Chief A.J. Panebianco's attention to training, recruitment, retention, and promotion; his highly visible commitment to community policing; and his insistence that all his officers subscribe to a formal code of personal honor above and beyond those required by law, are special.

Hats off to him and his entire force.

And may they, with all our help, stay safe and strong.

With God on My Side

Blue

Dan Morrow

"And you never ask questions
When God's on your side"
- Bob Dylan

If patriotism is, indeed, the last refuge of scoundrels, special insight into the mind of God can usually be counted on as the first and last refuge of the mean-spirited.

Recent events surrounding a mean-spirited and illegal refusal to issue marriage licenses in Kentucky are, in fact, small potatoes in history's long-simmering stew of bigotry, discrimination, violence and murder justified in the name of certainties about their deity or their absolute faith in the all too odd opinions concocted by their co-religionists.

In the lifetimes of most of us, some notion of God has been called on to justify: slavery, Jim Crow, and racial segregation; anti-semitism, expropriation and the holocaust; misogyny the denial of voting rights , property rights and divorce to women; the harassment of women seeking abortions, and the murder of those providing them; 9/11, beheadings and honor killings.

In each and every case the mean-spirited injustice of it all, not to mention the all too often unspeakable harm inflicted, is justified either by self-serving misreadings of scriptures or, more often than not, a pseudo-Calvinist perversion of "justification by faith," taking the form of "I'm-not-sure-why, but-I-know-God's-on-my side."

In Kentucky the syndrome reared its ugly head once more in the form of a Clerk of Court who cited her "faith" as an excuse for both her bigotry and her refusal to carry out her legal duty to issue marriage licenses.

Most Christians think she's forgotten the Sermon on the Mount.

Most jurists think she's in contempt of court.

Most ethicists think she should never have sought the post of Clerk of Court in the first place.

Most bosses think she should have been fired.

Yet, many of our fellow citizens on the right who share her prejudices have praised her "courage," comparing her to Martin Luther King, or to pacifists who refuse to bear arms, or others who turned to civil disobedience to right wrongs.

She, and they, of course, have nothing in common with any of them.

What's sad, and dangerous, is they really don't know why.







Kim Davis – Conscientious Objector

Red

Jim Morgan

She's easy to make fun of, isn't she? Frumpy-looking and, with four marriages and several extra-marital affairs, not exactly a poster child for traditional marriage. So progressives, ever sensitive to others' feelings, gleefully declare her a hypocritical attention-seeker shoving her new-found religion down everyone's throats. Why else would she be so mean?

To liberals there is no other explanation because they believe that only hatred, bigotry, and ignorance can explain anyone's disapproval of homosexual behavior or opposition to the LGBTQIA (google it) agenda. They won't admit the slightest possibility that Davis might actually have repented her earlier behaviors and sincerely is trying to live out a new spiritually-based life. And that wouldn't matter anyway because religious rights are inferior things not worth the attention of rational people.

Clearly, there is a conflict between Kim Davis's duty as an elected official and her strong desire not to violate her religious beliefs. As an elected official, she has sworn to uphold the law and should have issued the marriage licenses whether she personally wanted to or not. But being an elected official does not mean that she has given up her own first amendment rights. Thus the conflict.

And thus the strident, self-righteous progressive demands that Davis must uphold the law. Perhaps, however, they should make those demands of elected officials in "sanctuary cities" who refuse to uphold the law. Or of President Obama who refuses to uphold our immigration laws. Or of the Planned Parenthood representative who "can't consent to be bullied by ridiculous laws." Liberals fully support conscience rights in those cases. How can we take them seriously about Davis when they obviously couldn't care less about upholding the law if doing so conflicts with their own preferred policies?

Kim Davis is a conscientious objector. Is what she did any different from what a military conscientious objector does when, having taking an oath, he declines to perform some of the normal duties of soldiers? She felt strongly enough about it to go to jail for her beliefs as, in the past, military conscientious objectors sometimes have done.

But the conflict between duty and belief is not necessarily difficult to resolve. In Davis's case, a simple conscience exemption written into the law would do it. Kentucky currently does not have such an exemption but other states do and Kentucky state officials are discussing it. Put a conscience exemption into state law; problem solved.

Or maybe not. Not surprisingly, it is those open-minded progressives who force their beliefs on others as shown by their consistent opposition to any dissent. Should a Catholic pharmacist be forced to sell contraceptives? Liberals say yes, even though contraceptives are cheap and available pretty much everywhere. Should the Oregon judge who opposes gay marriage on religious grounds be forced to resign because he asked the clerks to schedule other judges to preside over gay marriages? Liberals say yes. You will be assimilated. Resistance is futile.

For progressives, the very idea of a conscience or religious exemption is a violation of some imaginary right not to be offended which, of course, is more important than anyone else's actual rights.

The problem isn't Kim Davis. It's the hateful hypocrisy of today's illiberal liberalism and the changes it has wrought on our society. OK, Davis should have issued the licenses. But her transgression was a small, fixable thing. It poses no threat to gays who want to marry in Kentucky. If we can let Major Nidal Hasan, the Fort Hood terrorist and murderer, grow a beard for religious reasons in violation of Army regulations, we can cut Kim Davis a little slack too.

Progressives don't seek the separation of church and state. They seek the subordination of church to state. And a society that no longer values the first freedom mentioned in the first amendment to the Constitution is facing a problem much bigger than anything Kim Davis has done.

Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

Guatemala a couple of weeks ago did a remarkable thing: a sitting president Otto Perez Molina was stripped of presidential immunity and arrested for corruption, this follows the resignation of his vice president and several members of his cabinet for the same charge.

The former disgraced president went by another name in the 1980's "Tito" was his chosen name, a general in the Guatemalan army who carried out mass killings of indigenous Guatemalans. Journalist Alan Nairn interviewed him during that time (I have seen the footage) and Perez Molina AKA "Tito" freely admits to the killings and also admits that the United States approved of the genocide.

So Otto Perez could also be convicted of mass murder and the corruption charges. The United States government urged the president to not resign but the pressure was too great from the Guatemalan people and justice system and he finally had no other choice.

During the time of the killings, the U.S. and Israel supplied the Guatemalan army with most of their arms and the U.S had advisers on the ground working with the army. The reason rested with U.S. corporate interests who sought the elimination of any possible chance of unionization of the workers of U.S. and other Northern hemisphere corporations.

If the murder charges are brought, people such as Henry Kissinger could be brought to trial for their role. Dr. Kissinger was involved with mass murder throughout Central and Latin America for decades and should be held accountable.

What makes this so remarkable is the fact that a sitting president could be brought down by basically the voice and insistence of the citizens who have said enough is enough!

Can you imagine if the same thing happened here and Bush, Cheney, Rumsfeld, Rice and all the others who illegally dragged us into the Iraq war were tried for war crimes? What an example that would be for the world to see.

Another former Guatemalan dictator/president who enjoyed U.S. backing has recently been convicted of crimes against humanity and genocide.

In another unrelated event in South America, the U.S. once again has been caught in nefarious acts.

In 2008 Evo Morales expelled the DEA (drug enforcement agency) from Bolivia because he claimed they were trying to undermine his government and presidency by bribing police officers, violating human rights, covering up murders and destroying infrastructure, all vehemently denied by the DEA.

The DEA claimed that President Morales was complicit in drug trafficking at the worst and at the least was turning a "blind eye" to cocaine manufacturers and distributors from Bolivia.

Nick Wing from the Huffington Post has just broken the story that indeed the DEA did conduct an illegal operation called "Operation Naked King" The information that seems to corroborate the claim by President Morales has been obtained from court documents filed by a long time DEA confidential informant Carlos Toro.

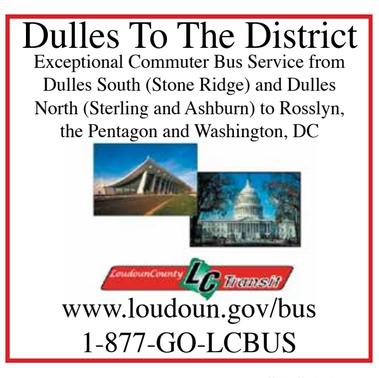
This is yet another example of how the U.S. has meddled for years in the governments of Central and South America. Nearly all the former dictators, most of whom had the backing of the United States were trained at the School of the Americas in Georgia.

One of the main reasons was to control cheap labor for American companies doing business in those countries and to quell any uprisings by indigenous peoples.

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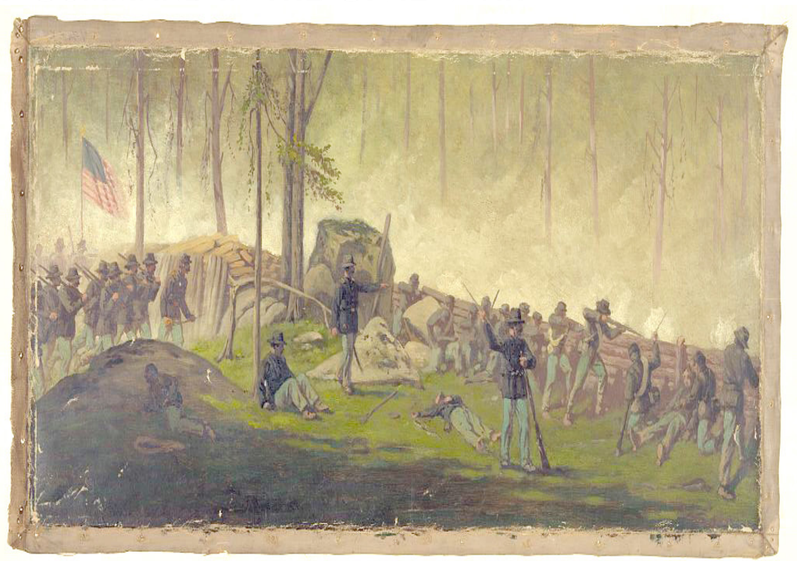
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Upperville, Virginia
$899,000

Prime location • Piedmont Hunt • 10 acres • 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 fireplace stucco residence • Open floor plan • Treed setting with mature landscaping • Center courtyard off living area • Separate studio with half bath can serve as guest room or studio • Large 3 bay garage • 2 stalls for horses & 5 paddocks • Great views

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Willow Hill
Delaplane, Virginia
$790,000

77.77 acres recorded in 3 tracts • Improved by log cabin and 2 sheds • Very private, mostly wooded with frontage on Goose Creek • Historic site of remains of Cobbler Mountain Hunt Club octagonal horse barn • Potential for subdivision or tax credits • Hunting preserve

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Stonewood
Middleburg, Virginia
$750,000

Charming stucco, log & frame home on 6.38 acres • 3-4 bedrooms • 3 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces (one in the kitchen with antique brick floor) • Beautiful reclaimed pine flooring • Bright & sunny family room opens to bluestone terrace • Master bedroom opens to private balcony • 2 car garage • 4 stall barn with tack room • More land available

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Copper Hill Farm
Haymarket, Virginia
$695,000

Private horse property • Brick home w/first floor master BR • 4 BR • 2 1/2 BA • Bright, freshly painted, new carpeting, refinished hardwood floors & high ceilings • Open floor plan • Screened in porch off kitchen • Living room w/FP • 5 stall barn • Paddocks • Dressage ring • Large storage building

Margaret Carroll (540) 454-0650
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The Corner Garden
Middleburg, Virginia
$650,000

Classic old Middleburg fixture • Zoned C-2 which allows retail or restaurant • Lovely large front porch and old stone walls - nice visibility one block south of the main street • Extensive plantings, room for expansion and full of charm • Approximately 2,300 sf building on .11 acre lot • Front portion dates from 1870's

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Sunken Lane
Upperville, Virginia
$649,000

11.43 ACRES, TREMENDOUS VALUE IN PRESTIGIOUS PIEDMONT HUNT LOCATION • Surrounded by protected properties in conservation easement • Contemporary stone & stucco home, 3 BR, 2 full and 2 1/2 BA, 2 FP • Spiral staircase leads to 8 stall barn • Tack room and office • Property fenced & cross fenced

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Unison Road Cottage
Unison, Virginia
$434,900

3 bedroom stone home on quiet gravel road between Middleburg & Purcellville • Nice hardwood floors • Stone fireplaces • Generous room sizes • Large dining room and family room • Screened in porch • Large yard • Lovely trees and plantings

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PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

WATCH HILL



Extraordinary **10+acre** property in the heart of OCH territory. The Okie Turner designed 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath home was totally rebuilt in 2002. Antique heart pine flooring throughout; main level master suite with dressing room; gourmet kitchen; large family room with fireplace; formal living and dining rooms; library, sun room and fully finished walk out basement. French doors lead to the flagstone terrace overlooking mature gardens and stonewalls. Magnificent views. **$2,395,000**

Emily Ristau (540) 687-7710

11 S. MADISON STREET



Commercial ~ in heart of historic Middleburg. Stone-three level, detached, mixed-use building with **over 7,000 sq. ft**. Main level use: retail/restaurant/business. Upper level: 3 one bedroom apartments. English basement-lower level being converted to office space. 4 parking spaces. Wonderful opportunity! **$1,700,000**

Rebecca Poston (540) 771-7520

CHIMNEYS



The Plains ~ One of Fauquier County's oldest properties on **17.3 acres**. The main house, c1790 is stucco over frame and has heart pine floors, beamed ceilings, 5 Fireplaces, 6 bedrooms 5 full and 2 half baths. It is surrounded by boxwood and perennial gardens with a lovely pool, pool house and stone cabin guest house. An old Virginia Classic and a must see! **$1,545,000**

Rein duPont (540) 454-3355

FLEETWOOD FARM



Leesburg ~ c.1745 Virginia Historic home listed on National Registry of Historic Places. 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath 5 Fireplaces. Stone shed, workshop/garage, bank barn **11.12 acres,** board fenced. All restored in 2007 to reflect the historical integrity of the property. Ideally located for easy access to the Dulles Corridor, close to Brambleton Park and less than 15 minutes to Washington Dulles International Airport. **$1,350,000**

Cathy Bernache (540) 424-7066

MOSS HOLLOW



An outstanding, well built 2 Bedroom, 3 Full Bath cottage on over **50 tranquil acres** in Markham, perfectly located minutes from I-66. This lovely home takes advantage of nature and privacy with views of Cobbler and Buck Mountains from the expansive rear porch with the rustling of Thumb Run Creek nearby. One level living with Stucco, Standing Seam Metal Roof and many exceptional details throughout. A must see! **$1,200,000**

Barrington Hall (540) 454-6601

AYLOR HOUSE



Pristine brick rambler on **5 private, wooded acres** off prestigious Zulla Road. Fully renovated with 3/4 Bedrooms & 3 full Baths on main level. Formal Living Room with built-in bookshelves & fireplace, formal Dining Room & Family Room. 1 Bedroom/1 Bath lower level walk-out suite with kitchen. 2-car attached garage, rear deck & fully fenced back lawn area. Also includes a large separate Workshop/Shed. **$895,000**

Cricket Bedford (540) 229-3201

118 JAY STREET



Middleburg ~ Spacious stone townhome in Steeplechase Run with 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 2 gas fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout first floor. Open floorplan with multiple patio doors opening to double covered balconies and patio overlooking incredible pastoral and stream views. Fully finished walk out basement and 2 car garage. Quiet in town location within easy walking distance to all village amenities. Freshly painted and move in ready! **$699,000**

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CLIFF LANE



Bluemont ~ Custom built, Post & Beam Lindal cedar home in private setting on **5 acres** just below Appalachian trail. 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, eat-in Kitchen, formal Dining Room & Living Room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, Tung & groove ceilings, exposed beams & floor to ceiling windows. Fully finished Lower Level with Family Room, Den, Exercise & Game Rooms. Exceptional custom construction design makes home incredibly energy efficient! **$495,000**

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671 REPUBLICAN STREET



Paris~ Newly renovated rambler, everything has been replaced! NEW roof, Pella windows, kitchen appliances, vanities/tub, new HVAC system & fresh paint inside & out! Interior stairs lead to full basement w/fireplace & space for another Bedroom or Rec. Room. Door to outside & windows provide great light in basement. Mountain views, sweeping lawns & detached shed! Don't miss! **$410,000**

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