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GOOD NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS

DANIEL MORROW

Middleburg Town Council has cut $25,000 in projected consulting expenses for planning and zoning expenses and postponed plans to install a new $5,000 telephone system in the Town offices. Those and other cost-saving measures have allowed the Town Administrator to reduce the proposed increase in Middleburg's real estate taxes from $0.02 per hundred dollars of valuation to $0.01.

VDOT Funding

The Virginia Department of Transportation also helped. On June 18 it agreed to fully fund its 80% share of Middleburg's long planned street light improvement program. (Middleburg's streets are, in fact, owned by VDOT).

As late as June 12 Town Administrator Martha Semmes was facing two widely different financial scenarios, one of which included VDOT only paying for half its share of the project.

Six days later VDOT agreed to fund its full, $413,688, obligation. Middleburg's 20% share will be partially met by funds from the Piedmont Community Foundation and the Middleburg Beautification Commission, totaling more than $63,000. The Town will now only be required to contribute $20,000 to fund the project.

Bank Franchise Taxes

Town Treasurer Debbie Wheeler reported that early estimates of revenues from the Town's bank franchise tax had been underestimated. In February Wheeler had reported that the Town was projected to receive $166,000 from the Middleburg Bank. In fact, Wheeler reported, the Town actually received $238,000.

Well 4 Emergency Meeting

On June 16 Town Council met in a special "emergency" session to authorize the expenditure of funds for a long-term "fix" for a design problem at Middleburg's original water treatment plant at Well 4, next to the American Legion on the Plains Road.

The meeting was called at Council member Mark Snyder's request, to get a jump on implementing the Town's engineer's recommendations for fixing the problem before the Town Administrator left for a well deserved two week vacation.

Mayor Davis agreed and quickly called the special meeting

Snyder, Council's resident expert on Middleburg's water treatment facilities told the Eccentric that Well Number 4's "design deficiency" centered on the system's back-flush process, a procedure designed to help make sure water lines are clean and clear.

"The back-flush process using existing parts was clogging nozzles with minerals in the water," Snyder continued, "primarily iron and manganese."

"The new engineering solution mitigates this issue," Snyder said, "with an inline screening process."

Council also authorized the purchase of two new brine flow meters to replace two that were ruined in January 2013 when the Well 4 plant failed in a back-flush process while Loudoun Water was away servicing a facility elsewhere in the county.

Loudoun Water has agreed to purchase the new flow meters, but has not yet done so. Council expects them to reimburse the town for the destroyed meters.

"This is good news," Snyder said, "in that it puts us on track to get this water treatment plant back online. The treat-

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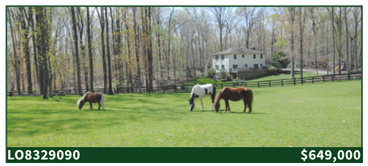
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News of Note

A Friend in Need is a Friend In Deed at Windy Hill Foundation

Recently Recognized as 'Best Affordable Housing Energy Conservation Effort' in Virginia, Windy Hill Sets Standards for the Nation

Hunt Country's Windy Hill was worse than a slum in 1981 when the seeds of an organization designed to provide first class affordable housing for the residents took shape in the mind of René Llewellyn, the Windy Hill Foundation's founder.

Today, the embarrassing housing inequalities left over from decades of segregation and neglect in that slum are gone. In their place is a pristine, bucolic neighborhood that represents only the first step in a journey to ensure that Middleburg Virginia and many other communities have state-of-the-art affordable housing for their workforce and elderly citizens.

"When the foundation's last Middleburg project was completed in 2008, we were built out," remembers Kim Hart, the organization's Executive Director. "Did that mean we should fold our tent? We felt we had an obligation to help our neighbors in surrounding counties."

"To quit would have been to waste more than 30 years of funding and building experience. So the Foundation formed the Windy Hill Development Company to work on affordable green projects outside its home base with all net profits returning to the Foundation."

Six successful projects later, at the 2013 Governor's Housing Conference, the Windy Hill Foundation was recognized with the Best Affordable Housing Energy Conservation Program Award; much deserved high praise for dedicated staff and donors who have learned how to do very well by doing good.

"This is our ethic," explained Hart. "This is our moral being, our commitment to our community."

"We began by taking care of our own, and as we grew, we learned how to shape our organization to respond to affordable housing needs across Loudoun County and beyond."

For the last decade, the Windy Hill Foundation and its development partner, TM Associates have made a leadership commitment to energy conservation wherever they build.

"Not only is this good for the planet, it is very good for affordable workforce housing because it reduces monthly energy bills and, thereby, increases the number of elderly and working households who receive housing," Hart continued.

"Explained simply, the less money applicants must budget for energy, the more money they have to meet the income qualification requirements. Green affordable housing is a big win for citizens and an even bigger win for the environment," Hart emphasized.

Windy Hill properties are distinguished by more than being green. The designs, workmanship and craftsmanship are excellent and defy the "down-market" image often associated with affordable housing.

"We're proud to have Windy Hill housing in our community," says Middleburg Mayor Betsy Allen Davis.

Projects & Plans

Three local communities now enjoy Windy Hill workforce housing, the 67 units built by the foundation in Middleburg remain at the core of the organization's holdings and house 20% of the population of the village, according to the latest census figures.

Piedmont Lane in The Plains, Virginia, is Windy Hill's most recent development. It provides 16 units of multi-family living. It is the first multi-family project to use geothermal heating and cooling with average $80-a-month electric utility cost in the all electric buildings for a three-bedroom residence.

Virginia Lane, a 14-unit multi-family project in Middleburg is the first project of its kind to utilize a neighborhood district heating and cooling system. The project is also the first apartment complex in Loudoun County to win the prestigious "Signatures of Loudoun" design award.

Levis Hill House, opened in 2008, was the first certified "green" multi-family apartment building in Loudoun County. The twenty families who live in Levis Hill House are justifiably proud of living in the first apartment building in the county to win an Energy Star award from both the Environmental Protection Agency and from HUD.

The Windy Hill Cottages, the Foundation's first endeavor, were totally renovated in 2010 when all eleven units were certified "green."

The Llewellyn Village Apartments in Middleburg were built in 1995. Completely renovated in 2010, the building was the third certified "green" multi-family building in Loudoun County.

"We pride ourselves on

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PROPERTIES IN HUNT COUNTRY

RISING MOON



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 rise overlooking the Blue Ridge Mtns. The living room and dining rooms are large and have fireplaces. **$1,500,000**

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News of Note

Fauquier & Loudoun Garden Club Receives $2,500



Middleburg Bank announced the donation of $3,500 to the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club to support the preservation of Goose Creek Bridge.

The Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club was established in 1915 and one of their largest initiatives is the preservation of the Goose Creek Bridge and surrounding grounds located in Upperville, Virginia. This donation will allow the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club to expand their programs and continue successful preservation of the area, which has become extremely popular with visitors and bird enthusiasts.

Goose Creek Bridge is one of the few 19th century, four-arched stone bridges in Virginia. It was built between 1801 and 1803, and was the site of an 1863 Civil War Battle. In 1976, the Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club became the custodian of the bridge and since then the Garden Club has done extensive structural restoration. Work is ongoing to insure the view of the bridge and surrounding area remains much as it was 200 years ago. Today there are walking paths, managed garden material, and bird houses for some of the 50 plus bird varieties that have been sited.

Gary R. Shook, Middleburg Bank's President and CEO made the check presentation to Mrs. Childs F. Burden, Garden Club President, and said, "It is a pleasure and honor to support the preservation of Virginia history as well as make it a beautiful place for visitors to enjoy!" For more information on the Goose Creek Bridge and Loudoun and Fauquier Garden Club visit http://flgarden-club.org/bridgepage.html

Signs of Middleburg Win Design Excellence Award



The Loudoun County Design Cabinet, which is supported by the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development, has unveiled eight winners in their annual architecture and design competition. The group also announced that longtime developer, the late Bruce M. Brownell, was selected for the cabinet's inaugural Vision in Design award, honoring significant individual contributions to Loudoun design.

"Each of these recognized projects represent and contribute to high quality and iconic design in Loudoun that convince people that this is the type community where one would like to live, work and locate their businesses," said Loudoun Economic Development Director Buddy Rizer.

"This is a very important year recognizing Loudoun projects," explained Design Cabinet Chair Alan Hansen. "In our 10th anniversary of the 'Signatures of Loudoun' design excellence program, we awarded one of the most iconic collections of projects to date. All of the selections in the program contribute outstanding design and branding to the county's distinct architectural fabric."

He added, "The new Vision in Design award is an extension of this concept, honoring an individual's significant design impact in Loudoun."

Brownell was a Loudoun native who was regarded by many as one of the county's most creative, visionary developers until his death in 2004. Brownell's achievements as a planner, builder and preservationist are exhibited in numerous projects throughout the county, including Magnolia's in Purcellville and Market Station in Leesburg.

This year's "Signatures of Loudoun" winners are:

- The Goose Creek Bridge, near Middleburg;
- The Catoctin Creek Distillery, in Purcellville;
- The Signs of Middleburg (winner of the Students' Choice Award);
- The Walker Pavilion, in Lovettsville;
- Saint John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, in Leesburg;
- The Lodge at Willowsford, in Aldie;
- The Equinix DC6-DC11 IBX Data Center and Regional Headquarters in Ashburn;
- Ferrari Maserati Lamborghini of Washington, in Sterling;
- Bruce Brownell for Vision in Design

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News of Note

Land Trust of Virginia's 2014 Conservation Awards

Rab and George Thompson, Melissa and Rodion Cantacuzene, and Lori Keenan and Sean McGuiness received awards from the Land Trust of Virginia (LTV) on May 18th for their contributions to land conservation in Virginia.

The awards were given at LTV's 16th annual "Garden Party to Save Virginia's Countryside," which was held at Mimi Abel Smith's beautiful estate, Hickory House Farm, in The Plains, Virginia.

LTV Chairman and Master of Ceremonies Birge Watkins said: "We are very proud of our award winners who exemplify the meaning of conservation. We had a great party, and the spectacular weather provided a wonderful canvas to see Hickory House Farm in its full splendor. It was a visual martini, a taste for the eyes, and a perfect example of what land conservation and scenic open space are all about."

LTV Conservationist of the Year Award for Leadership and Lifetime Achievement: Rab and George Thompson, Fauquier County

The LTV Conservationist of the Year Award for Leadership and Lifetime Achievement, which is presented each year to persons who have made a significant contribution to the land trust movement and land conservation in Virginia, was given to two prominent citizens who have been at the forefront of conservation in Fauquier County for decades: Rab and George Thompson of The Plains.

The Thompsons have put thousands of acres under conservation easement with The Nature Conservancy, Virginia Outdoors Foundation and the Land Trust of Virginia. They are actively involved in the establishment of the Carter's Run Valley Historic District which will comprise 4400 acres. The Thompsons have also been leaders in agriculture and have won numerous awards for sensible farm and land management practices

Birge Watkins, Chairman of LTV's Board of Directors, presented the award to the Thompsons for their strong support of land conservation and successful efforts to insure that northern Virginia's most significant lands and waters are protected in perpetuity.

Watkins said, "We were honored to award two great citizens, Rab and George Thompson, with the LTV Conservationist of the Year Award for Leadership and Lifetime Achievement. We welcome them to our land conservation 'Hall of Fame'."

LTV Landowners of the Year: Melissa and Rodion Cantacuzene, Loudoun County

The LTV Landowner of the Year Award, which is presented each year to a Virginia landowner who has made a significant contribution to protecting natural, cultural, and open space values by donating a conservation easement on their property to LTV, was presented to Melissa and Rodion Cantacuzene, by Chris Dematatis, Vice President of LTV's board of directors. In 2007, the Cantacuzenes placed two tracts of land they own north of Aldie into conservation easement with the Land Trust of Virginia. In doing so they protected the open space, forest and surface water conservation values on 161 acres of highly visible land on Tail Race Road. This past year they donated a conservation easement on an additional 223 acres containing the same natural resources and scenic open space values. Their donation also served to protect roughly one half mile of a ridgeline that is visible from more than ten miles away. In all they have now conserved 384 acres of contiguous land.

LTV Stewards of the Year: Lori Keenan and Sean McGuinness, Fauquier County

The LTV Steward of the Year Award, which is presented to a Virginia landowner who exemplifies the concept of an ideal steward of the land by caring for their property, employing best management practices, and complying with the terms and conditions of their easement, was presented to Lori Keenan and Sean McGuiness of Fauquier County by Chris Dematatis, Vice President of LTV's board. The couple donated a conservation easement on their 234-acre Fauquier County farm to LTV in 2002. Their stewardship of the property, located within the Goose Creek Watershed, has included restoration of wetland and stream corridors and best management farming practices.

Steffanie Burgevin, former LTV President and outgoing Executive Director Don Owen were also recognized for their years of service. Steffanie established the Land Trust of Virginia Legacy Giving Fund in order to assure that the lands we have protected will be protected forever. To start the fund, Steffanie has included a sizable gift to LTV as part of her estate planning. LTV President Carole Taylor said, "Both Steffanie and Don have done so much to build a solid foundation for the Land Trust"

The Land Trust of Virginia exists solely to help private citizens in Virginia protect open space lands and natural and historic resources by placing conservation easements on their properties. Over the past 14 years, LTV has been remarkably successful in its efforts to preserve land with nearly 14,000 acres protected from future development.

For more information about LTV and the LTV Conservation Awards, please contact John Magistro, LTV Executive Director at 540-687-8441 or john@landtrustva.org, or visit www.landtrustva.org.



Garden Party Host Mimi Abel Smith with LTV Chairman Birge Watkins (center) and LTV Vice President Chris Dematatis (left).



LTV Vice President Chris Dematatis with LTV Steward of the Year Award winners, Lori Keenan and Sean McGuinness.



LTV Chairman Birge Watkins presenting the LTV Conservationist of the Year award to George and Rab Thompson.

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Clarice Smith: Power & Grace Exhibit at The National Sporting Library & Museum

Lauren R. Giannini

The National Sporting Library and Museum offers an exhibit of the equestrian works of Clarice Smith — Power & Grace — until September 28.

"The show focuses on Clarice's equestrian works, which reflect her experiences with her husband Robert who bred Thoroughbred racehorses at Heronwood Farm in Upperville," said Claudia Pfeiffer, the George L. Ohrstrom Jr Curator of Sporting Art. "A lot of the pieces in the exhibit are from Clarice Smith's private collection. That's what's so very special about Power & Grace. The full range of Clarice's equestrian paintings isn't well known and we are thrilled to offer people this rare opportunity to enjoy these paintings at the National Sporting Library & Museum."

"I paint my life," said the artist quite candidly, but the true meaning of Clarice Smith's words requires those stunning moments when you first stand in a gallery where her paintings just about explode off the walls. What she captures is quite like that moment at the beginning of a horse race when the gates burst open or the tapes fly up and Thoroughbred racehorses take off. Clarice Smith paints with unbridled passion to express the horse's energy and spirit and yet she is equally skillful at portraying equines during their almost surreal moments of tranquility and peace.

Not exactly a sporting artist in the tradition of Jean Bowman or Richard Stone Reeves, Clarice brings a very personal and contemporary interpretation to recreate a dramatic moment, usually related to racing, in a way that transcends the boundaries of the canvas so that her paintings become larger than life in your mind's eye. Yes, Clarice Smith is that good. Moreover, she's "local" by adoption.

In 1983 Clarice and her husband, Robert H. Smith, a prominent real estate developer and philanthropist, purchased Grafton Farm, home of the Upperville Horse Show, and renamed it Heronwood Farm. For 30 years they maintained the show grounds and in August 2013, four years after the passing of her husband, Clarice donated that land to the Upperville Horse Show. Recently, Clarice created a lovely field stone memorial dedicated to her late husband in the shade of the trees planted by Mr. Smith on the west end of the main hunter ring, a place ideal to relax and enjoy the unique ambience of the historical show.

Clarice's desire to be an artist dates to childhood when, only eight, she visited the National Gallery of Art's newly opened "West Building" where she found herself drawn to Homer Winslow's rich, earthy watercolors. In the Power & Grace Exhibit at NSLM, one painting in particular reflects Winslow's style even as it captures her husband's love of the horses they bred at Heronwood: Paddock Rendezvous (1991) oil on canvas, shows a man standing at a fence, the horses lined up to greet him.

Her artistic dreams yielded to her mother's encouragement to learn skills, just in case: she worked summers in the Navy Department and studied Home Economics at the University of Maryland. She married Robert and delayed finishing college to give birth to the first of their three children. When she returned to academia, Clarice enrolled at the Corcoran College of Art, but soon discovered that she craved more technical education. She earned her bachelor's degree and her Master of Fine Arts at George Washington University where, from 1980 to 1987, she taught portraiture and watercolor.



Known best for her variety of subjects, which include portraits, florals, and landscapes, Clarice has been showcased in more than 30 exhibitions at national and international museums and galleries. She received ongoing inspiration from horses at Heronwood and traveling with her husband to Newmarket in England, Deauville in France and to various race meets in the US.

"The exhibition reflects Clarice's experiences and impressions wherever she and her husband went in their equestrian life," said Pfeiffer. "We divided the paintings into three sections: the farm, racing, and behind the scenes. Together, the works represent the deep and full range of Clarice's expression as a contemporary artist with a strong background in portraiture. From the tranquility of Horse Huddle, 2009, to the heady action of the determined horses in Dead Heat, 1999, the viewer is continually drawn back to the horses' eyes, their expressions so well-captured."

In the course of developing the material and the catalog for the exhibition, Pfeiffer interviewed the artist several times. "I feel so privileged to have been able to spend time with Clarice. Her openness, easy wit, and willingness to share her story, her motivations and artistic techniques brought a much more personal understanding of her as an artist and an even greater appreciation for her work. As the title of the exhibit — Clarice Smith: Power & Grace — implies, there is not only an intriguing balance between power and grace in Clarice smith's work, but within the artist herself."

For more information, please visit: www.nsl.org

Twilight Jumpers at Great Meadow



Sophia Galli and Foxcroft's Berlysca Van De Vaelenberg

What's not to love about Twilight Jumpers at Great Meadow? This equestrian sporting event provides a great al fresco way to celebrate TGIF surrounded by the spectacular scenery of The Plains, midway between Middleburg and Warrenton. The evening includes gorgeous horses jumping painted fences, riders who love leaping tall obstacles in a single bound, VIP boxes, tailgate parking on the berm, on-site food, fire pit, DJ and dancing.

The first of the four 2014 Twilight Jumpers took place on May 30. Sophie Galli, 16, resident of Middleburg and student at Foxcroft School, won the $500 Children's/Adult Jumper Classic, riding Foxcroft's Berlysca Van De Vaelenberg. Sophie has enjoyed great success in children's jumpers, winning a number of championships at A-rated shows.

In the $5,000 1.30meter Mini Prix, Sylvio Mazzoni of Middleburg and Ocala (FL) bested the field of 21 with his Remonta Habano. In April, the US Equestrian Federation appointed Mazzoni the show jumping coach for the US 3-day eventing team and training-listed riders. The veteran jumper rider-trainer and his wife Jessie and their children divide their time between Middleburg and Ocala.

By attending Twilight Jumpers, you help the High Performance Equestrian Foundation (501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit) to provide financial assistance to capable but underfunded riders. The "founding" Denegre family is totally involved with horses, hounds, foxhunting, conservation of open spaces, and helping talented equestrians to achieve their goals. Penny and John Denegre and their daughter Alden Denegre Moylan, HPEF executive director, lead the merry band of volunteers who make Twilight Jumpers a popular Friday night destination.

Twilight Jumpers take place on Fridays: June 27, July 18 and August 29. $30 per carload or you can reserve a ringside box or tailgate parking space on the berm. Gate 2 at Great Meadow opens at 6:30. First class begins at 7, the Mini Prix at 8:30. At the conclusion of the jumper competition, the DJ starts the dance party.

For more information: www.equestrianfoundation.org

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News of Note

Great Meadow Offers World Class 3-Day Prep Event for 2014 World Equestrian Games



Lauren R. Giannini

You can enjoy world-class three-day eventing on July 26 & 27 at Great Meadow, The Plains, when 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 Land Rover US Eventing Team for WEG includes two Virginia-based riders: Lynn Symansky and her Donner, Middleburg, and Kim Severson and Fernhill Fearless, Charlottesville, as well as Buck Davidson, Phillip Dutton, Sinead Halpin and Boyd Martin. The alternates included two other local riders, Lauren Kieffer , Middleburg, and Jan Byyny, Purcellville.

The WEG prep event begins with dressage on Saturday morning, July 26, in the existing arena at Great Meadow. The Saturday evening performance gets underway with the ever-popular and exciting Bareback Puissance (high jump with no saddles), followed by show jumping. A VIP reception honors the wonderful people who contributed to the purchase of the adjacent Fleming Farm (which will be ready to host world class events in Summer, 2014) and the Land Rover USA Eventing Team for WEG. Tailgate spaces and boxes around the arena and on the berm are available for dressage and show jumping. Cross-country runs Sunday morning on the Gold Cup course, followed by the awards ceremony.

General admission car pass for all three phases (both days) is $50. Reserved boxes and tailgate parking spaces are available, but act quickly– the best "seats" are selling at a gallop.

This is a great opportunity for families, friends and horse enthusiasts to enjoy the excitement of 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.

Visit Oatlands this Summer for a Delightful Excursion



Whether you've visited The Palm House in England's Kew Gardens or the Jardin d' Hiver in Paris, you won't want to miss a visit to Virginia's oldest greenhouse, the mansion and the gardens at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg.

The stately mansion, beautiful rolling farmland, exquisite gardens and more than 200 years of American history and culture are amply on display when you visit the plantation George Carter built in the early 19th century and Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis renovated, restored and expanded beginning in 1903.

Plato considered the importance of protected plant cultivation in approximately 300BC, and in 92AD in Italy, Sergius Orata invented a heating system that allowed gas to flow through flues in the floor, but it was not until 1810 that George Carter, at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg, built the oldest Greenhouse in Virginia.

Nestled in a leafy bank, the original greenhouse that was built in 1810 by George Carter, recently celebrated its 212th birthday with a lively party for children and friends.

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Historians believe that when the ailing Roman Emperor Tiberius Caesar was ill in approximately 30AD, doctors warned that to recover he must eat a cucumber every day. To accommodate this request, his gardeners constructed what they called a specularium, a house dedicated to growing plants. By maintaining constant fires outside the stone walls they kept the plants inside warm, comfortable and producing plentifully.

Today, Oatlands, a National Trust Historic Site and National Historic Landmark, flourishes with four full seasons of activities.

At historic Oatlands, the greenhouse birthday party is only one of many fascinating and thoroughly enjoyable programs and events for visitors this summer. The beautiful mansion, garden and grounds offer visitors a remarkable glimpse into the nation's past. You will thoroughly enjoy the magnificent 1804 mansion, terraced formal garden and beautifully preserved rural views.

In June, July and August, there are Summer Camps to meet every parent and child's expectations.

If you wish to focus on photography, sculpture or paper crafts, there are weekly sessions for rising 4th–6th graders. There is a new Nature Adventure Camp that focuses on field, stream, forest and garden in July and a new Time Travelers Camp where you'll explore history in the "way back" machine in July and August.

Drama Camps with Stage-Coach Theatre Company take place in August and July is Fine Arts Month at Oatlands.

Don't miss Nature Night Hikes and Campfires in early August or the annual gathering of the butterflies August 9th when the Butterfly Parade, a charming spectacle not to be missed, takes place at 11:30 a.m. that day.

Afternoon Teas are scheduled for July 13th and 27th and August 10th and 14th and there are Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs throughout the summer.

To conclude the summer festivities, do not miss Oatlands' Fabulous '40's evening August 30th. Tickets are $95 and include an evening of music, dancing, two drink tickets and delicious heavy horsd'oeuvres.

"Many of our "Fabulous '40's" guests dress in 1940's style, but that is in no way a requirement," explained Andrea McGimsey, executive director. "Last year the dance floor was busy until the very last minute. Everyone had a fantastic time."

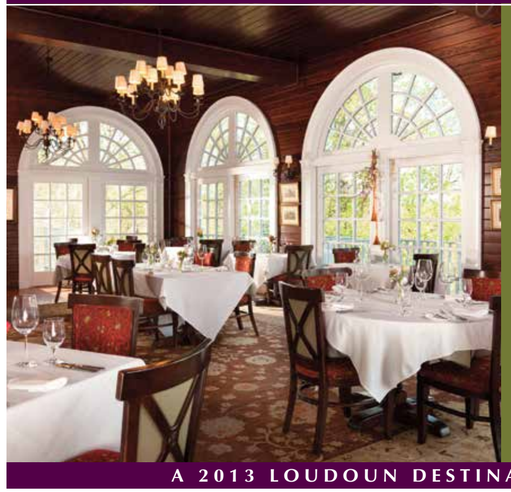
Oatlands is open to the public Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $12 for adults, $10 for seniors, $8 for children ages 6 to 16 and children under 5 years of age tour free.

Oatlands is located on Route 15, six miles south of Leesburg, Virginia, just 45 minutes from Washington, D.C.

Among the many ways to support Oatlands are the Cornerstone Society, the Boxwood Society, the Foundation Society, the Medallion Society, the Heritage Society, the Carter-Eustis Society and the Corinthian Capital Society. Please contact Oatlands for more specific information about gifts and benefits.

For precise event and program times and for '40's gala reservations, please email education@oatlands.org, visit www.Oatlands.org or telephone 703 777 3174.

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ment plant at well 4," he continued, "was constructed before we brought on engineering support for our water utility. Hopefully we have what we need to improve services: a high quality full-time operator, Inboden Environmental Services; a professionally-developed rate model to better plan and budget for operations, maintenance and expected replacements; and the newly formed utility committee to oversee it all."

On a motion by Snyder, Council authorized without objection the funding of two quotes for work on Well 4 in amounts not to exceed $18,344 and $5,378.68 respectively, with such funds to come from the Town's Utility Contingency Fund.

David B. Stewart Honored

Town Council unanimously adopted a formal resolution of thanks to departing Council Member David B. Stewart for his service to the town. Mayor Davis presented Stewart with a framed copy of the signed resolution, an official Town Paperweight, and the formal thanks of a grateful council and Town.

Newly elected Council member Erik Scheps will take Stewart's seat at the Council table at its next formal meeting.

Middleburg Business Review

Kennedy Smith of the Arlington-based Clue Group presented preliminary findings from her recent study of the issues facing Middleburg's business community in the years ahead.

Of particular significance was the impact of the first year of operation of the Salamander Resort and Spa and its implications for the future.

The Clue Group's mission is to present the Town with a fact-based, impartial analysis of the Town's current state of business development, business strategies, and a marketing strategy for the town.

Prominent among Smith's initial conclusions were that Middleburg could support and benefit from: more restaurants; the addition of more "general merchandise" outlets similar to hardware stores and our own "Fun Shop;" and carrying out plans for the further development of Federal Street.

People really miss "The Coach Stop" restaurant, she noted, both as a restaurant and as a community gathering place. "Christmas in Middleburg," she noted, may have been over-promoted, based on feedback she had received from face to face surveying.

People visit Middleburg, Smith observed, less for the things that are formally designed to attract them than for the things that appeal to residents and neighbors . . . the things that make Middleburg, Middleburg.

A formal written report with supporting survey and data analysis is expected soon.

New Town Planner and Zoning Administrator

Town Adminstrator Semmes reported that two strong candidates were in the running to replace former Middleburg Town Planner and Zoning Administrator David Beniamino. A decision is expected soon after the Town completes vetting the two candidates and checking references.

The Pop Up Boutique

Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson reported that a new women's clothing store, The Pop Up Boutique, had opened at 112 West Washington Street. According to the Town Administrator, now serving as Acting Zoning Administrator, the original plan was for two businesses to share the space, each renting for one month each. The proprietors liked the space and the Town so much that they decided to sign a year's lease instead.

A new apple cidery is expected to open in Middleburg in July.

Fallen Policeman to Be Honored

Middleburg Police Chief A. J. Panebianco reported that his department would be honoring Sergeant Henry Milton Seaton , the only Middleburg police officer to be killed in the line of duty, during the upcoming National Night Out festivities in Middleburg, and would at that time present surviving Seaton family members with a plaque. Seaton was killed in 1899 and is already honored on memorials in Richmond and in the nation's capital.

New Police Intern

Chief Panebianco formally introduced Lauren Davis, a new summer intern at the Police Department. Davis, the daughter of Middleburg Mayor Betsy Davis, will spend seven weeks with the force learning all about policies and patrols for college credit.

Panebianco also noted she would be writing daily reports for him and discussing what occurred. An "outsider point of view" of the department's operations, he noted, would be extremely valuable.

Mayor Davis observed that she was "impressed" with the summer course; that Lauren was "doing all kinds of things, including going to the police academy and dispatch center;" and that she had read Chief Panebianco's new policy manual in its entirety."

A Friend in Need is a Friend In Deed at Windy Hill Foundation

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providing both resident services and direct rental subsidies to our elderly residents," Hart noted. "These subsidies are paid out of donations.

But there is never enough funding to do as much as Windy Hill would like, and that's another area where their partnership with TM Associates has been valuable.

"There is real synergy between our organizations," Hart said.

"TMA's substantial skills in understanding and securing tax credit support from the Virginia Housing Development Authority have been invaluable for Windy Hill," he emphasized.

TMA Vice President Adam Stockmaster pointed out the value of partnering with a community-based non-profit.

"Windy Hill Foundation is able to bring resources such as funding mechanisms that are not available to for-profit companies, and Windy Hill has an excellent relationship with Loudoun County," Stockmaster added.

How's the partnership working for Windy Hill?

"This year, thanks to great property management from TMA, the Windy Hill Foundation is for the first time ever "at break even," Hart said. That means we can put more money toward family services and foundation operations. This is where we want to be."

The Windy Hill Foundation has several projects in the planning stages and would welcome donations and partnerships for their future developments. Please telephone Kim Hart at 540-687-5866 to make an appointment to discuss how you



Places & Faces

Dog Fest

Delaplane, VA, Photos by Dee Dee Hubbard

Hundreds attend 4th. Annual DOG FEST

In just 4 years the ANIMAL RESCUE FUND'S Annual DOG FEST has grown from a small backyard get together to a festival with more than 200 attendees and 50 dogs.

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The Blue Ridge Wildlife Foundation brought along a furry ambassador.

" 'The County Fair' atmosphere would not have been possible without the generous support of our underwriters, Jacqueline B. Mars, Manuel and Mary Johnson, Ron and Danielle Bradley, Howard and Rhonda Wilkins, Lawrence Singer and Wiseman & Assoc. Wealth Management", said ARF President, Ursula Landsrath.

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Middleburg Humane Foundation Gala

The Plains VA, Photos by Dee Dee Hubbard



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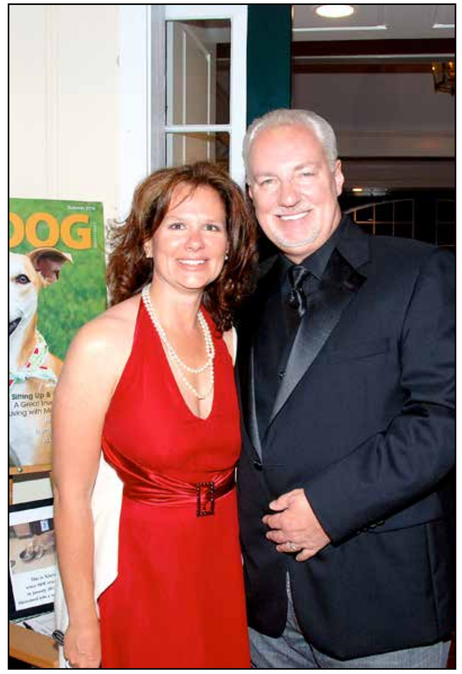
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The Star Spangled Banner By Marc Leepson



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Construction on Oak Hill began in 1820 and though no formal plans have been located, correspondence between Monroe and Thomas Jefferson reference a collaboration between them and Benjamin Latrobe. Monroe while President, penned the Monroe Doctrine in his office at Oak Hill. Today, Oak Hill is known for its formal, stunning gardens and for the fossilized dinosaur prints discovered on the property during a renovation of the gardens in 1920. Oak Hill is a privately owned estate.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Tickets are $65 MHAA members/$75 non-members and may be purchased online at www.mosbyheritagearea.org or by calling 540-687-6681.

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Creighton Farms sees Ferrari red!

Creighton Farm, Aldie, VA, By Tom Neel, Photos by Tom Neel and David Olimpi

On June 12th, Creighton Farms Luxury Golf Community hosted the Ferrari Club of America's - Concours d'Elegance portion of their International Annual Meet - "Celebrating the Redheads". While open to all Ferrari, the event and title pays special tribute to this year's theme the Testa Rossa automobiles made by Ferrari.

This being the club's Mid-Atlantic region, duties of organization were FCA supported locally and included the hosting hotel - Lansdowne Resort, the car show portion held at Creighton, as well as a scenic rally and track days at Summit Point Raceway in West Virginia.

With these events there is always strong regional support and participation. There is a solid Ferrari ownership here and within easy driving and trailering distances. Many classic Ferraris have soared in value and there was little question Creighton Farms' golf course was transformed into an easy 50 million dollar parking lot in the process.

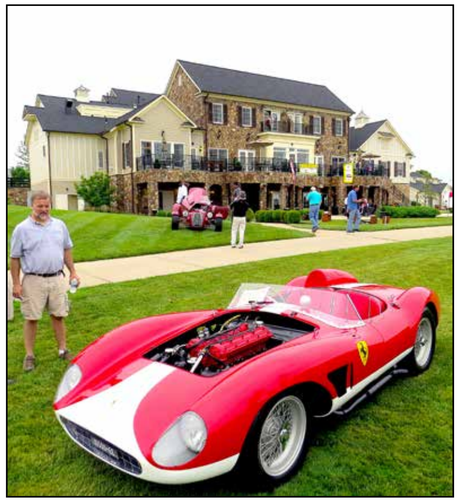
The deluge of rain the night before the event threatened the Concours in a realistic way. But the day of the event itself, mother natured cooperated long enough for the cars to take to the club's fairway, judging to be completed and a delicious Creighton Farm's lunch to be served. Then the heavens opened, as if exotic car detailers were in need of business! All in all, everyone seemed to have good time and it was quite a collection to see

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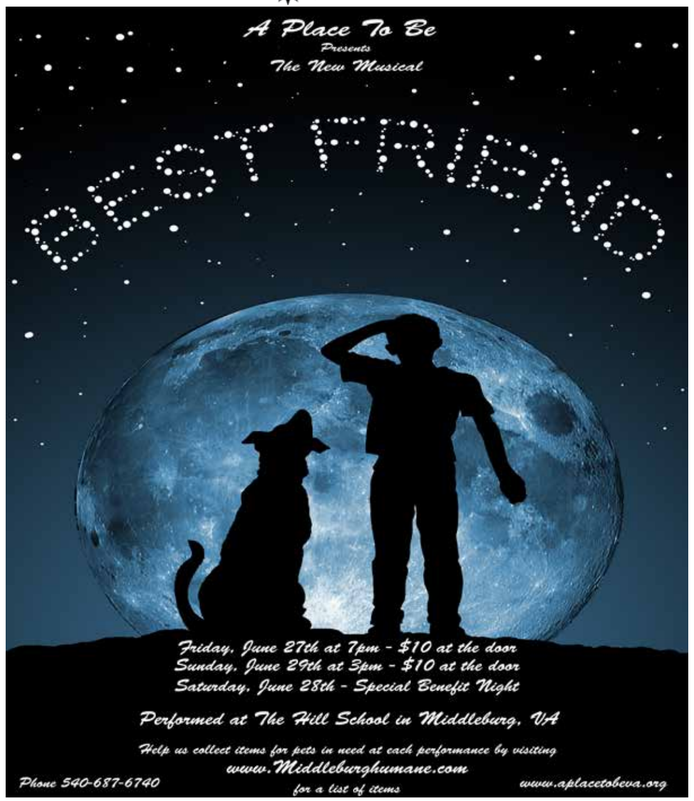
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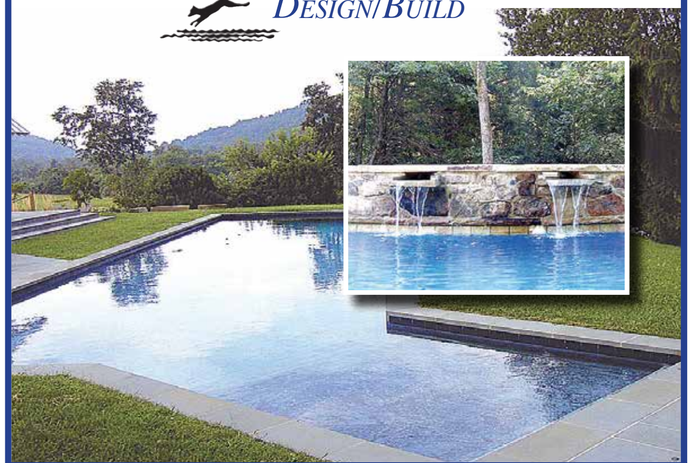


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2014 Upperville Colt & Horse Show

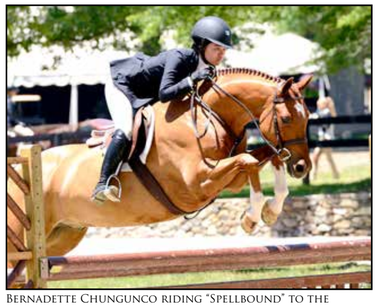
Upperville, VA, Photos by Teresa Ramsay



The Bonnie Family winning the Family Class



Chad Keenum riding "High Five"



Bernadette Chungunco riding "Spellbound" to the Lg.Pony Championship



Jane Gaston riding "Lumiere"



"Skara Glen Sienna" ridin by Paul O'Shea. Winner of the 2014 Jumper Classic



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Samantha Schaefer riding "Disclosure" A/O Ht. Champion YG



Elizabeth Wiley and "Say Again" winning Local Hunter Champion. elizabeth was also awarded "The Tippy Payne Trophy"







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Upperville Colt & Horse Show

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Andrew Motion and Georgina Bloomberg



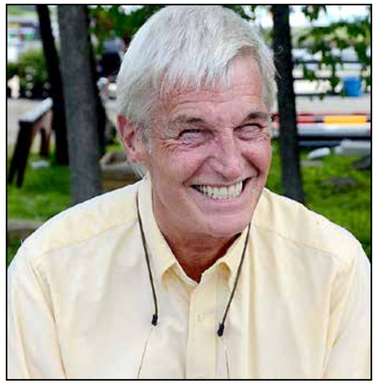
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Upperville Colt & Horse Show

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"Lonesome", owned by George Grayson of Upperville, ridden by Maureen Dawn El Baptiste



Hanna Powers and Wassandra G. Photo by Kiki Konopnicki



Paul O'Shea on "Skara Glen's Sienna", Grand Prix winner and fourth in the Welcome Stakes.



Ramiro Quintano . earned Leading Jumper Rider, shown here with "Whitney"



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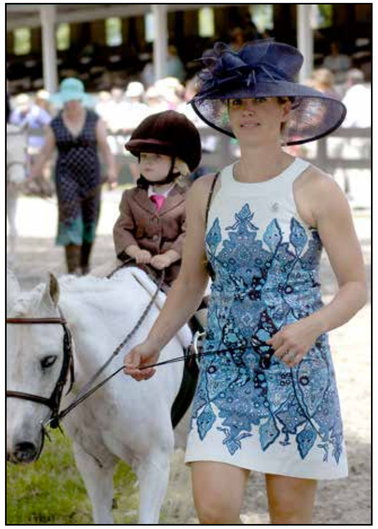
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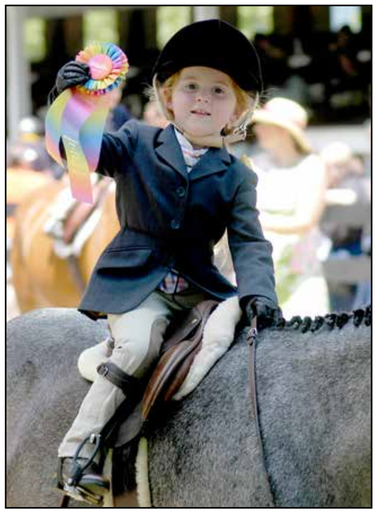










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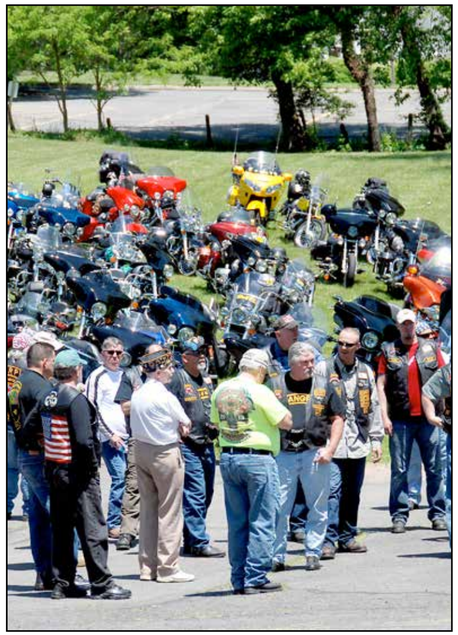
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Senator Jill H. Vogel
Legislative Update June, 2014



The 2014 Senate session formally adjourned in March. However, immediately upon adjournment, the Senate convened a special session to address ongoing budget and Medicaid issues. The Legislature continued to meet throughout the Spring, including for the Veto session in April. We addressed an extraordinary number of complex matters this session, considering 2,888 bills and resolutions. A total of 1,647 bills passed both the House and the Senate. Of those bills, 57 were amended by the Governor and 10 were vetoed.

The tone of the session was productive with widespread consensus on most major legislation. The Legislature reached agreement on comprehensive ethics reform, legislation to improve delivery of mental health services, criminal measures to address drug trafficking and human trafficking, and education reform among a long list of other issues. We had also largely agreed on a budget until the final days when the subject of Medicaid was debated. Until then, the House and Senate versions of the budget were similar and moving toward agreement. However, the Governor then announced that he would not sign any budget unless it included Medicaid expansion. He was also emphatic that he would not consider decoupling the issue from the budget so that we could pass a clean budget before the June 30th deadline that would trigger a government shut-down.

While it is certainly the Governor's prerogative to use his leverage to force Medicaid expansion, it seemed gratuitous and wasteful to hold the budget hostage to make that point. Thousands of people around the state including localities, school boards and countless other groups who rely on state funding for services and salaries, were begging the Governor to support a clean budget and set aside the Medicaid debate until a later vote in the summer. The Senate majority joined the Governor in stopping the budget so that the session ended with no budget.

That impasse continued until the resignation of Senator Phil Puckett on June 9th. His resignation shifted the majority of the State Senate from Democrats, who backed the Governor's position, to Republicans, who were anxious to separate Medicaid from the debate and pass a budget. Just two days after leadership changed in the Senate, our caucus called the Senate into session and we voted 21 to 18 to pass a clean budget. The House came back into session and passed it immediately by a vote of 69 to 31. That was an enormous relief and puts us back on track to meet our budget deadline.

The Senate will likely meet through the rest of the summer. We must meet this week to consider any budget amendments the Governor proposes. We also must fill judicial vacancies and will have a special session to discuss Medicaid.

In the meantime, July 1, 2014 is fast approaching and a number of bills of special interest to constituents go into effect on that date.

The $64 annual hybrid vehicle tax will be repealed. Individuals purchasing hybrids prior to July 1, 2014, will still be required to pay the tax, which is not subject to a refund or pro-ration. However, those who have pre-paid to register their hybrid vehicles for multiple years will be entitled to a refund for the pre-paid registration years that begin on July 1, 2014 and after.

The Sales and Use Tax will increase from 4 percent to 4.05 percent. This increase is part of the transportation funding package adopted by the General Assembly last year, which gradually increases the SUT to 4.15 percent by 2016.

The DMV will require installation of vehicle ignition locks for those individuals convicted of a DUI first offense.

All mopeds operating on the public roads must be titled, registered, and carry license plates by July 1, 2014. More information is available at http://dmvnow.com/vehicles/#moped.html.

Active military members residing in Virginia who return from an official absence will now have 14 days to obtain a current vehicle safety inspection sticker.

Other measures that recently passed the House and Senate include bills to:

- extend to 8 hours the time that a person may be held for psychiatric reasons under an emergency custody order, stipulating that no state facility may fail to admit someone unless an alternative facility has agreed to accept the person;
- allow Sunday hunting for a landowner and his immediate family or a person with written permission from the landowner;
- provide that good cause for leaving a job exists for purposes of unemployment compensation if a person voluntarily leaves a job to follow a military spouse under certain conditions;
- provide a property tax exemption for the primary residence of surviving spouses of military killed in action if approved by voter referendum;
- amend the Sex Offender Registry Act to include solicitation of prostitution from a minor;
- implement reform of the Standards of Learning assessments, including reducing the number of SOLs in grades 3 through 8; and
- delay implementation of the A to F school grading system for two years.

For those interested in learning more about the laws that we passed this session, visit http://lis.virginia.gov. Click on "Publications" and then select "In Due Course: Changes to VA's Laws" where you will find summaries explaining the bills.

The end of the regular session means that we are back in our district offices. As always, I take your thoughts and opinions seriously and hope that you will contact our office any time that you have questions or concerns. You may contact the Winchester office at 540-662-4551, the Warrenton office at 540-341-8808 or send an email to district27@senate.virginia.gov.

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Move Up Day Marks a New Middleburg Academy Tradtion

Everyone loves a celebration. Everyone loves a promotion. Middleburg Academy's May Move Up Day on the beautiful Mary House Lawn featured the best of both.

The sun was shining, the temperature was perfect and a lively wind helped carry the drones of the piper who led a procession of students — organized behind their "class of" banners — from the Academic Building to their designated seating areas in the out-of-doors auditorium. The dramatic, pillared backdrop of the school's flagship building reminded all who were present that

they are caretakers of something very special, a place that is rich in its history and perpetually blessed by individuals who have been so committed to making it a unique learning community.

Head of School Colley Bell's approach is to honor the best of Middleburg's enduring qualities (and before that, those of Notre Dame Academy) while establishing meaningful new traditions. Move Up Day is one of several new traditions introduced this year, his first as school leader.

The day was created as the end-of-the-academic-year forum for recognizing those who had distinguished themselves in a number of arenas. Equally, it was a time to mark, for every student, his or her important rite of passage to the next grade level (or, for members of the class of 2014, as alumni) and the new roles and responsibilities that come with that advancement. Finally, it was the occasion to name new student leadership for the 2014-15 school year.



Bryan Correa '15 (Bluemont) was appointed Head of the Honor Council.



Hunter Nolan '15 (Hamilton) is the new president of the National Honor Society.



Nine Prefects from the Class of 2015 were named at the May 2 ceremony (left to right): MacKenzie Kuhn (Aldie), Bryan Correa (Bluemont), Maris Bayer (Leesburg), Head Prefect Jack Kahler (Ashburn), Chris Nickles (Aldie), Grace DiClementi (Leesburg), Annika Sampedro (Leesburg), Cori Singh (Middleburg) and Conor Rupy (Leesburg).



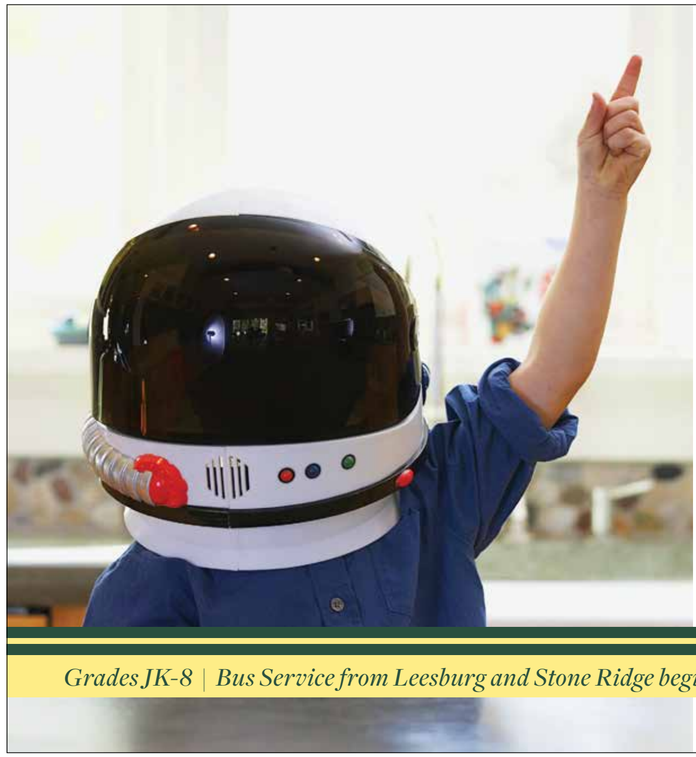
Jake Singh (Middleburg), pictured at left, and Student Council President Harry Wruck (Centerville) present their graduating class banner. Singh was named All Around Senior and also received the Math and Science Department Prizes. Later, at Graduation, he was named Class of 2014 Salutatorian.





Head of School, Colley Bell





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The Class of 2014 received 234 acceptances to 153 colleges and universities in the U.S., France, and Spain, including Barnard, Georgetown, Michigan, North Carolina, Pratt, Spelman, Syracuse, Tulane, UCLA, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Wesleyan, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute. One –third of the class was also offered merit-based scholarships totaling about $1.5 million.



Katelin Evans Eagen of Middleburg, Va., received the prestigious CharLotte Haxall Noland Award . Eagen, was also co-winner of the Spanish Prize and received a Community Service Award. Eagen, who will attend the University of Virginia in the fall, was the School's salutatorian and was one of seven seniors to become members of the Cum Laude Society, the high school equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa. The Noland Award, Foxcroft's highest student honor, is presented annually to the girl in the Senior Class who, in the judgment of the Head and Faculty of the School, best combines the qualities Miss Charlotte particularly valued in the growth of each girl – high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishment, and understanding.

Eagen also was one of the school's top athletes, achieving first team all-state honors in lacrosse and second team all-Delaney Athletic Conference mention in volleyball. She also had several leadership role, serving as a dormitory prefect, as one of the heads of "Banneker Buddies" and Athletic Association, and as Hound captain. She is the daughter of Maria Eagen of Middleburg and James Eagen of Purcellville.



Lilly MacDonald, who plans to attend Middlebury College next fall, was the epitome of the scholar-athlete. She was the School's valedictorian, won the Latin Award for the third consecutive year and was also elected to Cum Laude. In the athletic arena, she was captain of three varsity teams, including the state championship lacrosse team, and a first team all-state selection in that sport and in field hockey. At Foxcroft's May 22 Awards Assembly, she received the School's top athletic honor, the Teresa E. Shook Award, which goes to the girl who has shown sports skills and has made an outstanding contribution to the spirit of good sportsmanship.

The daughter of David and Diana "Cricket" MacDonald of Bluemont. MacDonald also served as one of the heads of Foxcroft's environmental club, Blue Planet, and served as a prefect for the Athletic Department.



Lilly Bonnie, who was named a 2014 Future Leader of Loudoun by the Loudoun Times-Mirror in March, plans to take a gap year before attending college. She will travel, take a theater class at Shenandoah University, and do volunteer work at Middleburg's A Place to Be, a non-profit organization that helps people face, navigate and overcome life's challenges using the therapeutic arts

At Foxcroft, Bonnie appeared in virtually every school dramatic production, and was a member of Chorale. She is the daughter of Cynthia Polk O'Flaherty of Upperville and Robert Bonnie of Middleburg.



Miranda Gali, a Cum Laude Society member bound for the University of Virginia in the fall, Gali was the recipient of Mis Charlotte's Trophy for Best Rider at Foxcroft, and also received the Parents' Association for the Class of 2014, the only honor voted on by a student's peers, for doing the most for the class.

Gali served as class president in her sophomore and junior years and was a member of several clubs, including the head of the riding club Whippers In. In addition, she was captain of the School's Interscholastic Equestrian Association team, was a reserve champion at the Upperville Horse Show last summer, and participated in in the elite Washington International Horse Show recently. Miranda is the daughter of Kristin Gali of Middleburg and Francisco Gali of Potomac, Md.



Campbell Hartley, who plans to attend the University of Mary Washington next fall, received a Community Service Award from Foxcroft her junior year after she and Longley raised an extraordinary $10,000 for financial aid by making and selling homemade bracelets called Hopelets.

Along with Gali and Longley, Hartley served a Old Girl/New Girl prefect in the Admissions Office, helping to welcome new students. She also was an honorary member of one of the school's a capella groups and played electric bass with several ad hoc musical groups. Hartley played field hockey for four years, serving as captain of the Junior Varsity team in 2012. She is the daughter of David and Cathy Hartley of The Plains.



Emily Longley, who plans to attend Scripps College in Los ANGeles, Calif., received of the English Prize for proficiency in that subject at the Awards Assembly. As a junior, she won a Community Service Award after she and Campbell Hartley raised an extraordinary $10,000 for Foxcroft financial aid by making and selling homemade bracelets called Hopelets.

Emily was a four-year member of the a capella group Octet, which she headed up as a senior. She was also a prefect for the Admission's OldGirl/New Girl program. She is the daughter of Colette de Jounge of The Plains and Stephen Longley of Princeton, NJ.



Ashleigh Dove, One of the School's top riders,, who was named a 2014 Future Leader of Loudoun by the LoDove received the Director's Award from Director of Riding Kate Worsham in May. Her outstanding performance included earning a trip to the Interscholastic Equestrian Association National Finals in Springfield, MA, where she helped led Foxcroft to a 10th place finish among 22 teams in the IEA Team's Nationals debut.She was also a member of the Foxcroft's special riding club, Whippers In

Dove, who plans to attend Sweet Briar College next fall, also served as one of the heads of the "Lab Rats" club, which oversees Foxcroft's animal room, where students house and care for a variety of small pets including rabbits, snakes, fish, mice and – this year – a hedge hog. Foxcroft students may keep small pets at the school sort. Dove is the daughter of James and



Alexandra MacMahon plans to attend Connecticut College in the fall. She was a four-year member of Afternoon Delights, another a capella group, and appeared in several theater productions during her years at Foxcroft. The daughter of Karla MacMahon and Edward MacMahon, both of Middleburg, Alex also served as a dormitory prefect and played lacrosse, field hockey, and tennis.



Isabel Nettere, a talented singer was a member of Octet for four years and served as co-head as a senior. She also performed in several theater productions, including singing a solo at last fall's Pawrents' Weekend show. In addition, Issy played field hockey and tennis, and was a Dean's Prefect, helping to run evening study hall in the Currier Library..

The daughter of Julie Nettere of Middleburg and the late Eric Nettere, Issy plans to attend Wellesley College in the fall.



Tara Schoch, A talented videographe plans to attend American University in the fall. She received an Advancement Award from the School for her work as a communications and development prefect. During her years at Foxcroft she created short videos for the School on its K2M STEM competition, a Wintermission trip to South America, and a student film class. Most recently, Schoch was the lead director and editor of a 20-minute film entitled "Forever Foxcroft Girls" that drew rave reviews when screened during the School's recent Centennial Celebration.

Tara Schoch, who played field hockey and lacrosse at Foxcroft, is the daughter of Teresa Schoch of Oakton, VA, and Claude Schoch of The Plains.



Madeline Travell received a Community Service Award at the Awards Assembly in May, largely for her work with the Piedmont Community Foundation and the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation. Travell has been involved with PCF's youth philanthropy project, called Forward Turn, for two years, helping to solicit, evaluate and approve small grants to student groups. This winter, she was one of two Foxcroft students named to the CBBCF Board of Directors and served on its grants and educations committees.

The daughter of Wayne and Ann Travell of Middleburg, Maddie was one of the founding editors of the School's online newspaper The Silver Lining and served as an editor of both that and of Tally-Ho! (Foxcroft's yearbook) in her junior and **senior years.** In addition, she served as college counseling prefect and a class historian.



Lydia Bubniak, also elected to the Cum Laude Society, plans to attend Georgetown University in the fall. She received the Starr Prize awarded to the senior who best demonstrates good manners, outstanding comportment, and grace in her daily life. Bubniak served as the head of the Current Events and Debate Club and a dormitory prefect.

The daughter of Thomas and Rita Bubniak of Leesburg., she also earned a spot at the Virginia Governor's School for the Humanities and a scholarship to study abroad for six weeks last summer through the Finland-U.S. Senate Youth Exchange program



Alicia Holz, who plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh next fall, was an outstanding field hockey player for Foxcroft,. A goaltender, she helped Foxcroft reach the State Championship game and achieved all-state honors in her senior year and was named the team's Most Valuable Player. Holz also received All-Delaney Athletic Conference honors several times and played basketball and soccer for Foxcroft.

The daughter of Cynthia and Jack Holz of Delaplane, Holz was one of the heads of Blue Planet Society, overseeing the School's recycling program as a sophomore and junior, and served as a dormitory prefect.

Pastimes

Summer Love

Vine & Dish



Ellen Kassoff Gray

The summer solstice is the day with the most hours of sunlight during the whole year, which is indeed something to celebrate and ponder. This year it made me reminisce about summers past in a food obsessed kind of way. My thoughts turned to bare feet, casual backyard gatherings acceptable any day of the week (which only seems possible in the summer time) and rhubarb. Yes, rhubarb. That odd vegetable (no its not a fruit) that becomes available for a short time in late spring and early summer. Rhubarb makes a terrific cobbler when paired with strawberries – that may seem like a no-brainer to the practiced cook, but for the novice it's the ultimate discovery - a summer's sweet heart duo.

There was actually a time in my life that I was obsessed with making fruit cobblers. It was in my early 30's and I had settled in with the notion that I was married to a professional cook – so I decided I better up my game in the home cooking genre. Cobblers were one of those easy casual desserts that packed a lot of "punch" for the effort. It was my first fore into utilizing fruit at the very height of the season. During that decade of culinary self-discovery, I explored the natural marriage of sweet ripe strawberries and tangy rhubarb through this cobbler recipe.

In that decade (a few decades back now) I also finally understood what Rhubarb was as well. This striking yet odd looking blood red celery style stalk was always a mystery to me when I passed it in the grocery store. Its ruby beauty was inviting yet I wasn't sure what to do with it – as making the obligatory jam was way to daunting for a beginner cook – pectin was nothing I wanted to mess around with.

Back then in the summer this cobbler was on the table weekly in the height of the late spring/early summer season. In fact it became an inside family joke – my brother was telling my husband and I about a woman he was dating – I replied to him (and I cant believe I actually said this) "Well bring her by – if I like her Ill make her a cobbler"…. Truly a sign of my zeal for cobblers! A meeting of new girlfriends over homemade food always goes better.

Raspberries also make a nice pairing with rhubarb, which is why I selected a Raspberry Merlot to augment the flavors from Fabbioli Cellars in Luckett's, just north of Leesburg. The wine, which is somewhat spicy and not overly sweet, is made from berries grown on their farm and then blended to make a lightly sweet dessert wine with strong fruity notes. It's aged in the barrel to unite the flavors and impart an oaky quality.

Since the summertime yields a ton of great berries there are plenty of substitutions that can be made for this cobbler. The technique for making the pie dough like topping is so easy and delicious and it can be used with any summer fruit.

So in the 'food is love realm' – summer love that is - here is that sharable recipe in all its rewarding solstice glory. A finishing scoop of vanilla ice cream is always welcome.

Strawberry Rhubarb Cobbler
Serves 6

1 pound fresh strawberries

1 pound fresh rhubarb

1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour + 1tbs for rolling dough

2 Tbs sugar + 3Tbs reserved for dough

1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

5 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces

1/4 - 1/2 cup heavy cream, plus more for brushing



Prepare the fruit. Hull the strawberries and slice them. Remove and discard any leaves from the rhubarb and cut the stalks into 1/2-inch pieces. Place the strawberries and rhubarb in a medium bowl; add 2 Tbs sugar and stir to coat the fruit. Set aside.

Make the dough. Preheat the oven to 375°F. Whisk together the flour, 3 tablespoons of the sugar, the baking powder, and salt. Add the butter and then rub the flour mixture and butter between your fingers to combine and crumble into pea-size pieces. Add the cream a little at a time and stir until just combined and its a rollable dough consistency using a fork. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface sized to cover your dish or using a glass or cookie cutter cut size to fit ramekins.

Bake the cobbler. Butter single serve ramekins or one large 9 inch pie pan and spoon in the fruit. Gently lay the dough on top of the fruit and brush with a little cream. Bake until the crust is golden and the fruit is bubbly, about 30 minutes. Transfer to a wire rack to cool before serving. Top with vanilla ice cream.



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Pastimes

With the whistle between her teeth maybe

I grew up with the adage – "boys and their dogs." This was reinforced every Sunday evening by Timmy and Lassie, slotted somewhere between Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom and the Wonderful World of Disney. I think that was the order, but not 100% sure. What I am sure of though was that every episode of Lassie never failed to produce a heart-wrenching scenario that left me in tears by the end of the show – even though I knew Lassie and Timmy would live to bring me another show the next Sunday! Finally, I had enough and began to cull the ever-problematic duo from my Sunday- evening viewing. How many times could Lassie get lost or be ready to risk her life to save Timmy from a wild animal or a mine shaft? Way too much for this girl! There was also Old Yeller and Travis – whose troubles I am not even going to delve into and more recently, the doomed Edgar Sawtelle and his trusty dog Almondine.

Always the boys and their dogs! Well, not where I live. It seems that the phrase needs to be tweaked. My observations indicate that there needs to be a change to "Girls and their Dogs" – and that is what I plan to feature in the upcoming issues of the Eccentric. My stories will be about girls and their dogs. Some of the girls and dogs you will know, others you will meet and get to know. Some stories will be long, some short and on occasion a photo might tell the story.

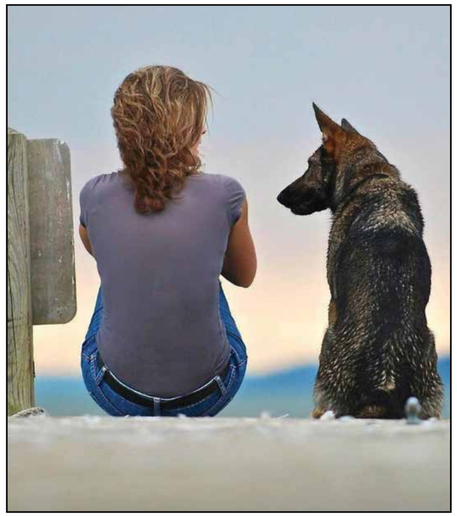
With the whistle between her teeth, Jennifer gives the command for Jade to begin her search, "such!" (go find in German). Jade, a 60 -- pound German Shepherd begins her job. Working just under 2 acres, intent on finding her source, Jade moves about -- first to the perimeter, sniffing nose up around the back of the building and then to the side of it. Out of sight momentarily, Jennifer calls Jade; the dog responds quickly, changes direction and continues to investigate for the human remains that have been hidden on the property. Jade moves toward a bush surrounded by scrub. Jade sniffs, becomes still, then barks (the find). Jade continues to bark until Jennifer tosses a ball in Jade's direction. The ball is the reward for a job well done. Jade has located the placenta (source) hidden prior to the training exercise. After a couple of ball tosses, Jennifer takes the ball, hides it behind her back and restarts her dog -- the signal that lets Jade know she's back on the clock. Jade roams over to an open area – moving back and forth -- circling and sniffing the air in front of and around her. Jade is seeking a unique scent, a scent that is different from Jennifer or any other person in the vicinity. A Human Remains Detection (HRD) dog, aka cadaver dog, is not looking for a certain scent, but a different scent. (Unlike a tracking dog, Jade does not need an article of clothing or the beginning of a trail to perform her duties. She works off lead, air scenting.) Jade sniffs more intently and then barks out that she has again detected remains -- in this instance teeth. Jennifer chucks the ball in Jade's direction and play commences. All of this takes slightly less than three minutes.

Most training material for HRD dogs is human remains. There is pseudo scent; however, most handlers prefer to use the real thing. No one's blood or loose tooth, in Jennifer's household, goes to waste. One never knows when a cloth with blood or a tooth, grabbed from the clutches of the tooth fairy, might be needed for a training mission. Western Carolina Human Identification Laboratory maintains a research facility that studies decomposition in human remains and on occasion, allows training of HRD canines. It's not always easy for a girl to come up with spare body parts.

Jennifer Breeden, a slender, fit woman of 33, is the handler, trainer, mother and companion of Jade, now four years old, as well as Jade's "brother" eight – month-- old Hunter – also a German Shepherd. Hunter is currently in training. It is anticipated that Hunter will obtain his Human Remains Detection certification within the year.

Jade began her training at nine weeks old. It took approximately two years for Jade to become a Certified Search and Rescue Canine. When Jade began her training all of VSRDA's (Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association) rescue dogs had to become certified in "live-find" training before specializing in HRD or Water Rescue and Recovery. Jennifer changed the direction of Jade's job from live search to HRD search after she noticed Jade was becoming bored and losing her focus. Thriving in HRD Search, both Jade and Jennifer are happy; Jennifer initially wanted to just train cadaver canines. The rules now allow the handler to choose the discipline that best suits the dog, as well as the handler. HRD is not for everyone – for obvious reasons.

In 2013 Jade and Jennifer



participated in 16 calls. All calls -- searches -- are initiated directly through Law Enforcement and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). Canine units working on search and rescue or HRD searches do not look for lost pets -- only missing or deceased persons.

Jennifer speaks proudly of the first case Jade solved. Jade located the remains of a missing person whom law enforcement believed had been murdered. Jennifer is unable to give specific information since the case may still be ongoing. However, Jennifer stated that, "This is what we train for. We want to give families of missing loved ones answers and closure."

Live -- find canines certify with VSRDA searching multiple areas up to 160 acres. Requirements to become a certified HRD canine include above ground, buried, and urban area search, which can include buildings and vehicles.

A Search and Rescue Dog is not created overnight. Success comes after long hours of training which can challenge the dedication and perseverance of both the dog and the handler. Handlers with The Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association look for animals that are "outgoing, independent, playful with strangers, confident, sociable, able to maintain concentration, obedient and curious." Most likely the Association is looking for many of these attributes in the handler too! Once the dog and handler receive the Certification, the training does not cease. Jennifer and Jade work an eight-hour day every Sunday (usually participating in a controlled search activity through the VSRDA), as well as several hours of "home training" every other day throughout the week. To Jennifer, this is a labor of love. All Search and Rescue handlers feel the same way -- their work is strictly voluntary. There is no compensation for the service the dog and handler team provide. Handlers pay for their own transportation and gas to and from training and search sites. On occasion, the teams are called out of state to provide assistance. A few of the VSRDA members, who are also members of the FEMA Virginia Task Force 1, participated in the search and recovery of the bodies of victims in the recent Washington State mudslide disaster. (On these occasions, there is usually compensation to cover lodging and meals.) Real--time search and rescue doesn't just occur on the weekends. Handlers need to take off from their jobs -- using vacation or unpaid leave to answer the call. All equipment (harnesses, leads, crates), as well as the cost of the dog and the dog's training and vet bills are borne by the owner. In order to help defray costs, the VSRDA holds fundraisers and accepts donations to go toward an Emergency Veterinary Fund, specialized training, equipment and education. So if someone asks you to purchase a VSRDA Calendar, please do. Check out September in this year's calendar - you will see a picture of Jennifer and Jade sharing a smooch.



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Words of wisdom in a social world

Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell

With the recent passing of Maya Angelou, social media came to life with her words. Political rants stopped, negativity ceased and even the ho-hum "I went to the grocery store and bought a dozen eggs and some veggies for a salad, then filled my car with gas and had to pee" status' and tweets paused and the characters that replaced them were, well, just phenomenal.

Some of my favorites were the following:

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

"I believe the most important single thing beyond discipline and creativity is daring to dare."

"We encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated."

The lessons of the late Dr. Angelou made me think of other memorable quotes I've come across by way of social media. Either serious or silly, all are emotion worthy.

For inspiration:

"Optimist: Someone who figures that taking a step backward after taking a step forward is not a disaster, it's a cha-cha." Unknown

"I sound my barbaric yawp over the rooftops of the world." Walt Whitman

"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." Dr. Seuss

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." Roald Dahl

"For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone." Audrey Hepburn

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

"For it was not into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not my lips you kissed, but my soul." Judy Garland

"There is something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man." Winston Churchill

For, well, you know and giggles:

"Tigers love pepper. They hate cinnamon." The Hangover

"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Ben Franklin

"I've met a lot of hard-boiled eggs in my time, but you're twenty minutes." Oscar Wilde

"A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand." Unknown

"Never squat with your spurs on." Unknown

"This one time, at band camp…" American Pie

"Semper ubi, sub ubi." I used this before and much to the dismay of my followers didn't translate. Here we go. Semper means always. Ubi means where. Sub means under. Go on, say it out loud. One more time. Now you get it.



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Pastimes

Elevate the Marigold

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode



Maybe not the most glamorous flower in the plant kingdom, they bloom too much, too long and never change - or so Henry Mitchell wrote in his book "One Man's Garden". So after years of neglect (on my part), I'm back to an old argument, if they weren't called marigolds but tagetes, we'd like them more.

Yes, the lowly marigold can even base it's entire history on one misconception after another. The word marigold is actually a different plant, from the name Mary's Gold, it refers to Calendula officinalis or the pot marigold. Then come the French and African marigolds, all of which are actually Mexican or South American, early escapees, invading places and then claimed as their own.



To be really fair they are tagetes, pronounced ta-gee-tees, and there are between 40 and 50 species. Two species, T. patula and T. erecta are used by breeders for our garden plants, one species T. tenuifolia is more popular in India, Thailand and the Ukraine, used for decoration, medicine and food. I can't help but wonder why only 3 species play a role in breeding when there are at least 37 others.

Many companies have banked on breeding marigolds with the Burpee Seed Company paying $10,000. to the breeder of the first white form. All from a challenge (1954), in part to draw attention to what a wonderful annual it is, but also to elevate their own breeding program. The winner, Mrs. Alice Vonk, a backyard gardener, won (1975) with a hybrid she named 'Snowball', which began an entirely new direction for marigold flower breeding.

Most species of marigolds are native to Mexico, the flowers are used every year to decorate cemetery plots on All Souls Day or Day of the Dead. Cemeteries have become fertile ground for wild marigolds after centuries of piling up their flowers. Locally known as Flor de Muerto or flower of the dead, it's a bright color for a day of celebration, a day to remember those that have passed in a happy way. It could have been the dahlia, or tithonia, both natives of Mexico.

For a time there was an American Marigold Society, no record ever of an American Tagetes Society. Perhaps it's time to elevate the lovely little yellow, orange or white flower that blooms all summer. Set the record straight, it should have been tagetes from the start, ban the word marigold..

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



The one thing I have always wanted as an artist is to grow. I've wanted to know I could look back on periods of my artistic life and see progress through my creativity, in myself as a person, as well as an artist. After all, the artist in me is a big part of who I am. When I see my art from twenty five years ago, I see myself too. It would be a bit like a child actor watching themselves grow up on TV, and I don't want to see myself as a person or as an artist stuck being 12 years old. Okay maybe 35, but that's a different story.

My point is, for me personally, this is not a game or a passing fancy. My creativity has been an investment in me and I take that seriously. Several authors have debated the 10,000 hour rule in claiming this to be the amount of hours of practice needed to become successful at something. Success can be defined in many ways, but I can only share that if 10,000 hours was my target, I hit it decades ago and without question know I've grown considerably as an artist since then and certainly achieved more success.

For me personally, I would argue the hours are without question important, but even more so, are your personal goals and mindset of investment into those hours. If you treat your choice of creative expression, your art or craft or creativity, as a hobby for ten years, I'm pretty sure you'll hit your target and have a wonderful hobby. If on the other hand, you invest those hours in it being your lively hood, the results are likely to be different. Best though, in my opinion of happy mediums, is making sure you seek growth as an artist and in turn as the person that the artist lives within.

Growth as an artist is the thing that allows you to loose fear and expand from your comfort zone and that is what allows you to master anything. That fear is replaced by respect for what might bring trouble or what can even be defined as stress. Now I want to point out here, that I don't feel everything in your life needs to be mastered. But I certainly do know artists, even successful ones, who haven't shown much growth. They stay well within a familiarity and this is either laziness or fear, but most easily defined as comfortability. Hey, that's okay too if you're really happy.

I understand the fear in change, straying from what is easy, what you are known for, from what sells, or even from what is gratifying. But you can grow without killing your authenticity. In fact growth should be viewed as the survival of the authentic you.

Imagine we are safe on the ground, looking high up in the air at a taught cable between two points. On that cable is a person trying to grow. Step by well balanced step, we see this person move forward, dealing with the cable movement, the breeze, their balance and most certainly themselves as a person. Risky? Yes, it's risky, but to them it's a calculated risk grown out of practicing first a foot off the ground, then five feet, ten, twenty and so on. We as humans are always amazed by the feats of others, often not considering the hard work, rejection, defeat, hours of time and growth put forth. We sometimes just see the feat as a brilliant first effort and not as the current step in a hard but gratifying road.

It is that road that brings character to you and your work. Don't find yourself coming to a fork, afraid to make a choice, sure that you will pick the wrong one, pretending to be comfortable right there for the rest of you life. Tell the universe what you really want and then make a decision. I think too often artists want to grow, but they just do not take the risks that they likely should.

If you find yourself searching for acceptance, awards or tokens, rather than true artistic growth, please remember that awards are all fine and good, but they don't make you a better artist or person. While awards are suppose to be a reflection of achievement, unfortunately a good amount of them come from being subjectively or politically judged.

I'm not kidding that years ago I was in a fine art publishing group meeting where one of my fellow decision makers, looking at a possible painting for print said, "I've never been comfortable with purple. I just don't like it."

You need to know that this is life. You may be exploring a color and if you are looking to be awarded, the skill set of what you have presented may mean nothing because the personal feelings of the judge disliked your color choice...or worse yet, they know and personally like someone else. Judges may say they don't do this, but the best are still human. So, will your rejection move you forward or backwards?

This is always why I really try to avoid critiquing an artist's work for them. Rather, I would like to help them solve a problem they think they have. For me this is the best way to assist their personal growth and vision while not realigning their vision and goals with mine. I wonder how many artists have changed a favorable or innovative course over subjective advise or loss of a subjective award. I would rather motivate and support the person, de-funk them, let their creativity breath and the growth tends to begin. Grow!

Live An artful Life, Tom

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Should I Replace My Missing Tooth?

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos



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

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

The options for replacing missing teeth are:

Do nothing

Removable partial or complete denture

Non-removable bridge

Implants with removable dentures

Implants with non-removable bridge, denture or crown

Doing nothing is usually not a good option. A missing tooth is a cosmetic issue and/or severe food trap. Besides the annoyance, food trap areas lead to decay and periodontal disease, and neighboring teeth tend to shift into the gap changing the bite. The only time I recommend a do nothing approach is in the case of an acute medically compromised individual.

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

Non-removable bridges have been the standard for replacing single or multiple teeth for decades. These bridges are attached to other teeth. If you are missing one or more teeth but still have several healthy natural teeth a bridge may be fitted to the existing teeth. As long as the adjacent teeth and gums are healthy this is a very successful long term solution. The cost is higher than removable dentures but the benefits outweigh the cost differential. Bridges are stable for chewing, they do not move, longevity is very good, cleansing ability is good, and they can be made to match your natural teeth. On average, well made bridges tend to be replaced every 15-20 years.

Implants with removable dentures are an option for replacing multiple teeth in adults. Implants are titanium posts placed in the jaw bone to replace the roots of missing teeth. Implants can be placed singularly or in multiples. The age and health of the patient are extremely important. Patients taking bisphosphonates for osteoporosis will need to consult with their dentist and physician about this procedure. Dentures can be fully or partially supported by implants and by the gums and bone. Like other removable dentures they do need to be removed for cleaning and are left out at night. If they rest on any gum tissue they can cause sore spots and bone loss. The big advantage to having implants is stability of the denture and bone preservation in the area of the implant. These dentures last longer than non- implant supported removable dentures because there are fewer gum and bone changes. They do need to be relined if there is gum and bone contact because the gum and bone will recede. This option can be more costly than removable dentures but is much more stable and longer lasting.

Implants with non-removable bridges, teeth or crowns are usually the most stable and longest lasting way to replace missing teeth. Children, teens and some young adults may not be good candidates since their jaw bones are still growing. Implants are placed in the jaw bone and a non-removable bridge, teeth or crown is made to fit to the implants. Maximum stability is attained and the implants help prevent bone loss. Patients can resume normal chewing with no restrictions. These implant restorations can be made to mimic natural tooth and gum tissue. Single teeth can be replaced with an implant and crown. Multiple teeth can be replaced with implants and bridges or implants and teeth -- all non-removable. Deciding which approach to take can be achieved through a patient – dentist discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of each. Implant replacement of teeth may be more expensive than bridges or removable dentures but has better longevity and easier maintenance.

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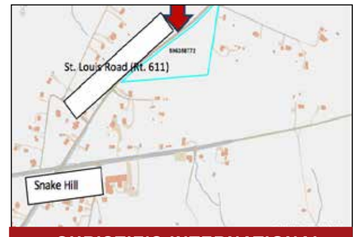
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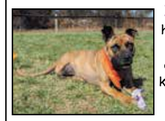
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Albert's Corner

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

Albert P. Clark

There are many things I adore about summer, but heat is not one of them. I'm lucky because I don't spend a lot of time outside in the hotter hours of the day. I always have water, and my people never, ever leave me in the car. I know my readers treat their pets with equal love and care. I'm always concerned, however, when well-intentioned pet parents decide to shave their dogs (and even cats) when the temperatures rise.

Of course, I understand their logic. Nothing seems more uncomfortable than sporting a full-body fur coat on oppressively warm days. Our coats, however, are designed specifically to regulate us in all climates. The ASPCA compares our fur to the insulation in a house – keeping us cooler when it's hot outside and warmer when it's cold. When we lose all or even part of that insulation through shaving, we are less efficient at moderating our body temperature.

Additionally, we are susceptible to sunburn and skin cancer just like our people. On a personal note, one of my family's dogs got very serious skin cancer in 2012 and had to undergo chemotherapy. If people shave us, more of our skin is exposed to the harmful rays of the sun. In other words, our fur coats can literally save our lives.

Instead of shaving us, it's a good idea to trim and brush us frequently. I like Furminators – special brushes that are extremely effective for at-home grooming. Undercoat rakes are also handy for especially dense coats. Of course, nothing beats a skilled groomer for keeping our fur in top condition.

Getting us through the challenging summer months is really pretty easy. Avoid shaving us. Keep us hydrated at all times. And let us spend our time in climate-controlled environments when possible. Walks are best in the early morning or late afternoon/ evening. If you stick to these guidelines, we should never get overheated.

Also, if we're going to be outside for any length of time, you might want to apply pet-approved sunscreen. It's a great way to protect our noses, ears, and bellies. Try to use one that is FDA-approved and read the guidelines carefully; some sunscreens are fine for dogs, but unsafe for cats. Never use human sunscreen, even if it's safe for babies, on pets.

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Editor's Desk

Top 7 Ways Middleburg is "Special"

A recent marketing analysis, done at the request of Town Council by Kennedy Lawson Smith and The Clue Group listed 7 ways (and more) that Middleburg is "special."

Smith, described as " . . . one of the nation's foremost experts on commercial district revitalization and development, independent main street businesses, and economically and environmentally sound community development," had nice things to say about our Town and our stewardship of it.

They bear repeating:

1. A "rich level of civic engagement" by the people of Middleburg.
2. Minimal "sprawl" and a commitment to avoid it.
3. Commitment to a "high quality of life" for all our citizens
4. A high proportion of locally owned businesses, which meant that a higher proportion of the money spent in Middleburg stays here
5. A strong sense of its unique character and the fragility of same
6. "Remarkable" and interesting businesses
7. "A deep appreciation for its history and culture."

What makes us attractive, of course all too often attracts the very things that threaten all that's best about the town

Happily, it also attracts those with the hearts and minds to face those challenges intelligently, and to act wisely on the basis of what they know and learn.

As both Smith and Town Council made clear, there is always a lot of work to do to maintain, preserve, and pass on what's best about Middleburg in this constantly changing world.

Happily, we start from a good base and move forward with good ideas and good people to execute them.

"Leave Them on the Beach"

Blue

Daniel Morrow

"I will never leave a fallen comrade" reads one key line of the U.S Armed Forces' "Warrior Ethos."

"I will never leave a fallen comrade."

Never.

Period.

It makes no difference how or why they fell: whether they were hit before they ran down the ramp; or tripped and fell and broke a leg; or fell as heroes; or as cowards.

We don't leave any of them behind.

Not one.

Why? Because leaving them on the beach violates a sacred oath, a promise that soldiers swear to each other formally, and one most of the rest of us make to each other simply because we are human.

Not leaving our people behind is something that most, if not all of us, are hard wired to do.

After our comrades and fellow citizens are off the beach we can make decisions about just whom we've risked our lives, and fortunes, and sacred honor to save.

But honorable men and women do their best to get them all off the beach first.

And the best of us would rather risk dying than leave them there.

Those who are saved and are later found unworthy of the risk and sacrifice made to save them, are doubly damned.

For the sake of our own conscience, and the honor of the corps writ large, we don't leave anyone behind.

From this perspective, the recent right-wing orchestrated outcry over trading prisoners for Sergeant Bowe Bergdahl is more than just another misguided, misinformed, and dishonorable propaganda ploy . . . it speaks to a larger issue: the attitude of the GOP and it's "greed is good" Tea Party wing's toward our lost and wounded in a much larger sense.

All too many or our fellow citizens are wounded, struggling to get off one hopeless beachhead or another, often in the face of overwhelming odds.

Our friends on the right don't think twice about leaving behind those badly hurt by lack of medical care, or a job, or illiteracy, or hunger, or homelessness, or racism, or sexism, or a million other forms of indifference and abuse.

They seem to give not a thought to leaving them, their wounded families, their wounded children and grandchildren, parents and grandparents behind, not only to struggle, but all too often to die.

Just as with Bergdahl, our friends on the right have a thousand excuses for not only not only leaving people behind, but keeping their own heads down and ears covered when the people on the beach cry out for help.

Some hide and pretend not to hear.

Others excuse their own cowardice and inaction by condemning the failings of the wounded. One of them, they argue, is a coward, or a shirker, or someone they just don't like. We won't risk ourselves to save any of our people if that means helping "losers" as well.

Still others simply try screaming louder than those left behind, in the hope the wounded can't be heard.

Sadly, after hiding in their holes, those who fight to leave our people behind put themselves in for medals, in the form of praise, profit, preferment or re-election.

Worse: they get them, all too often because they've rigged the decoration review broads to include large majorities of folks who can either be sold their cowardly and mean-spirited excuses . . . or agree with them . . . or are uniformed . . . or don't really see, or hear, or care.

Those of us who give a damn and can do something . . . men, women, black, white, gay straight, rich, poor, sick, healthy, religious or not . . . must stand up and be counted.

That's the only way to get all our people off the beach . . . and perhaps help some of those who would leave them there understand what a sad and cowardly things they have said and done.

Trading Private Bergdahl

Red

James Morgan

What do we know – KNOW – about the case of Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl? One thing only. He deserted his unit in a combat zone. That much is certain. He had sent his laptop and some of his clothes home. Radio intercepts tell of locals discussing the American who was looking for the Taliban. His fellow soldiers all agree. His own letters now confirm it. Bergdahl deserted.

Then things get murky. There is enough evidence that Bergdahl collaborated with his "captors" to warrant further investigation and we recently learned that he was discharged from the Coast Guard in 2006 because of psychological problems. In any case, the administration's deceitful "honor and distinction" narrative about him does not fly.

But Bergdahl himself isn't the issue. He is merely the hook on which our militarily illiterate commander-in-chief has hung his goal of closing the Guantanamo detention facility where numerous terrorists have been kept harmlessly on ice for so long. It now appears that Haqqani, the group that held him, was paid a hefty ransom for Bergdahl even though four of the five released terrorists were not Haqqani. They were Taliban, a group often at odds with Haqqani. In other words, the prisoner swap was unnecessary. Haqqani was more interested in the cash.

So why release the prisoners at all, especially when doing so was opposed by so many top military and civilian leaders, including Hillary Clinton? Simply stated, it was because releasing five dangerous terrorists, two of whom are wanted by the UN for war crimes, was fine with the president as long as it helped him close Gitmo. America's security was less a concern than pleasing his loony left political base.

This is just the latest example of the administration's contempt for the law. Even Democratic Senator Diane Feinstein and media flacks like the Tingly-Legged Chris Matthews have criticized Obama for not providing the required 30-day notification of a prisoner release. At least in this, they have seen through the smokescreen of lies. First, Obama couldn't notify Congress because of the deserter's poor health, then because Haqqani supposedly threatened to kill him. Then he said that he actually did notify Congress two years ago. Guess he just forgot.

The administration's tawdriness was further shown when State Department spokesman Marie Harf called Bergdahl's fellow soldiers liars. The New York Times actually blamed those men for creating the conditions which led to Bergdahl's desertion. But, as Brit Hume said, this administration "can't shake hands with the truth."

Some of the more staunch Obammunists even claim that no soldiers were killed as a result of the search for Bergdahl. But the Pentagon has verified that at least six soldiers died in the ensuing operations and that others later died because their units were short-handed due to resources being redirected to the search. Among those lost in such short-handed ops , by the way, was Loudoun County's own Army Specialist Stephen Mace, killed along with seven other soldiers near Kamdesh, Afghanistan on October 3, 2009. One week later, Obama received the Nobel Peace Prize. What's wrong with this picture?

We're now hearing claims that Bergdahl was really a deep cover US agent and that a couple of the terrorists are actually working for us. No evidence, of course, but anything that makes Obama look less culpable is fine with his supporters. Just another "whipped up" scandal like Fast and Furious, the IRS, Obamacare, immigration (including the current "Children's Crusade"), Benghazi, the EPA's war on coal, the continued Mexican imprisonment of Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi, and the VA. Move along, folks. Nothing to see here.

The Bergdahl trade is a very real scandal. But it is less about Bowe Bergdahl than it is about Barack Obama who deliberately, unnecessarily, and with full understanding of the consequences released five major terrorists back into the fight so that he could make a political point. For shame, Mr. President!







Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

Once again the obstructionist Republicans whose sole role in government is to discredit President Obama have now used the trade of Bo Bergdahl as the latest political tool to criticize the president. Not surprising at all. They will use anything, even tragic events such as Benghazi, to gain what they think is political advantage.

McCain was for the exchange before he was against it, a clear case of political amnesia.

The ongoing events in Iraq since Bush/ Cheney led illegal and immoral invasion point out how hypocritical the war mongering Democrats and Republicans really are. To take people such as Mr. Bergdahl, Chelsea Manning, Edward Snowden, Julian Assange, John Kariaku and all the other brave whistleblowers to task is the opposite of what should be done.

These people and all who buck the system and say no to atrocities are brave people, not traitors. It is far easier to turn a blind eye to illegal acts committed by the military, come back, retire and live out a comfortable life.

Just look at what these brave souls are suffering now, Manning in jail for 35 years, Bergdahl captured, tortured and imprisoned (sometimes in a cage) for five years, Kiriaku nearly bankrupt and in jail for many more months, Assange isolated in the Ecuadorian embassy in London and Snowden marooned in Moscow.

Do you not think it would have been less perilous to simply ignore the illegality that they witnessed?

I know military people insist that rules must be followed and dissent will not be tolerated unless it is put through the proper channels, but those channels have been found to be very deficient when one is attempting an honest exposure of wrongdoings.

If more people had the courage not cowardice to resist we would have fewer wars and less atrocities in those wars.

Some may have heard the irrational rants of Joe Scarborough when reporting on the Bergdahl release and what he had written to his parents that exposed the awful acts being committed by the military in Afghanistan including watching a child be run over by a military vehicle.

In that email he said he could no longer be a part of it.

Scarborough lashed out at Bo's parents saying that his father should have told him to get back to his unit and act like a man.

I wonder if those who have cracked under pressure and shot and killed fellow soldiers were given that type of advice if they reached out to families.

Do you not think a more appropriate response would be to contact someone to get help for the person undergoing that stress to prevent a total breakdown?

I personally think Bo's father is to be commended for learning Pashto and growing a beard in an attempt to show some humanity towards his son's captors by at least making an attempt to alleviate some of the torture.

Taking a hard inflexible line rarely accomplishes anything positive. We only have to look at the insanity occurring in Iraq and Afghanistan for proof of that.

We need more dissent not less if we are to ever have any semblance of peace in the world.

Hydraulic Fracturing-The Maryland Experience

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

The use of hydraulic fracturing (fracking) to recover previously unrecoverable quantities of natural gas (methane) from deep geologic formations is one of the largest growth industries in the United States (U. S.) and elsewhere. Fracking began in earnest in the U. S. around 2005.

An organization called Environment America produced a report called Fracking by the Numbers in October 2013. According to the report, there have been about 82,000 fracking wells installed in the U. S. since 2005. The four states with the most fracking wells are Texas (33,000), Colorado (18,000), Pennsylvania (6,600) and North Dakota (5,700).

The Marcellus Shale underlies about half the state of Pennsylvania and is the source of methane. The Marcellus also underlies the two westernmost counties of Maryland, part of West Virginia, and a very small part of far northwestern Virginia.

At present, Maryland does not allow fracking. Recently I attended a presentation by David Vanko, a geologist from Towson University in Maryland. He is a member of the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission in Maryland, a group formed by the Maryland governor to assure that any fracking in Maryland be conducted under the safest possible conditions.

In other words, Maryland wants to learn from the mistakes of other states. The initiative will help Maryland policy makers and regulators determine if or how gas production from the Marcellus can be accomplished without risk of adverse impacts.

So what are some of the concerns that the initiative is addressing?

They can be divided into three areas, well site concerns, environmental concerns, and quality of life concerns.

Well site concerns include well construction and grouting; storage and handling of fracking chemicals; disposal of fracking water; and worker safety.

Environmental concerns include ground- and surface water protection from methane produced by fracking; air quality; naturally occurring radioactive material; earthquakes; and forest fragmentation.

Quality of life concerns include traffic; road damage; public safety; housing; crime; and impacts to agriculture and prime farmland.

There is no timetable for if and when Maryland will allow fracking.

I applaud Maryland for taking a go-slow approach to fracking and if they allow it, for trying to get it right and for putting public safety high on their agenda. I hope that Virginia takes a similar common sense approach to fracking if it becomes an issue in our state.

So why is a water guy from Loudoun County interested in how another state is dealing with the fracking issue? The operable word for me is water.

Fracking requires huge amounts of water that is mixed with sand and chemicals and pumped down the wells. My questions are where would Maryland well site operators get their water and how will they dispose of wastewater?

There is no consistent groundwater supply in western Maryland so they will have to rely on surface water. Lakes? The Potomac River? If they are allowed to use Potomac River water, what impactwill that have on downstream utilities such as Loudoun Water whose principal supply of drinking water is derived the Potomac?

Also, if deep well injection is used to dispose of fracking water, is the possibility enhanced for earthquakes that might impact Northern Virginia? Maybe I'm simply a worrier, but I do appreciate the job that Maryland is doing to try to mitigate the impacts of fracking if they decide to approve it.

Virginia, take heed.

Letters

Dear Editor,

Kudos on your "New Market Cadets Honored" Yours is the only local newspaper to adequately cover important local historical news.

With regard to the 150th anniversary of the Battle of New Market, my great grandfather's youngest son, Cadet Joseph Wheelwright, fell on the field of honor and died a few days later, mortally wounded by a musket ball! He is buried at VMI.

My ancestors were from Westmoreland County, also the birthplace of Lees and Washington's. Nevertheless, I now, for many (Note could not read his writing not sure of number changed to many) years, live in Fauquier County a few miles down the road from Middleburg and the Loudoun County line.

I am honored to have married Celeste Adams, the Belle of Fauquier County, who is from a distinguished family of VMI alumni.

Memorial Day is a special day to recognize our valiant heroes who died in the service of our Country and Commonwealth. I especially remember my brother, Clarence Watson Wheelwright, a student in good standing at Washington and Lee University, who died over North Korea in 1952.

Henry Wheelwright
The Plains, VA









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Charming stucco, log and frame home • 10.32 acres • 3-4 bedrooms • 3 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces • Beautiful floors • Large family room • Master bedroom with terrace • 4 stall barn with tack • 2 paddocks • Mountain views and Middleburg address • 2 recorded lots

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Sunken Lane

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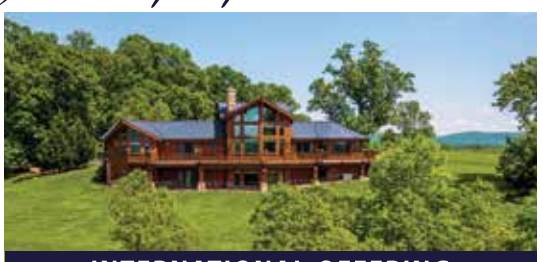


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