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NEW COUNCIL TERMS BEGIN IN JUNE

DANIEL MORROW

At the May 8 regular meeting of the Middleburg Town Council Mayor Betsy Davis congratulated Council members Kevin Hazard, Darlene Kirk and Mark Snyder on their re-election and Erik Scheps on his election to the Council.

Mayor Daivs also thanked Tom Dionne for his willingness to serve. He would be a valuable addition, she noted, to many of the Town's advisory committees.

Council member Bundles Murdock also congratulated Mayor Davis on her re-election.

The Search for a New Town Planner

In response to a question from Council member Bundles Murdock on the status of the search for a new Town Planner and Administrator to replace David Beniamino, Town Administrator Martha Semmes reported that she had received two good resumes and hoped to have more before the May 23rd deadline

Burglary Case Both "Closed" and "Open"

Chief of Police Panebianco reported that Lt. Mike Price, Middleburg PD's chief investigator, had "made a lot of headway" in what is now being called the "Hill School Burglary Case."

Prince, he said, had "come up with a suspect" who had been "tied to a string of jewelry thefts along the east coast. The suspect, Panebianco noted, could not be tied to Middleburg's case.

Nevertheless, according to Panebianco no less than "twenty-one felony cases were being assigned to this individual, whose arrest was the direct result of Lieutenant Prince's investigation."

Prince is thus "still working Middleburg's case and has not given up."

Michelle Obama Visit

Reporting on the First Lady's recent visit to Middleburg , Chief Panebianco noted with a wry smile that one might say the visit did, indeed, "stress" Middleburg's small Police Department.

He commended newly sworn-in Officer Mark Putnam for working an extra twenty hours to provide the level of security the Department was required to provide for the First Lady. The Department had someone in the Secret Service Command Center the entire time Mrs. Obama was in town.

Drug Take Back Program a Success

Middleburg's Drug Take Back Program was "a huge success," Chief Panebianco reported, "with fifty-five pounds of expired drugs having been received."

He urged the people of Middleburg to "plan ahead and to even save their pet medication for the next event."

Council member Kathy Jo Shea noted that the Town's "Go Green Committee" members did not particularly like the DEA poster for the Drug Take Back Program. The poster called

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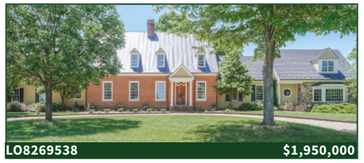
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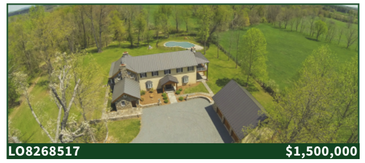
LEITH LN, MIDDLEBURG, VA - 27+ acres, equestrian estate, mins from Foxcroft School & Middleburg. 5 bdrm Williamsburg Home w/heart pine floors, 6 stall barn, tack room, bath & office. Covered arena approx. 100' x 200', 5 pastures w/run-ins, galloping track & extensive trail system.

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FQ8230417 $1,799,000

BRIAR LN, DELAPLANE, VA - Turn-key Equestrian property 31+ acres, Goose Ck. 4 BR; Master suite on main level w/ jacuzzi. Mahogany beamed vaulted ceilings. Gourmet kitchen, Wolf appliances, double 58' decks. Stable stalls, ring, 5 paddocks, sheds with water/elec. Great ride-out, Convenient commute....

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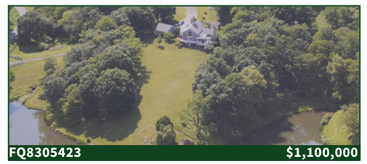
CONDE RD, MARSHALL, VA - Unique property with magnificent views! Impressive archetectual rennovation offers approx 5000 sq ft fin liv space, 5 bdrms, state of art gourmet kitchen w/Miele & Wolf Appl. Custom cabinetry, 3 fpl, heated pool w/hot tub/waterfall, 4 stall barn, run-in shed, 6 paddocks, extensive fencing, 4 car garage. 2 ponds

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FQ8297110 $1,099,000

LAKE SUNSET LN, HUME - Perfect country living! Overlook beautiful 15 ac clear lake on to the Blue Ridge beyond! Hardwood floors, 6 bdrms, 6 baths, guest suite w/ sep. entrance. Superb horse facilities and great ride out! One hour to DC.

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LO8195937 $1,075,000

ROSEDOWN CT, MIDDLEBURG - Former Westport III Model Home available on 3+ acres in Middleburg, VA! Light filled open floor plan featuring 5 bedrooms with 4 full and 2 half baths. Fully finished lower level with full bath. Three car garage and a beautiful covered back porch.

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FQ8287741 $975,000

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News of Note

Matilda Reuter and Industry Leaders Open Sensational Wedding and Events Studio

From the time Matilda Reuter was little, she loved elegant gatherings at her grandmother's farm. "Family gatherings were always beautiful," she said smiling. "There were always gorgeous flowers, pretty china and crystal, and exciting, memorable conversations."

As Matilda grew up, her mother and father insisted that she and her siblings be home for family dinners… "This taught me how valuable and important conversations over a meal can really be."

She was the only college student who traveled to school with ten sets of china and linens. "Every party or get-together was an excuse to create an event."

There was no question about it. Matilda loved to entertain.

When she returned to Middleburg from working at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina with her beau, Jonathan Engle, to take over the management of the Red Fox Inn & Tavern, (Jon running the kitchen, and Matilda responsible for the front of the house), she spent an impressive amount of her time helping guests find venues and special sources for every aspect of the weddings and celebratory events they hoped to organize in The Piedmont.

"I loved to help them," she remembered, "but in a few years, I realized that I was sending a significant amount of business to the many talented local and regional professionals whose work was not readily accessible to visitors without a personal recommendation."

When Matilda and Jon married, she chose the very best local sources she had come to know to create their beautiful wedding at her family farm. It was a spectacular ceremony with delicious food and beautiful flowers in a garden setting that was complimented with extraordinary antique furniture on the lawn for seating and serving. No one was surprised when it was featured in Southern Living Weddings magazine as one of the loveliest weddings of the year.

It began to dawn on Matilda that together with the other Studio Members, they could provide a unique and much needed service in Middleburg, by introducing visitors to all the exceptionally talented vendors and beautiful venues of The Piedmont in one charming place in the heart of town.

"Clearly, the local talent in our area is stupendous," she explained. "But, without a central location where they could introduce their special services, some would continue to depend on personal references to build their businesses."

So, the darling and driven young communications executive along with the other Studio Members drafted a plan for an event studio practically next door to the Red Fox. They envisioned a place



where the very best wedding and event specialists could display and describe their offerings together.

"We wanted to create a charming environment that would please, intrigue and inspire individuals who want to create exceptional events," she continued. "After the logistics were in place, we went to work."

"Now that Middleburg Events Studio is open at 8 East Washington Street, it our pleasure to introduce brides and event clients to some of the most talented resources anywhere in the world, and to help ensure that people who want their wedding or special events to take place in The Piedmont know and can engage our local design talent and venues."

Middleburg Events Studio presents a unique glimpse into the world of beautiful weddings and events. Six talented local artists and artisans are the founding members of the Middleburg Events Studio

They include:

Rosanna Funiciello Smith of Bella Vista Rustic & Elegant Antiques; Jodi & Kurt Baier of Jodi Miller Photography; Holly Chapple of Holly Heider Chapple Flowers; Rachel Merkle of Miss Merkle Design, Party Rental Ltd. and The Red Fox Inn & Tavern.

Each member of The Middleburg Events Studio works together to create the delightful celebratory atmosphere that is already amply evident in the pretty, two-

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PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

RISING MOON


New Listing

This **26.29 acre** horse farm near Philomont with its Center Aisle Stable with 5 stalls, wash stall, tack & feed rooms, sits in the middle of Loudoun Fairfax Hunt's territory. There is an extensive trail system at your doorstep.The stucco & stone manor house was built in 1994 on a nse overlooking the Blue Ridge Mtns. The living room and dining rooms are large and have fireplaces. **$1,500,000**

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CHIMNEYS



Main house, c 1790 with later additions, is stucco over log and frame, has heart of pine floors, beamed ceilings, 5 Fireplaces, 6 Bedrooms, 5 Full Baths, 2 Half Baths, gardens. Stone guest cottage, c. 1770, is 3 floors with 1 Bedroom, 1Full Bath. Poolhouse has flagstone floors, pickled walls, 2 Fireplaces, 1 Bedroom, 1 Full Bath. 2-car garage, barns, sheds, **12.5 acres.** **$1,485,000**

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CHILTON'S GATE


Reduced Price

103 acres above the Rappahannock River with 1,000 ft. of river frontage. There is also a wildflower/habitat walk and a lake. A lovely in-law cottage, built for an earlier Chilton, serves today as a comfortable home that could be used as a "pied a`Terre" while building a larger residence. The farm is currently in Land Use. It sits a mile down river from the Fauquier Springs golf course and 12 minutes to Warrenton. **$1,200,000**

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HICKORY GROVE



Beautiful all brick custom built home just North of Middleburg on **12 private acres** in unparalleled tranquil setting. Main level Master Suite with fireplace, Luxury Bath, Formal LR & Frml DR, 2 story Great Room, Library, 2nd Master Suite & 2 Guest Bedrooms up, full basement with room for In-Law Suite, Game Room or Workout Room. Rear 1200 sq ft brick terrace overlooks stunning pool. Attached 3 car garage: **$995,000**

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New Listing

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544 TILTHAMMER


New Listing

Custom stone and brick custom home on **20+ acres** with lovely mountain views. No details spared in this 4 bedroom, 3 bath architectual gem. Brazilian teak floors, all custom cabinetry & built-ins, 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in Great room, gas fireplace, Gourmet Kitchen with stainless appliances, island & eat-in area, luxury Master Suite, patio with fire-pit, separate 1 BR Studio, Separate 2 car Garage w/workshop. **$925,000**

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New Listing

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News of Note

New Police Policy Manual

Middleburg PD Reforms Continue

Daniel Morrow

In April Middleburg Police Chief A. J. Panebianco, reported to Town Council that he had completed a comprehensive new policy manual for his department that reflects "the highest standards of police procedure across the State of Virginia. "

More than 400 pages long, the new manual covers some one hundred and twenty different topics.

It replaces an interim manual about one seventh of the size of the new one, begun by Panebianco's immediate predecessor, Chief William Klugh.

The new policies were formally introduced to the Middleburg Police Force on April 23, 2014 and became effective May 1.

Excerpts from the new manual follow.

General Principles

The Middleburg Police Department expects its personnel to maintain high standards of appearance and conduct. The public similarly expects such high standards. Officers wield considerable power over the citizenry, power that is carefully circumscribed by state and federal law, and, ultimately, by the Constitution and Bill of Rights. Our powers to arrest, seize property, and interfere, at times, with the lives of citizens constitute a public trust. We can help insure that we regard this trust as vital by exemplary performance in our jobs. Performance is not enough: we must always conduct ourselves in an exemplary fashion.

Oath of Office

" . . . all personnel prior to assuming sworn status must take an oath of office to enforce the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the ordinances of the Town of Middleburg."

Code of Ethics

"All officers will display the degree of integrity required by the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics:

"As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality, and justice.

"I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of duty.

"I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudice, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions with no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals. I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

"I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession - law enforcement."

Individual Discretion

"This policy allows sworn personnel to use discretion and provides certain guidelines to assist the officers in their discretion when applying alternatives to arrest. Employees of the office shall use discretion in the performance of their respective duties that reflects sound judgment in order to preserve the confidence of the community served. Sworn officers may use alternatives to arrest (e.g., citations, informal resolutions, and warnings) to address the variety of problems they confront when feasible."

...

It is the responsibility of each employee of the Middleburg Police Department to use discretion in the performance of their duties that is reflective of sound judgment on the officer's part and will not tarnish the image of the officer, the office, or citizenry of the community served.

...

All sworn personnel may utilize their discretion in handling individuals on matters when it becomes obvious to the officers that a warning will suffice as well as, or better than, an actual physical arrest, providing the circumstances justify the warning and not an arrest.

Profiling

The purpose of this policy is to unequivocally state that racial and ethnic profiling in law enforcement is completely unacceptable, to provide guidelines for officers to prevent such occurrences, and to protect our officers when they act within the dictates of the law and policy from unwarranted accusations.

A fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to all who live in this nation is the right to equal protection under the law. Along with this right to equal protection is the fundamental right to be free from unreasonable searches and seizures by government agents. Citizens are free to walk and drive our streets, highways, and other public places without police interference so long as they obey the law. They also are entitled to be free from crime, and from the depredations of criminals, and to drive and walk our public ways safe from the actions of reckless and careless drivers.

It is the policy of the Middleburg Police Department to patrol in a proactive manner, to aggressively investigate suspicious persons and circumstances, and to actively enforce the motor vehicle laws, while insisting that citizens will only be stopped or detained when there exists reasonable suspicion to believe they have committed, are committing, or are about to commit, an infraction of the law.

Chain of Command and Jurisdiction

The Department is established by law (Code of Virginia, 15.2-1701) and "shall consist of a chief of police, such regular officers and employees as may be specified by the town Council. The

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LO8329090 $649,000
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News of Note

MacMahon Honored by American College of Trial Lawyers

Middleburg's Ed MacMahon, Jr., has been named a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America.

Edward B. MacMahon, Jr., PLC, specializes in complex criminal and civil cases in state and federal court including national security cases.

Ed earned his BA at University of Virgina and his law degree form Tulane University School of Law. He has been practicing law for 29 years.

An invited audience of some 465 witnessed his formal induction during the recent 2014 Spring Meeting of the College at the La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, California.

MacMahon told the Eccentric he was both "honored and humbled by the College's decision."

Founded in 1950, the American College of Trial Lawyers comprises the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada.

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Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship.

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There are currently approximately 5,868 members in the United States and Canada, including active Fellows, Emeritus Fellows, Judicial Fellows (those who ascended to the bench after their induction) and Honorary Fellows.



Wakefield Produces Produce for Seven Loaves



With a spirited competition between the Spartans and the Athenians, the students at Wakefield School in The Plains, Virginia gathered more than 1,080 pounds of food May 15 to benefit Seven Loaves Services, Inc., the food pantry in Middleburg, Virginia. The effort was sponsored by the school's Service Club and generated approximately 20 large boxes filled with apples, onions, carrots, oranges, bananas and potatoes.

"This was a wonderful effort on the students' part," said Melanie. C. Maloney, President of Seven Loaves, "especially because they brought fresh fruits and vegetables to us, which are often in short supply," she added. "Our mission is to provide nutritious food to our patrons in need," she continued, "and being able to provide fresh, wholesome produce is integral to that effort," she concluded.

The fresh produce drive was coordinated by Jillian Wise of Wakefield's Service Club and surpassed the prior year's effort by more than 200 pounds. "We are so pleased by the hard work of the students, and their commitment to helping those in need in our community," commented Ms. Maloney. "As far as I'm concerned, both the Athenians and the Spartans are classic paragons of virtue," she concluded.

Wakefield School is an independent college preparatory school whose goal is to provide a rigorous liberal arts education to students from Pre-K through the 12th Grade.

Jill Vogel Receives Virginia Chamber of Commerce Highest Ranking

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce recently awarded Senator Jill H. Vogel with the Champion of Free Enterprise Award for her work during the 2014 legislative session. The Chamber announced that Senator Vogel received a 100% and A+ ranking in the Virginia Chamber of Commerce 2014 Legislative Report Card.

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce annual report gave Senator Vogel the designation based on her pro-business record of support for issues affecting commerce, economic development and business in the Commonwealth.

Sen. Vogel commented on the award saying, "I am honored to have worked during this legislative session on issues that improve Virginia's business climate and promote job growth and economic development. Business issues are consistently cited as a top priority of constituents in my district and it continues to be a major focus of my work in Richmond. I am very grateful for this recognition by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and I am proud to work with them. The Chamber is certainly a great partner and tremendous advocate for issues important to businesses in my community."

The Virginia Chamber President and CEO Barry DuVal said in a statement "The Legislative Report Card is a valuable tool for identifying legislators who uphold free market principles and support the interests of the business community. With the strong support of pro-business legislators, we can continue to strengthen Virginia's business climate and help keep Virginia as the Best State for Business."

Waterford Foundation Presents The Best of Levine

The June 1st Waterford Foundation's "The Best of Levine Concert" will introduce top competition winners from Levine Music, including a jazz combo, and well-known pianist, composer, Levine alumnus and faculty member, Sam Post.

Waterford Concert goers remember Sam Post from a 2002 solo recital he gave here as an accomplished 16-year-old. Today Sam teaches at Levine, having earned a B.S. in physics s from Yale and a M.M. in piano from Northwestern. In his blog, Sam's Posts, he comments on soccer, science, politics and the arts.

A leading U.S. community music school, Levine Music operates from four campuses in the Washington area. Don't miss The Best of Levine in Waterford!

Sponsored by the family of Alfred P. Dennis. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students, children under 12 are free. Reserve at waterfordfoundation.org or purchase your tickets at the door. Concerts begin at 4 p.m. at the Waterford Old School Auditorium

Middleburg Community Charter School Names Dr. Barbara Smith Principal

The Middleburg Community Charter School Board of Directors today announced the hiring of Dr. Barbara Smith to lead the school as principal in its first year of operation. Middleburg Community Charter School is Loudoun County's first charter school.

"We couldn't be more thrilled," stated Board President, David Quanbeck. "Dr. Smith brings all of the characteristics we need to address the challenges of a new charter school: leadership, experience and enthusiasm."

Dr. Barbara Smith, originally of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, holds a PhD in curriculum from the University of Toronto. She is a former principal at the The William E. Doar Public Charter School for the Performing Arts, a Washington, D.C. As an educator, she has taught and embraced various leadership roles in public, private, international, independent, and charter schools in Canada, the United States and Belgium. She has been a teacher educator at the University of Toronto, University of Saskatchewan and McGill University. She has published extensively, writing about innovative and exceptional practices in education.

"Helping build a charter school from the ground up is an educator's dream," shared Dr. Smith. Known for her high energy, teacher mentoring and expertise in curriculum, Dr. Smith brings years of experience to the position. "I am so impressed with the grass-roots community effort that made this charter school possible. I am eager to join the Middleburg Charter management team."

The elementary charter school plans to adapt the Leonardo Da Vinci Project, a project-based, interdisciplinary curriculum modeled after a program first developed at Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington County. Dr. Smith will guide teachers in developing work plans and tailoring the curriculum to the needs of the attending students.

Middleburg Community Charter School, located in Middleburg, Virginia, will begin the 2014-2015 school year when it opens on August 4th. The application deadline was April 30th. Applications exceeded openings and a lottery was held on May 6th. Interested families can request to be placed on a waiting list.

Middleburg Community Charter School is a Loudoun County Public School. Contact the school at MiddleburgCharterSchool@gmail.com or by calling 540--505-0456.

For more information contact Susana Calley at 703-297-7899.

A Celebration of the Life of Evelyn Maddox Pope
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Visit Loudoun 2013 Tourism Awards



Left to right - **Beth Erickson** – Interim Visit Loudoun President and CEO – presenting awards to: **Susan Koch** – Tourism Event of the Year, Attendance under 3,000 – Middleburg Film Festival, **Tom Zweiter** – Humanitarian of the Year – A Place To Be, **Sandy Lerner** – The Judy Patterson Tourism Award – Ayrshire Farm, **Peter Wood** – Volunteer of the Year – Middleburg Arts Council, **Linda Boyer** – Tourism Employee of the Year – Management – Goodstone Inn & Restaurant

Sensational Wedding and Event Studio

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In a lovely space defined by the palest lavender gray and creamy white walls, sparkly chandeliers, beautiful china, crystal and linens, plushy rugs and splendid antiques, the visitor will find classical and unusual pieces for events that may be ordered in small or immense quantities.

Furniture styles that span the design-scape and every era of silverware and serving pieces are available for rental at The Studio.

Floral arrangements that rival anything at the Palace de Versailles, linens that help create truly splendid table setting and small, incidental pieces that turn events into truly special occasions are everywhere in evidence.

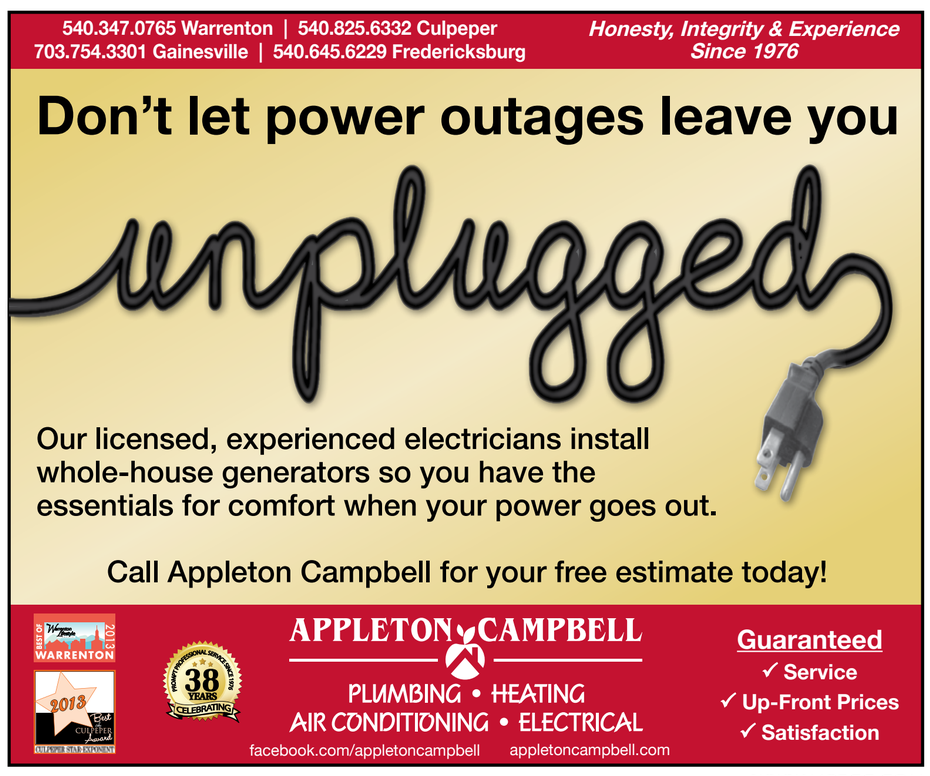
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"I'm so happy to have the opportunity to create this business alongside my industry friends," Matilda says excitedly. "I grew up in Middleburg and I love it here. Even when I woke up every day in Asheville wondering how I could possibly be any happier, I missed home."

"When my enthusiastic best friend and college roommate, Becky Armstrong, said she was willing to leave her corporate career to manage The Studio, it made the entire enterprise come together."

For more information about The Middleburg Events Studio, please visit middleburgeventsstudio.com or telephone 540 687 5282.



News of Note

Hugh Robards: Still Crazy About Hounds & Hunting

Lauren R. Giannini

"I'm in the autumn of my life, and I'm very pleased to be here," said Hugh J. Robards when asked how he felt about yet another opportunity to hunt hounds, this time with Middleburg Hunt where Penny Denegre and Jeff Blue share the responsibilities as Master of Foxhounds.

For Robards, what goes round comes round speaks volumes. He's a bit of a legend in foxhunting circles, having served as Limerick's huntsman for 27 years in Ireland. He made his way across the big puddle to Rolling Rock Hunt (Ligonier, Pa.) where, as Master of Foxhounds and Huntsman, he spent 10 years helping to rebuild the historic pack. In 2007 he moved to Saxonburg Hunt (Pa.) where he again hunted hounds. In 2013, not quite ready to retire, he signed on with Middleburg as 1st Whipper-in to huntsman Barry Magner.

It was a great fit and Magner's story is part of Robards' own history. In Limerick, Robards knew several generations of the Magner family and served as young Barry Magner's mentor. It was inevitable that Magner, who grew up hunting with the Limerick, would continue chasing fox through his university years and end up in hunt service. In 2008 Magner accepted the position of huntsman with Middleburg. All along, he kept in touch with Robards.

Last year, when Middleburg needed a 1st whipper-in, Magner mentioned the job to Robards and the rest, as they say, is history.

"We wouldn't have known Hugh if it hadn't been for Barry," said Blue. "Hugh had been a house-guest of Barry's and hunted with us a few seasons ago. When we needed a 1st whipper-in, Barry and I discussed the possibility of offering it to Hugh and then I made the call to Hugh."

In early May Magner was offered–and decided to take–the position of huntsman with a pack in Australia. Robards, after one year as Middleburg's 1st whipper-in, gladly accepted the promotion to huntsman – what Masters Denegre and Blue agree is a win-win situation.

"We're so lucky to have Hugh," said Denegre. "Barry has been with us for five years. He has been great. We wanted him to continue as our huntsman, and he told us he would stay for the next season. Then he was offered the position with the Yarra Glen and Lilydale Hunt Club in Australia. This is an adventure, and Barry is young and single. We would not want to stand in his way. It just so happened that we had a very seasoned huntsman whipping in and he knows the hounds and they know him. Hugh is in a league of his own. He's also a great guy and lots of fun to be with. We're thrilled."

The feeling, to be honest, is mutual.

Robards loves hounds and hunting and, having started hunt service at the age of 15, offers a lifetime of world-class experience. When he took the position of whipper-in to Magner, he saw it as a great opportunity to keep in touch with the lifestyle and avocation to which he has dedicated his life.

When asked the most important lessons the huntsman has learned from his experiences on both sides of the Atlantic, he thought a moment, but only a moment, and replied, "Always come to work with a smile on your face. Let the hounds alone as much as possible."

But what about the pressures of providing sport when circumstances are not ideal? Red fox are abundant in Middleburg's country; hounds chase the beautiful but aromatic fox with their noses. The invisible trail of scent can blossom up breast-high to a hound or waft like shy phantom wisps, an evasive puzzle complicated by other scents left by various wildlife. That's when hounds have to work hard to unravel the exciting smells to follow their fox.

"As for conditions, one approaches every day as being a good scenting day. You have to have the right attitude," stated Robards. "If you keep trying your best, your hounds will try their best. The more light-hearted you are, the better it is for everybody. People hunt for recreation, they do it for fun."

Robards has authored two books, published by The Derrydale Press. Foxhunting in England, Ireland and North America, his memoir, is out of print and costs dearly if you can find a used copy on the internet. Foxhunting: How To Watch and Listen, published in 2006 and available in paperback, is a must-read for neophytes to the chase and anyone who wants to know what's really going on out there from every point of view: huntsman, whipper-in, field master, master, hounds and fox.

As honorary whipper-in and field secretary for 14 years, Carey Shefte has been involved with kennel life all that time. She walks hounds every day during the off-season and knows the country like the back of her hand.

"Transitions can be difficult–it takes the hounds a little while to get used to new staff, but I think that this transition will go very smoothly," Shefte said. "Hugh knows all the hounds. He did a great job whipping in last year. Barry has done an amazing job with the pack and we're all going to miss him, but I'm looking forward to the new season. I think it's going to be fun."

The staff changes aren't confined to a new human leader of the pack. The Masters and Magner hired a new 2nd whipper-in, Libby Gilbert, who made history at the Royal Agricultural College in England when she became not only the first American, but also the first female to hunt the historic RAC Beagles. From New Jersey and a year out of university, Gilbert said softly in a delightful accent, "I became 1st whipper-in when Mr. Robards became huntsman and he was willing to have me."

To watch the new huntsman and 1st whip (there for only a week) with the hounds was like a canine version of the Brady Bunch. The hounds acted vivacious and friendly, greeting the stranger with the camera, leaping up on Robards like children bursting with special stories about their day. The setting was peaceful, even with the melodious chorus of hounds, wondering why they were left behind in the clean and spacious lodge yards.



"I've got big boots to fill and I'm very lucky to be taking over the pack from Barry," said Robards. "My big challenge is to keep running it the same way. Barry did a great job as huntsman. He worked with the hounds that were here and turned them into a good working pack. My goal this season is to carry on as best we can, to have lots of fun and happy hunting."

Tickets On Sale For Great Meadow's World Class 3-Day Prep Event

Tickets are on sale for the world-class three-day event taking place at Great Meadow, on July 26 to 27. The best event riders will compete in the "equestrian triathlon" of dressage, cross-country and show jumping in preparation for the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France, Aug. 24 to Sept. 7.

The WEG preparatory event begins with dressage, Saturday morning, July 26, in the existing arena at Great Meadow. The evening performance begins with the ever-popular and exciting Bareback Puissance (high jump with no saddles), followed by show jumping. Cross-country runs Sunday morning on the Gold Cup course, followed by the awards ceremony.

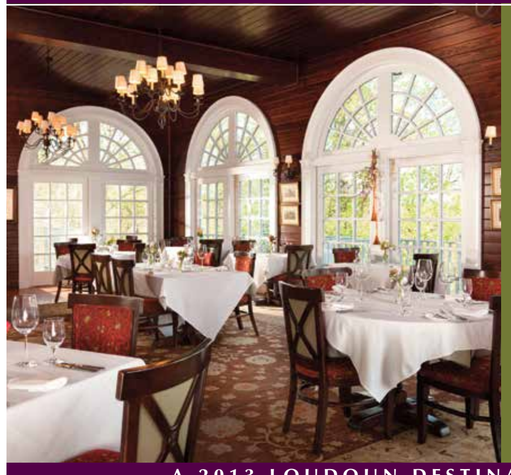
On Satureday evening, a VIP reception will honor the donors who enabled Great Meadow Foundation to purchase the neighboring Fleming Farm, which is being prepared as a world-class eventing venue, and the members of the WEG team.

General admission car pass for all three phases (both days) is $50; single phase general admission car pass, $30. Reserved boxes around the arena and tailgate parking spaces on the tree-lined berm are available for dressage and show jumping, but act quickly–the best "seats" will sell at a gallop. This is one equestrian competition you don't want to miss.

Great Meadow's WEG Prep Event is a grand opportunity for families, friends and horse enthusiasts to experience world-class eventing without having to travel halfway around the world.

For information, email: info@greatmeadow.org or call 540-253-5000 or visit www.GreatMeadow.org & click WEG Prep Trials button

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New Market Cadets Honored





The grave of VMI New Market Cadet Bolling Walter Barton (1846-1924) in Middleburg's Sharon Cemetery. VMI alumni decorated the grave on May15 with flowers, the American flag, the state flag of Virginia, and the white VMI Cadet Corp flag

May 15 marked the sesquicentennial of the Civil War Battle of New Market, a fight that forced Union General Franz Sigel and an army of some 9,000 men to flee the Valley . . . and one that shaped the ideals and culture of the Virginia Military Institute to this day.

The VMI Corp of Cadets fought as a military unit for the first time in that battle. They had marched from Lexington to the field to as reserves. No one really expected them to fight. With his battle in the balance, however, the Confederate commander, General John C. Breckinridge, sent in Corps "Put the boys in," he is reported to have ordered, "and may God forgive the order."

Two hundred fity-seven Cadets went into the fight. Strugllng across a muddy field still known as "the field of lost shoes," they attacked and seized a battery of artillery and turned the guns on Sigels retreating troops.

Ten Cadets were killed outright or died of their wounds. Another 45 were wounded. The youngest was 15 years old; the oldest, 25.

To this day they and their fellow "New Market Cadets" are honored by the Corps in special ceremonies on the parade ground in Lexington: young men and women, black and white, from countries all over the world, passing in review with fixed bayonets, marching past Moses Ezekiel's statue, "Virginia Mourning Her Dead," and the graves of six of the ten who died. Ezekiel, VMI 1866, had fought at New Market.

Three of VMI's "New Market Cadets" have deep roots in Loudoun County.

Bolling Barton, is buried in Middleburg's Sharon Cemetery. He lived at "Exning" which still stands on Rte 50, east of Middleburg.

Edmund Berkeley, was from Aldie. The Berkeley House sits on a hill overlooking the village on the north side of Rte 50. He is buried at St Paul's Chruch in Haymarket.

Johns Mead, is buried in Leesburg's Union Cemetery.

Their graves were decorated on May 15 by local VMI Alumni.

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In case of rain all events are cancelled. FIREWORKS rain date: Saturday, JULY 5, 2013

News of Note

Betsee Parker Receives Distinguished Service Award in West Africa



Recently on a trip to the West African countries of Ghana, Guinea, Togo, and Senegal, Dr.Betsee Parker was given a Distinguished Service Award by the indigenous people of several villages in Ghana. In the photo, she wears the colors of Ghana in the robe that was awarded to her by the traditional Tribal Chiefs of the Ashanti, Falashi, and Woluff Tribes.

Her team originates at Columbia University in New York City and is led by Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, Qotelet Distinguished

Professor of Global Economics at Columbia University and Global Advisor to President Obama.

The Millennium Villages Project is a sustainable development project throughout sub-Saharan and equatorial Africa that empowers tribes to lift themselves out of abject poverty into a much-improved economic and physical environment.

Her team has been in Africa for 12 years and noted such significant advancements in villages that the United Nations has embraced the Millennium Villages Model for sustainable Development and adopted it for their official UN model.

The project improves agriculture and agribusiness, education, public health, gender and community development, rebuilds roads and essential infrastructures, greens the environment and works in partnership with the various governments to scale up the project and help all governments concerned to realize great improvements in public health.

The Africa work keeps Parker traveling to New York, Dallas, Paris and all over Equatorial Africa frequently. In addition to this recognition, Parker also received a public service award from a Public Health Department in Senegal.

New Police Policy Manual

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police department shall be under the general supervision of the town administrator. The Chief of Police shall be the chief executive of the police department and shall develop policy and procedures in accordance with the current standards and common practices with in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Chief of Police reports directly to the Town Administrator. Police officers are charged with enforcing the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all the ordinances of the Town of Middleburg. Jurisdiction of the police department is limited to the town boundaries, except when another department requests assistance, or when enforcing laws on property owned by the town, but outside its boundaries. The organization of the police department will support the effective and efficient accomplishment of departmental responsibilities and functions.

Citizen Complaints

It is most important that the citizens of the Town of Middleburg have complete confidence in their police department, and to this end, measures have been taken to assure adequate, complete and expeditious processing of allegations of misconduct by department employees.

The police department recognizes that it's employees are often subject to intense pressures in the discharge of their duties. They must, however, remain neutral under circumstances that are likely to generate tension, excitement and emotion. In such situations, words, actions and events frequently result in misunderstanding and confusion. It is to the advantage of both the police department and the public to have a staff unit for the processing and investigation of the more serious allegations, and the underlying circumstances. By keeping the rights of the citizen and the complicated pressures of police work in mind, complaints can then be resolved.

Internal Affairs exists to assure the citizens of the community and the employees of the police department, fair, impartial and exhaustive examination of all allegations and complaints.

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Citizens desiring to make a formal complaint shall come to the police department to obtain a Citizen's Complaint Form or if they so desire they may state the complaint to an officer of the police department, submit the complaint anonymously. However, it is important to note that the more involved the complainant is in the investigative process the more likely it can be resolved.

Media Relations/"Perp Walks"

The police department recognizes the importance of a free press and the public service provided by the news media. The department actively seeks to establish a cooperative climate in which the news media may obtain information on matters of public interest. However, at times certain information must be withheld from the news media in order to protect the constitutional rights of persons involved or to avoid interfering with department investigations or because it is privileged information.

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Information pertaining to the following areas shall NOT be released.

a. A detailed description of suspects or evidence which could hinder or prejudice the investigation.

b. Prior criminal record of the accused.

c. The character or reputation of the accused. (If the accused has not been apprehended, an officer associated with the investigation may release any information necessary to aid in the apprehension of the accused or to advise the public of potential danger.)

d. The existence or contents of any confession, admission, or statement given by the accused, or the refusal or failure of the accused to make any statement, to perform any examination, or submit to any test.

e. Personal opinions about the suspect, his guilt or innocence, mental status, anticipated plea, or value of evidence against the accused.

f. At no time is it appropriate to notify the news media of details for a pending arrest. The department prohibits notifications for what is commonly referred to as a "perp. Walk."

Help Shelly Chadwick Save Aruban Cunucu Dogs



Janet Hitchens

This is a story about Shelly Chadwick and the wonderful work she has done to save many of the Cunucu dogs that wander the streets of Aruba, surviving only by pillaging trash and begging. The situation is deplorable and it is largely through Shelly's efforts that at least some of them are being saved and placed in loving homes in this country.

The story began for Shelly and her mom, Leslie Clark, who, as many of you know, own the Antiques Emporium in Middleburg when they were staying at the La Quinti Beach Resort where they have a time share. Shelly goes three or four times a year and plans to eventually start a business there.

One day, much to her horror, Shelly witnessed a four-month-old puppy being thrown off a balcony by an Aruban security guard. Needless to say, she rescued the little girl puppy, named her Dushi, which means "Darling," nursed her back to health and brought her to her home in Virginia.

To bring these dogs our of the country is quite expensive. They have to get health certificates, shots, etc. On top of that, the airline charges another $200. When all is said and done, it costs about $500 per dog.

In the three or four years she has been doing this, Shelly has raised several thousand dollars to help these dogs. Meg Gardner has been especially generous. Another regular doner is Manuel Johnson.

One of the reasons I decided to write this article was in the hope that more people would be interested in helping.

On Shelly's last visit she heard puppies crying and found them next door to where she lives. Upon investigation, she found that a very nice security guard had been feeding them along with two other adult females, one of which was the mother of these pups) and a male, thought to be the father. She was able to capture the puppies and take them to safety along with another pup that had been hit with a machete and would have died if not for Shelly"s intervention.

Needless to say, the puppies are now living happily ever after with Shelly in Virginia.

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Election Day

on people to "Dispose Unused RX" under the headline, "Got Drugs."

Chief Panebianco replied that his department would do its own poster next year.

Council member Murdock said she thought the DEA poster "sent a negative message" and that the Middleburg Police Department's flyer "was much better."

Council member Shea reported that the "Go Green Committee" considered contacting the DEA in hopes of finding a poster "that had more to do with the green element of the Drug Take Back Program." Inappropriately discarded drugs, she noted, find their way into streams and the Town's water supply.

Water and Sewer

Terry Inboden, of IES, reported that progress was being made on the Middleburg's long troubled Well #4 treatment plant. He hoped, he said, to have the plant working soon.

According to Inboden, "The most important issue" facing the Town's water system was "I&I" . . . uncontrolled "inflow and infiltration" . . . of outside water into the system.



Drug Take Back Program

During the recent heavy rains, "I&I," he said, "nearly overwhelmed the treatment plant recently."

According to Inboden, the "inflow" came from "rain entering the collection system through cracked pipes and storm drains and gutters connected to the system."

The issues could be addressed, Inboden assured Council, but " it would take time."

The depth and soundness of the construction of manholes in the system required immediate inspection, he said. Next, the lines themselves needed to be evaluated. He recommended annual inspections and careful mapping of all findings.

Mark Snyder, Town Council's acknowledged expert on Middleburg's water and sewer treatment facilities moved to change the Town's current Public Works Committee from a committee of the whole to a more formal free standing committee comprising one or two members of the Council, along with Terry Inboden and Bob Krallinger, who have volunteered.

Snyder's motion passed without dissent.

Battery Recycling

Council member Bundles Murdock has long sought a forma Town battery recycling program. Council member

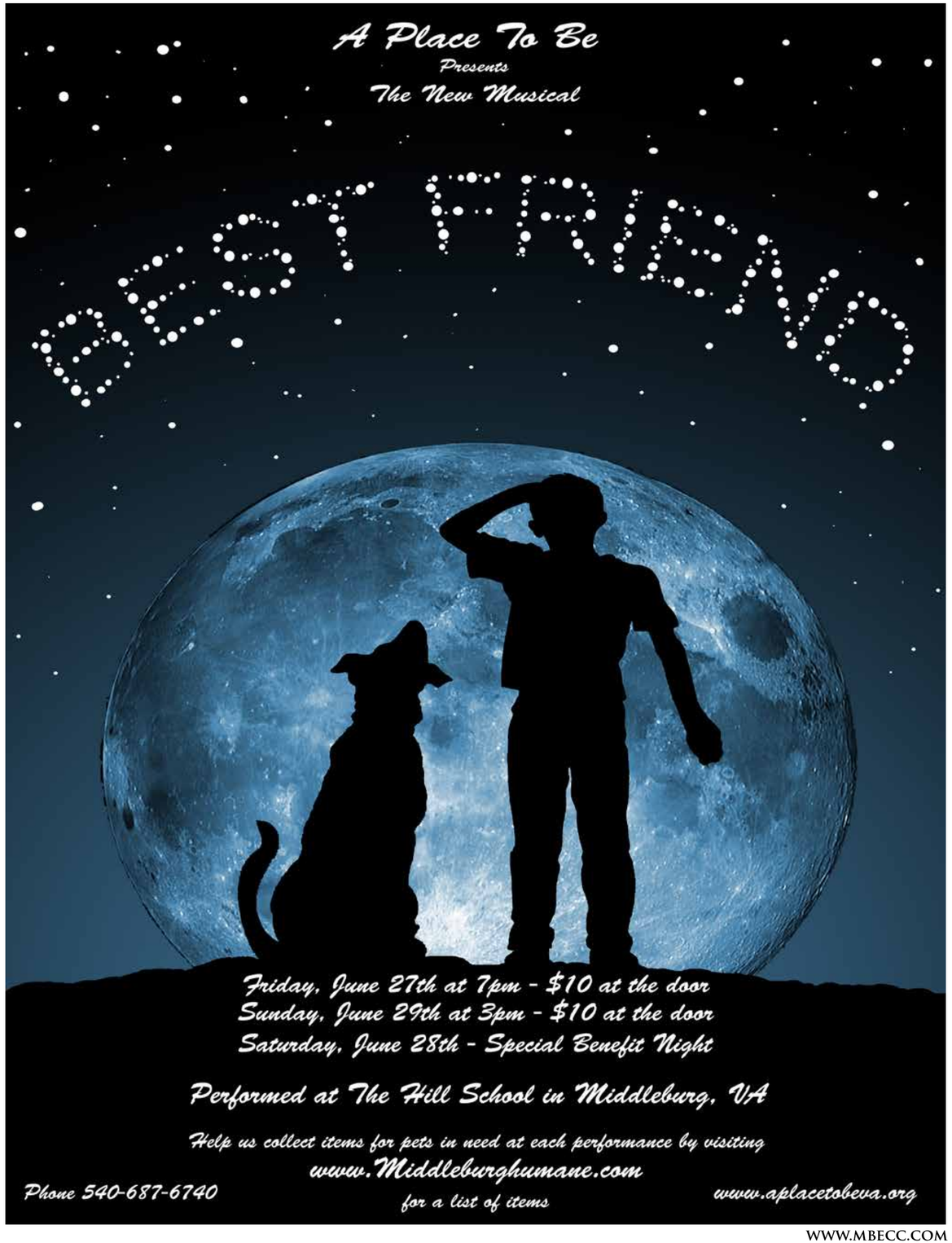
Vice Mayor Kirk suggested a container be placed at the Town Shop so residents could drop off their batteries;

Council member Shea noted that the drop-off location needed to be monitored and suggested that the "Go Green Committee" could find a location.

Visit Loudoun Awards

Mayor Davis reported with pleasure that Susan Koch had won the Visit Loudoun "Tourism Event of the Year Award" for events with 3,000 attendees or less. Tom Sweitzer, of A Place To Be was honored with the "Humanitarian of the Year Award;" Sandy Lerner, of Ayershire Farm, won the coveted "Judy Patterson Tourism Award;" Linda Boyer, of the Goodstone Inn, took home the "Tourism Employee of the Year Award;" and, Peter Wood of the Middleburg Arts Council won the Volunteer of the Year Award.

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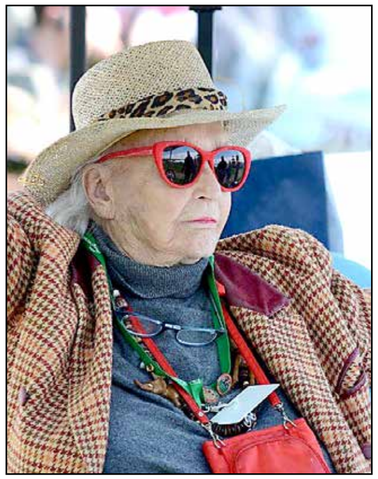
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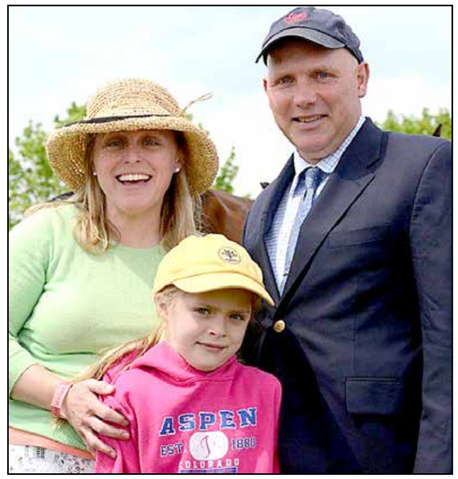
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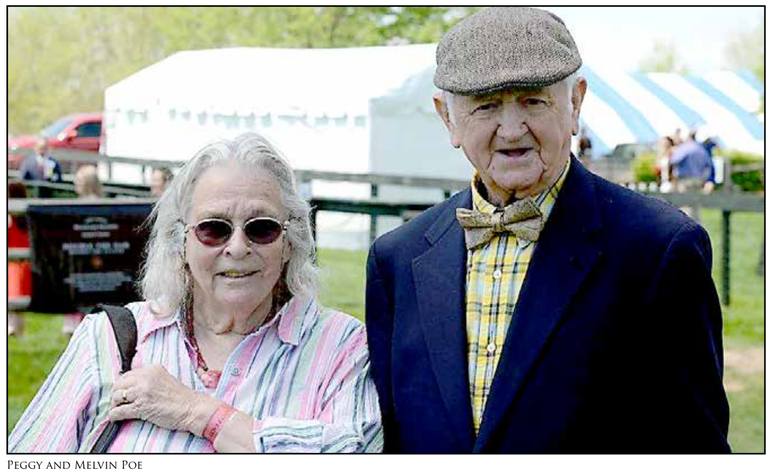
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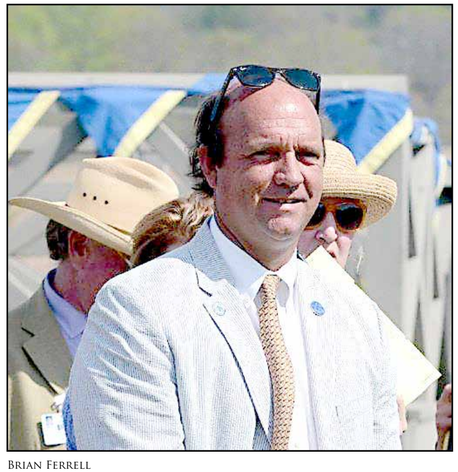
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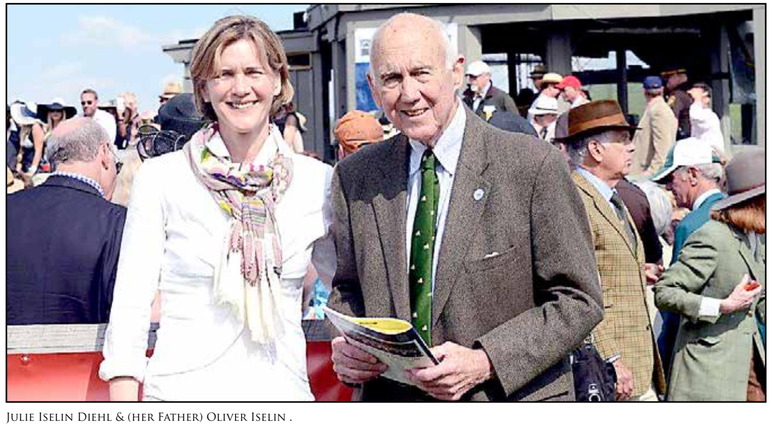
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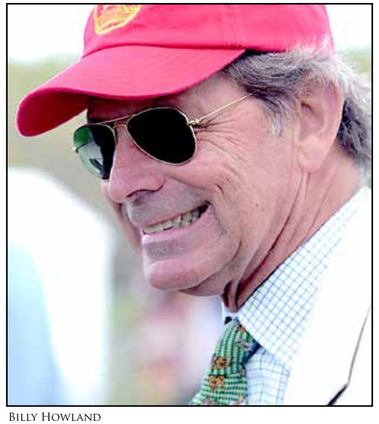
Diane Jones, Executive Director of the Gold Cup



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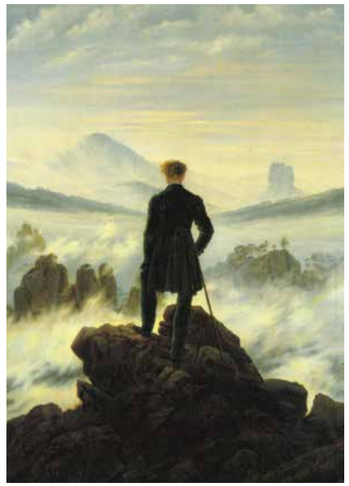
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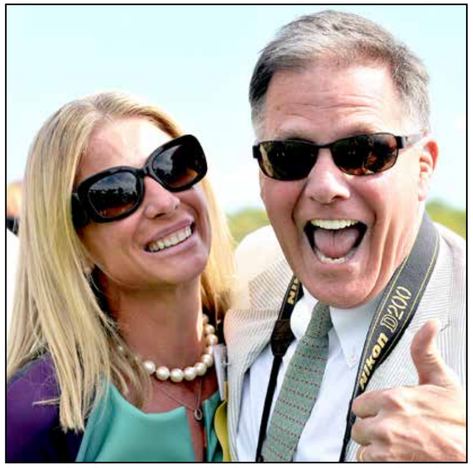
Great Meadow, The Plains VA, Photos by Lauren Giannini



Allen and Jennifer Richards, Delaplane, staunch supporters of VA Gold Cup and lost in the tailgate party, enjoyed the races from their Packard, an antique classic.



Willie McCarthy, currently #1 in National Steeplechase jockey standings, kisses the winning rider's trophy.



Julie and Rob Banner celebrate Hot Rize's win in the Virginia Gold Cup



Willie McCarthy and Saluda Sam, owned by Irvin S. Naylor, trained by William Meister, won the Steeplethon for their second consecutive year.



Shaundra Gallogly, Bonnie Gallogly, Caroline Chopek Polhemus, Christopher Chopek, Sara Huie, andNeil Polhemus Frank Spano.





Local jump jockeys: Jeff Murphy (#5, Hockey Pop - 2nd) and Paddy Young (#4, Mr. Starr's Report - 3rd) race-ride on the National sanctioned circuit (NSA) as well as in point-to-points.



Holston Hall's Hot Rize and Willie McCarthy maketheir stretch drive en route to winning the Virginia Gold Cup Timber Stakes.



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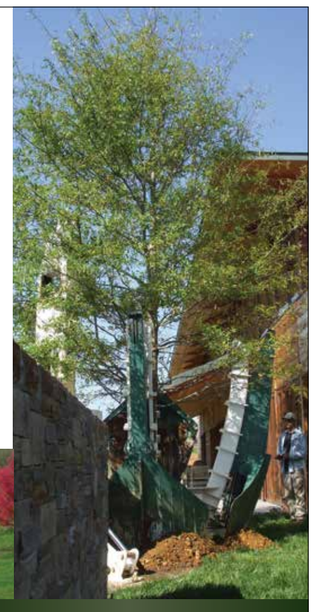
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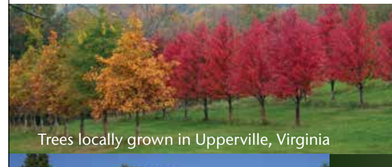
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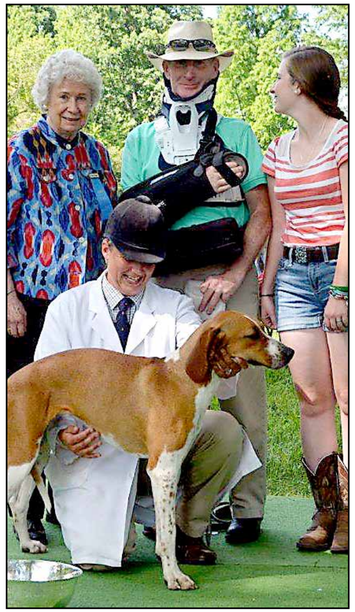
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Virginia Hound Show

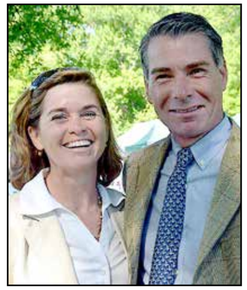
Moren Park, Leesburg, VA, Photos by Liz Callar



Jacqueline Mars presenting a trophy to the Potomac Hunt



Joan Jones, President of the Virginia Hound Show, Peter Walsh & Emma Walsh, Fiona Soreadborough with Orange County Hounds Hound.



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Centennial Celebration

On the last weekend in April, 2014, Foxcroft School celebrated 100 years of educating young women and launched its second century in fine style as more than 900 alumnae, faculty, family, friends and students gathered in Middleburg, Virginia.

At the Welcome Back Barbecue on Friday evening, Mary Louise Leipheimer, retiring on June 30 after 25 years as Head of School and 47 years of service to Foxcroft, passed the baton - literally - to the incoming Head of School, Catherine Smylie McGhee, "It has been my pleasure to serve but it is time...and what better time to make such a transition than as we celebrate the School's first 100 years and launch it into its second century. They asked me not to do it with flames, which I considered, " she continued as she brought out a baton and handed it to McGhee. " I know you will twirl it well."

"When I first heard about the baton, I thought perhaps it was like the baton used in track relays - and that I should take it and run, " joked McGhee, who introduced her family and spoke ever so briefly about Mary Lou's great legacy and the honor of taking the reins at the school 'where learning is deep and meaningful and thoughtful...I am ever so grateful you have ntrusted this school that you love to my care and I look forward to working with you in the coming months and years ."

Perhaps the most substantiative news event of the weekend came Friday night when Foxcroft Board of Trustees Chair Reggie Groves '76 announced that the Board has established and endowed the Mary Louise Leipheimer Excellence in Teaching Award, which will be awarded annually to a teacher who best connects with and challenges Foxcroft students. Leipheimer, a fourth-generation educator, has always considered herself a teacher first, last and always despite her many years in administration, and she was, by all accounts, an outstanding English teacher back in the day.

Leipheimer, teared up, spoke briefly, "I am overwhelmed," she said. "This is very special, special place. Each of us who has been touched by Foxcroft has been changed forever. And we have a responsibility and that is to make certain that others have an opportunity to be changed by it as well. It has been my privilege and my pleasure to have been touched by the fabric of this place; to have known you, to have loved you and to have been a teacher. You have taught me more more than I have ever taught anyone. I shall treasure you in my heart and I am thrilled to be an alum!"

Saturday, when myriad activities were open to the public, Middleburg Mayor Betsy Allen Davis read and presented a proclamation adopted by the Town Council earlier this month, honoring Foxcroft.

A highlight of Saturday's festivities was when 31 alumnae revisited their student days when military drill was part of the daily routine at Foxcroft. Led by Alumnae Association President Sheldon Withers '61 who made a YouTube video for her recruits demonstrating all the steps with her Swiffer sweeper in lieu of a rifle, the platoon stepped lively as it passed the reviewing stand. Crosbie E. Saint, a retired four-star general, saluted sharply as the ladies passed. "They were wonderful, " he said afterwards.

Started by Charlotte Haxall Noland in 1941, drill and other military rituals were dropped in 1968, which means that even the youngest of the Drill Demo participants is over 60. This could have been the last time the Foxcroft Corps marches!

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Progeny

Foxcroft Win VISAA Lacrosse Title; First Ever Championship for School Semifinal



Led by junior attack Emma Rogers's nine goals and three assists, Foxcroft defeated Norfolk Collegiate, 18-13, Saturday to win the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association Division II lacrosse championship.

It is the first state championship in any sport for Foxcroft and capped at perfect 17-0 lacrosse season.

"Seventeen and oh on the 17th of May in (year) 100," quipped Foxcroft Coach and Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff.

Rogers, a two-time Delaney Athletic Conference Player of the Year, had help from sophomore midfielder Alex Grace, who had three goals, 13 draw controls and 10 ground balls, and senior midfielder Lilly MacDonald, who also scored three times. Sophomore midfielder Pipsy Steyn added two goals and sophomore attack Malan Jackson had one goal and three assists.

"We controlled the draws, at least most of them, and that controls the game," Foxcroft Coach Patrick Finn said. "Alex was great. Their defense couldn't really handle our speed."

Woodruff, who worked at Norfolk Collegiate prior to coming to Foxcroft in 2009, coached several of the NCS players when they were in middle school and she marveled at the offensive speed at both ends of the field.

"It was a good game," said Woodruff. ".A couple of the players I coached at NCS are really good, and we had trouble stopping them. But Emma played a great game and we didn't have much trouble scoring against them."

Rogers scored five goals in the first half to help Foxcroft build a 10-5 lead and Foxcroft increased its lead to 11-5 when Lilly scored the first goal of the second half. NCS then scored four consecutive goals in the space of three minutes to pull within two goals. Finn removed freshman goaltender Marley Blycher, who was having trouble seeing the ball on the bright sunny day and sent sophomore Marias Blundell in for next six minutes before Blycher returned. She ended up with two saves.

All season long, Foxcroft has scored in quick spurts and this was the case again when Lilly and Emma scored within a 17-second span to put Foxcroft ahead, 13-9, with 18:26 remaining. NCS scored again with 15:37 remaining, but Foxcroft outscored their opponents, 5-3, in the final 15:22 to cement the victory.

"Every time they would score we would score," Finn said. "We never let them gain momentum."

Rogers's nine goals gave her 78 on the season and Grace finished with a single-season school-record 92. Foxcroft had three other players score more than 20 goals with Steyn (42), MacDonald (31) and Jackson (22) adding great scoring balance.

Founded in 1914, Foxcroft is a small girls' boarding and day school located in Middleburg, VA. Athletic endeavors, especially horseback riding, have been an integral part of the School's program since the beginning, but its interscholastic program has really taken off in recent years. Both field hockey and lacrosse have reached the VISAA Division II championship game the past two years; tennis was 13-1 last fall after getting as far as the state semifinal; and both basketball and soccer played for the Delaney Athletic Conference tournament title this year.

The riding program, meanwhile, continues to excel – its Interscholastic Equestrian Association team is in West Springfield, MA, this weekend competing at the Hunt Seat National Championship.

Hill School Graduate Selected for Elite State Department Exchange Program



Hill School graduate Lilly Potter of Middleburg has been accepted to an elite U.S. State Department program as one of 20 high school students from around the country who will travel to Singapore and Malaysia for four weeks this summer and stay involved in the program for the following school year.

The 2014 American Youth Leadership Program with Singapore and Malaysia is a virtual and international exchange experience supported by a grant from the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The goal of the program is to expose high school students and educators to U.S. - Singapore and U.S. - Malaysia relations through the lens of the effect of sustainable development on urban planning.

The program aims to develop a corps of individuals (both high school students and educators) who are exposed to the people and culture of Singapore and Malaysia and trained to pass on their knowledge to others in their schools and communities when they return.

This will be done in the form of developing and implementing activities which address a "sustainable development" approach to ecology and urban development; practical exercises which introduce the culture and people of Singapore and Malaysia; and, designing and implementing educational and community service projects which apply the lessons learned in these countries to participants' schools and local communities across the United States.

Lilly, the daughter of Donna and Jeffrey Potter of Middleburg, graduated from Hill School in 2011 and is currently finishing her junior year at Foxcroft School. She has already been selected by her Foxcroft classmates as student head of school for 2014-15 and also serves on the board of directors of the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation in Middleburg.

"Lilly's achievement and leadership – in every area – in her years at Foxcroft are not surprising to me or her Hill teachers," commented Treavor Lord, Hill's Headmaster. "During her nine years at Hill, we observed steady growth in her confidence, creativity, and academic skills. She is a hard worker and a wonderful young woman. We are proud of her."



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Grandparents Day at Hill School

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The maypole is the 8th grade.



Daphne and Beverly Alcock and with Beverly's grandfather Mr. Dillon.

Two Wakefield students nominated for Cappies

Wakefield School students Patrick Moore and Joshua Mohney have both received Cappies nominations for their performances in the school's spring production of Oscar Wilde's The Importance of Being Earnest.

Mohney, a junior, portrayed Jack Worthing, while Patrick Moore, a senior, played Algernon Moncrieff. Mohney was nominated for Lead Actor in a Play, and Moore for Comic Actor in a Play.

Each category has five nominees from the National Capital Region, which includes more than 50 schools in the Northern Virginia area.

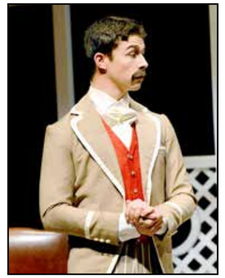
The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theatre and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers. At the end of the year, the student critics vote for awards that are presented at a formal Cappies Gala.

The region's gala will be June 8 at the John F. Kennedy Center.

The Wakefield Cappies Team consists of Eleanor Dunnigan, Byron Bushara, Maddie Dargis, Mary Clubb, and Cory Kleinman. These students attended area school productions and Washington Post training seminars and wrote and published their reviews.

In the Cappies critics reviews of Wakefield's production, Mohney and Moore were mentioned as standouts in every one.

"A play that relies entirely on the execution of witty dialogue poses an immense challenge for high school actors. Lead Jack Worthing, played by Josh Mohney, handled the dialogue seamlessly. Mohney displayed excellent pacing and ability to play off his supporting cast. His facial expressions, complete with impressive mustache, added vibrancy and humor to his scenes and all his very physical reactions, from angry



stamping to enthusiastic hugs, earned great responses from the audience," one review said.

Another review said of Moore, "Algernon, played by Patrick Moore, had great chemistry with Mohney. The duo handled Wilde's comedic banter with ease. Moore created many comic moments, timing his lines expertly with his constant consumption of English tea snacks. Moore also displayed impressive poise when a stinkbug flew into his ear in the middle of the second act, playing it off as a perfectly normal occurrence to have in a garden."

Highland's Moshos competes in Arizona



Reni and Olympian Ryan Lochte at the Mesa Grand Prix.

At the Grand Prix in Mesa, Arizona last week, Highland sophomore Reni Moshos swam against several different countries' Olympians as well as the top swimmers in the country. She had six events and made it to the finals in the 100 breast 200 breast and 200 IM.

Reni was also chosen from a pool of 1,800 top young swimmers in the country to be one of 26 girls to head to the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs this June. This is an all expense paid trip to train at the Olympic training center with the top coaches from the Olympics – a very big honor for any athlete. In order to qualify for this opportunity, swimmers had to have at least one top 8 final at a national meet. Reni had two.

"The entire VISAA swimming community knows the name Reni Moshos and respects her abilities," said Highland's varsity swim coach Jon Kraut. "We are fortunate to have her as part of our team."



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Five Wakefield students attending Governor's School

Five Wakefield School students will be attending 2014 Virginia Summer Residential Governor's Schools in the subjects of agriculture, life sciences and medicine, Latin, Japanese, and aerospace engineering.

The Governor's School is a highly prestigious program that provides a selected number of the state's top rising juniors and seniors with intensive learning experiences in the arts, sciences, humanities and foreign languages.

Mary Clubb, a junior from Purcellville, will be attending the School for Agriculture at Virginia Tech, a program aimed at developing future leaders and scientists for careers in agriculture.

"I am very interested in economics and under the agriculture governor's school, one can pursue a major in agricultural economics," Clubb said. "That just sounded fascinating to me because it's something so different and something I haven't been exposed to before."

Eleanor Dunnigan, a sophomore from The Plains, will be attending the Governor's School for Life Sciences and Medicine. The program is aimed at providing an enhanced curriculum that explores the life sciences of medicine through a systems-based, problem-solving approach that utilizes case studies, laboratory investigations and real-world shadowing experiences.

"The combination of my freshman biology class and my animal behavior class this year, both taught by my advisor, Dr. Pereira, has substantially increased my interest in life sciences and subsequently medicine," she said. "I find studying the brain especially wonderfully complex and endlessly fascinating, and I would love to work studying their development and plasticity."

Caitlin Wagner, a junior from Warrenton, will be attending the Governor's Foreign Language Academy in Japanese.



Mary Clubb



Eleanor Dunnigan



Joshua Mohney



Caitlin Wagner



Ben Weimer

"I chose to go to the Japanese Governor's School because this year I am taking an Asian Studies class and reading Snow Country by Yasunari Kawabata for my Junior Thesis, opening my eyes to a world of intriguing cultures and peoples," she said. "I am considering a career in Anthropology, concentrating in culture and East Asian Studies, and I believe that the best way to learn about a culture is to embrace the language of the people. I hope to learn the fundamentals of Japanese and be immersed in a new and exciting culture that my studies at Wakefield have only introduced me to."

Ben Weimer, a junior from Manassas, will be attending the NASA Governor's School. The 4-week mentorship program provides authentic experiences in aerospace engineering and current research.

"I chose to apply to the Nasa Mentorship Governor's school because I have always been deeply fascinated with space," Weimer said. "I have always been interested in engineering so naturally I was attracted to the opportunity to work one-on-one with an aerospace engineer at one of the best aerospace research facilities in the country."

In college, he plans to double major in Aerospace Engineering and entrepreneurial business, and enter into the emerging private space industry.

Joshua Mohney, a junior from Aldie, will be attending the Governor's Foreign Language Academy in Latin.

Wakefield students awarded James P. Atkins scholarships

Two Wakefield School students were recently recognized with The James Payton Atkins Memorial Scholarship, awards that recognize students who have written papers on the Civil War.

Freshman Anya Parks and seventh grader Rowan Fuchs both received the award for their papers. Parks wrote her paper, titled "The End of Innocence," on the First Battle of Bull Run; Fuchs' paper, titled "Black Knight of the Confederacy," was about Turner Ashby.

The papers address the U.S. Civil War, preferably an aspect of the Civil War as it pertained to the State of Virginia. The seventh and eighth grade students who enter write a historical research paper of five pages. The ninth and tenth grade students who enter write a historical research paper of seven to ten pages. References and works must be cited.

Mr. James P. Atkins III has provided two competitive scholarships each year since 2009. These



scholarships are awarded in memory of Mr. Atkins' grandfather. Each year there has been one $300 scholarship awarded to a deserving seventh or eighth grade student, and one $700 scholarship awarded to a deserving ninth or tenth grade student. A committee selects the winners of these scholarships.

Highland continues to offer Piedmont Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of the Highland community during the recent Give Local Piedmont event, we are able to nearly double the support to our Piedmont Scholarship program and continue to offer these merit-based scholarships into the spring and summer months for the 2014-15 academic year.

The purpose of the Piedmont Scholarship Program, established in 2012, is to attract new students of exceptional talents to the Highland Upper School. The merit-based program, initiated by generous donors, seeks to enroll students who possess the ability to make a meaningful and significant contribution to the quality of school life. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a passion and excellence in academic performance, extra-curricular activities, leadership, and/or community service.

Qualified applicants must maintain a G.P.A. of 3.3 or higher and demonstrate excellence in at least one specific discipline. The areas of excellence may include academic, artistic, leadership and/or service pursuits. Prospective students may self-nominate or be nominated by any adult inside or outside the Highland Community. The student must confirm his/her intent to participate by submitting an admission application and notifying the Director of Admission and Financial Aid of his/her desire to be a Piedmont Scholar candidate.

"The Piedmont Scholarship program provides a unique opportunity for talented students to experience a Highland education," said Head of School Hank Berg. "We appreciate the efforts of the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation and the Fauquier Hospital Foundation for coordinating such a successful fundraising event."

The 24-hour Give Local Piedmont event, conducted online, raised over $675,000 for more than 100 nonprofits across the counties of Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and Rappahannock. Highland families and friends rose to the challenge, with 106 donors raising nearly $74,000 to support current and future programs.

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Former White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card Visits Middleburg Academy

It was a great honor for Middleburg Academy to host on its campus the second longest serving White House chief of staff, Andrew Card, who for five and a half years fulfilled the top administrative role under President George W. Bush, recently spent the greater part of a day with students at the local independent secondary school. He met with the entire junior class in the morning (all eleventh graders study United States History) and, in the afternoon, held an informal session to share his wisdom and experience with prefects and those who serve on Student Council, the Honor Council, and in other leadership roles.

In meeting with the history students, Card began by recounting his early upbringing and how it influenced his role in public service. He also spoke about the rewards and challenges of working in the White House, and the unique demands placed upon its chief of staff. He was gracious and generous in his responses to the range of questions posed by his young adult listeners.

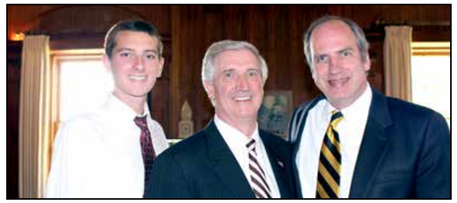
Card spoke about his grandmother, a suffragette, who always reminded the younger generation that the first word of the U.S. Constitution is "we." While "politician is not a word that is well-received these days," Card said, "I was raised to believe that public service is the highest and most noble calling." The expectation was made clear: always accept the invitation -- and the obligation -- to participate in public life.

He noted that his high school yearbook stated that he wanted to be an engineer and a politician -- both of which came true. He just never imagined the latter would be on a full-time, professional basis. Indeed, he was trained as a structural design engineer, and in his first career was involved in the structural design of numerous major league sports stadiums.

Like many in politics, he began at the local level before moving onto state politics in his native Massachusetts. He first served in the West Wing under President Ronald Reagan, as special assistant to the president, and later as director for intergovernmental affairs. In the George H. W. Bush administration, Card served as assistant to the president and deputy chief of staff and, eventually, as U.S. secretary of transportation.

In 2000, Card was asked by then Texas Governor George W. Bush to run the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia and was later appointed his chief of staff. On September 11, 2001, it was Card who famously approached Bush as the president was reading to a classroom of second graders in Florida, whispering in his ear that a second plane had hit the World Trade Center and that a terrorist attack was underway.

"As chief of staff," Card told students, "I met with the president every morning and every night. I saw my number one job as the care and feeding of the president. He couldn't make the very difficult decisions a president is called upon to make if he was exhausted, hungry, depleted and missing his family. It was important for me to see that the staff was working daily to ensure that those basic needs were met. Job two was policy formation; third was the marketing and selling of the president's decisions."



Andrew Card, the second longest serving White House chief of staff, recently spent a day meeting with history students and the student leadership of Middleburg Academy. He is pictured here with Jack Kahler '15 and Head of School Colley Bell (right).

"Most decisions that a president makes are really, really difficult," Card emphasized. "I had to communicate those decisions to other people in a way that would get them to respect the decision and advance the policy, regardless of personal opinions." He went on to explain that, "all decisions are made with counsel and plenty of healthy debate, but in the end, decisions are not made by committee, but rest with the president." Offering a rare insider's perspective, Card said, "I never once witnessed a panic decision. President Bush had the ability to always remain calm and cool. But that doesn't mean he didn't struggle with the often brutally tough decisions."

"If you are a pessimist, don't be president," Card advised. "You have to be an optimist and believe that as you make each tough decision, you feel it is the best decision at the time, under the circumstances."

When one student asked what has been his most fulfilling position, Andrew Card replied without pause, "Serving as chief of staff. The role carries a great burden, but I always felt relevant."

Top students from Virginia are recognized by Johns Hopkins University for academic excellence

Abigail Soltys, a 5th grader at Highland School, was recently honored as one of the brightest young students in the nation at a regional awards ceremony for academically advanced children sponsored by The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

The Center honored Abigail, a participant in the CTY Talent Search, for her exceptional performance on a rigorous, above-grade-level test given to academically talented second-through-eighth-grade students.

As part of the CTY Talent Search, which is going on now, advanced young learners take above-grade level tests that CTY has used for years to spot academic talent and reveal gaps between a child's academic program and his or her actual capacity for learning. Seventh and eighth graders take the SAT or ACT—the same tests used for college admissions. These students, along with second through sixth graders, can take the School and College Ability Test (SCAT), an above-level test.

Abigail, daughter of George and Lesley of Gainesville, Va., was one of more than 38,000 students from over 120 countries who participated in the CTY Talent Search. Because of the difficulty of the tests, only about 30 percent of students who participated earned an invitation to a CTY Awards Ceremony where they are individually honored for their academic performance and potential. Most students honored in 2014 CTY Awards Ceremonies also qualified academically for CTY's summer courses and online classes.

"The CTY awards ceremony congratulates students for their academic achievement, and it recognizes the defining roles that parents, educators, and others play in developing the academic talents of our outstanding honorees," said Elaine Tuttle Hansen, executive director of CTY. "For these advanced learners, as with all children, there should be no gap between their capabilities and the opportunities open to them."

This spring, some 9,700 CTY Talent Search honorees were invited to participate in 43 CTY Awards Ceremonies across the country, and one in Hong Kong.

Abigail received her award at the University of Mary Washington on Saturday, May 17.



Highland sending three students to summer Governor's Schools

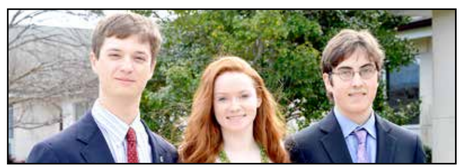
This summer three Highland juniors, Ann Collins, Jamie Dyer and Philip Mulford, will head to summer residential Governor's Schools across the state.

Ann Collins (Fairfax, Va.) will head to Lynchburg College for the program in Mathematics, Science, and Technology. In addition to hands-on laboratory and multimedia-based instruction in content areas outlined by courses, students will be exposed to a series of interdisciplinary questions pertaining to the nature of science, the design of scientific experiments, the respective roles of logic and mathematics in science, and public-policy aspects of science and technology. Finally, students will observe the interplay between experimentation, imagination, and logic.

Jamie Dyer (Warrenton, Va.) will go to Virginia Tech's campus for the program in Agriculture. Students will interact with and learn directly from internationally known teachers, scientists, and researchers from Virginia Tech, a leading research university.

Philip Mulford (Warrenton, Va.) will go to Radford University for the Humanities program. Goals of the program include: create an intellectually safe and challenging residential environment for learning in the humanities and the arts by providing unique classes that take advantage of traditional as well as contemporary instructional techniques; and stimulate the creative process, encourage and support collaborative learning and instruction, and develop individual and group talents.

Summer Residential Governor's Schools provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in visual and performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, and technology; or through mentorships in marine science, medicine and health sciences, or engineering.



Each School focuses on one special area of interest. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks each summer. During this time, students are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, individual and group projects and performances, and seminars with noted scholars, visiting artists, and other professionals. Students may also be selected to work side-by-side with research scientists, physicians, and a variety of other professionals. A director and a student-life staff provide supervision of students 24 hours a day, throughout the program.

Renowned Local Artist, Eugene Smith, Begins Visiting Artist Program at Powhatan School

Powhatan School has an exciting new program this spring! Well-known local artist, Eugene B. Smith, will be working with Powhatan students in grades 5 through 8, teaching students different painting techniques with watercolor. Each student will produce a final composition, which will be critiqued with encouraging input from Mr. Smith. The program will culminate with a student art show on May 28th.

"We are so pleased to have Mr. Smith work with our students. It's a wonderful addition to our already vibrant art program at Powhatan. From just a few visits so far, the children's watercolor paintings show wonderful promise and progress," says Sue Scarborough, Powhatan's Head of School.

This program is possible thanks to the work of art teacher Ryan Royston and to a generous donation from ADDISON Yacht Charters, based in Middleburg, VA.

"We've been so happy with the education and experience that our children are having at Powhatan. We're always looking for ways to support the school in continuing to provide exceptional programs for the students," says Scott Bessette, president of ADDISON Yacht Charters.

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A Fine Performance by Foxcroft School Riders in IEA Nationals Debut



Every Foxcroft rider earned at least one ribbon this weekend (May 16-18) at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association Hunt Seat National Finals in Springfield, MA, and the team finished 10th among 22 rivals from across North America in its first trip to the championship.

Sophomore Marisa Sanders of Chapel Hill, NC, was doubly successful, placing fifth in the individual Junior Varsity Beginner competition on Saturday and in her team class Sunday. Marisa was the only Foxcroft student to qualify as an individual this year.

In the team competition, which counts the scores of one rider in each of the four levels, over fences and on the flat, Foxcroft was pinned in four of the seven classes. Senior Ashleigh Dove (Purcellville, VA) was fourth in the Varsity Intermediate Flat, and freshman Brittany Hector (Miami, FL) got fifth in the JV Novice Flat Sunday. On Saturday, freshman Guen Geiersbach (Middletown, DE) placed 8th in the top class, Varsity Open, over-fences contest.

Geiersbach also placed fifth among ALL upper school competitors in the Holy Innocents' Episcopal School Horsemanship Test, a written exam that compliments the IEA's mission to educate young riders in all areas of equestrian studies and the belief that horsemanship always comes first.

The IEA is the largest scholastic riding organization in the country with more than 5,000 student riders competing on hundreds of teams in 12 zones across North America. The National Finals are the culmination of a school year-long journey. Foxcroft competed in shows through the year, catch-riding horses at several different levels of experience. Points accumulated during the regular season qualified Foxcroft as a team and several riders as individuals to compete at Regionals, held at Madeira School in early April. A top finish there advanced the riders to the Zone 3 Team Championship held at Garrison Forest School in Owings Mills, MD, and a second place finish there earned the trip to Massachusetts.

This is Foxcroft's fourth year of IEA competition. One rider qualified as an individual in each of the first three years but this is the first team trip. The team is trained by Foxcroft Director of Riding Kate Worsham.

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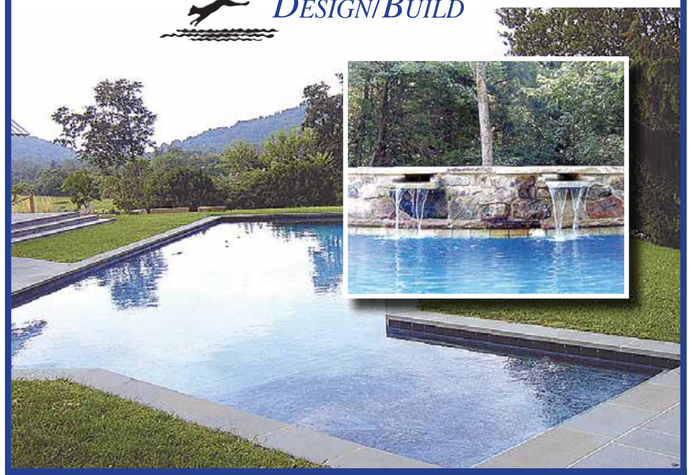


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Pastimes

Stalking the Grill

Vine & Dish



Ellen Kassoff Gray

Memorial Day weekend kicks off the great American outdoor grilling season and whether you're a fan of gas or charcoal – that the smoky-charred taste of food prepared outside grill side is downright delicious. Grilling is a ritualistic rite of the season; a ceremonious act that evokes a culinary zeal in all backyard chefs. It is a natural gatherer of family and friends. Here is where a competitive edginess seems to emerge in the otherwise mild mannered. There are abundant opinions on "how to" techniques. Grill fervor can run as high as the flames and there is no shortage of suggestions about employing the best technique to grill just about anything and everything. So what to put on the grill that will impress? Fresh vegetables – yes I said that. Don't think of it as a wimpy cop-out - think of it as 'out of the box.'

Of course procuring these vegetables is 90% of the equation, they should be fresh and local to be grill worthy. Road trips are on just about everyone's calendars in the summer giving way to the art of roadside procurement. Tailgate stop and shops create a gravitational pull from the highway to the stand – the need to drop speed to park and gather is powerful. Acquiring produce roadside is a straight transaction from farmer to consumer – skipping the middleman and all the trucking of product – thereby delivering the truest farm fresh flavors. Perfect for the grill. Another facet of sourcing roadside is the opportunity for a cook to farmer chat where invaluable techniques are passed along, methods you won't find in cookbooks or online. Specific growing regions yield different results in taste and flavor profiles so taking a few extra minutes to discuss your acquisition is well invested time off the highway.

Here and now in the mid-Atlantic asparagus are in their peak season they have a bright, earthy taste that is a perfect compliment for the grill as the char flavor brings out the best in those long green spears. Virginia has no shortage of roadside farm stand that carry asparagus – the best I have found is Sneads. I first visited Sneads Asparagus Farm 30 years ago - a family-run operation since 1961. It is a fixture on Route 17 just outside Fredericksburg. And as the name implies, asparagus are their forte. I learned this technique for grilling asparagus that I use to this day.

As for wine pairings with asparagus, they have a bad rap for being a "wine-challenged" food. Wine snobbery runs deep – so once again – think out of the box and try a Pinot Grigio. I discovered an excellent Virginia Pinot Grigio at Prince Michele winery located in Monticello, one of Virginia's more-premium wine regions. Monticello is a designated American Viticultural Area (AVA) in the center of Virginia's hilly Piedmont region. It is Virginia's oldest AVA (formalized in February 1984). Monticello, named after the estate of Thomas Jefferson is the place where he cultivated his extensive French wine collection. It's is worth a visit to the vineyard, Carter Mountain wine shop and the Museum of Culpeper - certainly an interesting historically themed summer road trip.

This particular wine tends to hit notes of lime and green apple. Peach and mineral characteristics complete this crisp wine, making it a great pairing against the smoky grilled asparagus and the saltiness from nutty aged Virginia ham.

Finally, to address the gas vs. charcoal debate: Gas grills can produce a higher heat, enabling a better sear and char flavor. While Charcoal grills produce the best overall flavor, generating that smoky bond between flame and food. So as you remove that well - worn grill cover and dust off the outdoor patio furniture; consider vegetables as a main ingredient. Their exteriors become crisp and caramelized and their sweetness intense, giving them a comfort-food appeal.

GRILLED ASPARAGUS WITH VIRGINIA HAM
Serves 4

12 Jumbo/Large Asparagus Spears

12 Very thin Slices of Virginia Ham such as Calhouns or Surry

1 Tbs Olive Oil

6 Bamboo Skewers, soaked in water for 3 hours

Sea Salt and Cracked Pepper



Peel the lower half of the asparagus spears with a vegetable peeler.

Lay the ham slices down and place asparagus on ham, roll ham around asparagus, keeping it as tight as possible. Once you have all 12 rolled, take 4 spears and lay them flat side by side. Using one skewer at the top (just below asparagus tip) pierce through the four asparagus. Using a second skewer, pierce through all four near the bottom of the stalk. You are ready for grilling once you have one skewer running through tops of spears and one running through lower part of the bunch, resembling a picket fence.

Heat your grill to medium high temperature

Season asparagus bunches with salt, pepper and olive oil. Place bundles on grill and cook for 5 minutes on one side, turn and repeat. Remove from grill and serve with a small mix of salad drizzled with lemon juice and olive oil.

Climate Change Redux

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

Climate change has "roared" back into the news recently although it never really left. Within the last two weeks on the political front, President Obama released the current version of his Climate Action Plan much of which is aimed at human activities that may be impacting climate change.

More recently, Senator Marco Rubio, likely a 2016 presidential candidate, released a statement indicating that although he acknowledges climate change is occurring and that alternating cycles of global heating and cooling are a natural phenomenon, he doesn't believe that man's activities are impacting climate change.

Also related to climate change, Antarctica recently has been in the news. It was reported that an iceberg twice the size of the city of Atlanta and 180 feet thick had calved last November and was drifting toward open sea. The iceberg is the largest ever observed and represents a significant amount of water that will be melting even if it doesn't cause significant sea level rise.

Even more ominous, however, was the report on May 12 by the CBC that scientists studying the West Antarctic ice sheet have determined that it is in serious jeopardy. Warm ocean water is eroding the base of the ice sheet and according to the report in a very short time geologically (200-500 years) it could melt completely. If this happens, sea level rises of from 3 to 7 feet are predicted. Uh oh. Is global warming responsible? Yes.

What does the President's Climate Action Plan call for? In sum, it includes three principal categories, a continued reduction of carbon releases, preparation within the nation for the impacts of climate change, and working with other nations to forge international actions on global climate change.

Some of the specifics in the President's plan include the establishment of carbon emission standards, loan guarantees for innovative technologies related to fossil energy, and establishment of renewable energy projects, wind and solar, on public lands. Whereas efficient energy standards are in place for automobiles, the plan calls for establishment of fuel efficiency standards for heavy-duty vehicles. As expected, climate change deniers are lining up in opposition to the plan.



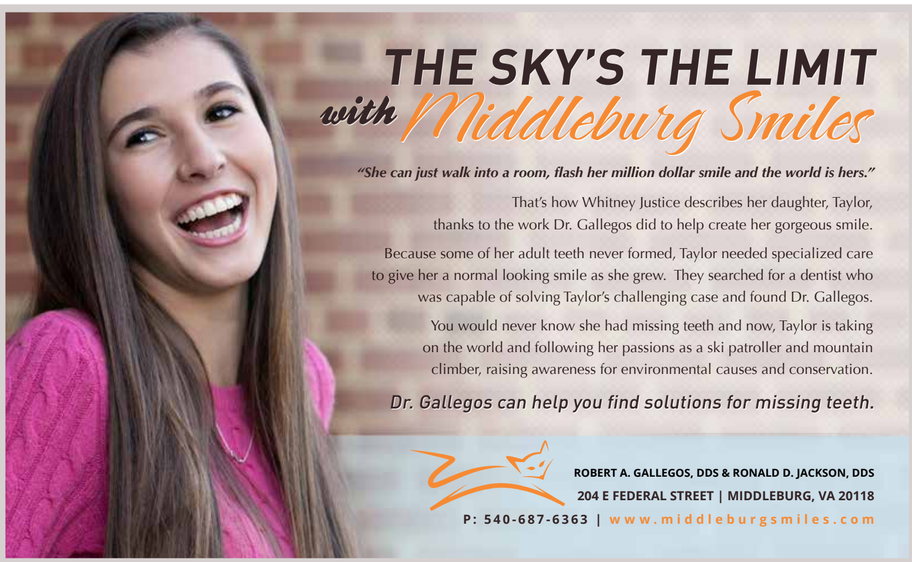
What does this writer think?

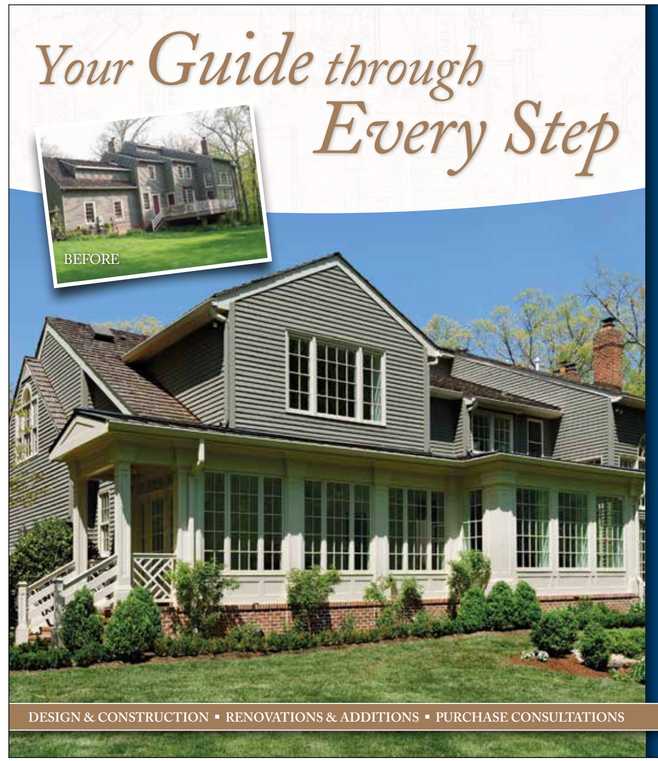
First let me state that I'm not a climate scientist but instead a hydrologist. However my academic training for hydrology did include some study of meteorology. With that as a background, I've observed that those natural phenomena that we have seen in recent years, devastating hurricanes, super storms, long-term droughts, massive flooding, destructive tornadoes, while not new occurrences, seem to be occurring more frequently. Throw into this mix such other phenomena as derechos and haboobs. Based on personal observations, I can unequivocally state that I am NOT a climate change denier.

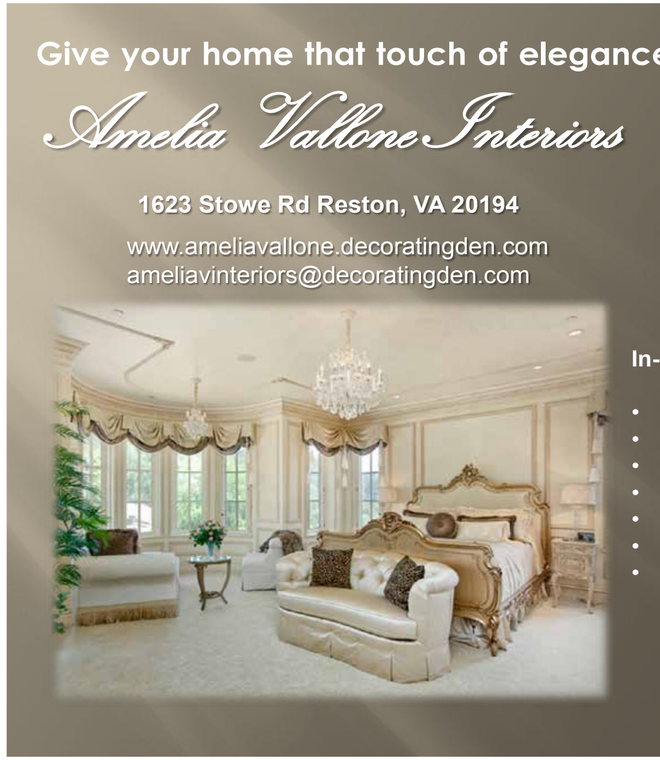
Yes, I believe climate change is occurring. Like Senator Rubio, I understand that climate change fluctuates naturally over time. Unlike Senator Rubio, I believe that man's activities contribute to global warming. My position echoes that of the large majority of climate scientists in the country.

Accordingly, I support the President's Climate Action Plan. I believe that there are actions that we can take now that will benefit future generations in particular, reducing carbon emissions. Yes, it will cost money but isn't the future of our children and our children's children worth it?

I rest my case.







Pastimes

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel

What seems a lifetime ago, my wife Linda and I directed a large gallery for the publishing company The Greenwich Workshop. The gallery featured amazing painters of very broad artistic diversity. Wildlife, fantasy, Americana, marine, western, portrait, landscape, still life, aviation and more. The mediums used by these artists were all that you might imagine, even egg tempera.

The actual gallery space was 6,000 square feet and I hung this space and its many shows alone, after hours. Though the art was of high quality and thus was priced to suit its demand, I learned great care still had to be put on its placement. Not only its placement within the gallery, but its placement among other paintings and painters.

It was like coming to a fork in the road and having to go both ways at once. One path was understanding continuity and the other was understanding visual stimulation. A very seasoned gallery owner once told me, "I'm not a painter, but I feel I am an artist." He went on to say, "My gallery is my canvas, the artist's work is my paint and it's my creative goal for art enthusiasts and collectors to be moved when they come to my gallery."

I kept this information at hand every time I hung that gallery and still do so today. I can also recall back then hanging the gallery at night, it looking perfect the next day and then a painting would sell. I would of course be happy, but then there was this hole to fill, which was an interesting torment!

Expanding on these two paths of continuity and visual stimulation, it doesn't matter if you are a collector visiting a gallery or an artist with paintings in a gallery, you both want these two things to be present. Back then, with four full time salespeople there to work with clients, I gave myself the luxury of doing a lot of observational people watching. I watched customers as they moved from piece to piece. I watched what made them stop, what made them move on and what made them purchase, and frankly, being very satisfied with their decision to do so.

Art requires an emotional connection to be appreciated. As this connection can be deep or complex, try thinking about the car you are driving and why you chose it? Was it color, size, price, the manufacture, the name of it, function or features? Was it something going on in your life, a need for speed or maybe a need to be more practical? Was it a review, a friend's endorsement, its design, safety or that it just fit your garage space? Or did it remind you of your childhood? This is how art is chosen and purchased as well. Sure, there are differences, but similarities too.

It is my opinion that the average person who is actually ready, willing and able to purchase a piece of art, spends only 2 or 3 seconds looking for that thing grabs them. After which, that simply allows them to mentally invest another 2 or 3 seconds or move on to the next piece of art. Their eye subliminally enters the picture at the top left and quickly uses the given composition to find both a focal point and not necessarily what the artist is trying to say, but rather the story they, the viewer, wishes to interpret based on their own emotions. In only a few more seconds, they either invest more time or move on. Staying means they want more information, validation in the title, the artist's name and price and then comes the analyzation part. Where will I put it, will it fit, how's it framed, will the colors go with my room and yes, how is it displayed all come into play? This by the way, is something each of us does when we find things we like.

Continuity with the other art around it only helps disperse confusion. It's like saying, "What's the shark painting doing next to the one with kittens?" Sometimes these things are very apparent, but often it just comes across as a bad "feng shui" type thing. You can't explain it, but something just doesn't feel right and thus, the experience is interrupted. Trust me, big stores pour a lot of money into having us feel comfortable while we shop.

Visual stimulation supports the journey by making it interesting. I recall that we represented a popular artist who framed their own work, but used the exact same frame and mat on each piece. Similar sizes and the same palette only added to the lack of visual stimulation in hanging a



show of around 35 works of his art. Put five horizontal paintings of similar color and the same frame in a row and you can pretty much provide anyone with a nap by painting number three. But mixing formats or vertical and horizontal shape and then warm and cool colors and the stimulation begins.

If you are a collector, it makes your shopping experience more interesting and pleasurable. If you are an artist, it helps your work be noticed among your fellow artists. A win, win as they say.

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The Clean Shaven Look

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode



More like a mustache, the bearded iris have a small tuft of hair on the top of their lower petals, which are also known as falls. I think it's safe to say that this group of iris are the most popular. Flamboyant and available in almost every color imaginable, breeders introduce thousands a year, which surpasses the breeding of any other type of iris. I adore them when they're flowering, but find them aggravating afterwards with mushy foliage, leaf spot and borers. Not that I would live without them, in fact every May I think that I must order more for next year. But it might be time to concentrate on the beardless types or clean shaven iris. There are many to consider, iris for dry sun, dry shade, wet places and late bloom.

Popular varieties among the beardless are Siberian iris, Japanese, Louisiana and Japanese roof iris. Siberian iris like it dry, just look at their narrow foliage to confirm (almost like an ornamental grass). The flowers may be half the size of bearded but they are simple yet elegant and plentiful. Breeders are busy here, even introducing a few that rebloom like the bearded. Both Japanese (Iris ensata) and Louisiana iris like it wet. Large of flower, they are spectacular in every iris sense.



If you are lucky enough to have a wet spot in your garden give them a try. I find that the Japanese iris are fine with a little shade and the tallest varieties flower in July.

The Japanese Roof iris is actually from China but grows wild in both Japan and China. It's said that the roots were thrown onto thatched roofs where it took hold and grew. I was also told that the fields are reserved for rice growing but this lovely iris was too nice to plow under, so it ended up on the roof. This clean-shaven iris grows in a light shade, is semi-evergreen and has lovely arching foliage. Breeders are at work and apparently struggling to come up with anything new. Still only available in blue or white, either one is worth having, although the white is such a superior plant for the shade gardener. The flowers are held just over the arching leaves which are persistent and problem free, green into December, sometimes longer. Dry shade is fine, even wet shade will do.

Some of the largest flowering iris seem to bloom for a shorter time, which makes me wonder if larger petals collapse earlier? Like for every millimeter/centimeter of petal surface you loose hour or hours (or days) of bloom? Compare a magnolia tree in flower to a cherry tree. In perennials an iris to a salvia. Get my drift? I'm sure there's some research done on this concept, although the science of it is probably over my head. My point in all of this is try some smaller flowering, beardless iris, I think you'll like them.

Genetically Modified Organisms and You

Kay Colgan
Health Coach and Certified Fitness Professional

What is a genetically modified organism? Why should you care if the products you purchase have GMO ingredients? How do you know if the products you purchase have GMOs in them? In simplistic terms, the following will help you as the consumer make informed decisions on purchasing food for your family.

Not so long ago wheat was wheat, grown the way it had been through centuries. Within the last decade or more the introduction of genetically modified organisms has infiltrated our food supply. Everything from produce to cooking oils might potentially have genetically modified organisms. A genetically modified organism is basically a type of breeding that interlace one sequence of proteins into another strand of DNA with the intent of having an insect resistant commercial viable product. The problem is in a nutshell, our bodies react to these substances as foreign invaders. No where in nature have these genetically modified organisms been found. Thus, influx of obesity, resistance weight loss, increased gastrointestinal problems, ect. Unfortunately,in the US and Canada there is no requirement for corporations to list if the product contains GMOs. Apparently, our government gave the stamp of approval for the safety of GMOs based on studies created by corporations that not only profit from the sale but also created the genetically modified organisms. Thus,no labeling required. If that does not send a shiver down your spine, the fact that 80 percent of items on grocery store shelves are genetically modified might raise an eyebrow or two.

As a consumer you can protect yourself and your family with a little knowledge. Eighty five percent of corn and soy in this country is genetically modified. Most cows, and chickens eat the corn and soy that is genetically modified and it passes on to you. Canola crops are a staggering 90 percent genetically modified. Steering clear of foods that have been cooked in canola oil and checking package labels for added canola oil is a good idea.. Sugar beets are a whopping 95 percent genetically modified and this is what makes up one half of the sugar production in this country. Purchasing certified organic products is the best way to avoid ingesting these organisms. We are lucky to have stores in Middleburg, Virginia that refuse to have genetically modified organisms line their shelves. The Home Store takes pride in not allowing genetically modified organisms to infiltrate their food. With a little knowledge of buying organic, shopping at local farmers markets, looking for the "non-GMO" seal on package foods and growing a garden will help to get rid of GMOs in you and your family's diet.

As a consumer, I too get busy and reach for things I know do not benefit me or my family. But, with proper planning all of us do not have to relinquish our right to make healthier choices for our families and ourselves.

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Match-A-Roo, Are you?

Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell



Are you the type of person that can't function if you know you are not wearing matching socks? Or worse, do you twitch uncontrollably if your undergarments don't go with your outer garments? If you are a match-a-roo like me, embrace your need to coordinate if you so choose.

I can hardly mention the word "coordinate" without mimicking John Witherspoon's character in the 1992 movie Boomerang. "The secret is…you've got to coordinate" is the phrase that stole the scene when Witherspoon's character taught Eddie Murphy a thing or two about how to "coordinate" a mushroom patterned shirt. If you don't know the reference, youtube it for a giggle.

How do you feel when couples coordinate their outfits? Is the desire to coordinate with your mate sweet or just plain obnoxious? I say sweet and rock it out however you see fit! Some couples have the same wedding bands, others match from head to toe in their holiday card photos, even prom dates make the effort to wear a matching tie to their date's ensemble. Will and Kate, Gavin and Gwen, David and Posh, Beyonce and Jay and Brangelina all step out with amazing style and synchronicity. Exception: Brittany and Justin. When they were a couple, they always looked like tools wrapped in pimped out, matching Halloween costumes. I guess that's why it didn't last.

Teams have always dressed in matching ensembles for function. If not for jerseys, how else would a player know to whom they should pass, kick or throw? Heck, we are in horse country where every halter, lead rope and piece of electrical tape has to coordinate with the truck/trailer combos, farm sign lettering and monogramming. Some employees have uniforms, as do some students. Sometimes isn't it just easier to know what you are wearing when you get up in the morning? Kind of like the days of the week panties.

The von Trappe's all dressed the same and few can't hum the entire Sound of Music soundtrack. Their coordination is iconic. How about the OBX family photos on the beach with everyone wearing white and khaki and jumping in the air? Are we supposed to believe that all the colors were in the wash at the same time or did the family want the appearance of unity? Those that jump together stay together. And whatever beach photog made that popular, genius.

I am not preaching Stepfordism, always be true to your sense of personal style. But just because you own five different articles of pink clothing doesn't mean they all match nor do they make a snappy ensemble. If one of this spring's biggest trends is wearing stripes and polka dots together, there certainly can be an artistic license when it comes to coordination. Dress in a manner that is comfortable for you. If you are not comfortable building a coordinating wardrobe to your taste, seek professional help. I am sure every boutique in Middleburg will come to your aid.

The Dental Connection for Heart and Joint Health

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos



An important finding in dentistry and medicine is that patients with periodontal (gum) disease have a higher incidence of heart attacks, high blood pressure and diabetes. All of the causes and effects are not fully understood but we know there is a systemic link in our bodies, when one area is under attack (infection) other areas can become adversely affected or vulnerable. We also know that the bacteria which normally live in the oral environment are not usually found in the blood stream. During certain dental procedures, i.e. when teeth are cleaned in the dental office, some of the oral bacteria get into the blood stream. The concern is that these oral bacteria may adversely affect a susceptible heart and some medical devices like artificial heart valves and total joint replacements. The areas that may be susceptible and patients who should be premedicated with antibiotics are those with:

- artificial heart valves
- a history of infective endocarditis (an infection of the lining inside the heart)
- certain congenital heart diseases
- total joint replacements early after surgery (i.e. hips and knees)

It is not unusual for a family member, friend and/or coworker to have been diagnosed with a heart murmur or treated for a painful joint with joint replacement. The array of treatment for heart and circulatory issues is ever widening and the treatment for joint replacement has grown as our population has aged and remained physically active. I am often asked about antibiotic premedication for joint replacement and heart murmur prior to dental appointments. The recommendations of the American Dental Association (ADA), the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) and the American Heart Association (AHA) regarding premedication of these conditions has evolved over the years and left many confused.

As recent as a few years ago it had been normal practice to premedicate patients with antibiotics prior to certain dental treatment to, in theory, prevent infection of the heart and certain medical devices like joints. After years of the medical and dental community dispensing antibiotics, there have been more antibiotic resistant strains of bacteria developing as well as severe allergic reactions to antibiotics. This has caused concern in the medical/dental community. The AHA, AAOS and the ADA have reviewed the literature and studies and concluded that the people who took antibiotic premedication in the past and no longer need premedication are:

- Mitral valve prolapse
- Rheumatic heart disease
- Bicuspid valve disease
- Calcified aortic stenosis

Congenital heart conditions such as ventricular or atrial septal defect or hypertrophic cardiomyopathy

Healthy total joint replacements after release of the orthopedic physician

It is always important to update your dentist and physician of your medical history and changes in medications. Stayed tuned and ask your physician, cardiologist, orthopedic surgeon and/or dentist if you have any questions.

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, he is on the faculty of Spear Education, and a member of several dental organizations including the American Academy of Facial Esthetics, American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the American Dental Association. Dr. Gallegos practices dentistry in Middleburg, VA. You can learn more about his practice at www.MiddleburgSmiles.com and request a copy of this article at info@middleburgsmiles.com.







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Hendrix is an adorable black Pomeranian who lost a hind leg due to being hit by a car. He is a happy go lucky fun little guy who would like a home where he could hang out on the lap of a new owner! He is the definition of lap dog.



Wesley survived a house fire. He came to us with a burned foot & nose but he has fully healed & needs a new home. Wesley is about 6 yrs old, very gentle, easy going, affectionate, & pretty darned cute!





Roberta is a 9 yr old, 14.2h healthy & sound Paint mare who is very affectionate with people & is good with other horses. She & her weanling were rescued Oct. 2013. Roberta has good ground manners. We were told she is rideable but we haven't worked with her yet.



Tiger is an adorable 5 1/2 yr. old Bulldog X who has a fun personality. He is well mannered when indoors, likes most other dogs, has lived with cats & is house trained. Tiger would do best in a home where is not left alone for long periods of time as he loves having company.

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Albert's Corner

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

Albert P. Clark

America's pet population is expanding. Literally. A recent national study indicated that almost 53% of dogs and 58% of cats are obese or overweight. Interestingly, the same study reported that our people don't know we're fat. In fact, 93% of dog owners and 88% of cat owners with pets in the study initially thought their furry friends were in the normal weight range. Without a doubt, we've got a whopper of a problem. It is, however, easily addressed.

Assessing whether your pet needs to lose weight is the first step. If you're not sure, just ask your vet. If it turns out that your four-legged friend needs to lose a few pounds, it's time to take action. While it might seem like a pudgy pup or chubby kitty isn't cause for alarm, it is. Dogs and cats suffer a wide variety of illnesses when we're overweight. Some of these illnesses undoubtedly threaten our well-being and, ultimately, shorten our lives. Being heavy is not to be taken lightly!

Fortunately, we have lots and lots of healthy and delicious options today. Be your pet's advocate when it comes to diet. Putting your pet on the road to good health does not have to mean switching to a prescription diet -- in fact, some prescription diets are actually unhealthy! The same goes for some products labeled as diet or reduced calorie. While they may help us shed pounds, they may also leave us hungry because of high levels of carbohydrate fillers. The bottom line is to choose a food that has above average protein, below average fat, and below average calories.

Keep an open mind when choosing a weight loss product. You may want to consider canned food or raw food (frozen or freeze-dried) -- not just kibble. Also, if you're free feeding, meaning that we have access to our food all day, you will need to switch to a feeding schedule. Just like people, we'll eat when we're bored if there's food under our nose.

If we seem hungry when we're trimming down, you can supplement our meals with healthy snacks like green beans, blueberries, carrots, and sweet potatoes. Just remember to feed everything, including treats, mindfully. One of the biggest mistakes pet owners make when helping their animals lose weight is changing the main diet while continuing to overfeed treats. Even the healthiest packaged treats are supposed to be an occasional reward. A good rule of thumb is one in the morning and one before bed.

And, of course, make sure we're moving. Exercise is vitally important to our health and well-being, especially when we're fighting the battle of the bulge. Take us for walks, play with us, take us to the park -- whatever works for you will benefit us. All that matters is that we're burning calories and building muscle.

While we're losing weight, monitor our progress. Weigh us regularly with a goal of dropping 1% to 2% of our body weight each week until we reach our healthy weight. You may want to buy a pet scale. Many models are available, and some are quite affordable. When we reach our goal, continue to monitor our weight regularly so that we don't start packing on the pounds again.

To close, I'll leave you with a simple pet ownership mantra: Feed in moderation, but love with reckless abandon!

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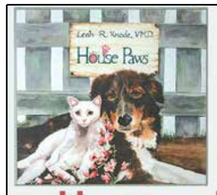
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Editor's Desk

New Police Guidelines

Working closely with Town Administrator Martha Semmes, Town Council's public safety liason, Bundles Murdock, the members of his own department and a host of other professional resources, Middleburg Police Chief A. J. Paniebianco has issued a new, comprehensive manual governing policies and procedures for the Middleburg Police Force.

One of Panebianco's first actions as Chief was to institute a formal oath of honor for his force, an oath taken in addition to that adminstered when an officer is officially sworn in as a member of the force.

Middleburg officers take the honor oath when they receive their badges, in front of a regular session of town council, in the presence of the town's government, the public they will serve, and, in our experience, their families as well.

The new manual reflects the same traditions of professionalism, personal responsibility, and honorable conduct.

Among other things, on-going training and professional education is formalized and mandatory; officers are to be considered and treated as professionals; "Perp Walks" are expressly forbidden; officers not only read, but sign their copy of the new guidelines.

The Middleburg Force recently worked with the Secret Service and other agencies to provide security for the First Lady.

She was in good hands. So are the rest of us.

Congratulation . . . and thanks. . . to all who made it possible.

Community Service

The title "community newspaper" is one that has to be earned. It is a special trust and a high responsibility.

Over the past ten years, the Eccentric has done its best to serve as the community newspaper for all those who live, work, visit, love and support the special place that is Middleburg. An "eccentric" can be a little quirky . . . but it is, first and foremost, a critical balancing element in an engine that moves things forward in a steady, dependable, responsible way.

As we begin our second decade we pledge to continue and, expand that special "eccentric" tradition of community service.

We have always believed that our non-profit organizations, often run by volunteers, and often with limited or non-existent advertising and PR budgets are a special part of what makes Middleburg . . . Middleburg.

Those organizations and the people who make them go are true stewards of special trusts. They deserve all the help the community and this newspaper can give them.

The Eccentric has long supported those organizations with editorial coverage and advertising space for their often all-too-critical fund-raising and public service events.

We not only write copy and design ads, we happily make those materials available to every other local medium willing and able to use them. It is our pleasure, and, we believe, our responsibility to do so as stewards of our community.

Though our resources are not infinite, to the best of our ability we promise to continue those practices and to maintain that tradition to the very best of our ability: to help as much as we can and to continue to work with local business, our local governments, our non-profit organizations, the citizens of greater Middleburg; and all the other media who serve this community to keep Middleburg the special place it was, is, and will be.

E Pluribus Unum

Blue

Daniel Morrow

An important part of freedom "of" religion is freedom "from" religion.

Personally, I love a visit from a local minister trying to gather a new flock (or save an old one); earnest pairs of Mormon missionaries; or determined young purveyors of "The Watchtower" who haven't given up on saving my immortal soul.

Thanks to Mr. Jefferson and his kindred spirits among the Founding Fathers religion in America is free enterprise.

For better or worse, one call sell it all the classical ways using all the classical tools and techniques: door to door, advertising (with coupons and mention-this-ad premiums), "consultative" selling (including bait and switch), personal networking; and pyramid schemes.

I have bought it, sold it, loved it, hated it, read and written about it.

Among the devout are some of the best and most generous people in the world and some of the worst.

Happily for us all, whatever our faith (or lack of it) we can take or leave it.

Government . . . our government . . . steadfastly protects the rights of the religious to believe what they want to believe and (as long as they're not inciting riots or worse) pretty much preach whatever they want to preach.

That same government has, until recently, protected your and my constitutional right to opt out, not listen, and not subject our families and friends to preachings and prayers with which we do not agree and have no interest in hearing.

We can tell the two young people in dark slacks and white shirts on the porch to go away.

But we can't tell our government to do that.

And to be more specific, we can't tell a teacher, or supervisor, or town council member, or judge with whom we desire (or have no choice) but to do business to go away.

Jefferson knew and appreciated that, as did the dissenters in the recent 5-4 Supreme Court decision approving a local town council's right to impose prayer on everyone attending its meetings, no matter what.

Conversion is one thing.

Shoving religion of any kind in the face of an American citizen is another. . . and is just wrong.

Justifying it on the grounds of "tradition" is worse.

In the mid 1950's, at the height our cold war paranoia, when civil rights were deemed both godless and "communist inspired," when we lived in fear of yet another global holocaust, we changed our national motto from e pluribus unum (from many, one) to "In God We Trust."

Now we're doing it again.

Mr. Jefferson still spins in his grave.

The Glory That Is Greece: More on Religious Freedom

Red

James Morgan

The Town Board in Greece, New York has long opened its meetings with a prayer. This custom seems recently to have offended two sensitive and sophisticated town residents who, naturally, sued.

As George Will wrote in response, "taking offense has become America's national pastime." Our plaintiffs, however, had to be not just offended but "theatrically offended" (thus the lawsuit) else no one would have appreciated the theocratic horror they sought to avoid. This attitude, Will once aptly described as "the mock cosmopolitanism of the morally obtuse."

As Congress, the Supreme Court, and state legislatures open their own sessions with prayer, it is odd that this became an issue at all. When uber-sensitive unbelievers get all exercised about it as they love to do, the courts whose time they waste should simply refer them to the movie "Stripes" and the sage commentary of the inimitable Sgt. Hulka who said to another blustering egomaniac, "Lighten up, Francis."

No complex legal reasoning is required here. Religion is built into the fabric of American society; always has been. The Founding Fathers, even Mr. Wall of Separation himself, Thomas Jefferson, understood that. As liberal Justice William O. Douglas once wrote (before American liberalism jumped the shark), "We are a religious people whose institutions presuppose a Supreme Being." Indeed, we still are. And, as our institutions reflect the Judeo-Christian heritage on which western civilization was built, it is hardly surprising that our public prayers should reflect it as well. There's no "establishment" of religion in this.

Those outside of our tradition are largely free to practice their faiths, or not, but that's not progressive enough for progressives. For other problematic aspects of our culture, these folks have a stock response. Don't like abortion, they say? Don't get one. Don't like movies with heavy sexual content that can be seen by kids? Don't see them. Don't like "music" that encourages cop-killing or rape? Don't listen. And they always follow this with a fussy, finger-wagging, school-marmish remonstration not to interfere with other people doing these things if they want to because that's narrow-minded and divisive. So why don't they apply that logic to public prayer? Don't like prayer? Don't pray. Just don't interfere with others who want to. But that's not the progressive way.

It also is a shame that the Court's decision in *Town of Greece, NY vs Galloway* was only 5-4 when it should have been 9-0. But it is remarkable nonetheless that even the four liberal dissenters agreed that public legislative prayer is constitutionally permissible. That differs from some previous rulings and is a step in the right direction. What they objected to in this case was that the prayers were almost always Christian prayers. That made them "sectarian" even though other prayers, including Wiccan, have been offered to open the meetings.

Predictably, the offended parties howled that the town was imposing its beliefs on them by having a prayer at all. Their attorney, a UVa law professor, breathlessly called the decision "a green light to local majorities to impose their religious practices on any citizen who seeks to participate in civic affairs." Theocracy, you see, lurks just around the corner sharpening its claws.

Or maybe not. The Court's decision actually just recognized the "ceremonial" nature of prayer and did not mandate any specific kind. So lighten up, Francis. The town police aren't preparing to round people up on Sundays and herd them to church. As Justice Kennedy wrote, "Our tradition assumes that adult citizens, firm in their own beliefs, can tolerate and perhaps appreciate a ceremonial prayer delivered by a person of a different faith."

Prayer is more than merely ceremonial, of course, but sometimes you take what you can get. This is a good ruling. The Supremes have not always gotten it right with regard to religious liberty. This time five of them did. Kudos, gentlemen. Well done.







Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

Much has been written in the past two or three years about the 1% and the 99% mainly due to Occupy Wall Street who exposed the inequality between the common American and the wealthy elite American. This growing knowledge of the inequality has lead to upset victories by politicians such as Mayor Bill de Blasio and Elizabeth Warren and even the election of Pope Francis is due in part to the world wide end of the myopia about the great divide between the wealthy and the poor.

This country was founded on free enterprise and all would agree that free enterprise is a good thing, but when the ruling rich do not pay their fair share and the divide between the elite and the disappearing middle class has become so wide, something has to be corrected.

I ask: Is it healthy that the family who owns Wal-Mart has as much wealth as 40% of all Americans and a major percentage of Wal-Mart employees live below the poverty line?

Pam Ramos, a Wal-Mart employee at a store recently visited by President Obama writes that she and most employees do not even make $25,000 per year at a company whose profits are in excess of 16 billion per year. An increase of a few pennies per product would alleviate the low wages and provide a living wage and better health benefits for all employees.

Inequality kills according to a recent book by Swedish sociologist Goran Therborn. Life expectancy between the rich and poor can be as high as 28 years in many cases. He states that over 4 million excess deaths have occurred since the restoration of capitalism in the former Soviet Union.

The problem with modern day capitalism is that a large percentage of the new rich have got there, not by hard productive work (as in the past) but from connections, parental and political, and by gambling and side-stepping regulations. If one's wealth is acquired by these means one has less social conscience and concern for the masses.

The Republicans for the most part have little concern for the great wealth divide and lobby strongly for less taxes on the wealthiest. They are always trying to balance budgets on the backs of those who can least afford it. A case in point: they fight against raising the minimum wage but want to cut food stamps, won't extend unemployment benefits and are constantly trying to defund Social Security and Medicare.

Giving health care to all Americans is out of the question as we cannot afford it, according to most Republicans, but they continue to support a health care system that is enormously more expensive than a Medicare for all would be, mainly because of the huge profits taken by health care insurance companies.

Money should not be the determining factor in justice.

How many times have we seen people with little means go to jail for crimes far less egregious than those committed by the wealthy who often get off with practically no punishment.

When big banks and enormous financial institutions commit crimes that destroy the livelihoods of investors they should not be punished with fines which are meaningless and are often tax write offs, their executives should serve as much time as an individual bank robber would.

If jail time for those responsible for corporate misdeeds became the norm I believe corporations would be a bit more respectful of laws governing their practices.

They rich should not have a separate justice system based on the ability to hire fancy lawyers.

Guns

Mark Kimball

The vast majority of Americans support the 2nd Amendment. They also want something done about the access to weapons by criminals and those who may attack and murder large numbers of school children, co-workers, neighbors, family, and friends.

There is no easy answer to gun control, but if we could do two things, we would be moving in the right direction:

Extensive background checks. We have a right to know to whom we are giving a weapon. If you have already committed a felony, you have forfeited your right to own a gun. The check should be thorough and uniform throughout the country. Maybe the two weeks it takes in California is too long, but the twenty minutes it took me in Texas seemed too fast. And the exemptions at gun shows are an advertisement for those who would not qualify under closer scrutiny.

Mental Health Evaluations. The most common defense of mass murderers is diminished capacity or some variation of insanity. Without invading the privacy of upstanding citizens, there ought to be a way medical professionals could help us identify some of the folks who are unstable and lack the judgment needed to maintain and use a deadly weapon. This is where Congress needs to do what we pay them to do: gather expert testimony and write sensible, effective legislation based on the facts and within constitutional limits.

More than 70% of us think the time has come to do something. The suggestions above do not signal an attack by the government on the constitution or your right to bear arms. They do bring us closer to a more thoughtful interpretation of the 2nd Amendment and, in doing so, may make it safer for your children to go to school or see a popular movie.

Letters

Dear Friends,

We wanted to inform you that our longtime Fair Chair and friend, Fran Holmbraker, has decided to step down after her many years of service to the Waterford Foundation. Through countless years as a volunteer and nearly 20 years as Fair Chair, Fran has worked tirelessly to make the Waterford Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit an outstanding educational program and fundraiser. During her tenure, the Fair has been named Loudoun County Event of the Year four times since 1999.

We cannot fully express how sincerely grateful we are for her longstanding commitment to the Foundation and to the Waterford community. To commemorate her work over the years, the Foundation is dedicating the 2014 Fair in honor of Fran. In addition, Fran has finalized a great line up of crafters and entertainment for this year's Fair, and we hope that you will join us in October as we celebrate Fran's many years of service in support of our mission to preserve and share this special place.

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Upperville, Virginia • $5,925,000

118 acres • Main house is stone with slate & copper roof recently expanded to approximately 7,000 square feet • Amazing views • 2 bedroom guest house • 3 bedroom tenant house • 4 stall stable • Heated pool • 4-car garage & 2 ponds

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Oakfield

Upperville, Virginia • $4,900,000

Stone manor house in spectacular setting • 86.81 acres • Highly protected area in prime Piedmont Hunt • Gourmet kitchen • Wonderful detail throughout • 5 BR • 5 BA • 3 half BA • 3 fireplaces, classic pine paneled library • Tenant house • Stable • Riding ring • Heated saltwater pool • Pergola • Full house generator

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Faraway Farm

Middleburg Area • $3,350,000

Solid stone home with copper roof on 70 acres • Original portions dating from the 1700's • First floor bedroom & 3 additional suites • Original floors • 8 fireplaces • Formal living room • Gourmet kitchen • 2 ponds • Mountain views • Stone walls • Mature gardens • Pool • Primitive log cabin

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Wood Hill

Middleburg, Virginia • $3,300,000

3 miles from Middleburg • 49 acres • Elegant 1940's brick colonial home • Stable • Cottage • Apartment • Pool • Tennis court • Mature trees and sweeping lawn to Goose Creek which surrounds most of the property

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Belvedere

Middleburg, Virginia • $2,650,000

Gracious home with 5 BRs • Gourmet kitchen • Two-story floor-to-ceiling window display of the Blue Ridge Mountains • 3 FPs, coffered ceilings, random width rustic cherry floors • Large home office, gym, rec room, multiple porches and patios • Three finished stories, approx. 10,000 sf. • Carriage house • Garage • Privately situated on 27 acres

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Buck Run Farm

Hume, Virginia • $1,925,000

Stone & stucco cottage overlooking 2 ponds & amazing mountain views • 72 acres with minimal maintenance & maximum quality throughout shows in every detail • 4 BR • 2 1/2 BA • 3 fireplaces • Copper roof • Antique floors & beams • Charming library & multiple french doors open to massive stone terrace

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Liberty Hill

Boyce, Virginia • $1,900,000

Mountain top retreat with 60 mile panoramic views of the Shenandoah Valley • 215 acres • 1/3 pasture • Main house circa 1787 • 3 BR, 1 BA • 2 fireplaces • Random width pine floors • 2 BR, 1 BA guest cottage • Stone & frame barn circa 1787 • Remnants of formal garden • Old cemetery • Spring fed pond • Gazebo

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Page Brook

Boyce, Virginia • $1,325,000

Classic 1880's Virginia farmhouse • Lovely setting • Private 1st floor master suite • 2 bedrooms on 2nd floor • 2 additional rental houses • Large stable & storage building • Fencing for horses & cattle • Property is protected by VOF conservation easement • Tear down the small cottage & build a new main house • Lots of options with 110 acres

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Middleburg, Virginia • $499,000

Just west of Middleburg • Shows like a new home but built like an old house • 3 to 4 bedrooms • Updated kitchen • 3 full baths • Open living room w/ wood burning fireplace • Hickory floors • Lower level is fully finished w/ a family room & full bath

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Halfway Road

The Plains, Virginia • $475,000

13.38 acres • Orange County Hunt • Between Middleburg and The Plains • 1/2 open and 1/2 wooded elevated land with views of neighboring farms • Spring fed pond which could easily be expanded • 4 bedroom perc sites and recent survey • Rare to find a smaller parcel of land in this prime location

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