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MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCEL REPORT

DAN MORROW

At the May 14 meeting of the Middleburg Town Council Dave Quanbeck, Middleburg Charter School Board President, formally introduced the school's new interim principal, Miriam Hughey-Guy.

Hughey-Guy, replaces Barbara Smith, who resigned in mid April after experiencing ongoing credential transfer problems, and later, visa issues that effectively barred her from re-entering the United States from Canada.

Formerly principal of Barcroft Elementary School in Arlington County, Hughey-Guy has long been associated with the movement to establish the Middleburg Charter School, which early on adopted the DaVinci curriculum she was instrumental in developing.

Hughey-Guy has agreed to serve though the transition to a new, full time principal, which the school hopes to have in place by July 1.

The first Monday in August will mark the beginning of the school's 2015-2016 academic year.

Both enrollment and enthusiasm, Quanback reported, remain high.

Free Parking!

Middleburg Chief of Police Panebianco reported to Council on May 14 that "starting later in the day" the Towon's parking meters would be bagged for "free parking"

Every single meter in the Town's main shopping district meters is due to be bagged, and clearly marked FREE 2 HOUR PARKING.

The town's parking lots, however, will still be metered.

Business owners, managers and staff were aked to park in the lots or in non time restricted areas.

Officers will be marking tires to enforce the two-hour free limit

After a suitable trial, according to Panebianco, his department, Town Staff, and key stakeholders in the community will evaluate the effectiveness of the new program.

If it is successful it may serve as a long term fix for all the problems associated with keeping parking meters working effectively on the streets.

Panebianco urged everyone to "please observe the time limits and don't park your vehicle at a meter all day."

NEW parking!

The long-awaited new intersection at Marshall and Madison Streets is at last finished, bringing with it two new parking places.

Before the re-construction there were six metered spaces on the west side of Madison Street that were, according to Town Plan-

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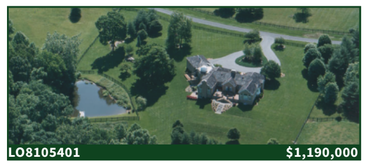
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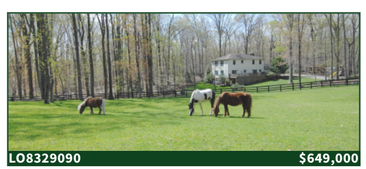
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News of Note

Great Meadow Hosts CIC3-Star & Final Pan Am Prep For U.S. 3-Day Team

Lauren R. Giannini

International eventing returns to Great Meadow, The Plains, from June 18 to 21, with a star-studded roster of horses and riders vying for top honors in the Land Rover Great Meadow International presented by Adequan®. This fabulous "equestrian triathlon" of dressage, cross-country and show jumping showcases the inaugural $30,000 CIC3* and the final Pan Am team preparation trial.

The Land Rover U.S. 3-Day team is on course to compete one month later at the 2015 Pan American Games in Canada. U.S. 3-Day chef d'equipe/technical advisor David O'Connor has his – and the team's – sights focused on winning gold, but there's more to American success at the Pan Ams: qualifying for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Canada qualified via the disqualification of the French team at the Alltech FEI 2015 World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France. Brazil, as the 2016 Olympics host, qualifies automatically. The U.S. wants very much to return to the international medals podium.

The Land Rover U.S. 3-Day Pan Am team includes: Phillip Dutton and Tom Tierney and Simon Roosevelt's Fernhill Cubalawn or Tom Tierney and Annie Jones' Fernhill Fugitive; Lauren Kieffer and Marie Le Menestrel's Meadowbrook's Scarlett; Marilyn Little and Raylyn Farm Inc. and Phoebe and Michael Manders' RF Scandalous. Boyd Martin and the Pancho Villa Syndicate's Pancho Villa.

The six alternates are Jennie Brannigan (Nina Gardner's Cambalda), Matt Brown (Blossom Creek Foundation's BCF Bellicoso), Will Faudree (Jennifer Mosing and Sterling Silver Stables' Pfun), Lauren Kiefer (Jacqueline Mars' Vermiculus), Michael Pollard (Carl, Nicholas and Stanislas Bouckaert's Cyrano Z), and Tamie Smith (Alex Ahearn's Mai Baum).

Kieffer, named to the team and also as an alternate with a second qualified horse, is about to represent the U.S. for the first time. She's locally based and spent six years under the Olympian tutelage of David and Karen O'Connor, progressing from working student to paid employee to running her own business for several years in The Plains-Middleburg area.

2014 proved a stellar year for Kieffer, who harvested Leading Lady Rider of the US Eventing Association. She also earned the 2014 Rolex/U.S. Equestrian Federation's National CCI Four-Star Championship as top-placed American rider when she piloted Ms. Jacqueline Mars' Veronica, to 2nd place overall at the 2014 Rolex Kentucky 3-Day event.



Enthusiasts are promised tons of eventing action, thanks to the 11th annual Surefire Horse Trials, June 19-21, just north of Middleburg. Jan Byyny's Surefire Farm is a popular June destination for upper level and up-and-coming event riders and horses from Beginner Novice to Intermediate. Although the two venues are running concurrently, schedules have been coordinated carefully between Surefire and Great Meadow International.

The momentum for Great Meadow to specialize in world-class 3-day competition continues to build at Great Meadow International, which submitted its application to the FEI (International Equestrian Federation) to host a first-ever eventing Nations Cup leg in North America. The USEF approved the application, and everyone involved is eager to hear the FEI's decision even though their attention is focused on the inaugural CIC3* and the Pan Am Prep Event.

"Things are coming together beautifully," said Robert L. Banner, President of the Great Meadow Foundation. "Land Rover is signed on as the title sponsor. Adequan is signed on

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News of Note

Childs Burden Honored with Judy Patterson Tourism Award

Preservationist and dedicated advocate of Civil War history Childs Frick Burden was recently honored with the 2014 Judy Patterson Tourism Award for his outstanding contributions to tourism.

Visit Loudoun named their most prestigious award for Judy Patterson, a tireless supporter of community events in Loudoun County.

Burden is president of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, and his four decades of preservation work include service on the Oatlands board of directors, the Civil War Trust, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Mount Zion Church Preservation Association, the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Loudoun County Historical Society and the Atoka Preservation Society.

Additional awards presented during the ceremony that showcase the contributions of individuals and organizations to tourism promotion included:

Tourism Event of the Year: Purcellville Food & Wine Festival.

Tourism Marketing Promotion/Campaign: Middleburg Film Festival.

Tourism Volunteer of the Year: Genie Ford, founder and co-founder of Shakespeare in the 'Burg and the Hunt Country Writers' Annual Retreat; and Loudoun's Civil War Sesquicentennial Steering Committee.

Tourism Front-Line Employee of the Year: Amy Thunell, event producer and day coordinator for The Stable at Bluemont Vineyard.

Tourism Management Employee of the Year: Gemma Brown, director of rooms at Salamander Resort and Spa.

Humanitarian Award: Shocktober at Paxton Campus.

Distinguished Service: Riley McGovern, front desk at Comfort Suites in Leesburg. The then 20-year-old saved the life of a guest who was found unresponsive in his room last May. The man, who had overdosed on pills and was armed with a handgun, survived after McGovern administered aid and called 911.

Steve Hines Remembered

This year, Visit Loudoun renamed the Partner of the Year award in honor of Steve Hines, who died in January. Hines was one of the founding members of Visit Loudoun's board and a steadfast advocate of tourism in Loudoun. The award was presented to Comfort Suites in Leesburg.

BOWA Builders Present Check to Place to BE



Tim Burch, Vice President of BOWA's Middleburg office, was pleased to present a check for $5000 to Tom Sweitzer and A Place to Be (APTB). The donation was made as part of GiveChoose, the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier's day of online giving, which helped APTB to raise over $15,000 in 24 hours. On hand to commemorate the donation were about 20 of APTB's friends who participate in the group's various therapeutic arts programs. BOWA is a design build firm specializing in luxury renovations ranging from master suites and kitchens to whole-house and whole-condo remodels.

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Middleburg's Newest Gallery Opens on Madison Street

'Gallery On Madison' is opening at 9 South Madison Street in Middleburg in the storefront that was previously occupied for 18 years by Waller Picture Framing. Bill Waller has relocated his business to his home in Hume and will be represented by the gallery.

'Gallery On Madison' is owned by Jan and Jim Allmon. Although it is a new venture for them, they have been in the gallery business for 27 years. The couple opened 'Gallery On The Green' in Woodstock, Vermont in 1988 and 'Gallery On Merchants Square' in 2003 while retaining the Vermont gallery.

On a recent trip to Millwood to deliver Jan's art for the Art at the Mill show, they stopped in Middleburg and discovered that the space at 9 South Madison was for rent. Allmon acknowledged that "the space is small but ample."

"We thought it could be a great venue for showcasing artists and artisans so we decided to get back on the saddle for another rodeo!" he said with a grin.

Since relocating to Northern Virginia in 2011 to be near their daughters who all live in the region, Jim has been a marketing advisor to art venues, artists and artisans. He explained that "…he missed the personal interaction with clients helping them fulfill their interest in collecting art while furthering an artist's career."

"My best friend calls me a serial artrepreneur," he said.

'Gallery On Madison' will feature an eclectic group of twenty artists and artisans. Jan is an oil painter and textile designer. She will exhibit her fine art and hand painted silk scarves in the gallery. Additional artists and artisans the couple have partnered with in the past will exhibit in the Middleburg gallery, as well as several new artists and artisans they have discovered and admired more recently.

"We think people will enjoy the variety of styles ranging from traditional to contemporary to abstract. Many of the artists accept commissions which will be a big focus," according to Allmon.



A website, galleryonmadison.com, will showcase the gallery's artists online. The gallery is open from 11 am to 5 pm Thursday through Saturday and by appointment at 703-7879-0124.

Blue Ridge Hospice Teams with Middleburg Bank to Support Hospice's Area Thrift Shops

Blue Ridge Hospice and Middleburg Bank are joining forces to sponsor a Donation Day in Middleburg on Saturday, June 6th, from 9 a.m. to noon. Donors should look for the large Blue Ridge Hospice thrift shop truck that will be parked in the Middleburg Bank parking lot to receive donations of gently used clothing, household items, books and furniture.

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

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

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

For more information, visit blueridgehospice.org or call 540-313-9200.



News of Note

Foxcroft School Trustees Present Ruth Bedford '32 with Highest Honor

Benefactor becomes first posthumous recipient of McGuire Award for Distinguished Service

Foxcroft School's Board of Trustees recently bestowed its highest honor -- the Anne Kane McGuire '52 Distinguished Service Award -- on Ruth Thomas Bedford, a member of the Class of 1932 whose love for her alma mater led to an historic gift to the girls boarding and day school. The first posthumous recipient, Bedford becomes the 29th recipient of the award.

The presentation took place Friday (April 17) at a community-wide assembly of students, faculty, trustees and alumnae visiting for Reunion Weekend. Board Chair Reggie Groves made the presentation, along with Head of School Catherine S. McGehee and fellow trustee Trevania Dudley Henderson '76.

The McGuire Award, named in honor of the late Board of Trustees chairwoman, was given to Bedford, Groves said, "…for being a shining example of strength, independence, and service to Foxcroft students and women around the world, and for inspiring us all to be true to ourselves, to follow our passions, and to make a difference in the world." Bedford, who died in June just short of her 100th birthday, left the School $40 million in her will.

The citation about Bedford, which Groves read to the appreciative assembly, cited the alumna's spunky personality, love of sports and devotion to service ---all of which match fundamental characteristics of Foxcroft.

"By chance, Ruth Thomas Bedford was born the year that Foxcroft School was founded. By design, she embraced and reflected the characteristics and values of the School from which she graduated in 1932. And by choice, she forever changed her alma mater with an act of love and generosity unmatched in the history of girls' schools," reads the resolution.

Born on August 8, 1914, Bedford was the third of four daughters born to Fred and Lucie Thomas Bedford. Her grandfather, Edward T. Bedford, was a director of Standard Oil and founder of the Corn Products Refining Company.

From the start, she lived life on her own terms.

An accomplished rider from an early age, at Foxcroft, Bedford embraced the School's motto of "mens sano in corpore sano," honing her riding skills and playing basketball for the School and for her beloved Hound team. She later became a skilled sailor, golfer, and tennis player, and also carried on the family penchant for racing horses with success -- all years before women's participation in sports was widely accepted, much less celebrated.



Head of School Cathy McGehee, Board of Trustees President Reggie Groves '76 and Trustee Trevania Henderson '76 hold the Anne Kane McGuire Award resolution presented, posthumously, to Ruth Bedford '32

After Foxcroft, Bedford worked on Broadway, backstage, when nice girls from Connecticut didn't do such things, and became a licensed pilot who was often seen skimming her seaplane across Long Island Sound.

Community service was important to her: She served with the Red Cross in Europe during World War II, offering to be stationed in England during the Blitz, and, along with her sister Lucie, volunteed at the Norwalk(CT) Hospital for over 50 years.

Despite her wealth Ruth drove around her hometown of Westport, CT, in a beat-up Oldsmobile station wagon and lived well below her means. When she died, she made a statement with her generous gift to Foxcroft, and similar gifts to the Norwalk Hospital and the Westport Y.

"At the end," reads the citation Bedford received as a McGuire Award winner, "Ruth inspired us by acknowledging the place that she felt made her the woman she was, with a transformational gift to her alma mater, Foxcroft. And in the process, Ruth demonstrated that women can be agents of change. Her generosity will help to sustain the School she believed in and loved for many future generations of young women."

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Retired Major General & Chief of Army Chaplains

to preach Free Church Homecoming Service

The Reverend Matthew A. Zimmerman, Pastor at the 1st Baptist Church, Warrenton VA, and first African-American to serve as Chief of Army Chaplains, will preach this year's ecumenical sermon at Middleburg's 40th Annual Free Church Homecoming, Sunday, June 21st at Middleburg Baptist Church, 209 East Federal Street, Middleburg.

A South Carolina native, Reverend Zimmerman, brings solid experience to the task of preaching to the five congregations who will gather for this unique service. A graduate of Benedict College, Columbia, SC, Reverend Zimmerman went on to become the first African-American to earn a Masters of Divinity from Duke University; he later earned a Master of Science degree in Guidance and Counseling from Long Island University which supported his later service as a campus pastor for Idaho State University and Morris College, Sumter, SC.

Reverend Zimmerman is also a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College. During his illustrious military career, which included wartime Vietnam service, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, 3 Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Honor Medal, 1st Class. As Chief of Army Chaplains, Rev. Zimmerman rose to the rank of Major General, responsible for the management, training and assignments for 6,400 chaplains and chaplain's assistants. Reverend Zimmerman was a 1990 recipient of the NAACP's Roy Wilkins Meritorious Service Award and elected to the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame in 1992. From 1994-98 he served as the first African-American Director of the Department of Veteran's Affairs National Chaplains Center in Hampton VA where his responsibilities included directing headquarters level chaplain activities, the Chaplain Education Center and proving leadership for the Department's National Chaplain Service which is responsible for all chaplains of all denominations in 171 VA Medical Centers.

The Free Church Homecoming began as a patriotic ecumenical service during the 1976 Bicentennial bringing Middleburg's diverse worshipping communities together for a joint service and is celebrated every June at Middleburg Baptist, the site of the original "Old Free Church," constructed in the late 1700's and originally used jointly by the Baptist, Episcopal and Methodist churches of Middleburg, as well as the Presbyterian Church in Aldie. Responsibility for the service rotates year-to-year among participating congregations. This year's host is the Shiloh Baptist Church. The service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is followed by a potluck picnic with the entrée provided by the host church. Childcare is provided for the service and all events are open to the public.



Middleburg Concert Series Highlights Nationally Renowned Tenor

During the very successful inaugural concert of the Middleburg Concert Series in March the audience rose twice during the performance for standing ovations. One audience member remarked that it was thrilling to enjoy Kennedy Center level talent without fighting traffic on I66 or purchasing expensive tickets.

On Sunday, June 14th, at 4:00 PM, the Concert Series again returns to the sanctuary of the Middleburg United Methodist Church, located on the corner of Washington and Pendleton Streets, to present a journey through vocal chamber music. The goal of the Middleburg Concert Series is to provide an opportunity for area residents and visitors to enjoy virtuoso performances and to foster a love for the arts in historic Middleburg.

Performers will include vocalists such as nationally known tenor, Michael Forest who has sung numerous roles with the Metropolitan Opera for 17 seasons. Mr. Forest has also sung at concerts with the National Symphony Orchestra, Pittsburgh Symphony, New York Philharmonic and the St. Louis Symphony. The concert will include selections sung by Miho Sato de Saucedo and local musician, Karen Chase. Once again the accomplished cello musician Dr. Alan Saucedo, will perform with his sister Cynthia Saucedo and Dr. Maryory Serrano on the violin. Larry Correll will return to perform selections on the organ and piano.

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News of Note

Career Intelligence Officer Receives Foxcroft's Distinguished Alumnae Award

NSA and STATE Department Pioneer "Sukie" Kuser is honored

Suzanne "Sukie" Kuser, a pioneer and power in the U.S. intelligence community during a distinguished 33-year career, was named the 2015 recipient of Foxcroft School's Distinguished Alumnae Award recently at a special luncheon in Engelhard Gymnasium.

Foxcroft Alumnae Council President Sheldon Gerry Withers '61, together with Council members Karen Lilly '84 and Barkley Boutell Henning '73, presented Kuser, a 1949 graduate of Foxcroft and a resident of Washington, D.C., with the award, citing her illustrious career working in intelligence at the National Security Agency and U.S. State Department, as well as her long and varied service to Foxcroft and involvement in various non-profits as a volunteer

After Foxcroft, Kuser attended Bryn Mawr College, graduating with a Chemistry degree in 1953. She went to work for the NSA, which had been established less than a year earlier, as a cryptologic linguist.

"They asked me if I was good at crossword puzzles," recounts Kuseer with a smile, "and when I said yes, they hired me." It was the midst of the Cold War and Sukie helped collect and analyze communications intelligence information, cracking codes and learning Arabic along the way.

In 1953, Kuser moved to the State Department, where she would spend the next 28 years. She continued in intelligence, working in resources and representing the Department on various interagency committees. Often, she was the only professional woman at the table and had to stand up for State's interests, which were frequently different from those of the CIA and military.

Kuser studied national security affairs at the National War College in 1977 -- one of just seven women in a sea of men – and eventually rose to be head of the U.S. State Department's Intelligence Reporting Division. Since retiring in 1986, she has continued as a part-time consultant and a senior reviewer of classified documents as the NSA.

Kuser's service to Foxcroft has also been extensive. She helped create one of the first career panels for students, organized the School's first phonathon, and established a scholarship for daughters of foreign service officers. For 19 years, beginning in 1988, she served on the Board of Trustees, including several years as Vice President. She has been on numerous committees, including Buildings and Grounds, Development, Steering, Planned Giving, and she continues to this day as a key member of the Investment Committee. In 1999, Kuser received the Anne Kane McGuire '52 Distinguished Service Award from Foxcroft Board of Trustees, their highest honor.

Kuser has served on many other boards and councils over the years, often related to her passion for gardening and nature or her abiding interest in international relations. Currently she sits on the boards of both the Friends of the National Arboretum and the Foreign Policy Discussion Group of Washington, D.C. She is a Fellow and serves on several committees of the National Tropical Botanical Garden. Her past service includes the Foreign Student Service Council, World Affairs Council, D.C., Institute of World Politics, McKee Botanical Garden, St. Johns Community Services, Blue Hill Library, and Georgetown Symphony.



Foxcroft Head of School Cathy McGehee congratulates Sukie Kuser on her honor.

Foxcroft's Distinguished Alumna Award recognizes graduates who have been pioneers and/or made outstanding contributions in their fields; received local or national recognition of achievement; demonstrated dedication and interest in civic affairs and has been a role model. Previous recipients include the late Ambassador to St. James Court Anne Legendre Armstrong '45, anthropologist Dr. Anna C. Roosevelt '64, longtime congresswoman Millicent Hammond Fenwick, and White House photographer Diana Hardin Walker '59.

Herbert , Dost Engagement



Jim and Stewart Herbert of Middleburg, Virginia announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Thomson ("Tommie"), to Matthew Edward Dost, son of Peter and Mariann Dost of South Easton, Massachusetts, now of Black Mountain, North Carolina. Tommie is the granddaughter of the late Henry and Scottie Chapman, also of Middleburg, VA, and the late Jim Herbert, Sr. of Delaplane, Va. and Betty Herbert, now of Winchester, VA. Tommie, a graduate of Vanderbilt University Peabody College, earned her master's at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, and is now a Presidential Management Fellow at the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C.

Matt graduated from Harvard University where he was a two-year co-captain of the golf team. He attended American University Washington College of Law, and is General Counsel at Allied Associates International in Warrenton, Virginia. The wedding is planned for October 17th, 2015 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia.

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News of Note

Journey Through Hallowed Ground Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

350 Partners 'Rowing in the Same Direction' Create Finest Preservation Organization in the Country

Each year, the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership brings together partners, funders, stakeholders, and interested parties for a two-day conference. This year's gathering, took place for the first time in the village of Waterford, one of the first National Historic Landmarks in the country.

The conference was especially powerful because Waterford is home to what The Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership's Founder and President Cate Magennis Wyatt calls ".. the world headquarters for this mighty nonprofit organization."

"We've enjoyed ten wonderful years," Magennis Wyatt said. "We all chose to make a difference, and our achievements over our first ten years are ample evidence that we've succeeded."

The conference highlighted and reflect upon the many JTHG accomplishments achieved because of the collaborative efforts of over 350 partnering organizations, all "rowing in the same direction" as Wyatt said.

The conference truly was a celebration.

In 2005, when the swath of land from Gettysburg to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello was listed as the most endangered historical site in the country by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, that danger was the spark that ignited Magennis Wyatt's vision for the Journey Through Hallowed Ground.

Today's four-state, nonprofit organization set out with a number of goals that have been accomplished in the first decade. These included: creating local, regional, and national awareness of "Where America Happened;" obtaining an act of Congress designating the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area; obtaining National Scenic Byway designation; and creating educational programs for teachers and students of every age.



During the conference plenary, Wyatt continually emphasized that none of these goals would have been achieved without the support and enthusiasm of the Journey's 350 partnerships.

She highlighted a number of additional successes including 28,000 copies of a book printed in partnership with National Geographic that is now in its second printing, an official Journey Through Hallowed Ground travel guide that has sold 6,000 copies, a strategic partnership with Warner Brothers, the addition of several sites to the Passport to Your National Parks program, and the creation of a photo exhibition at Dulles Airport's Gateway Gallery, which will be seen by more than four million visitors.

Wyatt also highlighted the Certified Tourism Ambassador (CTA) program, which trains frontline hospitality staff and others in the tourism industry. Now in its sixth year, over 1,300 individuals have been trained and over 75 CTA's have been with the organization for more than five years.

JTHG educational programs have been remarkable successes. Over 3,200 students have participated in the organization's award winning Of the Student, By the Student program. The student program began in 2009 as a way of engaging middle school students in interpreting the history in their backyards.

The organization also created the wildly popular Extreme Journey Summer Camp that has now expanded to four sessions in Loudoun County alone.

Conference participants enjoyed many program segments.

Keynote speakers for this year's conference included Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Nora Pouillon, a pioneer in the organic food movement.

Meeks congratulated the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership on the success it has had within the region. Her comments were especially poignant as it was the National Trust's designation of this region as one of America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list that first alerted the nation to the threats to our communities almost 10 years ago to the day.

"Cate is much too modest to simply say that the JTHG was her idea," Meeks explained. "Execution is the chariot of genius, as Blake said, and today, there is no finer preservation organization in the country," she emphasized.

In 1979, Nora Pouillon founded Washington, D.C.'s 'Restaurant Nora,' the first certified organic restaurant in the country. As the closing speaker on the first day of the conference, she discussed her new memoir, My Organic Life, the story of her pioneering culinary mission to bring delicious, wholesome foods to the American table.

Conference workshops throughout the two-day event covered many topics, including the upcoming Centennial Celebration of the National Park Service; how to engage youth/students in our collective national history; economic trends in heritage tourism; grant writing; African-American and other minority heritage involvement and more.

A Virginia Viticulture Field Session Tour took participants to several wineries in the area and a networking reception took place at Catoctin Creek Distilling Company in Purcellville.

Guided walking tours showcasing the history of the quaint Quaker Waterford village were offered both afternoons.

Conference attendees represented a variety of industry sectors, including economic development and tourism professionals, urban planners, attraction and museum staff, elected officials, historians, National Park Service employees, educators, Certified Tourism Ambassadors, and other engaged citizens.

Certification maintenance credits offered through the American Institute of Certified Planners are available for eligible and interested attendees.

Conference sponsors included The Waterford Foundation, Civil War Trust, Virginia News Group, Certified Tourism Ambassador Network, David Williams, Updegrove Combs and McDaniel, America Comes Alive, and Loudoun Mutual Insurance Company.

For more information about the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, visit www.hallowedgroud.org.

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Middleburg Academy is full STEAM ahead

In just one evening, Middleburg Academy's Board of Trustees led a $50,000 challenge that inspired parents and supporters to donate more than $125,000 to bring a STEAM curriculum to its campus to dovetail with its well-established college prep program. Like other schools, Middleburg Academy has fiber optics, laptops, Chromebooks and iPads for its students and faculty. What has been missing is the STEAM curriculum that applies technology to a fully integrated learning initiative. STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. It's the newest and most innovative program available today and is being adopted by the best schools across the country.

"What struck us this past year was that our students are moving at a lightning pace with technology, and our curriculum needs to reflect their world where technology is part of everything," said Colley Bell, Head of School. "The logical step is to focus on a fully developed array of STEAM courses that will prepare our students for college life and beyond. Our plan is to incorporate this curriculum throughout the school and with every student."

Middleburg Academy's strength has always been the intimate connection between the faculty and students. With the student-to-teacher ratio of 8:1, Bell is convinced that incorporating the curriculum throughout the school is essential to the success of the students where STEM will impact over 70% of all professions in the job market by 2020. "Most educators and schools are focusing on STEM. With the inclusion of arts in the curriculum, we believe it will add a creative, human and aesthetic component," added Bell.

Being exposed to a STEAM curriculum needs to transpire early to be most successful. "We realized that 9th grade is almost too late for many students and more prospective families, particularly from public schools, are asking about 8th grade," said Bell. So as STEAM gets initiated in the fall of 2015, so will an 8th grade pilot program at Middleburg Academy. The school has traditionally enrolled students in grades 9 through 12.

The 8th grade pilot program will include only a few students who will be enrolled for the year and fully integrated into the STEAM program. "They may access advanced courses and stretch themselves before the 9th grade, which is when the official high school transcript is recognized," said Jan Healy, Assistant Head of School and College Counselor.

Although Northern Virginia is known for its strong public schools, less than 7% in the public system are touched by truly robust STEM courses. "The sheer numbers make it difficult for public schools to embrace this new curriculum in such a way," added Bell.

The key to the initiative is a fully trained faculty at Middleburg Academy. The school has added a computer educator who teaches computer languages and programming. Additionally, art teachers are bringing in 3-D printing, 3-D drawing and encaustic paint to the curriculum.

"STEAM is also perfect for us because of our surroundings," said Bell. "We have a lot of land, a pond, Goose Creek and natural beauty in Loudoun County. Biology, art, physics, history, chemistry and poetry are all around us, and we can teach students in a real-world environment."

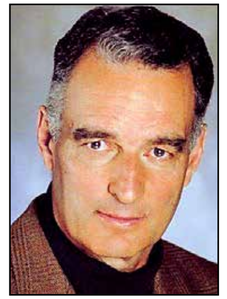
New Leadership
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The school has advanced beyond the expectations of its Board of Trustees. Chairman Mike Hoover shared, "We now have a leadership team that has brought a focus to what is important to us--the students and their experiences." When Hoover and Board members walked the halls of the school this year, they were proud. "The atmosphere is clearly one that has the students' development in mind. Watching the students work with the vast array of technology we have, as well as the very human moments as students run school meetings, demonstrate that we have a unique educational opportunity here."

There is a lot on the horizon for Middleburg Academy's campus as well. Plans are underway to restore the 110-year old stone stable for an equine program that will make Middleburg Academy the only day school with an on-campus riding and equine program in Northern Virginia. Summer STEAM and outdoor programs are also in the works for 2016.

Bell said, "We are, and will always be a very human enterprise. So as technically-charged as the world becomes our families will find in Middleburg an independent school where the whole child emerges confident and prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century - their century, their world and their life before them."

John R. West



John R. West of Middleburg, VA passed away on May 11, 2015 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

John was born in Providence, R.I. on August 9, 1941. After graduating from the University of Rhode Island and Officer Candidate School, John served in the United States Coast Guard from 1964 to 1967, with active duty in

Vietnam commanding a Coast Guard cutter on the Mekong Delta. Over a 30 year career in transportation logistics he ran several trucking companies as president and CEO. Upon retiring to Virginia he became an avid horseman and member of the Middleburg Hunt.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, daughter Christine Jablonski, sisters Susan Kurz and Rae Nelson, and brother George West, as well as many nieces and nephews.

The family will hold a private celebration of his life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the "Hospice & Palliative Care Unit," VA Medical Center,Voluntary Service, 510 Butler Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25405 or the Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork St., Winchester, VA 22601.

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News of Note

Middleburg Real Estate/Atoka Properties proudly announces the appointment Allan Marteney as Principal Broker



Allan brings 37 years of real estate experience to Atoka Properties

Leesburg, Virginia, May 5, 2015. Middleburg Real Estate/Atoka Properties announced today that Allan Marteney will be named Principal Broker of the firm beginning June 1, 2015. Allan has been licensed in real estate since 1978 and has vast sales and management experience plus exceptional knowledge of the local real estate industry.

In addition to his over 20 years of real estate management experience Allan owned and operated a local area real estate firm and has received numerous industry awards and recognition throughout his career.

He is leaving his current position as Director of Professional Development for the Dulles Area Association of REALTORS® where he served as Director of Professional Development. His duties included running the education department and serving as the professional standards administrator for the Association. Allan is well respected as a broker in the real estate community as well as widely recognized as one of the most knowledgeable and entertaining real estate instructors in the region.

Allan's role with Atoka Properties will be to oversee the operations and expansion of the firm. Allan said today: "I am delighted to be a part of a firm with such a great group of professional Realtors®. The owners, staff and agents are all highly skilled professionals that you will find try their very best to provide the highest level of service to all their clients. I am excited about what I see in this company and what it will become in the future".

Peter Pejacsevich, co-owner of Atoka Properties said today: "Allan's wealth of experience and industry knowledge will make him a key addition to Middleburg Real Estate / Atoka Properties. Our entire team is excited for his arrival on June 1st."

For additional information, contact Peter Pejacsevich at 540-687-6321 or by e-mail at peter@atokaproperties.net

Luncheon at Historic Oakwood Honors French-American Friendship



A celebration to honor of over two hundred years of French-American friendship is planned by the Mosby Heritage Area Association for June 20th at historic Oakwood. Following a lovely French lunch and Champagne buffet, Author/historian Marc Leepson will speak on Lafayette: Idealist General and his life and times.

The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Oakwood is located at 7433 Oakwood Drive, Warrenton, VA 20186.

After the talk on Lafayette, a house tour will take place that will include the boudoir of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor (Wallis Simpson) who often visited the home, and an enormous bookcase owned by President Abraham Lincoln.

Oakwood plays an important part in Fauquier's Civil War-era history.

It was the home of Robert Eden Scott (1808-62), a prominent Northern Virginia Whig, and one of Fauquier's two delegates to the Virginia Secession convention. He had been Fauquier County's Commonwealth's Attorney, and long been a delegate to the General Assembly in Richmond. He served as the region's first Congressmen in the Confederate States House of Representatives at Richmond.

He was a Congressman when he was killed while confronting a duo of looting, raping Wisconsin stragglers at Meadowland, south of Salem (now Marshall) on May 3, 1862. The murder of the Congressman was electrifying news one year into the Civil War, and was long remembered in Fauquier afterward.

Robert Eden Scott is buried at Oakwood.

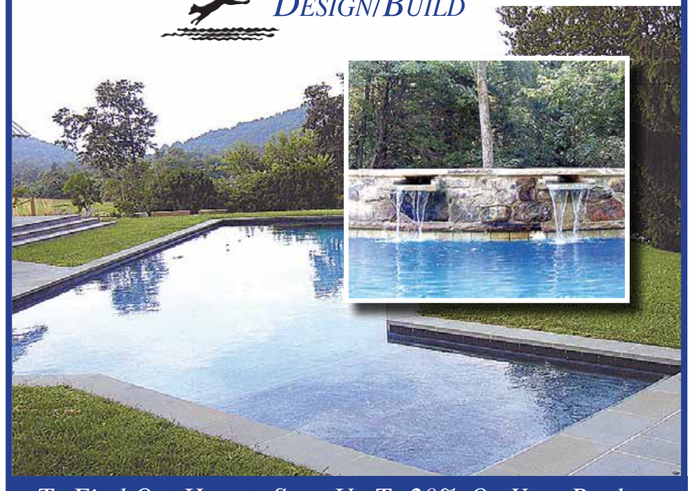
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News of Note

Yoga Time Studio Teacher Wins Senior Women's Division of National Yoga Asana Championship

Michele Trufant, a yoga instructor at Yoga Time Studio in Purcellville, VA, recently won the Senior Women's Division of the 2014-15 National Yoga Asana Championship in downtown Binghamton, NY, on May 1-3. To qualify, the competitor must have won a previous competition and been invited by the USA Yoga Organization to the event. USA Yoga is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of developing and promoting yoga asana (yoga postures) as a sport. According to statistics quoted on its web site, more than 22 million people in the US today practice yoga.

Michele had previously won the regional competition for Washington, Virginia, and Maryland and made it through the qualifying rounds at the National Yoga Asana Championship on Thursday, April 30, and Friday, May 1. The top five competitors who made it through those qualifying rounds competed on Sunday, May 3. Michele says, " These postures needed to cover traction/splits, lifts, inversions, forward bends and backbends, and then 2 postures of our choosing. The entire experience was totally fun. Imagine spending a weekend with fellow competitors who only want you to do your best! It was one of the most relaxed and exciting experiences of my life, and I competed on horses for 20 years! I know excitement."

Competitors at the National Asana Championship were required to demonstrate before judges 7 postures in 3 minutes, with 4 compulsory postures and 3 optional. Strength, balance, and flexibility were judged. Out of the top five competitors in the Senior Women's Division (women 50 years and older), Michele won with a score of 44.70.

Mindy Beach, owner of Yoga Time Studio in Purcellville, commented, "Yoga Time Studio is very proud of Michele and her incredible accomplishment! We always knew she had it in her. Michele has been an instructor at YTS for over two years. She brings a wonderful balance of humility and creative energy to each one of her amazing classes."

Michele Trufant has been practicing yoga for over seven years. She took her first yoga classes in Austria and Hungary while on vacation. She had been training horses for twenty years previously. According to Trufant, "Practicing yoga is an evolutionary process and never boring. It changes and grows all of the time." Michele now qualifies for the international competition.



To learn more about Yoga Time Studio in Purcellville, and the classes Michele Trufant and other yoga instructors offer, please visit yogatimestudio.com.

"Plastic Paradise" Draws Crowd On Cold Evening in Middleburg

Despite sleet, snow and frigid temperatures, over sixty-five intrepid people came to see the environmental film: "Plastic Paradise, the Great Pacific Garbage Patch," at The Hill School Sheila C. Johnson Performing Arts Center, on March 6. A recent study shows that there are an estimated 270,000 tons of plastic floating in the world's ocean, covering areas twice the size of Texas. Where does it come from? Where does it go? What does it do?

This stunning documentary explored the permanence of plastic in our world. Goose Creek Association, Land Trust of Virginia, and the Virginia League of Conservation Voters Education Fund sponsored this free screening and afterwards donated the DVD of the movie to The Hill School's library, along with prior documentaries shown on the Life Of Aldo Leopold and SWITCH (about energy sources and alternatives). If you missed them, these movies might also be available through Netflix.

"Plastic Paradise" explained that every single piece of plastic that has ever been created since the 19th century is still somewhere on our planet. The invention of synthetic plastic created an era of disposable products that are watertight and endlessly malleable. Plastic is a brilliant invention, yet its miraculous durability is also a problem because it never totally biodegrades.

In the early 21st Century, rumors about an island of garbage somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, started to rise. Filmmaker, Angela Sun's investigation took her thousands of miles from human civilization to Midway Island. There, in what should be a remote tropical paradise, she discovered an ecosystem inundated by plastic waste. Exposed to seawater and sunlight, tons of discarded plastics are breaking down into smaller fragments resembling food to fish and birds.

The sobering images Angela uncovered, combined with the latest evidence from researchers, demonstrated that a growing, toxic, confetti is transforming the oceans and is also working its way up the food chain to human beings. Scientists and health experts revealed that chemicals in many of the plastic products we take for granted are harmful.

Despite the apparent hopelessness of the situation, conservationists note that individuals can make a difference by recycling, buying in bulk, using their own shopping bags, not plastic bags, and using aluminum or other containers for water and beverages, not plastic bottles. These simple steps can significantly reduce the amount of plastic refuse that, otherwise, never, ever, goes away.



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Co-Founder of Cisco Systems awarded Honorary OBE for Services to UK Culture

Award recognizes importance of unique library of women's writing

Sandy Lerner, the American entrepreneur who co-founded Cisco Systems has been awarded an Honorary OBE (Most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in recognition of her services to UK culture by founding and continuing to lead the UK charity, Chawton House Library.

Lerner, like many avid readers, loves the work of Jane Austen. This led her to explore the work of her influences and contemporaries. She discovered lesser-known women writers – many hugely popular in their day – who had been forgotten by mainstream publishing and popular culture. Speaking on this, Lerner has said "All of a sudden, Jane Austen made a whole lot more sense. It wasn't like she'd dropped in from outer space with six of the best novels in the English language and left. You could see her in the context of things she'd read." This interest led to Lerner building up a private library of early English women's literature, 1600 – 1830.

On hearing that the Elizabethan manor house once owned by Jane Austen's brother, Edward Austen, later Knight, and referred to in her letters as the 'Great House', was for sale in a dilapidated condition, Lerner paid £1.25 million to buy it on a long lease from Edward's descendent, Richard Knight. A further £10 million was spent on its restoration, thereby saving it for Chawton, Hampshire and the nation – as well as for admirers of Jane Austen worldwide.

Chawton House Library has since become established as a world-renowned research and study centre for early English women's writing. Lerner's entire collection of around 8,000 books was donated to start the Library, which has grown considerably since then. A remarkably generous gift fired by passion and commitment to widening the literary horizon.

The Library, house and estate is open to the public and runs a varied events programme. This includes international conferences, talks on women writers in the collection and on all aspects of eighteenth-century literature and culture. There is also a visiting fellowship programme, allowing scholars to study and stay on site, which is run in partnership with the University of Southampton. As a registered charity, the Library does not receive UK Government support. It therefore continues to be dependent upon donations and grants from individuals and trusts and foundations to help support the care and maintenance of the house and the unique book and manuscript collection alongside fulfilling its educational objectives.



Richard Ovenden, Bodley's Librarian at the University of Oxford said, "As a Trustee of Chawton House Library, I am thrilled that the Chairman of our board has been awarded this honour in recognition of her tremendous passion and commitment to women's writing. It is particularly pleasing as the award also reflects the importance of libraries in the intellectual life of the UK."

Dr Linda Bree, editorial director of arts and literature at Cambridge University Press and herself a scholar of eighteenth-century women's writing, said, "I'm delighted to see this recognition of Sandy Lerner's wonderful achievement in founding Chawton House Library, and giving women writers of the past, at last, a home of their own in Britain."

As a foreign national, the award of an OBE by Her Majesty the Queen recognises the significance of Lerner's cultural contribution to the UK. Although such awards are usually recognised at the British Embassy in the recipients country of residence, when Lerner was first advised of the award over a year ago, she requested permission to delay announcing the honour and wait to hold a celebratory event at Chawton House Library itself. The celebration took place on Wednesday 20th May, with Hampshire's Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Nigel Atkinson, in attendance to congratulate Lerner on the very special contribution she has made to UK culture.

Great Meadow Hosts CIC3-Star

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as the presenting sponsor. The VIP tables and boxes are selling briskly. The trade show is brimming with top brands. The Pan Am team has been named and is excellent. Entries for the CIC3* are filling, as well. The cross-country course is being built and it's HUGE! Soon, we will open the doors to our nation, and later, the World. As Land Rover says, 'Above and Beyond!"

The schedule for the Land Rover Great Meadow International can be found at GreatMeadowInternational.com, but here's a quick look. Gates & the Vendor Village open at 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20. Friday, June 19: Dressage tests run from 4 to 8 p.m. with "Sip & Shop" 5 to 9 p.m. through the Vendor Village.

Saturday, June 20: Cross-country course walk at 4:30 p.m., VIP Reception & Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. by famous chef Todd Gray of Equinox. From 6:30 to 9:10 p.m.: Show Jumping for the CIC3* and Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team Pan Am Prep Trial. Post show jumping: live entertainment and dancing (cash bar for non-VIP patrons) in the Polo Pavilion.

Sunday, June 21: 7:30 a.m. – tailgating open on Members' Hill and Fleming Farm. 9 a.m. – opening of the inaugural cross-country course and at 9:30, the first horse starts the cross-country phase. 12-noon: Awards, Ground Breaking & Press Conference.

General admission tickets are still available: $40/ carload per day or $100/weekend. Several Gold & Silver VIP Table packages are available for Friday and Saturday evening, but they're going fast. Individual VIP tickets have a waiting list. Tailgating spots on Fleming Farm ($250) are available for Saturday's cross-country.

For information and to purchase tickets: www.greatmeadowinternational.com

For information about Surefire Horse Trials: www.surefireeventing.com

News of Note

Bath Time for Bronze Horses

Fantastic artistic experience at close, convenient location

Nicole Stribling

Last week, fine art conservator Andrew Baxter was here on site to treat our bronze sculpture of Sea Hero. Andrew specializes in sculpture conservation and has worked on metal and stone art objects at major institutions like the National Gallery of Art, the White House, and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (and the NSLM!). He will be presenting at our upcoming program Hero in the Homestretch: The Sea Hero Symposium on May 30th. Here is a sneak peak at some of the trade secrets he will be sharing in his presentation.

The amazing thing about conservation is, it's about art and science! This is one of the few times you will see this art historian get excited about math and chemistry!

So how do you go from this:



Barrel of the horse before treatment. Notice the green corrosion and streaks created by rain water.

To this?



Not surprisingly, conserving an outdoor sculpture starts with the basics – getting it clean.



One of the many fun facts I learned last week: Orvus is a shampoo that many horse people are familiar with for cleaning up their equine friends. This same shampoo used to be widely utilized (and is still sometimes used) on bronze sculptures because of it's non-corrosive nature. Andrew used a similar cleaning agent.

Next comes some more chemistry. The sculpture is treated with a solution which helps slow corrosion. Bronze metal is actually a combination of copper and tin. As most of us have seen, copper wants to turn green when it is out in the elements. While sometimes those green tints and weathered appearance can look beautiful, for bronze they are actually evidence of corrosion (think rust) which ultimately shortens the lifespan of the metal.





Our conservator then carefully applied layers of pigmented wax to protect the bronze and enhance the dark bay (brown-black) patina of the sculpture. Lots of polishing – and a perfectly warm and sunny day – resulted in the gleaming horse you see now in the boxwood garden.

If you want to learn more about how to care for sculptures, and see great images of some of the other beautiful pieces Andrew has worked on, don't miss his presentation at the symposium! He'll also be sharing some wonderful stories of his time working for the great philanthropist and art collector Paul Mellon. Also presenting will be Ben Gage – an expert sculpture handler who has installed some amazing large scale artwork. (He is also one of the most enthusiastic art professionals you will ever meet!) And if you're curious to learn more about the celebrity model for our bronze, racing historian and author Ed Bowen will be speaking about Mellon's Rokeby Stables and Sea Hero the horse. Sea Hero is the oldest living Kentucky Derby winner and is currently living a life of luxury in Turkey. His 1993 Derby win was the first for owner Paul Mellon, trainer Mackenzie Miller and jockey Jerry Bailey.

Come join us to learn more about them all on May 30th! To read more and register,click here or call us: (540) 687-6542 x. 2

In STINK!

A Place To Be Makes Dreams Come True

Stanley has a dream. Like many youngsters, he yearns for the limelight.

Never mind that his sister, Hazel, doesn't care for his singing, even in the shower. Stanley's dilemma is more problematic than that.

For Stanley is a stinkbug. A stinkbug who wants more than just to emit noxious gas whilst buzzing round your bed in the night. He wants to be a singer.

This is the stage set for STINK!, a musical to be produced by summer campers at A Place To Be this June. The two-week camp, held here in Middleburg, covers all aspects of production from acting and singing to set building, props and costume design.

"This is our fifth one," says Tom Sweitzer, Certified Music Therapist and director of APTB. Past performances have included Aladdin, The Little Mermaid and Best Friends, an original Sweitzer, himself a talented musician and writer. "We get a lot of returning kids and each year we get a new slew. We also have 15 to 20 mentors, so at the end of the day you have 65 to 70 people in camp every day. We try to give the kids the feeling of being in a real Broadway show."

The camp is full even before it is open with clients of the center and those seeking the spotlight; he dreams of adding a second session in future.

"We see an array of developmental, emotional, physical and mental disabilities, mixed with people who just want to perform," says Sweitzer, who founded the center in 2010. "What we love about A Place To Be, you'll have someone in a wheelchair right next to someone who wants to be on Broadway, and probably can be."

Locals well recognize Sweitzer's crazy curly hair, ready smile and the spring in his step when he teaches Zumba classes, or walks his dog (also called Hazel) around town. The past few years he's often seen with a slight, dark-haired boy called Kyle Boardman.

Boardman came to A Place To Be three years ago in trouble, as many kids do.

"I was bullied a lot and acted out. I got in trouble quite a bit and school finally said 'we've had enough,' " says Boardman. Sweitzer advocated for him to be able to come to A Place to Be for work/study three years ago. Now he leads their mentor program as well as works with clients, and has taught himself to play the piano. "I had to find something else that worked for me, and I did."

This year, he'll not only graduate from high school classes online, but debut the musical STINK! which he both wrote and composed. It's a fantastical story about following your heart in the face of adversity, played out among characters whose quirkiness would appeal to Roald Dahl. There's Dot, the ladybug waitress at the Walnut Café, a local venue featuring Carl the Cockroach, a sleazy lounge singer.

Though shy and halting when speaking about himself, Boardman comes alive as he camps it up at the piano, previewing Carl's comedic parody of Copa Cabana.

This is not only the story of Stanley Stinkbug, and Kyle Boardman, but of A Place To Be, finding a voice for kids facing adversity. Turning trouble into talent.

"When I first went to APTB I was so down and depressed about my disabilities," says Megan Jenkins, who plays Dot. Diagnosed at 6 with diabetes, celiac disease, thyroid and heart issues soon developed. "Being around people who have so much fun, being on stage and performing, I started thinking, 'what am I complaining about?'"

"I definitely feel more confident," says the 14-year-old, who has performed at the White House. "With Tom this whole other part of me came out. He makes the light shine a little brighter."

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 AND SATURDAY, JUNE 27 AT 7:30; SUNDAY JUNE 28 AT 3:30.

THE HILL SCHOOL, MIDDLEBURG, ALL TICKETS $10.

DETAILS AT: http://www.aplacetobeva.org.

Middleburg Town Council Report

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ner Will Moore, "quite large."

They have now been reduced to "standard size," yielding eight spaces instead of six.

Council member Bundles Murdock noted that the re-alignment of the old parking space street markings had left parking meters sitting in odd positions relative to the new spaces. Moore assured Council the issue would soon be addressed.

Build Your Own Parking

While on the subject of parking and rare spaces, Council Member Murdock also noted that a discussion of VDOT right-of-way versus private property rights might well be in order

Her concern centered on what appeared to be, in Murdock's words, an individual who appears to have taken " . . . land that did not belong to her and used it to construct her own private parking area."

"At some point," she said, the Town must say "this is VDOT land and you cannot seize other people's property".

Accoding to Murdock " the individual" put gravel on both the right-of-way and someone else's property because she needed parking" The "someone else" she continued, turned out to be Middleburg Mayor Betsy Davis.

Councilmember Mark Snyder suggested Council resolve issues like this "on a case-by-case basis," observing that "the width of the right-of-way would vary by street."

Town Administrator Martha Semmes noted that the right-of-way was forty feet for all of Middlevburg's streets, "except Stonewall Avenue, which was sixty feet." The actual location of the right-of-way was, she said, sometime open to question.

Town Planner Will Moore noted that he "had no enforcement ability with regard to someone putting something in VDOT's right-of-way" noting that infringement "was a civil issue if it occurred on private property." He suggested, however, that it might be helpful if he could "facilitate a discussion. "

Mayor Davis asked that something be put in the Town's newsletter regarding the right-of-way.

Town Administrator Semmes promised she would follow-up with VDOT.

Way-finding

In view of both recent construction and the Towns plans for ongoing street and water line improvements, Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea advised Council that she felt Middleburg may well need "an eye in the sky" to tell people how to navigate.

Liberty Street, she said, was often closed during work on recent construction projects, noting that, as a result, there was often a sign on Federal Street stating that it was "closed to public access."

People were then left with the misperception that they could not come down Liberty street.

It was bad enough at the east end of town during the construction on the Marshall/Madison intersection.

When such signs were moved to other places, affecting traffic in the heart of the business district, the Town would , she noted, soon hear from other business owners.

Town Administrator Semmes noted that she has not seen the traffic control plans for the VDOT's new projects, but, sin her view, the signs should say "open to local traffic only".

Semmes noted that, in any case, for a VDOT project VDOT is responsible for providing appropriate signage.

"The Town, she assured Council, "would have a plan in place before the project began.

Visit Loudoun Awards

Mayor Davis commended to Council and the Town the winners of Visit Loudoun's recently proclaimed annual awards.

Gemma Brown, Director of Rooms for the Salamander Resort, won the "Tourism Front-Line Employee of the Year Award;" Genie Ford, co-founder of Shakespeare in the Burg, was recognized as "Tourism Volunteer of the Year;" the Middleburg Film Festival won the "Tourism Marketing Promotion/ Campaign Award;" and Childs Burden, co-founder and long-serving President of the Mosby Heritage Area Association, was awarded the coveted "Judy Patterson Tourism Award," Visit Loudoun's highest honor.

Tracking Business Licenses

During the regular monthy Treasurers' report, Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea noted that the Town's "business license revenue appeared to be low," prompting her to question whether "all of the businesses have paid for their licenses."

Town Treasurer Debbie Wheeler responded that, indeed, "some businesses' license fees were still outstanding."

When Councilmember Bundles Murdock asked "how the Town could ensure that everyone had a license," Wheeler replied that "she was working on ones that she knew did not have a license; however, some businesses came into town that she did not know about."

When Town Attorney Angela Plowman asked whether business owners "got a card when they came in for a permit from the Town Planner," Town Planner Moore replied that, in his experience, Twon staff did a good job of referring anyone who came in for a business license to zoning . . . and vice versa.

When Councilmember Kevin Hazard asked how the Town could best enforce its business license requirements, Town Treasurer Wheeler observed that even when she sent out letters asking new business to get a license, some did not.

Town Attorney Plowman told Council she has already "spoken with the Town Administrator about how the Town wanted to address the collection of fees from unlicensed businesses," noting that both criminal and civil procedures were options.

Observing that there were "agencies that handled collection enforcement for localities," Plowman then suggested that a clear first step would be to "get a handle on who was unlicensed and how much they owed the Town."

Plowman and Town Administrator Martha Semmes are now scheduled to discuss the matter further and bring Council a recommendation on how best to handle the problem.

Asbury Church Ad-Hoc Committee

Following an unusual closed session to discuss concerns raised by Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea "regarding one of the proposed appointments," Town Council appointed Jane Covington, Bill Turnure, Wayne Hughes, Steve Plescow, Coe Eldredge and Kevin Hazard to the ad-hoc Asbury Church Technical Advisory Committee

On a motion by Snyder Council also agree that "the Committee members serve until the completion of the Asbury Church Restoration Project."

Asbury Church, on the corner of Madison and Jay streets, is the oldest church building in Middleburg. Since January 19 it has been the property of the Town of Middleburg which is now responsible for its care and restoration.



June Events at Middleburg Community Center

Mark your calenders for upcoming events this May!

Farmers Market

Every Saturday 8am-Noon

Join us every Saturday morning beginning May 2nd in the gravel lot behind the Middleburg Community Center. Shop Fresh, Shop Local!



Pool Open!

May 24th-June 6th | 11am - 6:00pm

Pool opens Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. Hours 11am - 6pm weekends only until 6/13, open 7 days a week 6/13 - Labor Day.



Rangers Descendants Reunion

June 6th | Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Mosby Heritage Area: Meet fellow descendants and hear from Mosby Ranger historians & authors. Includes BBQ lunch. Purchase tickets at www.mosbyheritagearea.org/events

The Doc Saffer Series:

Dinner & A Dive-In Movie

June 19th | Friday 6:30 - 10pm

Join us for dinner and movie. Free BBQ dinner at 6:30pm followed by poolside viewing of Sponge Bob Square Pants The Movie 2. Pool gates open at 8:00pm. Space is limited. Movie passes available on a first come first serve basis beginning at 6:30.



Swim Lessons

June 23rd - July 2nd

Private lessons are Tues., Wed. & Thurs. of each week. Cost: $60 per child. Schedule with PRCS 540-687-6375

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Virginia Gold Cup

Great Meadow, The Plains, VA Photos By Nancy Kleck, www.NancyMilburnKleckPhotography.com



Grinding Speed

Son of a Kentucky Derby winner wins the Virginia Gold Cup Again

May 2nd for Virginians is Gold Cup Day. Over in the Bluegrass, it's the Kentucky Derby. The connection did not go unnoticed as the handsome dappled grey gelding Grinding Speed won the Virginia Gold Cup for the second time in three years just three hours before the Kentucky Derby. By 1996 Kentucky Derby winner Grindstone, Grinding Speed gets his looks and color from his dam's side, as his grandsire is the Maryland stallion, Breeders' Cup winner and grass champion Cozzene, a grey.

Grinding Speed was purchased as a three-year-old by his owner, Michael Wharton, and the gelding was brought along slowly. Trainer Alicia S. Murphy described the race as "dream trip". Rider Mark Beecher kept the tall, long-legged gelding going at an almost lumbering pace while opening up a sizable lead that extended to ten lengths in the first mile. The pace picked up on the last circuit, but Grinding Speed gained the advantage with his tremendous stride through the two remaining fences to win by a length over 2nd placer Magalen Bryant's Dakota Slew and Sheila Williams' Straight To It. Bruton Street entry Ballylifen (Ire) and Holston Hall's Hot Rize (last year's Gold Cup winner) finished fourth and fifth respectively. Now with lifetime earnings of nearly $250,000, Grinding Speed is well on his way to earn this year's timber championship.



Winner "Most Sporting"



Winner Children's Hat



Jake Carle



Maggie Bryant and Carey Crane



Most Glamorous



Trainer Alicia Murphy Kissed By Owner Michael Wharton



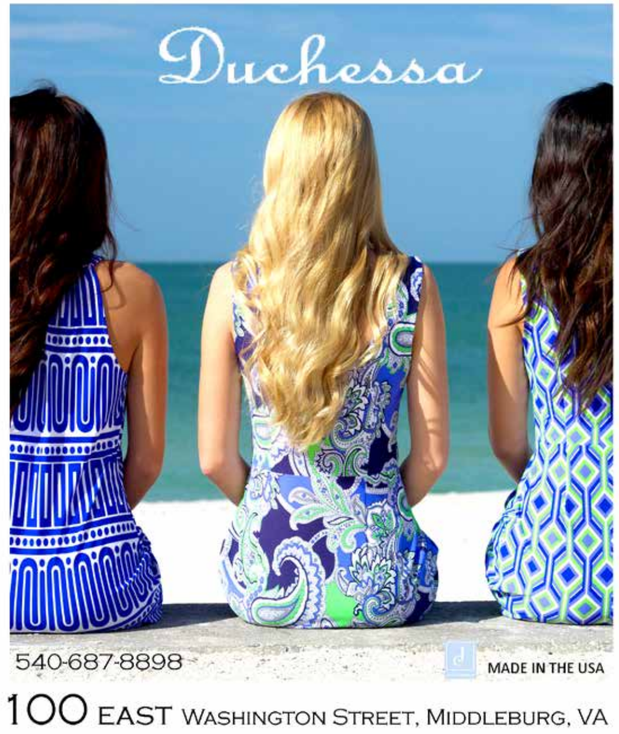
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Holston Hall Group



Jeff Blue





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Middleburg Hunt Point to Point

Glenwood Park,, Photos By Liz Callar, www.lizcallar.com

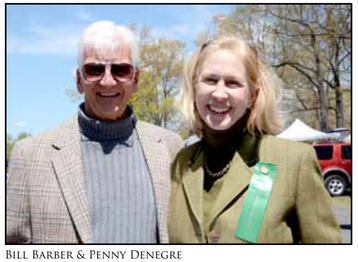


Loudoun Fairfax Hunt Tailgate



Tommy Lee Jones & Mike Smith





Bill Barber & Penny Denegre



Wilma Hoovler



Hugh Robards



Jeff Blue, Keri Brion, & Penny Denegre

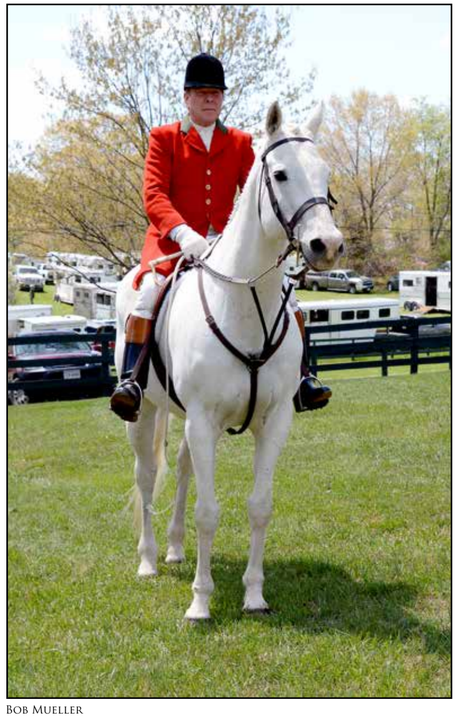




Petra and Ulli Dollwet



Middleburg Huntsman Hugh Robards showing hounds



Bob Mueller



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Come Tailgate on Friday Nights Starting in May at Fox Chase Farm's Sunset Jumper Shows

Fox Chase Farm will be hosting three Sunset Jumper Shows with a $5,000 Mini-Prix. Shows will be held in the main outdoor arena with competition standard outdoor lighting.

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$30 per car load

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Middleburg Hunt Point to Point

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Jan Ogden





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The Fox Hound Show

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Beauty Does as Beauty Is
by Nancy Milburn Kleck

As I was watching the huntsman and handler get into position with the winning cup and ribbon for one of the English classes at the Virginia Hound show last weekend at Morven Park, the great photographer Jim Meads turned to me and gestured to step up. I was deferring to this living legend to get his shot, but he motioned for me to join him. "Age before beauty" I said; he replied "very aged!" We chuckled, and snapped away. Having never met the man formally, I instantly knew why he was such a beloved gentleman.

The evening before the show, three preeminent North American huntsmen, Andrew Barclay, Sherman P. Haight, Jr., and John White, were honored by their peers and a large gathering of foxhunters and family members at the Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America. How fitting to be surrounded by a collection of over 60 of Wallace Nall's paintings in the exhibition of his work, "From Imagination and from Life." (It goes on through June - go see it!) Later below on the lawn, the Virginia Foxhound Club was holding its very popular cocktail party and horn blowing contest with no less than a dozen vying for the title. The subtlety and depth of Potomac Huntsman Brian Kiely's tones earned him first place, and a chorus of baying hounds back in the kennels seconded the motion.

The morning doghound classes went along at a pretty good clip then as we enjoyed lunch the juniors showed their hounds. It was heartening to see these two classes overfilled with youngsters so young they could hardly keep their caps on, so many it looked like traffic on the beltway. Most of the hounds seem to take it in stride, but Spocket of Loudoun Fairfax was right on cue with Evan Dombrowsky and judges Iona Pillion of Blue Ridge Hunt and Celeste Vella of Warrenton Hunt gave him the well deserved blue ribbon in the 10 and under.

With the afternoon sun getting lower, everyone gathered for the pack, performance and Grand Champion classes. Tommy Lee Jones read to the audience the declaration from the Virginia State Legislature recognizing Melvin Poe's contribution to the nation, community, and to the sport of foxhunting. Albert stood quietly at his side. Tommy Lee recalled a funny story about his show days with Melvin, followed by Albert's sweet story about Melvin's love of baseball and wearing a uniform so big "he could turn around in one leg." "People didn't realize how crazy he was about baseball" he described, "he didn't want to talk about foxhunting. He wanted to talk about baseball." Next time you see him, ask him to tell you the story.

In the Grand Champion class, we were given a very unexpected show as the four champions ran around to show their form. Of the four, English Champion Hillsboro "Siskin" was the lone bitch, and she seemed to enjoy playing tag with Crossbred Champion Midland Striker. Around and around they went, searching for the tossed biscuits, then the chase was on again to the delight of everyone. One might suspect love was in the air. The judges seemed to love her too.

Hillsboro Huntsman John Gray described how the newly crowned Grand Champion was a narrow chested puppy when Tony Leahy shipped her to Tennessee from the South Shropshire kennels. A year of hunting and maturity, this elegant bitch has already become a good hunter in her freshman year, "very intelligent and biddable." "We never thought we'd win at Virginia. We didn't do well earlier in the day with our dogs, but were surprised and happy" with Siskin. First a good hunter, now a Grand Champion. Obviously, beauty does as beauty is!


Pack Class


Brian Kiely Potomac Hunt Horn Blowing Contest


Iona Pillion & Mrs Celeste Vella Give Blue To Evan Dombrosky With Sprocket Loudoun Fairfax Juniors


Tommy Lee Jones and Albert Poe


Ashby Hunt Blue Ridge Entry Juniors 10 and Under


English Ring


Grand Champion 2015 VA Foxhound Show Hillsboro Siskin Huntsman Throwing Up His Derby


Grand Champion 2015 VA Foxhound Show Hillsboro Siskin


Evan Dombrowsky With Sproket Loundoun Fairfax Winner And Placers Juniors 10 and Under


Jim Meads and Middleburg Huntsman Pack class winner


Bad Dog. . .




Juniors 10 and Under



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The Animal Rescue Fund's Dog Fest

Delaplane, VA Photos By Dee Dee Hubbard



Joyce Mullins with her Shar-Pei pup, Flower.



Steve Schwalb, winner of the Owner/Dog look alike



Dr. Belinda Burwell representing the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center



Manisha Morris and her dog, Stella



Siena enjoying a pony ride



Joyce Mullins with her Shar-Pei pup, Flower.





Blessings for Tim Burch's four legged family member



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Cildren at play



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Zohar Ben Boy, Danielle and Ron Bradley, Ken Rietz seated

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The Preakness Party

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Pie Sisters, Catherine & Erin Blakely



Leo & Lynn Subler andStephanie & Nic Negrett





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Middleburg Academy

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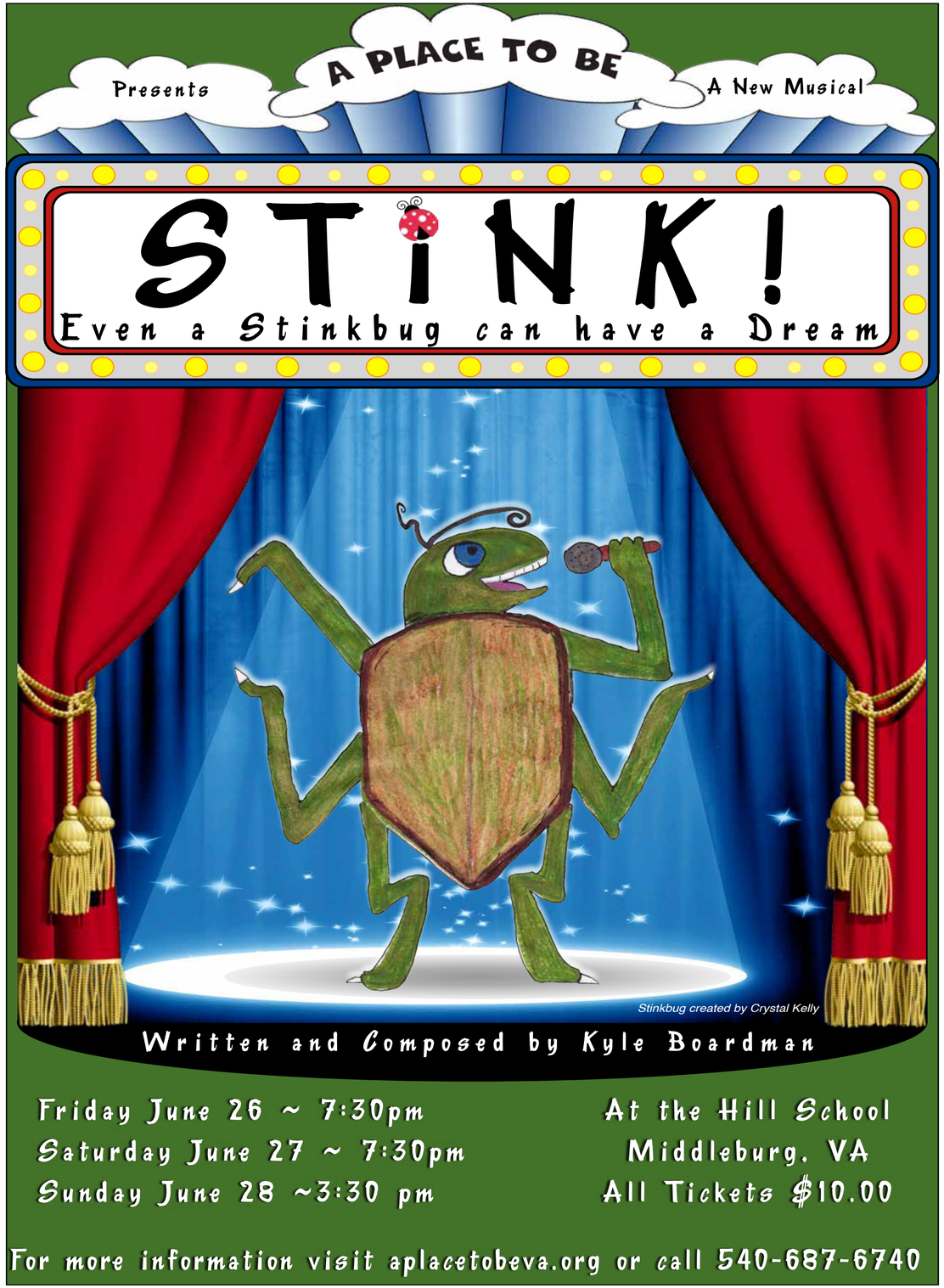


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Progeny

Highland Recognized as a 'Common Sense Digital Citizenship' Certified School

Common Sense, the national nonprofit organization dedicated to helping kids and families thrive in a world of digital media and technology, recently recognized Highland School as a 'Common Sense Digital Citizenship' Certified School for educating its students to be safe, smart, and ethical digital citizens.

Highland has demonstrated its commitment to taking a whole-community approach to preparing its students to use the immense power of digital media to explore, create, connect and learn, while limiting the perils that exist in the online realm, such as plagiarism, loss of privacy, and cyberbullying.

"We applaud the faculty and staff of Highland for embracing digital citizenship as an important part of their students' education," said Rebecca Randall, vice president of education programs for Common Sense Education.

"Highland deserves high praise for giving its students the foundational skills they need to compete and succeed in the 21st-century workplace and participate ethically in society at large."

Highland School has been using Common Sense Education's innovative and research-based digital-citizenship and literacy resources, which were created in collaboration with Dr. Howard Gardner of the GoodPlay Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

The resources teach students, educators, and parents tangible skills related to Internet safety, protecting online reputations and personal privacy, managing online relationships, and respecting creative copyright. The free resources are currently used in more than 85,000 classrooms nationwide.

"We're honored to be recognized as a 'Common Sense Digital Citizenship' Certified School," said Head of School Hank Berg. "By preparing our students to use technology safely and responsibly, we are providing them unlimited opportunities to maximize and personalize their learning."

For more information about Highland School, go to www.highlandschool.org. To learn more about the criteria Highland School met to become certified as a Common Sense Certified School, please visit http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/certification.

Highland Students Support Goose Creek Challenge

As part of their Earth Week studies and focus on Stewardship, students from Highland's Envronmental Science and Social Justice classes participated in a service-learning project in partnership with the Goose Creek Association (GCA), John Marshall Soil and Water Conservation District (JMSWCD) and Virginia Department of Forestry (VDF).

In addition to planting saplings to support the health of a tributary of Goose Creek, students travelled to three stations to learn about soil testing, the effects of riparian buffers on stream bank stabilization, and how to use macroinvertebrates to gauge water quality.

Additionally, students learned about the community and government partnerships that enabled this effort, and heard firsthand from Mr. George Slater, landowner and Highland parent of alumni, about the environmental incentives to support the Goose Creek Challenge on his property.

The challenge is a community effort in support of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement that calls for a total of 181,440 stream bank miles to be restored with forest buffers by 2025.

Coordinated by environmental science teacher Jon Kraut, Highland has supported this project for three years. Highland is grateful to the Marcia Woolman of the Goose Creek Association, Joe Rosetti from the VDF, and Tom Turner, Claire Hilsen, Michael Trop from JMSWCD who organized this opportunity and provided lunch and refreshments for the students.



Environmental science and social justice students pose with community partners after completing the project.

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Wakefield Hires PWC Technologist



Wakefield School is excited to announce that Terry Lowry of Haymarket will join the school as its new Director of Technology Integration.

Lowry comes to Wakefield from Prince William County Schools, where she worked as an Instructional Technology Coach, overseeing the successful integration of technology with curriculum and instruction. While with the PWC school system, she helped open Patriot High School; provided support to staff, students, and parents for all instructional software and systems; delivered technology-related professional development; and identified and implemented innovative curricular and instructional opportunities. A recognized leader in education and information technology with more than 20 years of experience, she holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Virginia.

"Terry Lowry brings a wealth of experience as both an educator and someone who has worked in the world of technology. She built the technology program at Patriot High School and is a recognized leader in technology integration," said Headmaster David Colón.

In addition to her education experience, she has also worked as an IT consultant overseeing system implementations and training development and delivery. She is currently an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) and has presented at numerous educational conferences including VSTE, UMWEdTech, and Googlepalooza.

"As a Wakefield parent, I am well-acquainted with the school's strong academics and its emphasis on critical thinking and communication. We have loved our Wakefield experience! I feel extremely lucky to now have the opportunity to experience Wakefield as a faculty member and be able to make my own professional contribution to this wonderful academic community," Lowry said. "I am excited by the incredible potential there is at Wakefield when it comes to the successful integration of technology with learning. The sky really is the limit!"

Loudoun Valley Debate Team Victorious



Samuel Burridge, Ariel Santikarma, Isabella Tucker, Noah Mussmon, Ian Gallagher

The Loudoun Valley Debate Team won the Virginia High School League state championship recently at Liberty University. This is the team's second consecutive state championship. Their specialties are Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum debate. Their coach is Julie Hildbold who teaches English at LVHS.



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In Mountainside Montessori's New Home Students Learn More than just the ABCs

Given that we live in an area where land is prized not so much for its value as acreage but for its inherent beauty and as a buffer against the encroachment of the modern world, it's only fitting that we have a school whose core values include land preservation, the practice of good husbandry and sustainability in farming and the care of animals.

All this—and a solid education as well—is what students at Mountainside Montessori receive. This summer Mountainside will have programs and camps in its new home at 4206 Belvoir Road in Marshall. A celebration of the school's new home will be part of the open house planned for Saturday, June 13, from 9 a.m. to noon. If you are a parent of school-age children (18 months through 9th grade), this might well be the best option for you.

The new campus is lovely, with classrooms, gardens, nature walks and much more, all designed to provide an experience for students unlike any you will find in our region.

Montessori teaching encourages students to learn through exploration and discovery. The Montessori Method was developed more than 110 years ago, and since then millions of parents and students have experienced this approach, which has proven to be the best way to educate a child—working with the child rather than against him or her. Maria Montessori knew that children needed to use their hands and their minds together to reach their full potential. She said, "children are human beings to whom respect is due, superior to us by reason of their innocence and of the greater possibilities of their future."

Spend a day in a Mountainside classroom and you will see children engaged in a variety of activities. A six-year old may be practicing her cursive in a work area, while a five-year old is learning about numbers in the thousands in another corner of the classroom, while another may be dissecting a flower to learn about its anatomy. In the Montessori setting, children choose to learn, rather than being force-fed the lessons of the day.

The school is built on 10 acres of fertile land that will allow students and teachers to operate a small student-run farm. The classrooms are all new and were designed to provide learning in keeping with the "Montessori Method," as well as providing an outdoor environment where students will learn how to care for gardens as well as animals—chickens, sheep, goats, bees and more—even as they master reading, writing and 'rithmetic. Each classroom will be fully equipped with Montessori materials and will have its own garden which children will have access to at any time during the school day.

Over the course of their time at Mountainside Montessori students will be exposed to the basics of zoology, botany, chemistry, earth science, physics, applied mathematics—and entrepreneurship. They'll be able to collect eggs from their chickens, harvest vegetables from their gardens and round up animals they have raised—and sell these to local individuals and businesses. In the process, they will learn responsibility and accountability—all in a beautiful environment.



The new campus is now a certified wildlife habitat. It will also provide many unique farming opportunities. Mountainside Montessori is a member of the American Livestock Breeding Conservancy, in keeping with the school's commitment to support heritage breeds wherever possible. This will complement the science curriculum, giving real life applications of concepts like genetics, DNA, nutritional needs and animal life cycles. Students will feed and work with the animals while keeping detailed financial, feed, and health records, in addition to marketing their animal by networking with local buyers.

Inside the classrooms, Mountainside plans to nurture self-expression through the performing and fine arts. There is no drama club for children in the Marshall area, so in the future Mountainside hopes to start their own and expand it into the surrounding community. On a weekly basis, students will be able to study woodworking and metalworking in a converted stone smokehouse studio on the property.

All of Mountainside's educational and enrichment efforts point to a single goal of bringing children closer to the earth, deeper into the community and most importantly, closer to discovering their true selves and boundless potential.

For more information about Mountainside Montessori, visit the school's website: www.mountainsidemontessori.com. Or better yet, come to the June 13 open house



Foxcroft Wins Second Straight VISAA Division II Title



Junior Alex Grace stole the ball with 21 seconds left, raced the length of the field and scored with four seconds to play in the game Saturday afternoon to lift Foxcroft to its second straight Division II championship with a pulsating 9-8 victory over DAC archrival Highland School.

The victory, played on the turf at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA, was Foxcroft's fourth over Highland this season. Foxcroft also beat Highland by one goal to win the Delaney Athletic Conference title on May 8.

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At Middleburg Academy, it's full STEAM ahead. And when we introduce our pilot program for 8th graders this fall, it could truly be full steam ahead for your child, too. The STEAM curriculum – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math – has become nearly essential training for 7th and 8th graders around the country. When students don't begin that curriculum until the 9th grade, they often lack the necessary skills as they enter high school.

That's why our pilot program for rising 8th graders is such a wonderful opportunity. For the upcoming fall term, we will be accepting students who will blend into the Middleburg Academy student population and participate in the STEAM courses. These pilot students will have the same advisory as other students, and their own faculty leader. They will also be eligible for all athletic teams, as well as music, art and drama classes.

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Pastimes

Today's World of Orthodontics

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos



Orthodontics has come a long way since I was a kid. Advancements in technology and materials have resulted in greater options and comfort. There is no "one size fits all" approach to orthodontics. The best time for treatment and the most effective appliances are based on patient needs.

Ideally, an initial orthodontic consult should take place in childhood. The age that treatment for children begins can vary. Generally speaking, children with very narrow dental jaws, crowding, and/or sleep apnea should receive treatment before age 7 and as early as age 3-4 to best influence growth of the jaws and open the airway. For patients with more normal sized jaws, age 7-8 is a good time for the initial visit. The ability of the dentist to positively influence growth and development of the jaws is greatly diminished and even lost once a person is in their teens and growth has slowed or stopped. From the mid to later teenage years and on through adulthood traditional orthodontic treatment mainly moves teeth within the bone and is limited to how far the teeth can be moved due to the bone.

Orthodontic appliances fall into two categories: removal and fixed. Traditional orthodontics are fixed braces. They can be metal or tooth colored (plastic) brackets and metal bands. The brackets and bands are connected by a wire which puts pressure on the teeth creating movement. The brackets are usually placed on the front of the teeth and treatment can vary in time due to how much correction is involved. Removal appliances are clear trays that can sometimes be used in place of traditional braces. The dentist treating the patient will recommend which method will accomplish the best result. The key to successful tray results is compliance with wearing the trays as directed. If the trays are out of the mouth too long the results will be compromised and treatment may not be ideal. Usually orthodontic treatment is 18-30 months. In some cases, based on careful decision, accelerated orthodontics can be accomplished, shortening the time for treatment. If the case permits, there are also ways to speed treatment with vibration (AcceleDent), minor surgical interventions (Propel, Wilcodontics) and use of temporary implants as anchors.

More advanced therapies are available for cases with extensive discrepancies in jaw size and tooth position. For the most involved cases orthognathic surgery is the best alternative. This involves both orthodontic treatment and surgical treatment. It is used when the jaws do not match and orthodontic treatment alone will not accomplish an acceptable result.

Orthodontics has come a long way and is still advancing. In addition to treatment benefits, today's world of orthodontics can make childhood and adult orthodontic care easier, faster and more predictable.

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Linaria

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode



Exuberance is everywhere, in the gardens, the nurseries and especially here in my little plant haven. A dear friend and former grower at Windy Hill has filled her greenhouse with old time favorites as well as newly acquired seedling plants which has sparked my plant lust, something that (truthfully) needs no spark at all.

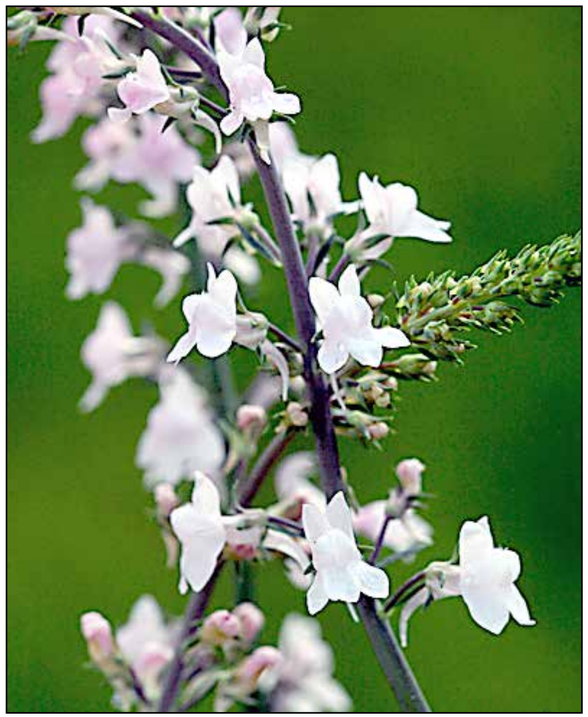
In my acquisitions I picked up Linaria triornithophora, also known as three birds flying, a tender perennial with flowers perched, balanced in tiers and opening 3 at a time. As linarias go, the flowers are much larger than average.

There are about 100 species of linaria which include annuals and perennials. Commonly known as toadflax, most are short lived, related to snapdragons and considered pioneers, seeding where open spaces permit. Some reseed to the point of invasiveness, but certainly not the case with this lovely species, a native of Spain and Portugal.

Most commonly found in the nurseries is the short lived perennial Linaria purpurea 'Canon J. Went', with its tall spires and small pink flowers. In its short life it will volunteer itself, returning with a blend of pink to purple flowers. If you ever want more, simply let the plant seed and restrict mulch. Planted with peonies and iris, it's a refreshing vertical accent. When you find there are too many, mulch your garden to squelch them out.

The same technique can be used with seeding larkspur, cleome and Verbena bonariensis. The thick layer of mulch effectively convinces the seed (with its little seed brain), that there's no room left to grow, no vacancies. Once the mulch has worn away and light hits the ground again, they sprout with abandon. Hence your roadside weeds, growing with little competition, at the edge of blacktop or alongside railroad tracks.

The pollination of linaria is largely carried out by bees. The spur at the back of each flower holds nectar which lures the bee further into the flower. This little sip of nectar gives them a sugar high, or at least a boost to forage for more.





Lillian and Dordy: Comeback Kids

Girls and Their Dogs



"I had his mother, Carmen. Dorty was in the last litter Carmen threw. I was glad I kept him; Dorty is my sidekick. He just turned thirteen this May. I am surprised he has made it this far.

Dorty has had quite the life and has come back from the dead more than a couple of times and is no worse for the wear. About four years ago when we were at our cabin in West Virginia – we lived on a private dirt road that nobody ever came down – Dorty was run over by a jeep. And when I say 'run over,' I mean he had tire treads on his body. We knew he was done for. We scraped him up off the road and brought him into the cabin where we laid him in front of the fire. It was late fall and rather chilly. We went out to dig the hole. When we came back in – he was gone! Poof! Where was Dorty? We couldn't find him. He'd gone under the bed. He stayed there for two days. He wouldn't come out. Every time we tried to get him we were met by growls and snarls. We pushed food and water under the bed. He drank some water, but refused the food. On the third day, Dorty came out. He took a big stretch, ran out to do his business, came back in and ate a big bowl of food. He acted like nothing had ever happened. He picked up the nickname Satan since we were all sure, under that bed, that he had sold his soul to the devil to survive.

Another time he tangled with some big hounds and got really torn up. The hounds had ripped a huge hole in him. Again, unwilling to be caught or helped, Dorty took refuge under the bed and would not be coaxed or allowed to be forcibly taken out. Again – two days later – here he comes! I took him to the vet who said that it was too late to really do anything. The hole just closed up and is now no more than an itty-bitty scar. Again, the family was certain Dorty's (Satan's) deal with the devil was sealed.

There have been other instances and skirmishes where I certainly thought he was going to die. Each time he has bounced back more determined than ever to live his life to the fullest. He's a good boy and I love him. I would take him over any person. If I was forced on to a desert island and could choose only one living, breathing being to take with me – who would I take? DORTY!"

Weather, Climate and Climate Change

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

The temperature in Northern Virginia reached 90 degrees today. My son in Lincoln, Nebraska reported they had 7 inches of rain last Wednesday. Sunday, my friend Jim from Denver posted a picture on Facebook of his house in Denver with a couple inches of snow on house and lawn. My friend Jacque spent several days at the beach in North Carolina, but came back yesterday without a tan. This was because the weather was impacted by tropical storm Ana and there were very few rays to be had.

What else? Destructive tornadoes occurred Sunday in several states. The State of Washington declared that they are in a drought because even though they had reasonably normal rainfall during the winter, the temperatures were much warmer and the mountain snowpack on which they are depend during the summer to provide flow in their rivers and streams is much less than normal.

Wow, all this in a week! Why not? After all, its spring and spring is often characterized by weird weather.

So what is weather? Simply put, weather is the day-to-day condition at a particular place. Some of the components of weather are temperature, precipitation, barometric pressure, sunshine, relative humidity, wind, and clouds. The key words in this simple definition are "day-to-day" and "particular place." Particular place? The weather in Middleburg very likely is not the same as the weather in Virginia Beach. Conceivably, the weather in Middleburg may not be the same as the weather in Leesburg. Day-to-day? Weather can change and change rapidly. We've all experienced a bright sunny day and then, in a few hours, a drenching rain

So how does weather differ from climate? They are not the same but are definitely related. Weather is short term and extremely variable. Climate, on the other hand, represents average weather conditions, again at a particular place, over a long period of time, for example, 50 or 100 years.

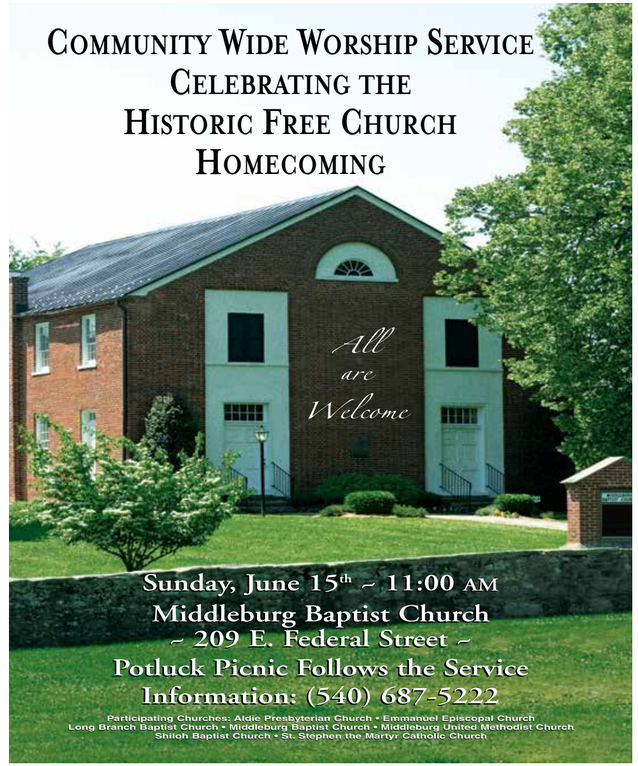
So what happens if we throw climate change into the equation?

Throughout the 4.5 billion years of Earths existence there have been monumental climate changes. As few as 10,000 years ago there were major ice sheets over at least some of the land masses in the Northern Hemisphere. Right now, we are in an interglacial period. In 1883, the volcano Krakatoa in what is now Indonesia exploded. The sound was heard 3000 miles away. The volcanic ash ejected into the atmosphere caused the average global temperature to drop by 1.2 degrees Celsius, a significant change, for the next five years. This greatly impacted climate worldwide.

Until recently, these changes have occurred without man's influence. Even now climate is changing and these changes, however subtle, and whatever their causes, have the potential to change weather patterns worldwide. Whether or not you believe as I do that carbon emissions from man-made sources are exacerbating climate change, climate change is an undisputed fact. For example, as a result of climate change, significant sea level rises are predicted during the next 50 years.

With the rapid increase in human population in the 21st century, can we cope with climate change as our numbers continue to grow? I'm cautiously optimistic that we can if we acknowledge our role in climate change. If we don't, who knows?





Pastimes

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



Years ago I joined FaceBook and soon found out it wasn't really for me. Fast forward over a handful of years and along with our gallery having a FB page, I recently gave it a second more personal try. So far, so good. I seemed to round up over a hundred friends pretty comfortably and then I've made regular attempts to be part of the social climate of the most socially active place in the world.

So, the first thing I learned with the group I am in, is this is a place where people share. Let's not understate the importance of this. I have met many of my friends face to face and they have not offered a single a drop compared to a cup of the things they share on FB. That is not to say they wouldn't, but a lot of what is shared is video, and a lot of what is video is not just funny or cute, it is uplifting, happy, inspiring, loving, motivating, thought provoking, creative, narrative and political_which I honestly could do without.

We as people, seem to communicate differently today than years ago, ago before FaceBook and Youtube. We do much of our most honest and sincere communication through video clips and or photos, often by others. A message not ours, but aligned with ours and therefore_ours. I don't think this is wrong, I just think it is interesting. I have friends on FB whom I have had at best, short real conversations with, and yet, because of FB, it seems I have had deeper, much more connective exchanges than I would ever have in person.

I find myself feeling I really knowing them and caring about them, their lives, their day, their hobbies and their family. I mean they feel like close friends. The type of people I would have to dinner at my home, or to support them if I knew they were down. After all, what are friends for?

Sometimes I go into FB for only a matter of minutes in the morning and I come away not only uplifted, but feel I have have helped others feel good about life and their day. FB communication has had the unique ability to make me smile, even through someone else's story and my day is supercharged. I also have times where things are posted and I feel I need to comment in a way of saying what is really on my mind. Not in defiance with them, but towards the message itself or yes, even in full support of the message itself. Words are so powerful. So useful a tool of life.

The funny thing is that FB seems to have replaced the old town diner where a town would exchange its thoughts. That place where people exchange thoughts and ideas. Have daily discussions about life. For all I know they may still be at the cafe, but instead of actually talking to each other, they are on laptops chatting away.

In any event, then there is art and creativity. Being an artist is a cross between a kingdom and an a ass kicking. That is to say, It is often solitary, but rewarding. It can be brilliant and frustrating. It can have growth and regression. Be linear and spike infested. It can bring adornment and rejection. The zen of a wide open space of discovery or a vise squeezing you. But with FB, a simple post of a new work of art is most often loved, praised and supported. You feel as though you have given and received. It gives art its true purpose of expression.

Do not think for one moment that all of us do not crave goodness, support, a little kindness and that lack of rejection. Do not think for a moment, that sharing isn't one of the greatest acts of ever created. I will share this with you. If you are a FB friend of mine and you have taken the time to not only share something with me, but to have liked or re-commented on one of my comments to you ...well, then, that's a pretty nice bond. You have honestly made my day and ultimately, my life better and that is where gratefulness begins. Pretty cool.

Live An Artful Life, Tom

Albert's Corner

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



Albert P. Clark

Have you ever wondered how your dog sees the world? The facts about our vision are eye opening!

For many years, people thought dogs were color-blind. In fact, there was a widely held misconception that we could see only shades of gray. I'm happy to tell you that we do, indeed, see colors!

It is true, however, that our sight is not exactly like yours. We have fewer color receptors, called cones, than humans. People have three, while we have two. The result is that we interpret colors comparably to someone with red-green color-blindness. This means that we see variations of yellow and blue, but do not see red or orange. Overall, the colors we see are less intense than the ones that humans see.

Before you begin feeling sorry for us, however, we do have some cool visual advantages. For instance, we have more light-sensitive cells, called rods, than people do. Because of this, we can see much better at night than humans. We can also detect motion more accurately.

One of the most interesting things about our eyes, however, is something called the tapetum lucidum. This reflective membrane just behind the retina acts like a mirror that reflects light back a second time after it has entered the eye. It is thanks to this feature that we have enhanced vision in dim light. The tapetum is also responsible for "eyeshine", which makes our eyes (and the eyes of many other animals) glow in the dark.

Eyeshine is not the same as photographic red-eye in people, but it is the reason that photographing dogs can be challenging. When a flash hits our eyes, we can look pretty scary!

As an aside, factors like different minerals in the tapetum, age, or retinal pigments can cause eyeshine to be different colors even among the same species. Dogs' eyeshine can vary. For the most part, however, some animals have consistent eyeshine colors. Being aware of this can be very helpful when driving at night – especially on our rural roads. Deer and raccoons, for instance, typically have yellow eyeshine. Foxes have white. Skunks have amber. If your headlights pick up a glow of any color, proceed with caution!

But I digress. Back to dogs' eyes, it is worth mentioning that we have wider peripheral vision than people by about 60 degrees. The disadvantage is that our central, binocular, field of vision is about half that of our human counterparts. These variations are not an exact science, however, because the position of our eyes on our heads determines our peripheral and binocular vision. In other words, vision can vary slightly among breeds.

Keeping our eyes healthy is an important part of caring for us. We can develop problems, and some, like cataracts, are more serious than others. As a general rule, if our eyes are constantly running and tearing, or if we're pawing at them a lot, it's time to see the vet. An ounce of prevention goes a long way, so regularly clean the area around our eyes, and very carefully trim the hair around them with rounded-tip scissors if it is getting too long. And, while we might love sticking our heads out of the window when we go for a drive, it's very dangerous! Flying debris and insects pose a real threat. We need to keep our valuable eyes inside the car at all times.

Eye yai yai! There's a lot more than meets the eye when it comes to learning about our vision. At least I've provided a little food for thought. Hmmm. That reminds me of another of my favorite senses – taste. Did someone mention dinner?

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



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Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell

Do you ever feel sometimes like you are living out of your car? Many Middleburg residents commute to suburbia, Washington, DC or elsewhere on a jet plane. Other locals live tucked away in the beautiful Piedmont countryside and travel the standard "20 minutes" to shop, get gas or dine. Some people work out of their cars while some moms feel like they run professional taxi services. It is fairly safe to say that most licensed drivers around Middleburg pull some serious windshield time. The questions: What are the stock items and oddities you would be able to pull out of your glovebox or trunk? What's in your "Pumped Up Kit"?

The basics are usually sunglasses and cases, gum, left over fast food napkins just in case of an emergency potty break or snotty nose, emergency kit complete with flares but lacking the fix-a-flat and jumper cables because they were used and never replaced, the snow scraper that stays under the seat all year round and an umbrella.

Super moms always have an arsenal of supplies for every mishap, need or desire for their precious ones. Depending on the ages of their loves, diapers, cheerios, binkies, passies, bobbies and all other things infant could be found in one's care. Especially the stray cheerio that fell between the seats which, of course, lives next to the abandoned french fry that fell on your last date night after late night munchies. Tweens need headphones, something with an i in front of it and/or a DVD to pretend they are not being carted around by their parents.

Local folks often have a halter, lead rope, horse/dog treats, and hoof picks handy for country emergencies. You never know when you will meet a stray horse or hound wandering outside of their boundaries that need to be harnessed at a moments notice. Perhaps too often, rescues need to take place and those implements come in handy when traveling the back roads. Our local community is so compassionate about helping return pets to their owners.

A cork screw or bottle opener are sometimes found as left overs from tailgating out of the trunk and have been proven to be useful in a pinch, but carrying them around certainly does not allow for a license to drink and drive. Equally as handy are screw drivers for everything from their actual intended use, to helping fix a tack emergency or scooting a turtle out of harms way. Or, if necessary, stabbing a zombie.

Perhaps the most unique kit I've ever come across is a girl who had picked up a formal dress from the cleaners which lazily resided in her trunk. She was able to go to a hunt ball at a moment's notice upon



invitation and changed in the nearest Johnny Blue. A pair of heels, a little mascara and her trunk dress became the new girl scout badge of instant preparedness. Who would have thought to keep formalwear handy for such an occasion?

A firearm? Soy sauce? Band aids? Ball-cap? Flip-flops? Unmentionables? Trash bags? A coat hanger? Jimmy Hoffa? What we would find in your car? Next up, what would we find in your purse?

Hips and Golf

Kay Colgan, BS ACE Certified. Health Coach. Physicalmind Certified Apparatus and Mat Pilates

It is that time of year again when the greens beckon us to come out and play. The days get warmer and longer and the golf courses get busier with new as well as seasoned golfers. We all are looking for that technique or equipment that will help us drive the ball just a little farther. Golf magazines have ads for the latest and greatest clubs. Power and control over that little ball is what we want when we play so we are willing to buy anything that will help us reach that goal. But do we need better equipment or better body mechanics? Equipment has come a long way, but if you are suffering from tight hips, your game will surely not be what you would like it to be.

Tight hips can ruin a person's golf game. No matter what equipment they buy, it will not help them reach their full potential as a golfer if they suffer from tight hips. Watch the pros and you will see they have proper rotation of the hips and shift of the weight between one side of the body and the other. In other words they are able to move their hips freely without restriction. In turn this will help them add yards to their drive.

Stretching tight hip flexors as well as lower back muscles is crucial to getting your hips to be flexible. Also, stretching hamstrings, quadriceps, adductors and abductors as well as the gluteal muscles will help to alleviate tight hips. If this all sounds a little daunting, seek a personal trainer that understands the basic mechanics of the golf swing and have them watch your golf swing and put together a stretching program that will help you gain flexibility in your hips. While there is much more to the proper body mechanics of the golf swing, starting with loosening up the hips is a sure way to drive the ball farther and enjoy the game more.

So enjoy the next nine or eighteen with a more flexible body. No question, your game will improve. If your course allows walkers, then take the opportunity to walk nine or eighteen holes and enjoy the benefits of a light cardio workout as well.

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Future is a 10 yr. old red roan paint mare. She is approximately 13.2H. She has been used as a lesson pony & in summer camps. She loves to jump but can get quick so would need a quiet rider. She stands for the vet & farrier. She is very attractive & is a great prospect pony.





Bernie was found trapped in a dumpster where kids were throwing rocks at him! You would think he would be afraid of & not like people after having such a bad start but he is THE most affectionate kitten you could ever meet! He loves to cuddle & snuggle. He gets along great with other cats & would probably do fine with a cat friendly dog.

Sparky is about 8 yrs. old & quite the sweet gentleman. He is housetrained & crate trained & very spry! He gets along with dogs & ignores cats. His family had him since he was 8 weeks old but he lost his home due to his mom's failing health. He was pretty lonely when he first arrived but is doing better & would like a family of his own again.





Haley is one of the sweetest senior cats you will ever meet! She is very mellow, cuddly, & gets along well with everyone except dogs. She loves to spend her days curled up in her bed in the sun. She would be a great addition to almost any home being that she's so easy going.



Leo is a 25+ yr. old Leopard Appaloosa. He was rescued from a starvation situation & is now at a good weight. He is very sweet & easy going. Leo is a perfect lawn ornament & companion.

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Kittens! We have many adorable, healthy kittens that are available or will soon be available for adoption. Ask about our 2 for 1 Buddy Program-Help keep Friends together!

Cricket is a Hackney Pony cross that is approximately 12H. She is in her 30's but would make a great light lead line pony.





Uno, Poppy, & Daisy are all Pygmy crosses & about 6 yrs. old. Uno is very friendly & loves apples & carrots. Poppy is still a little shy but will come to you for a carrot. Daisy is still very shy but loves to climb on things. We would like all the girls to stay together but they cannot live with other goats.

Dixie is a sweet 50 # Rottweiler/Hound that came to us after her owner was incarcerated. She has adjusted really well & is quite the happy girl! She gets along with other dogs & likes to play as long as the other dogs are tolerant of her exuberance. She is good with children but would do best in a home without cats.



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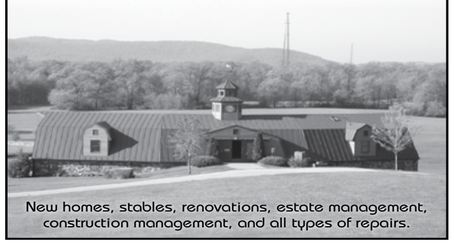
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DO NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO FEAST YOUR SENSES on Wednesday, June 17 (2:00 to 7:00) and Thursday, June 18 (10:00 to noon). This is when the Fauquier Loudoun Garden Club hosts the 73th annual Garden Club of Virginia Lily Show at the picturesque Foxcroft School in Middleburg. Foxcroft was founded in 1914 by Miss Charlotte Haxhall Noland. Miss Noland was a founding member of the Fauquier Loudoun Garden Club in 1915. The club is honored to host this event in a special place that relates to our history in our centennial year! The show is sanctioned by the North America Lily Society. It is open to the public for viewing at the above hours and the more the merrier!

The artistic schedule of the show is titled "Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My!" which is sure to inspire creativity to captivate all in attendance. You will see 54 fabulous flower arrangements created by the 48 clubs throughout the state plus hundreds of Lilies (you have to see them to believe their extraordinary size and exquisite perfection). There will also be other lily blossoms in the horticulture classes of the show. The fragrance will be amazing!

This promises to be the most spectacular show of its kind because for the first time a horticulture class, "Growing Green" has been added. This class will widen participation opportunities for club members because hosta, foliage from perennials, native plants and branches from a variety of trees and shrubs can be entered. Knowledgeable horticulturalists will be on hand to answer questions. This will prove to be a learning experience as well as pure enjoyment!

If you are a gardener or arranger who is even slightly wild about lilies, do not miss this chance to see the best that the gardens of Virginia have to offer. Just "come as you are" (which I hope is straight from the garden) to view the gems of the Commonwealth at the height of the growing season.

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Cops

In light of the recent troubles in Baltimore, Town Council member Mark Snyder and Middleburg's Chief of Police, A. J. Panebianco engaged in one of the most enlightening and encouraging conversations on the topic we've heard anywhere and from anyone.

It was captured in the terse style of Town Clerk Rhonda North's May 14 minutes . It will, no doubt, be little noted, that's the fate of Town Council minutes. It should, we believe, be long remembered..

Chief Panebianco noted that, in the past, Councilmember Snyder raised the issue of community policing. He reported that he held another meeting with his staff recently and discussed several things, including the use of force and de-escalation. Chief Panebianco advised Council that in Virginia, the focus in police academy training was the sanctity and preservation of life and to take a guardian standpoint as opposed to a warrior one.

He further advised that he felt secure that police officers in Virginia had the training to make sure these types of events did not occur. . . . Councilmember Snyder opined that the community policing approach was key. Chief Panebianco noted that he told people that the Police Department was not policing the community but rather was the police for the community. Councilmember Snyder agreed they were not controlling the population but rather were protecting it. He opined that things would be fine as long as everyone kept this in mind."

Good advice. Good Men and Women. Great Town. How lucky we are.

Letters

Praise heaven, all great construction projects come to an end. The Pyramids of Egypt. Saint Peter's Basilica. The Intersection of Madison and Marshall Streets in Middleburg, Virginia. VDOT looks like they might be getting close to finishing our local monument for the ages - for which relief, much thanks. It's been a mere six years since this "shovel-ready" project received stimulus funding, and a mere six months since the first shovel went into the ground. Of course, VDOT might just be getting started. Angels and ministers of grace, defend us!

Denis Cotter
Middleburg, VA

True Blue

Blue

Daniel Morrow

A well known local police officer recently told the Middleburg Town Council that, in his view, and in the official view of most law enforcement officers trained in, by and for the Commonwealth of Virginia, the function of a police force was not to police a community, but to protect it. Academy training focuses on the sanctity of life and its preservation; officers are trained to be guardians rather than warriors.

To protect and serve a community is fundamentally different from simply enforcing its laws.

A badge that seen as a shield is fundamentally different from a badge seen simply as a symbol of authority.

In our small northern Virginia village that difference is still defined, now well into the oh-so-wise and ever-so-cynical 21st century, in terms of, of all things, honor.

In Middleburg every member of our small but highly professional police force swears an oath; an oath in addition to the official oath of office required by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The formal ceremony takes place in public, in front of the Middleburg Town Council, citizens, administrators, other members of the force, and more often than not, in the presence of the new officer's family and friends.

They raise their right hands and swear:

On My Honor,
I will never betray my
badge, my integrity,
my character, or the public trust.

I will always have the cour-
age to hold myself
and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the Constitution,
and the community I serve,
So Help Me God.

A Middleburg officer's badge is thus in every sense a shield, an outward and visible sign of the values embodied in that short oath, incorporated in the department's standing orders, and constantly reinforced by its training.

"Community Policing" is not just a catchphrase here. It is what our policemen do.

It's why they are known.

It's why they are respected.

It's why we feel not only safe, but watched over.

Every local policeman's sense of honor defines and enables mutual trust.

That trust, in turn, both permits and enables discretion based on what we believe will be their sound judgment about what is right and what is wrong.

Mitigating, minimizing, or avoiding unnecessary harm thus become a rule of thumb here . . . and a matter of honor. It makes a difference.

Middleburg is not Baltimore, or Ferguson, or New York, or Cleveland, or any of the many other places in the United States that have seen innocent people killed by bad cops or good cops killed by bad people.

Some would argue that the circumstances that prevail in such places would never allow cops there to treat their communities in the same way cops here treat ours.

In Baltimore and other such places some experts argue that communities will never trust the police and the police can and will never trust the people they are sworn to protect and serve.

I like to believe otherwise. And so do a lot of good cops.

Outstanding cops, like outstanding soldiers, are enveloped by a shield of their own making, an aura of trust and respect that transcends uniform, badge and gun.

No one can give it to them.

But they can build it, earn it, and ebody it.

And only they can lose it.

To lose it, of course, is a tragedy of the first degree, all too often irreparable, and harmful not only to the officer who has betrayed himself, but to all those on whom he depends, all those he protects, and all those he serves.

Hence the particular form of tragedy that has surfaced in Baltimore, and Ferguson, Cleveland and New York, and all the other places where officers have failed themselves, those they lead, those they protect, and those they serve.

If duty and honor are to be served, there is no choice but to hold to account those who failed themselves and those who trusted them.

It's hard. And sometimes seems unfair. But, it must be done, by those in charge, and more important by those in the ranks and on the line.

Why?

After Vietnam two highly decorated military officers, Colonels Richard Gabriel and Paul Savage put it this way: "All officers are responsible for the actions of all their brother officers. The dishonorable acts of one officer diminish the corps, the actions of the officer corps are only determined the acts of its members and these actions must always be above reproach."

Easier said than done. Which is why we honor those who do, and sometimes trust our lives to them.

Baltimore's Lament

Red

Jim Morgan

So the thugs (er, youths) who rioted in Baltimore, attacked police, and burned neighborhood stores did so, according to assorted Democrats and their media flaks, for the same reason that the train in Philadelphia went off the track; Republican insensitivity. Republicans haven't provided enough money to pay for whatever Democrats claim will solve America's inner-city problems (which Democrats caused in the first place).

Of course, the whiners forget that driving several hundred tons of train at 106 mph on a 50 mph curve might be problematic and, more importantly, that Democrats have been running Baltimore since just about forever. They can't blame Bush.

Progressives love to look for "root causes" but will never admit that the root cause of the poverty and social disruption we so often see in our inner cities is progressivism itself. But that's for another column. For now, let's look at the Baltimore incident.

On April 12, Freddie Gray, a convicted felon with some 20 arrests, mostly for possession and distribution of narcotics, ran from police, apparently fearing arrest for yet another drug deal. After a brief chase, Gray stopped and surrendered to the pursuing officers without further incident.

Within about 15 minutes, he was placed in a police van and is said to have asked for an inhaler. On the way to the police station, the van picked up another prisoner who was put inside though in a separate compartment from Gray. Gray was then shackled but not belted into the seat.

What is known is that Gray, at some point, suffered a severe spinal injury, went into a coma, and died about a week later. When and how the injury occurred remains to be determined but the timeline does suggest some level of misconduct or at least negligence by the police. Six officers, three black and three white, have been indicted for a variety of crimes, the most serious of which is second degree murder.

Predictably, following Gray's death, the violence began. We now know that some of the "demonstrators" were bussed in and paid. The money was funneled through ACORN-like groups funded by George Soros. This also happened in Ferguson. Amusingly, some of this rent-a-crowd are now complaining that they haven't yet gotten their money. Maybe they'll picket Mr. Soros.

That said, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby threw gasoline on the fire by behaving more like Al Sharpton than like a supposedly responsible state official. Her harangues to the Baltimore protestors assured them that she would get justice for Freddie Gray; no mention of justice for the officers or of justice in general.

And then it was learned that the Gray family's attorney, Billy Murphy, was a major donor to Mosby during her election campaign and served on her transition team following her victory. Moreover, her husband, Mike Mosby, is the city councilman who represents the district where Gray lived.

Because of these obvious conflicts of interest, the police union and defense attorneys asked Mosby to recuse herself. So far, she has refused. They also seek a change of venue.

On top of everything else, Mosby irresponsibly appeared on stage at a Prince concert while he sang a song about Freddie Gray. She later sat for an interview with Vogue magazine and has become quite the celebrity. Oh, and she's trying to get a gag order that restricts the defense lawyers from discussing the case.

It's a huge mess on so many levels, not just because of what happened to Gray, but because Mosby, either through excessive zeal or simple incompetence, has over-charged the officers in order to placate the mob. This will come out during the judicial process and at least some of the charges likely will be reduced or dropped. The officers could even be acquitted. If that happens, Baltimore had better brace itself.

And, naturally, the oh-so-progressive folks who have run Baltimore into the ground will just blame the Republicans.

Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

Affluent and civilized countries the world over, unlike the United States, have policies that they feel are rights and not privileges such as health care for all, free education, maternity and paternity leave, sick leave, a minimum wage that is viable and a pension and retirement scheme that allows seniors to live in dignity in the autumn of their lives.

There are many reasons why the United States does not have that same ethos, the most prevalent are politics, corporate power and influence and the inordinate fear of anything that smacks of Socialism.

Politicians are terrified that if they attempt to reign in corporations and make them pay for the off shoring of jobs and moving money to other countries to avoid taxes they will lose their corporate funding. They also fear backlash if they sponsor legislation that may infringe on corporate profits but is good for the environment.

They are afraid if they sponsor legislation to increase any tax (even gas tax) they risk losing their jobs at the polls. Our infrastructure is crumbling because politicians think it unpopular to take a stand to make us all pay a portion of the cost of bringing our bridges, tunnels, rail system, and airports up to standard. Our rail system, evidenced by the recent Philadelphia Amtrak tragedy, is so inferior to all of Europe, China, Japan and even India, that it is shocking.

Iran, whom many feel is an uncivilized country, provides free and good education to all, Cuba the same and they both have free health care as well. We should be ashamed of ourselves at how we treat our citizens, BUT there is an answer!!!

BERNIE SANDERS-BERNIE SANDERS-BERNIE SANDERS!

Some may not be familiar with the name Bernie Sanders, so a brief biography folows.

He is the Independent Senator from Vermont who is challenging Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination. He has chosen not to run as a third party candidate as many really good people, such as Ralph Nader, have in the past but to run as a (and yes, do not fear the label,) Socialist Democrat.

Senator Sanders is the only Senator who has never taken a dime from a corporation and has financed his entire political career by small individual donations and will do the same in his run for the presidency.

He is a breath of fresh air, logical, smart, compassionate, humble, and has a great sense of humor and joy. He understands all the ills of this country and is determined to right them.

He knows that instead of squandering trillions of dollars on senseless and endless wars we could have free health care and education for all. He knows how destructive it is for our country to have intelligent educated young people saddled with anywhere from 100/200 thousand dollars in student loan debt after graduation.

He will make corporations and the wealthiest 1% pay their fair share so the 99% can have a better and safer life. He will not be beholden to corporations but rather to the American people. He is approachable and above reproach and is exactly what America needs. What we do not need is more of the same corporate and wealthy-owned presidents we have had in the past.

So…watch this column for more information about grass root fundraisers for future President Sanders. I, and several friends, will host events some of which Senator Sanders will attend. Once you meet him and listen to him you will be as convinced as I that he is the man for the job and will return the United States to what it stood for before corporate greed infiltrated every aspect of U.S. politics.

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Flint Hill Farm
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$3,150,000

Family compound includes 8,800 sf main house built in 1789 • 3 BR guest house • 2 BR carriage house • Repurposed airplane hanger now a complete home gym • Exquisite $4M renovation completed in 2005 includes exposed beams, solid mahogany doors & windows, imported antique fireplaces & spectacular floors of re-claimed choice hardwoods • Stately limestone foyer • Stunning kitchen • Excellent Views

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$2,750,000

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Liberty Hill
Boyce, Virginia
$1,775,000

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

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Windfield Farm
The Plains, Virginia
$1,500,000

Beautiful elevated homesite • Great views all around on 60 acres • 5 bedroom main house includes a 2,000 sf in-law apt • 2 garages • Charming 3 bedroom guest house with stone fireplace • Pond • Land is fully fenced for cattle with a bold creek running through the farm • Recorded in 3 parcels providing many options for a family farm • Excellent views & rolling pasture in an idyllic setting

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Blue Ridge Springs
Bluemont, Virginia
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Pristine condition • Idyllic setting • Pond • 27 acres • 5 BR, 4 BA, 2 HB, 2 FP • 6000+ sq ft • Newly built custom timber frame barn with state of the art dog kennel (6 runs) • 100 yard underground shooting range w/video monitors from LL • Security gates • Video security system • Whole house generator • Extensive decks and landscaping • Low Clarke County taxes • 1 mile to Loudoun County

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$950,000

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Stonewood
Middleburg, Virginia
$930,000

Charming stucco, log and frame home • 10 acres • 3-4 bedrooms • 3 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces (one in the kitchen with antique brick floor) • Beautiful reclaimed pine flooring • Bright and sunny family room opens to bluestone terrace • Master bedroom opens to private balcony • 2 car garage • 4 stall barn with tack room with 2 paddocks • 2 recorded lots

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Dog Wood
The Plains, Virginia
$890,000

Private 10 acres between Middleburg and The Plains • 4 bedroom home • Open floor plan • Large front porch with views to the west • Traditional materials such as stucco exterior and metal roof • Wood floors • Fireplaces • Built in book shelves • Beautiful plantings and fenced yard • Great location and easy maintenance

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Palmer's Mill
Bluemont, Virginia
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Circa 1860 Virginia Farmhouse • House updated & enlarged in 2004 • 3 to 4 bedrooms • 2 1/2 baths • Hardwood floors • 3 fireplaces • Exposed beams & gourmet kitchen • 10 acres • Fenced & cross fenced • 2 stall barn with tack & hay storage • Spring house & smoke house • Protected with mountain views • Piedmont Hunt Territory

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Washington Street
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