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THE METERS ARE BACK!

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCEL REPORT

DAN MORROW

Middleburg's month-long experiment with two-hour free parking ended Monday, June 15. Parking meters are back, sans their prominent white "two-hour-free-parking" bags, until Town Staff and Police Chief A.J. Panebianco can evaluate the results of the Town's month-long "free parking" experiment .

At this month's June 11 regular meeting of Town Council

Chief Panebianco delivered a preliminary review of his current sense of how the "free parking" trial had been received by those who park and those who depend on parkers.

Feedback

Feedback from business owners, Panebianco reported, was generally positive. "They liked the idea that parking was free" and several had noted, with some pleasure, that "people who tended to park their vehicles at the meters for the entire day were now starting to move them."

Negative feedback was relatively rare, he said. Some business people reported that visitors had told them that two hours "wasn't really enough time to shop." Some said they felt "rushed to move their cars,"

Weekends were also problematic. When all the parking spaces are full, Panebianco noted, "people don't want to move their cars," …fearing that they won't be able to find another space.

The Numbers

During the month-long trial Middleburg officers wrote fifty-nine "warning tickets" compared to an average of thirty-four "real" tickets per month when the spaces were metered.

Some of the warnings, Panebianco noted pointedly, "were to the same individuals," totaling no more than four or five repeat offenders.

Part of the increase in the total number of tickets issued, Panebiaco speculated, was because his department no doubt devoted more time to parking enforcement during the test period.

During the test, for example, officers marked tires twice a day with chalk, then returned after at least two hours had passed to warn violators.

Given their normal police duties, Panebianco continued, Middlburg's officers could not possibly continue to chalk and check tires in this way every day. But, should the Town decide to permanently adopt the two-hour-free-parking system, digital equipment was available to reduce the time required for appropriate enforcement

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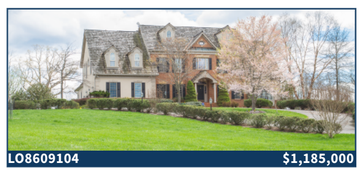
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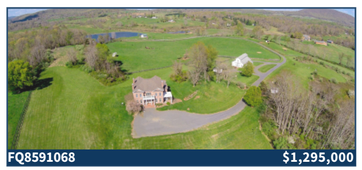
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ADAMS GREEN LN, MIDDLEBURG, VA - Melmore estate, all brick colonial, 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 4100 square ft. 3 fireplaces, finished basement, panntry with double oven. 2 car carriage house with 2nd floor, 2 cargarge, pond, pool, and orchard.

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News of Note

Marvin Simms' Daughter, Alexius, Leaves for Her Freshman Year at Norfolk State College

"The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss

Alexius Simms "always knew she wanted to go to college," and with the help of Thomas Garnett, Windy Hill's Family Programs Coordinator, she not only received straight A's on her final Loudoun Valley High report card, she will be a Freshman at Norfolk State College this Autumn.

Actually, Alexius will leave Middleburg July 6th for 30-day Freshman Orientation at Norfolk State that will introduce her to college life and give her a head start on the many challenges that college students face. She won a Windy Hill Scholarship to help her with college expenses and the organization provided the funding she needed to participate in the 30-day Freshman Orientation.

The daughter of Marvin and April Simms is very excited to be on her way to college.

"I could not be more proud of her," Marvin Simms, Middleburg's Supervisor of Maintenance and Alexius' Dad emphasized. "She and her sister, Aliyah are the lights of my life," he continued. "It's a wonderful moment for our family."

"I want to go to college too," Aliyah added. Aliyah will attend Loudoun Valley High this year.

Both of these beautiful girls are setting standards for young Windy Hill residents and making important contributions to the Middleburg Community.

"Alexius and Aliyah both spend many hours volunteering in various community events and activities," explained Cynthia Flynn, Chair, Windy Hill Family Development Committee. "They are exceptional citizens and make many important contributions to our quality of life in the Village."

"It's been thrilling to help Alexius," Garnett said. "She is dedicated and a very hard worker. She exemplifies how successful a young person can be if he or she is really determined to succeed."

Windy Hill had three high school graduates this year: Two from the Llewelyn residences and one from the Virginia Lane residences.

"We are so proud of them all," said Windy Hill Executive Director Kim Hart. "And we are especially proud of the work Thomas Garnett is doing with our students' program. We needed a strong role model here to lift our student's goals and expectations and to support them as they worked to achieve great things. Thomas is a great coach and mentor and an exceptional addition to our team. Alexius' success is a hallmark of his commitment to our students."

Mayor Betsy Davis agreed that Alexius college plans are wonderful news.



"If she is anything like Marvin, her father, she will go far in life. He takes great pride in his work and in our town. His work ethic and honesty are outstanding and we all depend on him for so many things. Whether or not it's in his job description, Marvin will get it done. I'm certain Alexius will do well in life with Marvin as a role model."

Martha Semmes, Middleburg's Town Manager agreed:

"Marvin's pride in his work is only eclipsed by his pride in his daughters," Semmes explained. "We are so grateful to him for ensuring that our Village is safe and beautiful, and we are so happy for Marvin and Alexius."

AJ Panebianco, Middleburg's Chief of Police described Marvin Simms as a "great guy whose name is synonymous with Middleburg and the vibe that makes it special. Alexius has obviously inherited his work ethic! We are very proud of her, but not nearly as proud as I'm certain Marvin is."

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New Listing
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News of Note

Twilight Jumpers – Exciting Evenings Benefit Talented Equestrians

Lauren R. Giannini

Since its debut in 2011, Twilight Jumpers continues to grow as a fun Friday night "family and date" destination at Great Meadow in The Plains, featuring beautiful horses jumping big, painted fences – exciting even for greenhorns – followed by dancing in the pavilion and under the stars. The season kicked off on May 29, with three Fridays to go: June 26, July 31 and August 28.

Based on the ever-popular Twilight Polo, Twilight Jumpers offers a double-header: the $500 Children's/Adult Amateur Class and $5000 Mini Prix, each limited to 20 entries, invitation only. Twilight Jumpers serve as the primary fundraiser for High Performance Equestrian Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, founded in 2007 by Alden and Penny Denegre and family friend, Gail Sonnenberg, with the mission of raising awareness and offering financial aid to capable but underfunded riders.

HPEF continues under the directorship of Alden and her husband, professional trainer/rider, Gavin Moylan, who have spent the last few years building their hunter, equitation horse and jumper sales. They continue to handle HPEF's administration end, but handed the reins of the four Friday jumper shows to Liz Billings.

"This is my second season as commander-in-chief of Twilight Jumpers and I love it," said Billings. "I have helped out, sponsored and competed in it since the beginning and I really love how much people enjoy it and look forward to the next one. Their enthusiasm is contagious. I'm thrilled when new or non-horsey people exclaim over how much they enjoy Twilight Jumpers."

The $500 Child/Adult Amateur tackles a course at 1.05meter, and the Mini Prix jumps 1.30meter. The goal is a clear round – no jumping or time penalties – in order to qualify for the jump-off, which takes place over an abbreviated course with a shorter "time allowed." It's a whole lot easier to describe show jumping than to do it. The next best thing to participating is watching in person.

Support for Twilight Jumpers comes from locally based riders. Silvio Mazzoni (ARG), jumper rider and the US 3-Day Team show jumping coach, and his wife, amateur jumper rider, Jessie Mazzoni, are very active on the circuit and often compete at Twilight Jumpers. Silvio has won the Mini Prix numerous times and, last year, earned top honors for the series. At the May 29 season opener, he finished a close second in the Mini Prix.

"It isn't the biggest jumper competition, but it's a good way to get horses exposed to the "atmosphere" which is super," said Silvio. "For eventers, it's good to jump under lights with more atmosphere. Of course, competitions should also focus on the entertainment of owners, sponsors and the public, which this one does."

Sporting and social entertainment is an important part of Twilight Jumpers, and it's a great place to watch up-and-coming riders and horses, as well as seasoned veterans of the Grand Prix circuit. The excitement of topnotch competition keeps people coming back. They tell their friends and associates, thereby increasing the spectator base, and that helps HPEF to raise the money to assist deserving riders and trainers.

"Silvio and Jessie have been great about encouraging the other pros to do the Mini Prix class," said Billings. "They brought in the event riders and one of our other husband-and-wife teams, Augustin and Bree Rosales. We have a few mother-daughter, grandmother/granddaughter, father/son, father/daughter and several husband-wife combos who compete."

Twilight Jumpers has also created a new kind of horse show based on old-fashioned principles: low cost, good prize money, and a fun community and family atmosphere with tailgates, picnics, parents, kids, dates, business groups, and horse-people all having a great time in a beautiful setting. You don't have to know anything about horses and you can purchase food on the grounds.

Gates open at 6:30 pm, first class begins at 7 with the Mini Prix getting underway about 8:30. Dancing follows in the pavilion. General admission tickets are available at the gate: $30/carload. Spectators can reserve rail-side boxes and tailgate parking by calling 540-454-6673.

For more information: www.equestrianfoundation.org

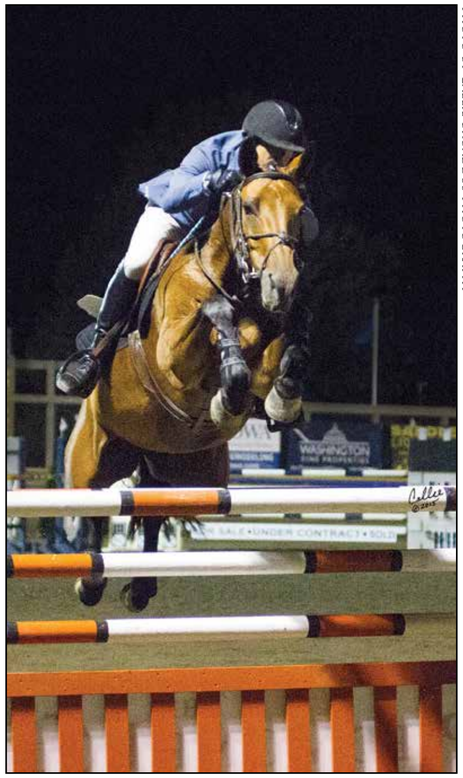


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Silvio Mazzoni and Chaplina Z in action at May 29 Twilight Jumpers when they finished a close second in the $5,000 Mini Prix.






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Garden Party Opens at Gallery

Live An Artful Life® Gallery in The Plains, VA will host a themed art show, Garden Party, from June 27th through July 12th. The public is invited to the opening reception on the evening of June 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. The show will feature paintings depicting a garden theme from a group of talented artists residing in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia and Washington, D.C. who have been juried into the show for exhibit and sale. Attendees are invited to vote for the People's Choice Award, with the winning artist awarded a two page article in Live An Artful Life® Magazine.

The submitted paintings include different mediums: oil, acrylic, pastel and mixed media with sizes ranging from 4" X 5" to 24" X 24". The Garden Party theme allows for a great deal of diversity in subject matter as long as the image relates to a garden or floral subject. Loudoun County artists that have been juried into the show include Michele Frantz, Jennifer Nelson, Jill Perla and Libby Stevens.

Live An Artful Life® Gallery is an artful lifestyle gallery featuring fine art and fine craft hand-made in America. The gallery is located at 6474 Main Street in The Plains, VA. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 – 6 PM and Sunday 11 – 4 PM. Additional information on the gallery as well as upcoming events is available by calling the 540-253-9797 or visiting the web site at www.LiveAnArtfulLife.com/events.



Middleburg Community Charter School Award to Dr. Barbara Smith



Middleburg Community Charter School Board of Directors presented their very first Leonardo DaVinci Award to Dr. Barbara Smith. The award recognizes Dr. Smith's role as the founding principal of MSSC and thanks her for her "vision, leadership and dedication to the children in our founding year of The Middleburg Community Charter School."

The award features the work of Middleburg artist Kim Bassinger, an artistic rendering of a photo she took of the school's 100-year-old school.

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Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation Elects Officers and New Directors



James Atkins and the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation Board



Stephanie Knapp and Dr. Deeken



Dr. Parva Wirh some of his Parva Sock team members and Kim O'Donnell



Mary Jo Jackson and Jamie Pearson

At its May Annual Meeting, Middleburg's Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation (CBBCF) elected three new board members and its four officers for 2015-16 while expressing its appreciation to three departing directors.

Joining the board for three-year terms are Cindy Battino of Leesburg and Annette Morgan of Ashburn. Serving for one year until she graduates from Foxcroft School, is Jessie Herman of Waterford. Ms Battino is a graduate of George Mason University, the owner of Transformational Healing, and co-leads the foundation's Ashburn Walk and Fun Run. A vice president of Middleburg Bank, Ms Morgan is also a member of the board of directors of Leadership Loudoun and co-leads the Ashburn Walk and Fun Run. Ms Herman will be a senior at Foxcroft School and holds one of the three positions designated for Foxcroft.

Elected to lead CBBCF for the July 1-June 30 fiscal year were Mary Park Durham of Dallas, Texas and Foxcroft School as Secretary; as Treasurer, Kim O'Donnell, a Certified Public Accountant and owner of O'Donnell and Associates of Middleburg; as Vice Chair, Stephanie Knapp of Upperville, a former Senior Warden of Trinity Episcopal Church; and as Chair, James Atkins, founder of the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation.

Departing the sixteen member board are Lyndsay Welsh Chamblin of Leesburg, who served as secretary for two years; Lisa Weber of Warrenton, a member since 2010 and former vice chair; and Lillian Potter of Purcellville, one of the first two Foxcroft students to join the board in 2014.

Since its founding in 2007 to raise money for the local fight against breast cancer, CBBCF has granted almost $700,000 with an overhead rate of less than 10% and no full-time staff or facilities. Its grants have been to organizations such as: Loudoun Breast Health Network; Inova Loudoun Hospital, Fauquier Hospital, IIIBs Foundation, Casting for Recovery, Blue Ridge Hospice, Loudoun Voluntary Caregivers, Novant Health's Mammography Van, and others.

Please visit the website for more information: cherryblossombreastcancerfoundation.org

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Foxcroft's Leipheimer Teaching Award Goes to Eagen
Boswell Received Lockhart Service Award



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.

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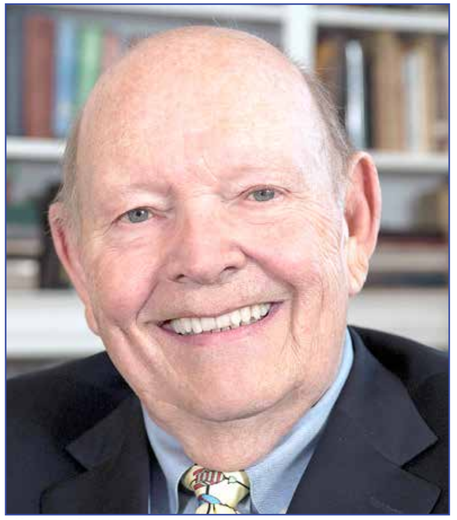
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News of Note

J. Hamilton Lambert & Cate Magennis Wyatt to be Honoredfor Extraordinary Stewardship at Loudoun Laurels Gala



Cate Magennis Wyatt



J. Hamilton Lambert

Loudoun Laurels Chairman Joe May announced today that J. Hamilton Lambert and Cate Magennis Wyatt will be the 2015 honorees at the Loudoun Laurels Gala October 9th at The River Creek Club.

"We could not be more pleased to honor these two deserving citizens," May explained. "Both J and Cate have made remarkable contributions to Loudoun County and to Virginia. Their committed citizenship is a model for us all to follow and admire. Every citizen in our area benefits from their dedication and vision."

"Both exemplify the characteristics The Loudoun Laurels program was established to search out, recognize and honor," he continued. "Their stories will add immense understanding and depth to the Loudoun Laurels Archive at the Thomas Balch Library. When young citizens and future generations search for role models of stewardship and citizenship, they will turn to the Loudoun Laurels Archive to learn about the lives of exceptional individuals whose dedication ensured that Loudoun County would remain a wonderful place to live and to work in an era of radical growth and rapid change."

J. Hamilton Lambert

In June 1990, after a distinguished career of more than 30 years in government service, honored throughout the state, nationally and internationally, J. Hamilton Lambert entered the world of charitable non-profits as the Executive Director of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation. Under "J's" leadership the Foundation prospered, earning its own way, by optimizing return on its own assets.

To date the foundation has given away more than three times the total of its original $17 million endowment. In a long list of 2015 grantees, among those most prominent locally are: The Arc of Loudoun, the Boy Scouts of America, the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, Connect Northern Virginia, ECHO, the Inova Health System Foundation, Loudoun Cares, the Loudoun Education Foundation, The Loudoun Literacy Council, Loudoun Youth Inc, Shenandoah University, UVA and the Smithsonian Institution.

His ongoing work as a provider of advice and counsel to government, business and individuals as President of J. Hamilton Lambert and Associates complements his work with the Foundation in the spirit of promoting the highest levels of financial, cultural, historical and environmental stewardship.

Cate Magennis Wyatt

Waterford's Cate Mcgennis Wyatt is the Founder and President of The Journey Through Hallowed Ground, a non-profit partnership embracing stewards of the land, gardens, buildings, battlefields, culture and history of four states along the path from Jefferson's Monticello, through Loudoun, to the Battleground at Gettysburg. Since 2008 it has been designated by Congress as a National Heritage Area, one of only 49 in the United States, and includes within its bounds nine Presidential homes and sites, 18 National and State Parkes, 57 historic towns and villages, 21 historic homes, hundreds of sites related to the American Civil War, and literally thousands of other historic sites.

Founded in 2005 and headquartered in Loudoun County, the JTHG not only serves to help preserve, protect and defend a 180 mile long corridor of historic, cultural and natural treasures, in cooperation with its partners and the National Park Service it encourages and promotes tourism at its highest and most responsible level. The Journey's education and youth engagement programs are nationally acclaimed.

From an early posting as an intern in the Carter White House, Cate succeeded as a financial manger, one Loudoun's most successful real estate developers, as Virginia Secretary of Commerce and Trade during the governorship of Douglas Wilder, as Chair of the Commonwealth's Defense Conversion Commission, and in the energy business in London, Moscow and Kazakstan.

The annual Loudoun Laurels award ceremony is a high-point of the Northern Virginia philanthropic season with many leading individuals, companies and organizations participating in the gala to support The Loudoun Laurels Stewardship Trust, the education arm of the organization.

Each year, the LLST presents seven $10,000 scholarships to deserving Loudoun County high school students. Six annual scholarships are funded by the May Family Foundation and one is funded by Middleburg Bank in honor of Chairman Joseph Boling. Each scholarship winner receives $10,000 a year for four years if their academic record meets standards.

To reserve tickets to the October 9th Loudoun Laurels Award Ceremony, please visit the website: www.loudounlaurels.org or telephone 703 787 7807.

Mosby Heritage & Lovettsville Historical Society Partner on "Blazer Scouts" Program



The Mosby Heritage Area Association and the Lovettsville Historical Society are partnering for a presentation on Blazer's Scouts, a famed opponent of Mosby's Rangers during the Civil War. Darl Stephenson, a former employee of the Defense Intelligence Agency, retired USAFR Lieutenant Colonel, and author of Headquarters in the Brush: Blazer's Independent Union Scouts, will speak on Sunday July 12 at St. James United Church of Christ, 10 East Broad Way, in Lovettsville.

The presentation will begin at 2 p.m. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

Blazer's Scouts became John Mosby's "most formidable foe" while Mosby and his men operated in the Virginia Piedmont and Shenandoah Valley, wreaking havoc on Union forces.

Captain Richard Blazer led this handpicked group of Ohioans and West Virginians and lent his name to the organization. Union General Sheridan instructed Blazer's men "to clean out Mosby's gang."

Using tactics similar to those employed by Mosby's Rangers, Blazer's Scouts surprised and defeated elements of the Confederate command on September 4, 1864 at Myers Ford in Jefferson County, West Virginia.

The two foes met again over two months later.

On November 16, 1864, Blazer struck part of Mosby's command west of Berry's Ferry at an estate called "Vineyard." The Scouts beat Mosby a second time, making them a prime target of Mosby's wrath.

"Wipe Blazer out! Go through him," he told one of his commanders.

Near Kabletown, West Virginia, Mosby's Rangers did just that two days later. Nineteen of Blazer's Scouts were killed compared to only one of Mosby's men. Captain Blazer himself was captured; his command ceased to exist by January 1865.

The Mosby Heritage Area Association frequently partners with the Lovettsville Historical Society to share expertise and resources on areas of mutual interest.

A Major "Paws Up" for Our Canine Friends

Nancy Milburn Kleck

> "I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being."
> -Abraham Lincoln

Lincoln could not have said it more simply, but the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors has now put the sentiment into law.

After more than three years of research, campaigning board members, and gathering written support from the public and veterinary professionals, the board finally addressed this inhumane and all-too-common practice of keeping a dog chained or tethered outdoors in any weather, all day, all night long.

"I'm over the moon happy!" exclaimed Hilleary Bogley of the Middleburg Humane Foundation after watching the board unanimously pass a Humane Tethering Code on June 11th.

The code prohibits tethering of 1) puppies six months or younger; 2) female dogs while in estrus; and 3) dogs when the temperature is below 25F or above 95F.

It was strongly felt that the temperatures were too low and too high, and after presenting letters from veterinarians and other professionals, the board agreed to vote to change the temperature restrictions to 32F/90F at next month's public hearing.

Fifteen other jurisdictions in Virginia currently have humane tethering codes. Loudoun County is currently working on one. Fairfax County passed their codes in the fall of last year. These codes will provide measurable and enforceable guidelines that will allow animal control to do their job in reducing animal cruelty, unwanted canine pregnancies, and in giving a safer, more comfortable life for dogs currently chained or tethered.

Most importantly, these codes will give the public a clearer picture as to what is and is not allowed regarding chained or tethered dogs.

The work, however, is not finished. "We had hoped to have a time restriction to not allow dogs to be chained 24/7 but the county denied that proposal."

As Hilleary explained, "Canines are highly social – pack – animals that want to be part of the family. Many chained dogs are deprived of water and food, and do not receive proper veterinary care."

Lonely, bored and unsocialized, the animal's frustration aggression from the lack of stimulation and social contact manifests into chronic barking and worse, into fear biting. Studies have shown that tethered or chained dogs are two-and-a-half times more likely to bite, a serious safety issue especially with regard to children.

"It was a great time effort!" Proudly noting the hard work and contributions of Tracy Gahler, Kathy Durand, Charlotte Florh, and Jeanne Ebson to get the code passed, Hilleary also offered a "big thank you to the Fauquier Board of Supervisors."

Canines have a very deep ability to forgive and adapt, and many dogs that have lived too many years chained up have gone on to live happy lives once freed and in loving environments. This code is a significant step in the rights of canines in the county, and the rights of humans to better care for them.

Loudoun Clerk's Office Presents "Court is Back in Session"

The Loudoun County Clerk of the Circuit Court is hosting a special program Friday, July 10, 2015, to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening session of the Loudoun County Court after the Civil War.

In May 1861, the Court Justices ordered George K. Fox Jr., Clerk of Court, to remove all court records, some of which dated back to the county's founding in 1757. Fox removed the court records to Campbell County, Virginia for safekeeping and they remained there until the summer of 1865. From February 1862 through June 1865, no court was held in Loudoun. To commemorate the July 10, 1865, court session, Clerk of the Circuit Court Gary M. Clemens and the Historic Records Division will offer an evening program July 10 to observing this historic event in Loudoun's court history.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., at Union Cemetery, 323 North King Street in Leesburg, the Clerk's Office Historic Records team and the Loudoun County Sesquicentennial Committee will sponsor a wreath laying and presentation on the life of George K. Fox to honor his legacy of saving the court records from destruction. Brenda S. Butler, Chief Deputy Clerk for the Clerk of the Circuit Court, will give a presentation on the life of George K. Fox Jr. Butler has conducted extensive research on the life and role Fox had in saving the court records. The court will also enter an order commemorating the July 10, 1865 court session and Fox.

The evening will conclude with a free 45-to-60-minute guided tour of Union Cemetery by Mary Fishback of the Thomas Balch Library. During the tour, Fishback will highlight the graves of many prominent Loudoun citizens and special monuments. The tour and wreath laying will be conducted by costume interpreters. Registration is required for the tour. Call 703-737-8775 to register.



Gravestone of George K. Fox Jr. Clerk of the Court in Loudoun who is credited with saving the county's historic court records during the Civil War.

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Morven Park Events







Saturday & Sunday, July 4-5

Morven Park Carriage Show & Pleasure Drive

Enjoy the beauty of antique vehicles as drivers compete in elegant driving matches and exciting obstacle courses on Saturday and as they drive the scenic acreage of Morven Park on Sunday. Free to spectators. Competitor entries close on June 16. www.MorvenPark.org.

Thursday, July 16, 7-9 p.m.

Equine Health Seminar Series: 3 Equine Vets/3 Hot Topics

Dr. Joyce Harman, Dr. Jay Joyce, and Dr. Sallie Hyman will demonstrate and discuss Saddle Fit, Shockwave Therapy, and Acupuncture to benefit your horse's health and performance. Live demonstrations throughout this workshop will help horse owners and riders better identify the physical and behavioral signs of back soreness and view treatment methods. $10 registration fee will be donated to Loudoun Therapeutic Riding. Reservations required by contacting Laura Doyle at ldoyle@morvenpark.org or at 703-777-2890.

Tuesday, July 21, 8 a,m.-noon & 4-8 p.m.

Morven Park Show-Cross

Fun, low-key event for elementary through training divisions. Begins with stadium jumping and moves to cross-country on gently rolling terrain. Rain date 7/22. Register by emailing Laura Doyle at ldoyle@morvenpark.org.

Saturday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m. Evening Trail Ride & Tailgate

Join us for this special opportunity to ride your horse through Morven Park at twilight. Proceeds will benefit Loudoun Therapeutic Riding and the Morven Park Equestrian Center. Contact Suzanne Musgrave at smusgrave@morvenpark.org for more information.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 7-9 p.m.

Equine Health Seminar Series: Lameness CSI

Dr. Sallie Hyman and Dr. Jay Joyce of Total Equine Veterinary will help you understand the latest technologies to enhance lameness evaluation. In live demonstrations showing horses with varying degrees of lameness, the vets will illustrate the differences using technology coupled with an experienced eye. Join us for this active learning opportunity and discussion of the treatments for lameness that may benefit your horse to move freely without pain. Admission is free, but reservations required by contacting Laura Doyle at ldoyle@morvenpark.org or at 703-777-2890.

New Principal for Middleburg Community Charter School



The Middleburg Community Charter School (MCCS) Board of Directors is pleased to announce that David Larson will be the new MCCS Principal. Larson has been acting as interim principal along with Miriam Hughey-Guy since April 2015, and will be assuming his new role on July 1st.

Larson began his Education career in 1989 after graduating from Longwood College and serving his country in the U.S. Army. He taught Health and Physical Education and was the Boys and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach at Osbourn High School for Manassas City Public Schools.

In 2005, he took on the position of Administrative Intern at Osbourn and served in that role until 2009 when he was promoted to Assistant Principal. He received his Master's Degree in Sports Management from the United States Sports Academy and an Endorsement in Administration and Supervision from the University of Virginia.

In 2013 he was assigned to Metz Middle School as an Assistant Principal until August of 2014. He recently had the opportunity to serve as a Health and Physical Education teacher at South Lakes High School in Reston.

"I don't consider this a job, I consider this an opportunity. I'm extremely excited about being here," Carson explained during the official announcement of his appointment.

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Salamander Resort & Spa Appoints Michael Cady as Director of Sales and Marketing



Salamander Resort & Spa, the luxury resort located outside Washington, D.C. and owned by noted entrepreneur Sheila C. Johnson, has appointed Michael Cady as its new director of sales and marketing.

A well-rounded hospitality and retail marketing professional, Cady has more than 15 years of both advertising agency and corporate hotel experience, with a decade specifically dedicated to the luxury hospitality industry.

He joins the luxurious Middleburg, VA-resort, which is managed by Salamander Hotels & Resorts, from the internationally acclaimed advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi in Fayetteville, AR, where he served as an account director and was the daily contact for Proctor & Gamble's sales, marketing and global brand teams.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Michael onto our team to help Salamander Resort & Spa continue its evolution into one of the world's top destinations," said Resort General Manager Reggie Cooper. "His enthusiasm for luxury properties is incredibly high and he brings a consumer-centered approach to marketing and sales."

Cady also has previously served as the corporate marketing director for Joie de Vivre Hospitality, as marketing director for Belmond in the US, Mexico and Caribbean, and as an account director for Rawle Murdy advertising agency in Charleston, S.C.

"Thanks to the vision of Sheila Johnson, Salamander Resort & Spa is a jewel among America's finest properties," said Cady. "I am thrilled for the opportunity to work alongside such a dedicated group of hospitality professionals, and look forward to showcasing the beauty of Virginia's horse and wine country worldwide."

David H. Mullins

David H. Mullins of Upperville, Va. passed away peacefully on March 17th in hospice surrounded by his family. He battled cancer bravely and without complaint for 8 years. At age 68, Dave ran a marathon to give cancer a run for its money and never allowed it to change his positive outlook on life. In true Irish style, he left this world on St. Patrick's Day forever giving us a reason to raise our glass.

Dave leaves behind the love of his life, Joyce, to whom he was married for over 50 years. He is survived by his four children, son Richard L. Mullins and his wife, Lissa of Upperville, Va., daughter Robyn R. lutz and her husband Ronald Jason Lutz of Front Royal,Va., daughter Diana J. tweedie and her husband Thomas of Bethlehem, Pa., son David H. Mullins II and his wife Lisa of Moraga, Ca. and his five grandchildren, Tarrah Lashbrook, Ashleigh Tweedie, Brandon Tweedie, Finnegan Mullins, Lola Mullins and one great grandson, James. Dave also leaves behind two brothers, Larry Mitko and George Mitko and two sisters Gayle Pritchett and Debbie Lonick. His younger brothers Ron Mitko and Charles Mullins predeceased him. In addition, he will be deeply missed by his many close friends and community.

Born 1940 in Shelby Gap, Ky., Dave was the son of Pearl and Odell Mullins. Having the freedom to explore on his own, he continued that exploration throughout his life traveling extensively for business and with his family. Innately curious, he enjoyed acquiring knowledge of many subjects through study, reading and first hand experience.

Dave graduated from high school in Dayton, Ohio where he was captain of his football team.

Shortly thereafter, he had his greatest fortune, meeting his beloved wife Joyce at Beerman's, the local department store where they bothworked.

Dave graduated from General Motors Institute with a degree in Engineering. He later earned his MBA from Drexel University and studied at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dave eagerly took on new opportunities and wore many hats. He was president of his college's welding club,a Sunday School teacher, an electrical engineer and a small business owner. Dave began his management career at Westinghouse and rose to President/CEO of Argo Tech, Inc., a major defense contractor to the U.S. Navy. Later he became CEO and partner of Dynamic Engineering Inc., Newport News, Va., and Ni-Tech, Inc, Ledgewood, N.J. By the time he retired, he and Joyce were able to build their dream home in Upperville, Va.



Dave was known by everyone for his larger than life presence. He was a highly skilled storyteller and could keep you in stitches. He could command a room in serious matters or host, in full costume, at one of their many themed parties. Dave was an avid golfer and car enthusiast, even racing his favorite Ferrari. He started his own automotive retail business, Exotic Motorcar Accessories, Inc. and was able to collect many of the cars that he admired. More recently, Dave and Joyce started a tradition of an annual auto show to share in their love of cars with friends as well as to contribute to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, of which they are active supporters.

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Middleburg Town Council Report

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Enforcement Before and After

During the trial, Middleburg police officers issued "warning tickets," both as a courtesy and because the Town's metered spaces, strictly speaking, have not been formally and legally designated as enforceable "two-hour parking zones."

In any case, Panebianco noted, the experiment was not conducted to generate revenue. Indeed, the primary goal of the Town's parking space regulations, whether based on meters or time-limited "free parking" was to make it possible for as many people as possible to park as conveniently and safely as possible while shopping, dining or sightseeing in Middleburg.

"In order to allow motorists to get used to the meters again," the Chief reported, Middleburg Police planned to "take it easy" on parking enforcement for at least the first week.

The Town will continue to seek and evaluate input from business owners and shoppers in the weeks ahead, Panebianco continued. All those who contributed feedback, positive or negative, he promised, would remain anonymous.

A full and formal report, with recommendations for approaches to enforcement, the Chief promised, would be forthcoming "soon."

Salamander

Town Planner Will Moore reported on June 11 that the preliminary plat has been formally filed for the new forty-nine-lot residential subdivision at Salamander and is now in the process of review by the appropriate Town, County, and State authorities.

The Town Planning Commission public hearing on the matter, he said, is scheduled for June 22nd.

Moore noted that even though the submission was a conceptual layout, in his view "the plat was in substantial conformance with the plan the Council recently adopted as part of the proffer revisions."

Moore reiterated, however, that the review was ongoing and that the Virginia Department of Transportation's input was crucial.

Town Staff, he said, "was eagerly awaiting their comments."

Water Protection

Town Council unanimously approved resolutions of appreciation for Former Middleburg Town Council Member Lisa Patterson and American Water Resources Association Technical Director Richard Engberg for their services on the town's Wellhead Protection Advisory Committee.

Working closely with Town staff and Town Council liaison Mark Snyder, the committee provides invaluable advice and counsel on the protection of the Town of Middleburg's water supply.

Scouts Honored

In a related ceremony, Town Council also passed unanimously, a Resolution of Appreciation for the work of Middleburg's Boy Scout Troop 2950 for their help in protecting both the Town's drinking water and the larger Potomac watershed.

Scouts Thomas Hess, Ryan Bradshaw, Patrick Carter, Austin McGhee, and Ian McGuiness were singled out for their work, under the direction of Troop Leader Teri Domanski, in installing "Only Rain Should Go Down the Storm Drain" medallions on the town's drains.

Vice Mayor Kirk read the resolution aloud and presented signed copies to Paul Davies, Troop 2950's Scout Master.

The Troop 2950 meets every Monday evening at The American Legion hall on the Plains Road at 6.45 pm to 8.30 pm and welcomes new Scouts.

Go Green and the Arts Council Recognized

On a night devoted to well-deserved special recognition four citizen volunteers were recognized for their work in protecting the environment and fostering the arts in Middleburg.

Council unanimously approved and formally presented Resolutions of Appreciation to Jilann Brunett and Patricia Zielinski for their work on the Town's "Go Green" Committee.

Wendy Roseberry, Suzi Molak and Amanda Scheps were formally recognized for their work on the Middleburg Arts Council.

Bicycles

Town Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea reported to Council that she has recently experienced "near collisions with bicycles . . . .twice."

Asked whether the Town's Police Department offered a bicycle safety program, Chief Panebianco confirmed it offered just such a program during National Night Out and that Officer Heather Fadely had worked tirelessly to make sure appropriate helmets have been given to most of the children in town.

When Shea asked whether bikers who violate the law were required to undergo any "special instruction," Panebianco replied that cyclists "must follow the same traffic rules as motorists, except that they could pass on the left or right and could ride two abreast."

As a general rule, the Chief continued, if a Middleburg officer encounters a juvenile biking violation, they first try to correct the behavior verbally, and if it continues, contact the under-age offender's parents. More serious offenses, of course, are treated more seriously.

Happily, Panebianco reported, his department "had not seen much of this here; therefore, they have not had to do much enforcement."

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Land Rover, Great Meadow Invitational

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Land Rover Great Meadow International Scores Another 3-Day Success
By Lauren R. Giannini

From June 19-21, Land Rover Great Meadow International presented by Adequan dished up equine and humane equestrian stars to compete in the inaugural $30,000 CIC3* and the Land Rover USA 3-Day Team's final Pan Am preparation trial.

Following on the success of last year's World Equestrian Games Prep Trial for the US team, Great Meadow continues to establish its worth as a spectator-friendly, international eventing venue. Already home to steeplechasing's popular Virginia and International Gold Cups, polo, show jumping, and non-horsey activities of all kinds, Great Meadow welcomes about 200,000 spectators annually.

With the Fédération Equestre International (FEI) deliberating Great Meadow International's application to host an eventing Nations Cup next year, the recently completed Land Rover CIC3* and Pan Am Prep Event offers serious proof of Great Meadow's ability to put on a first-class 3-day event. Fingers are crossed as everyone waits for the FEI's official announcement.

Local eventers in the CIC3* and Pan Am Prep included Middleburg's Lauren Kieffer, Kurt Martin, and Lynn Symansky, and Sara Kozumplik Murphy whose Overlook Farm straddles the state line at Berryville. Olympians Karen and David O'Connor, the "first family of eventing" so to speak, are based in The Plains. Each is a 3-day Chef d'Equipe: David for the USA, Karen for Mexico. In fact, Mexico's four riders competed in the Pan Am Prep Event. Both USA and Mexico will go for the gold next month in Toronto when the Pan Am Games serve as an essential qualifier for the 2016 Olympics.

Symansky finished second on Donner in the CIC3*, just 3 points behind the winner, Jennie Brannigan and Cambalda. Colleen Rutledge, based in nearby Frederick, Md., was third. Rounding out the "local" talent, Kurt Martin aboard DeLux Z finished 8th, Kozumplik Murphy and Fly Me Courageous were 10th.

Symansky, who injured her back last week, decided to go day by day and see how she felt. "I felt pretty good, so I did the show jumping and then felt I could go today," she said. "Donner really stepped up to the plate [on the cross-country] and I have to say I'm very happy with how everything turned out."

In the Pan Am Prep, the Land Rover US Team of Phillip Dutton, Lauren Kieffer, Marilyn Little and Boyd Martin, plus alternates Will Faudree and Matthew Brown, were joined by one Brazilian rider and the Mexican team. Kieffer partnered with Meadowbrook's Scarlett, owned by Marie Le Menestrel, for the win and also finished 6th on Jacqueline Mars's Vermiculus. Little (Frederick, Md.) was second with RF Scandalous, and Boyd Martin with Pancho Villa was third, followed by Brown and BCR Belicoso. Dutton was fifth on Fernhill Fugitive.

"Great Meadow ran a fabulous event," said Kieffer. "We couldn't have gotten a better place to prepare. Everything held up well. The organizers were very smart adjusting for the storms and everything else. I am very proud to be part of Team USA and we're going to do our best to bring home the gold."

On Saturday, severe weather warnings prompted organizers to start the show jumping at 5. It was a smart call, and the Pan Am class concluded just before the first drops fell. Thunderstorms and high winds, along with a tornado warning for the area, hammered Great Meadow whose personnel proved, once again, that they can handle anything.

"We could have had better weather, but even with the remnants of Tropical Storm Bob coming through Saturday, the turf stood up well on Sunday and, overall, I think we put on a great show," said Robert Banner, Great Meadow Foundation president. "The new arena will be ready next summer. You know what they say about three's the charm."

Before the awards presentations, Great Meadow held a ground-breaking ceremony that celebrated the construction of the state-of-the-art, all-weather footing arena, which will be ready next summer. The design includes a berm and vantage points for spectators as well as a nearby water complex for the cross-country.

"Last year, we learned so much," continued Banner. "We have the best resources: David O'Connor, Mike Etherington-Smith to design the cross-country, Richard Jeffery for the show jumping course, plus so many incredible people, our supporters and our sponsors, Land Rover, Adequan, the U.S. Equestrian Federation and U.S. Eventing Association. We're very hopeful that the FEI will approve our Nations Cup application, because we're looking forward to inviting the world to Land Rover Great Meadow International."

For more information: www.greatmeadowinternational.com



Lauren Keiffer on Meadowbrooks Scarlet , 1st Pan Am Prep


Marilyn Little / RF Scandalous, 2nd Pan Am Prep


Boyd Martin on Pancho Villa, 3rd Pan Am Prep


Mathew Brown /on BCF Belicoso, 4th Pan Am Prep


Phillip Dutton /onFernhill Fugitive, 5th Pan Am Prep



Jennie Brannigan on Cambalda, 1st CIC3



Lynn Symansky on Donner , 2nd CIC3


Colleen Rutledge on Covert Rights , 3rd CIC#



Daniela Moguel / Cecelia, top Mexican rider



Nilson Moreira da Silva on Muggle, (Brazilian rider)



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Land Rover, Great Meadow Invitational

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Lauren Kieffer on Meadowbrook, 1st Pan Am Prep Dressage



Marilyn Little / RF on Scandalous, 2nd Pan Am Prep Dressage



Jennie Brannigan on Cambalda, 1st CIC3



Lynn Symansky on Donner , 2nd CIC3



Boyd Martin RF on Pancho Villa, 3rd Pan Am Prep Dressage



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Lynn Symansky on Donner , 2nd CIC3



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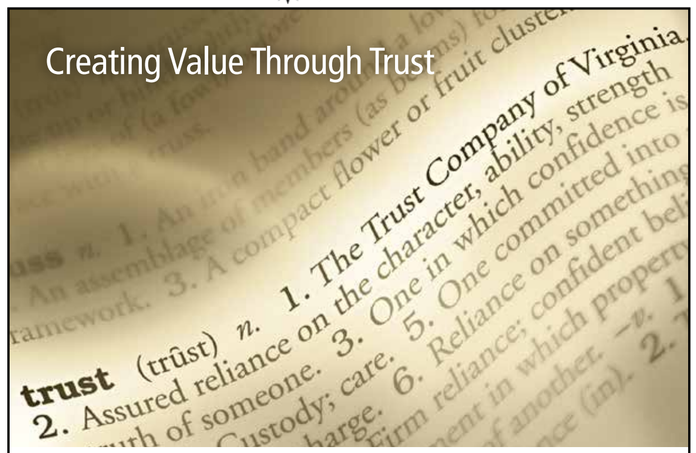


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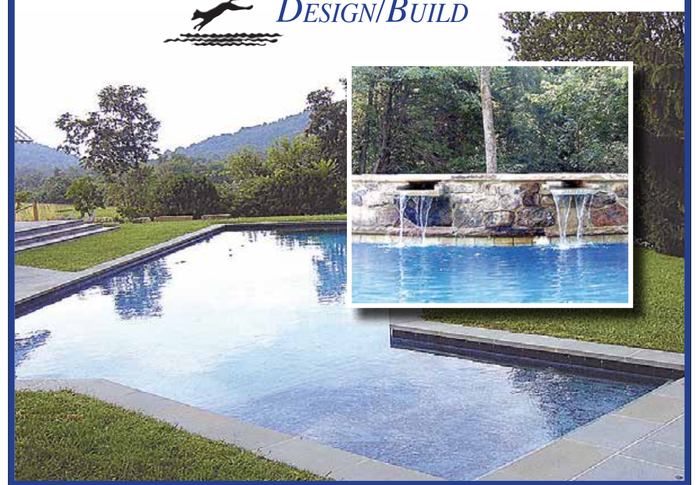
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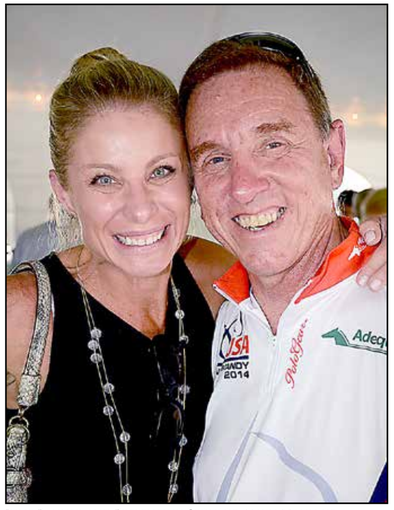
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Toni Camil (4th from left) and friends of the Mexican team



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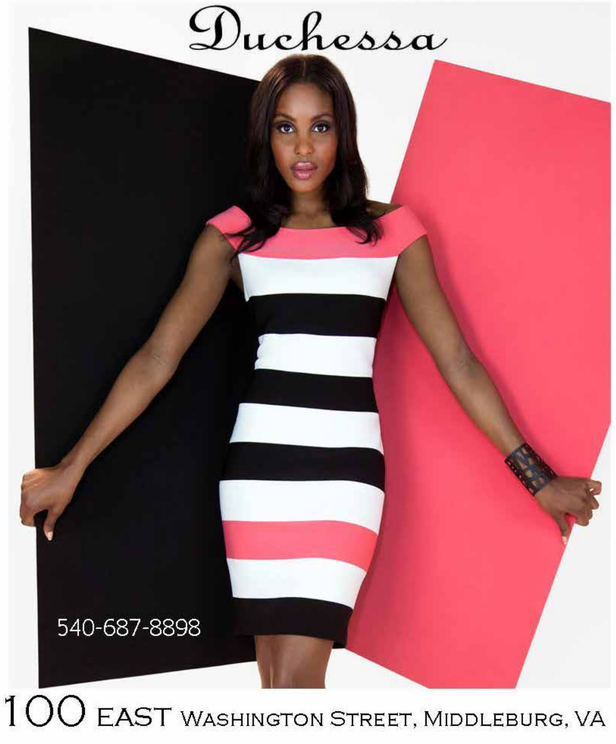
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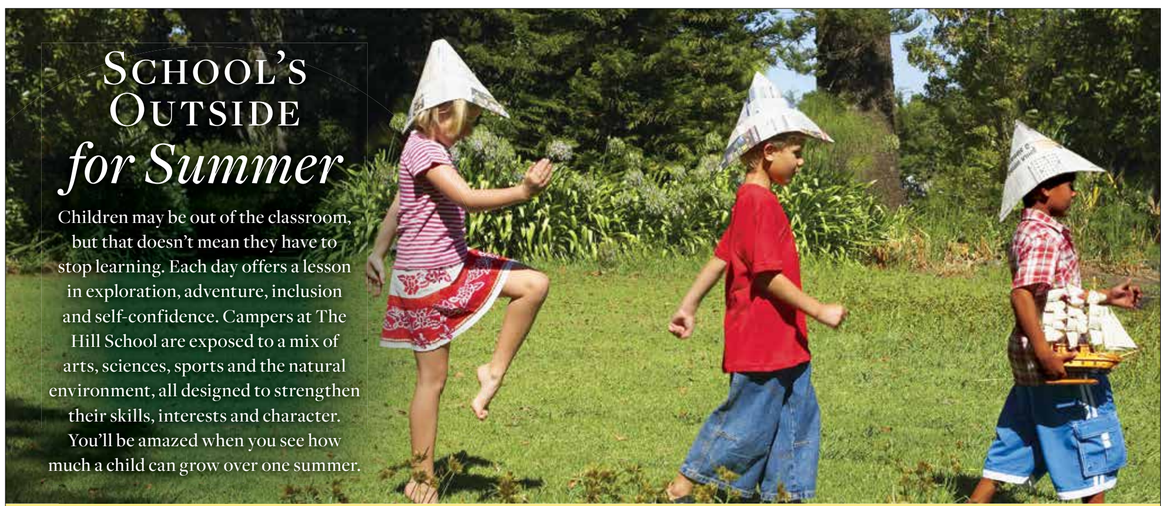
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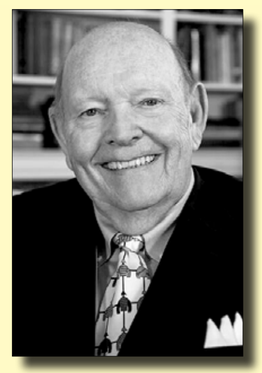
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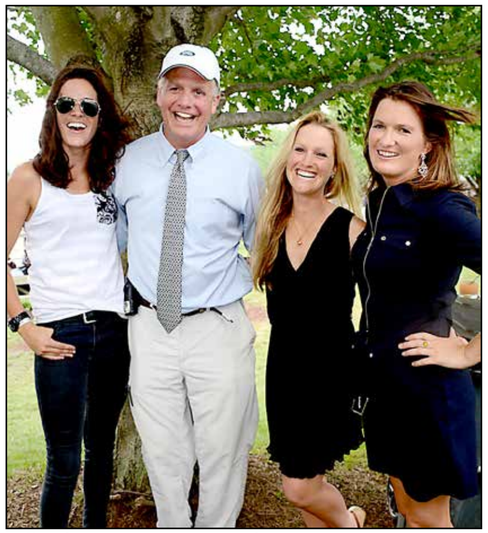
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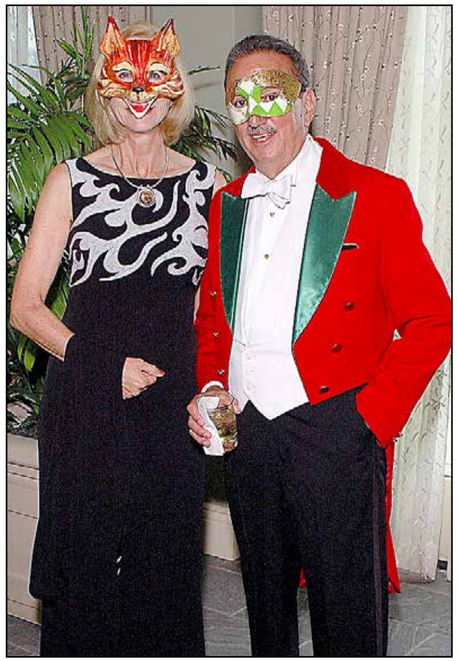














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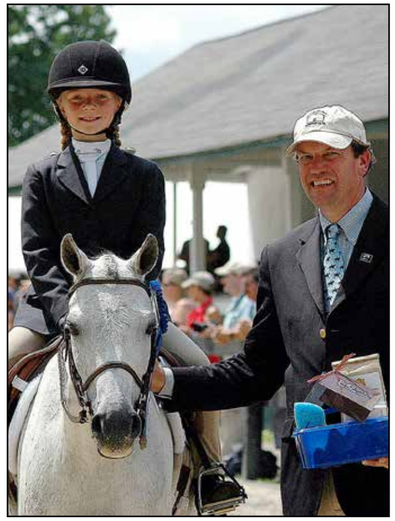
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FOXCROFT SCHOOL

Murphy and Potter Claim Major Prizes; Nine Area Students Graduate at Foxcroft School's 101st Commencement

Molly Murphy and Lillian Potter, two Middleburg residents who each claimed major honors, led a group of nine area students May 29 at Foxcroft School's 101st commencement.

Also walking through Miss Charlotte's Garden on a picture-perfect day were Hannah All, Carrie Cunningham, and Isabel Martin of Middleburg; Emily Cooley of Stone Ridge (Aldie), Cortney Cunningham of Hamilton, Chase Shipka of Marshall and Katarina Weinberg of Purcellville.

Head of School Catherine S. McGehee, presiding over her first graduation, and Anne Michele Lyons Kuhns, Vice Chair of the Foxcroft Board of Trustees and a 1987 graduate, awarded diplomas to 33 students from seven states and four countries who were offered 128 acceptances and more than $1million in merit scholarship.

Award-winning photographer and 1959 Foxcroft alumna Diana Walker, who covered the White House for Time Magazine during the Reagan, GHW Bush and Clinton administrations, was the featured speaker. Stephanie Knapp or Middleburg gave the invocation and Gabriela Panettiere, the granddaughter of Bernardo and Marie Piskorz of Middleburg, was the Senior Class speaker.

Murphy, who plans to attend the University of Virginia in the fall, received the Ida Applegate Award, which goes to the student who best exemplifies the quotation, "For manners are not idle, but the fruit of a loyal nature and noble mind." A day earlier, at the annual awards assembly, she had been inducted into the Cum Laude Society and received both the Hilary Somers Deely Drama Award and the Gunnell Poetry Prize.

A Virginia Cretella Mars Scholar at Foxcroft, Molly is a talented singer and song writer who was co-head of the a cappella group Octet and helped found a community jam band called Moderately Alright. She also had a lead role in each of the musicals presented while she was at Foxcroft, including this spring's The Secret Garden. She is the daughter of Elizabeth "Beth" O'Quinn and Daniel Murphy of Middleburg,

Potter, selected as one of Loudoun County's Future Leaders earlier this spring, received the Dudley Prize at commencement. It is awarded to the girl in the Senior Class who has been most willing and cooperative in her unselfish efforts for the good of the School. The Hollins University-bound student also received the Eustis Prize for English and the Library Prize at the Awards Assembly.

During her years at Foxcroft, Potter received the top honor awarded by the faculty to a freshman (the Elebash Award), sophomore (Becky Award) and junior (Mildred Greble Davis Award), as well as the Gunnell Poetry Prize (2014) and Community Service Award (2014). Potter served as Student Head of School this year, founded a student book club, and won the poetry reading competition at the Paul Bergan Poetry Festival all four years. In addition, she captained the softball team and was selected to First Team All-Delaney Athletic Conference this spring. She is the daughter of Donna and Jeffrey Potter of Middleburg.

All, a High Honor Roll student who plans to attend the University of Virginia, received the English Prize at the Awards Assembly. She served as vice president of the Senior Class and a Dean's Prefect, and captained both the varsity soccer and varsity field hockey teams. All was also on the board of Chimera, the literary magazine, and served as Manager of the Hound intramural team.

A talented thespian, All played the leading role of Mary Lennox in this spring's musical, The Secret Garden, and was featured in several previous musicals and revues. She was Head of the a cappella group Afternoon Delights and is the daughter of Denise and Perry "Olen" All of Middleburg.

Cooley received a Community Service Award at the Awards Assembly for her work with local students. The daughter of Karen and Charles Cooley of Stone Ridge served as Head of Study Buddies, a group of students who help Middleburg elementary school children with their homework. She also volunteered at the therapeutic arts center A Place To Be on a regular basis. A member of the jam group Moderately Alright and dormitory leader for two years, Cooley plans to attend Shenandoah University this fall.

Carrie Cunningham is the recipient of the Middleburg Library Scholarship, which is awarded by the Library's Advisory Board to help pay for books during the first year of college. Cunningham, who is headed to Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, served as a leader in the Freshman Dorm as a junior, and a Library Prefect and Peer Tutor during her senior year. She also captained the tennis and softball teams and received the Coaches' Award in both sports for her dedication and contribution. She is the daughter of Brenda Hafner of Middleburg.

Cortney Cunningham, who plans to attend Virginia Tech, was one of Foxcroft's top riders and received the Director's Award at the May 28 Awards Assembly. She also captained the volleyball and lacrosse teams.
The daughter of Holly and John Cunningham of Hamilton, Cortney was Head of the Activities Committee and Student Cooking Club; an editor of the student literary magazine, Chimera; and a member of both the Athletic Association and the riding group, Whippers In.

Martin, the daughter of Jerrill "Jerry" and Sean Martin of Middleburg, will attend the College of Charleston (S.C.) in the fall. She was co-head of the Hopelet initiative in which girls design and make hand-wrapped bracelets to raise funds for Foxcroft's financial aid fund. Martin also was a member of the Athletic Association, captained and received the Coaches' Award in both field hockey and soccer, and was Cheerleader of the Fox intramural team.

Shipka is one of the top young riders in eventing, having earned the USEA Top Junior Preliminary Rider title and been named a Nutrena Rising Star in Eventing in 2014. Last year, she was one of just nine riders nationwide selected to the USEF's Eventing 18/Advancing Athlete program. Shipka is delaying college so that she can focus on her riding. At Foxcroft, she was a member of Foxcroft's Judicial Council and a dormitory leader. She also participated in the School's French Exchange Program in 2012 and trip to Space Camp in February.
Chase is the daughter of Darcie and Ron Shipka of Marshall.

Weinberg, who plans to attend Liberty University in the fall, was varsity soccer captain for two years and earned First Team All-Delaney Athletic Conference and Team Most Valuable Player honors twice. She also was a starter on the varsity volleyball last fall. Weinberg, who transferred to Foxcroft as a junior, was a dormitory prefect as a senior as well as Assistant Manager to the Fox intramural team. She is the daughter of Deanne and Norman Weinberg of Purcellville.

Altogether members of the Class of 2015 received 128 acceptances from 85 colleges and universities, including Carnegie Mellon, Emory, New York University, Rhode Island School of Design, Washington University in St. Louis, Smith, UCLA, and the universities of Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina (Chapel Hill), and Virginia


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Pastimes

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



Do you remember the song "Teach Your Children" by Crosby, Stills and Nash? It's from decades ago, but my guess is most of you know it. I assume this because those of you who read this column, while also enjoying art, creativity and inspiration, I'm guessing are also 45 or older. Why? It's a demographics thing, but my main point is one of teaching a generation likely younger than you and I, to not only love art, but to possess it.

Okay, so art can mean different things to different people or even generations. But throughout time art has been widely coveted and enjoyed. Art is a tangible proof of our history, our interests, our wars, religion, pain and peace, and who we are. It shows us people, far off places, things of all kinds, tells endless stories and tampers with our minds and emotions. It gives us contrast, composition, color, texture, scale, three dimensional form and function. It gives us a reflection of life.

As a young boy, even looking at cartoons was an art form and a foundation for amazing works of art. Trips into Washington D.C. would, and still do, surrounded me with amazing monuments, grand architecture and museums. I couldn't stop looking around and yet today many millennials can't stop looking at their phone. I know, I get it, I have a smart phone too. But how smart is it if it always replaces reality with virtual reality, always looking through that virtual funnel into a world that's actually right in front of our faces?

When we have young children come into the gallery, their kind parents say do not touch and frankly, we really appreciate this for avoiding accidents. But I do have times, with the right children, where I ask parents to allow me to let their child touch one of my paintings. So often they've just never had the chance feel art and I wonder by doing so if we might even be pre-programing an actual fear of art into them? Yes, we have to be careful with valuable things, it's true, but we also have to teach generations that the texture of paint, as an example, is nothing like that screen they move their fingers around. It's way better!

Fine art folks, is taking a backseat to anything with a screen. There is a big piece of the generation among us, that while they enjoy art class in school, they don't really understand the concept of having actual art in their home. To them, that is where a big screen TV goes, and as for sculpture, we possibly have even a bigger challenge.

If you are an art lover and if you believe your home or even office would feel empty without it, teach your children that art is here to enrich our lives. How, you say? One thing you can try is when they bring home their art from school, don't just put it on the fridge door. Make a big deal out of it and their creativity. Also, every once in a while, with one you really like, have it nicely framed and take them to the frame shop with you. Include them in the process and then covet it. Tell them how much you enjoy looking at it and while doing so, share and show them the other art you have collected. This while allowing them to feel it and understand your connection to it. It's really no different than taking your kid fishing. You have to make it fun and interesting.

You can also take the opportunity when visiting friends with kids in tow, to have them notice and see the art your friends have. I think people so rarely take these opportunities and it opens your child to hearing stories of how the art was chosen, why they love it and so on. Parents could even create fun art field trips from home to home.

So, teach your children or I should also say, teach your grandchildren and a new generation will join the many before them in a love of art.

Live An Artful Life, Tom

Oenothera or Evening Primrose

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode



One of my favorite plants has begun to flower and always heralds the return of summer; these are the evening primroses, better known as oenothera. There are 124 species of annual, biennial and perennial oenothera and not all open just at night. A few species, commonly known as sundrops, remain open during the day. Two examples are O. perennis and O. fruticosa. These are exceptions to the rule as most greet you with large open flowers in the late evening hours, closing my mid-morning. They do so for many weeks, often months.

The flowers on evening primrose open over a period that extends from 4 to 10 pm. Most open so slowly that we aren't patient enough to sit through the process. Although there is one exceptional plant that pops open as you watch, which has prompted people to set up lawn chairs and gather around for the show. This particular evening primrose is Oenothera glazoviana, named after Auguste Francois Marie Glaziou (1828-1006). Possibly a cross between O. grandiflora and elata, the flowers quiver and shake before unfurling. Lemon scented, moths arrive to pollinate, which just adds to the show. This species is a biennial, growing a low rosette the first year, flowering the second year and dropping seed to begin the process again.

Oenothera odorata's petals are a soft peach, like old parchment. Very fragrant, which is implied by the botanical name, each flower opens for only one day but is followed by others, this ensures a fresh show every morning. The largest flowering species is Oenothera macrocarpa, (previously known as O. missouriensis), with large yellow flowers that appear on a plant that grows low to the ground. The species name, macrocarpa, refers to the seed pod, simply stating that it's a large carpa or seed pod (shaped like a star fruit).

This genus is native to North and South America with an old favorite originating in a field outside of Middleburg, VA. Back in the days that I still had Windy Hill Plant Farm, Polly Rowley (a frequent customer) brought me a wonderful small plant of an unknown oenothera she had taken notice of. Flowering for an extended time, open all day, the small yellow flowers were produced on a plant that stayed low, produced a lovely bushy mound and grew through heat and drought. She wanted it named 'Cold Crick', after her farm and we set about propagating it to sell. I know we sold at least 500 plants a year, it was a huge hit and happily now, I see that its gone main stream. Touted as sterile, we were never able to confirm a species and assumed it to be O. perennis. I feel hugely proud of this plant and so happy to see it's popular all over the country. Discovered right here in Loudoun County, thank-you Polly!

Bill Waller Has Gone Home

Tom Neel

This could be such a simple story. Long time Middleburg picture framer Bill Waller, has moved his business to his home in Hume, from the space he occupied since the late 1990's at 9 South Madison Street. End of story. Well, not so quick.

This story is really about a man's life. One who yes, is a very well known and respected master picture framer, but is just so, so much more. Waller is encyclopedic when it comes to not only his trade of framing, but art history itself. His volumes of knowledge carry just as deeply into gardening, musical instruments, [especially the guitar and banjo] and the list deeply goes on. He has a passionate appetite for not only things handmade, but even the tools that made them, and possesses collections of the things he loves. His home is in a sense then, his museum and he, the curator of it. It's an endless archive and Waller has not just moved his business home, he has more accurately, repositioned himself where his business really has been for 16 years.

Bill Waller has been a framer for over 46 years. He studied painting at the Corcoran, and cut his teeth in places like The Phillips Collection as a docent, while framing for many frame shops in the city, before going into business for himself in 1969. Now 67 and 8 location changes later, Waller is where he really wants to be, home.

Waller's shop at 11600 Hume Road, in Hume, is earthy and full of character. It looks like a place of a million stories and Bill is more than happy to share them. His right hand man and friend, Argentinean born Coto, is hand building a client's frame in the corner, surrounded by tools and the atmospheric sound of Chris Issak speaking volumes. Bill will tell you he and Coto are a team. He also says Coto is the best framer he's ever had and backs this up by saying,"I've had 50 over the years."

Waller is a quiet, simple man. You can sense when a person is happy. You can also tell when a person has a sense of place, and today Waller truly has both. He gives me a tour of his three acres, of which with exception to his home, shop and barn, is all garden [mostly vegetable]. He one by one, points out and names the nearly 200 trees of every imaginable variety, he has planted. I could only imagine the abundance of food netted from this miniature farm and past his personal consumption and sharing with friends, the rest is a charitable endeavor of feeding those without. An honorable path indeed.

Wallers father worked for Bell & Howell, retiring at 55 and living to be 95. But he went to the art Institute of Chicago, was an artist himself and constantly made things, many of which are found throughout Bill's home. You can tell Bill is a chip of the old block, pun intended. His mother lived to be a centennial and was creative in her own right, giving Bill both the parental foundation and genes for long life and happiness.

Back in the shop, we look at not only the tools of the trade, but at the fascinating history of the tools of the trade. "Coto and I are the same, it's all about esthetics.", he shares, as he shows me a 1929 screwdriver he uses, "That's a beautiful thing", he says. This carries through into the work they perform by using hand milled molding instead of factory made molding and then hand painting, gilding, compo or carving each frame, thus making the shop's work unique among regional framers.

But some may think Waller Picture Framing is only a place for multi-thousand dollar, handmade frames, for million dollar works of art. Yes, certainly they cater to this clientele, but Bill happily says, "We still do needlepoint and high school diplomas, we're the people's framer, we're not exclusive…"

In the end, Bill seriously kids that he's not a modern technology guy by saying,"I live in the 10th century." This is his way of really saying he doesn't email much and still prefers to talk on the phone or even more so, face to face, and customers need only call 540-364-6100 to come by. It's a scenic drive and who knows, if you're timing is right, you maybe be leaving with some produce too!



Max and Sarah

Girls and Their Dogs

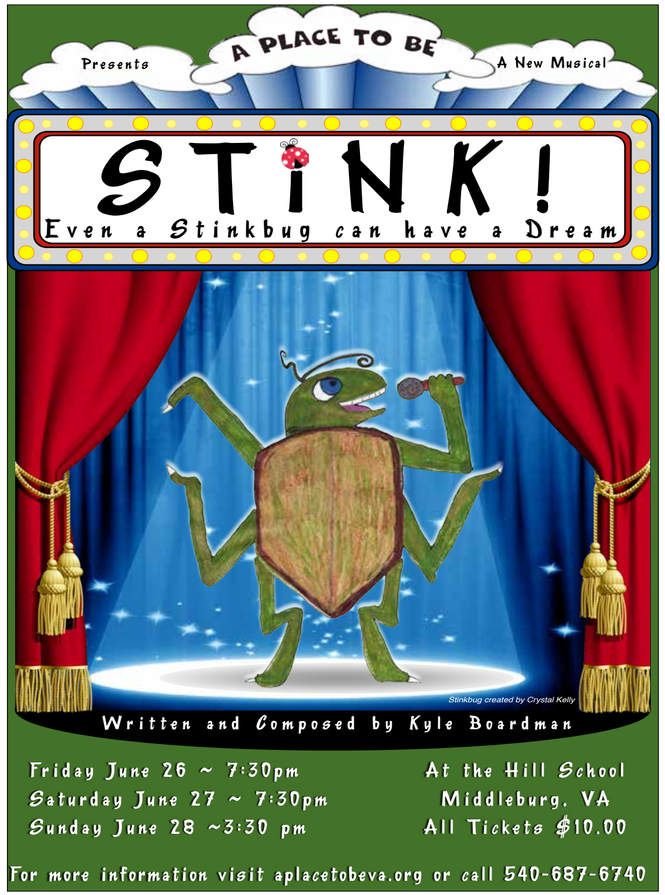
"Max turns nine this month; he has lived with us for a year and a half. We got him when he was almost eight. He had never lived in a house – he lived in a kennel and had only been out of the kennel to hunt. His previous owner wasn't very nice to him. When his previous owner didn't want to hunt any more, he dropped Max off at a friend of ours and told him to sell Max – just get rid of him. He just didn't want him anymore. I couldn't believe it. It was so hard to look at a dog in that situation and not do something. So we just did it. We didn't think about it. I am such a bleeding heart. As far as labs go, at almost eight, Max was an old man. He was an old man – grey and a bit creaky. It was so hard to believe this poor dog had lived the first - almost eight years of his life – with nobody liking him, nobody ever petting him. It was heartbreaking. He is the sweetest dog. He is just so sweet.



When we first got Max, he would cower around the house; he didn't understand furniture and he didn't understand being out. It was sad. We took him out to hunt him about two weeks after we got him and he was a machine. However, he didn't like us. And we were like we really like you!

It took the better part of a year for him to trust us. Now, that dog, I swear he would push us out of the middle of the road if he thought there was a truck coming down it. He is just the best dog - the hardest worker. He has the most heart out of any of our dogs. And most definitely – he is the most appreciative! If it was ever possible to see a dog is appreciative of where they are and what they are doing – it's Max. I really think he knows this and that his previous life didn't have to be like it was. He works so hard. He retrieves like a champ. He breaks through the ice, he goes through snow, and he's just crazy. He is just the best dog ever. He has his Junior and Senior Title and is working on his Master Title. Our six-year old daughter, Sydney, ran him in a Junior Hunt Test and she was the youngest ever AKC handler on record. That was exciting.

The saying, about how a dog fills a hole in your heart that you never knew you had, is totally true. I can't imagine not having Max or our other dogs. They are amazing and they all work so hard for us. Max and our other dogs are out every day during the waterfowl hunting season in the cold, in the ice, in the rain and they love it, they absolutely love it. The testament of how much we give to them is proven in what they give back to us. I truly believe that's why they work so hard for us. They gladly sit out there all day in weather I would not be out in. If they weren't happy they wouldn't work so hard for us.



Pastimes

Albert's Corner

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



Albert P. Clark

Earlier this month, a noteworthy study came out of Kyoto University. The group that initially reported the findings was Agence-France Presse, and they confirmed that the research will be published shortly in the highly respected international journal, Animal Behaviour. I run across a lot of data, but this particular information really piqued my interest because it was about dogs. Moreover, it was about the way we stand by our people.

Everyone knows that dogs are famously loyal. We're called Man's Best Friend for a reason. People have lived with us for centuries because we provide unconditional love, protection, and companionship. But the latest research offers scientific proof. (And I love me some science!)

Kazuo Fujita, who headed up the study, stated "We discovered for the first time that dogs make social evaluations of people regardless of their direct interest. This ability is one of the key factors in building a highly collaborative society, and this study shows that dogs share that ability with humans." It is critical to note that very few species share this trait. It has primarily been documented in people and some primates. And it does not appear in humans until about three years of age.

For the study, three groups of dogs were involved in the research. Each dog witnessed a scene that involved his or her owner as well as two unfamiliar people. The first group watched their owner ask for help opening a box. One of the two unfamiliar people remained neutral and the other overtly snubbed the owner's request. In the second group, the owner asked for help again, but this time one person remained neutral and the other readily offered help. In the third group, the owner did not interact with the two people. Afterwards, the dogs were offered treats. Overwhelmingly, dogs would not take a treat from the person who snubbed their owner, opting instead to take treats from the neutral people. In the instances where the strangers did not interact, there was no preference when accepting treats. The study involved dogs of various breeds and ages.

For anyone who shares his or her life with a four-legged friend, this news is not going to sound exactly groundbreaking. From a scientific standpoint, however, it is. Scientific proof of higher levels of cognitive and/or emotional assessment in dogs helps the population at large to view us differently. With every new study that supports our emotional intelligence, we stand to move up a rung in the eyes of humans. Most importantly, this kind of research increases the odds that we will eventually not be used in laboratory experiments or otherwise mistreated in the name of science. Respect from the scientific community may very well translate into increasingly humane treatment. That's my hope, at least.

In the meantime, you can rest assured that your dog is closely watching how other people treat you. Our defenses go up not just for intruders, verbal arguments, or physical altercations. They go up when someone simply isn't nice to you. We don't like it one bit. Loyalty isn't always dramatic. Sometimes it's quiet, steady, and evident in small gestures. In short, we've got your back. And that is the very definition of a best friend.

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a shop for dogs, cats, with multiple locations in NoVA and DC.

Are We Running Out of Water?

Waterworld

Richard A. Engberg

A front-page article in the Wednesday, June 17, 2015, Washington Post was titled "Earth's groundwater reserves dwindling." Other news sources used even scarier headlines. So the question of the day is, are we running out of water?

Rest easy, everyone. No, we are not running out of water. The same amount of water still exists on earth as when dinosaurs roamed the earth. However, the article raises a serious concern that all over the planet, we are using groundwater at a faster rate than it can be replaced by natural recharge.

In other words, water is another natural resource that we are mining. The difference is that it is possible that groundwater can be replaced rather quickly if conditions are right, while coal and oil, once mined, are irreplaceable in real time.

Recall that of all the water on earth, approximately 97 percent is salt water. Of the three percent fresh water, two percent is locked up in the Antarctic and Greenland glaciers. This leaves one percent fresh water either in streams, lakes, or as groundwater. Interestingly, about 99 percent of this one percent is groundwater. Groundwater supplies 35 percent of all the water used by humans worldwide, and agriculture accounts for more than half the groundwater use.

So where did the information about declining groundwater reserves come from? It turns out that it comes from NOAA satellite data collected over the ten-year period ending in 2013. The NOAA data detected declines in water levels in many aquifers worldwide.

Jay Famiglietti of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, was quoted in the article, "The water table is dropping all over the world. There's not an infinite supply of water."

I've met Jay and he is a prominent and articulate scientist. I agree with him that there's not an infinite supply of water because, is there an infinite supply of anything? However, I would argue that his statement doesn't go far enough. I would rather he had said, 'there's not an infinite supply of groundwater.' Better yet, I would have preferred he said, 'there's not an infinite supply of FRESH groundwater' or 'of POTABLE groundwater.'

I suppose it is possible, given the heavy reliance on groundwater that some aquifers could become dewatered. One consequence of drawing down the water table or dewatering an aquifer is that the sands, gravels or other materials comprising the aquifer could compress. In other words, the materials comprising the aquifer would become compacted.

If the aquifer material is compacted, what could this lead to? It could lead to land subsidence that could have serious economic consequences for those with possessions like homes on the land surface. In fact, subsidence due to mining of groundwater is a relatively common occurrence.

Right now, fresh water is cheap, too cheap.

However, if we do dewater certain aquifers, for example, California's Central Valley Aquifer, the cost of fresh water could change dramatically. For example, we know how to remove salt from ocean water. But this is very expensive, as is the salt removal process, the disposal of removed salt, and even more so, the transport of the desalinized water to the areas where it is needed.

So the upshot of dewatering aquifers in the long term will be a significant increase in the cost of fresh water, something that will dramatically affect the world economy.

Summer Soundtracks…What's Yours?

Sincerely, Me

Brandy Greenwell

"Man, it's a hot one, like seven inches from the mid-day sun…" are the lyrics that start the hit song sung by Rob Thomas with Santana. Smooth was also the 1999 summer anthem played around the clock across the globe. Summer has definitely hit the 'burg and the temperatures are on the rise. What is going to be the summer 2015 ear worm? Shut up and Dance? Fight Song? I probably am showing my age because the 2015 summer anthem will likely be a Pitbull song or something way more hip than what I hear on the radio. Yes, radio. No matter your age there has to be a summer soundtrack, what's on yours?

Here are my top 10.

1. Bob Segar's Night Moves. This song makes we want to build a bonfire, drink beer, dance in front of headlights and hold hands in the bed of a truck while watching for shooting stars. Yeah. Mr. Greenwell, it's a date!

2. Dj Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince's Summertime. This song came out the year I got my driver's license and every time I hear it, so many memories come flooding back. Like driving with the widows down only to look cool, those weird tee shirts that looked tie-died but had some technology that was supposed to change colors when you got "hot", however they really only enhanced your pit stains, and 13 inch zippers on your jean shorts that were frequently pulled up to your bra line and worn with high tops and scrunchy socks. The song was great, the fashions were not.

3. Kings of Leon's Sex on Fire. Seeing them live is good 'ol sweaty, sans air conditioning fun. Kings of Leon and the Dave Matthews Band are always awesome to see at a summer amphitheater. Walk, don't run to catch them.

4. Cruise by Florida Georgia Line always makes me want to go tubing at Harper's Ferry and hit up a good rope swing. Mental note: take bug spray.

5. Anything by Prince. Little Red Corvette, Raspberry Beret, I Wanna Be Your Lover, Seven, or the entire Purple Rain soundtrack. One can never go wrong by cranking up Prince for a good time. You could possibly substitute anything by Madonna, though I personally favor her earlier years.

6. Pour Some Sugar on Me, Sweet Child O' Mine, Nothin' But a Good Time, Once Bitten, Twice Shy or anything from a good hair band will get your heads banging to cool off and sharpen your lost air guitar skills. Aqua-net not included, nor recommended.

7. Boombastic by Shaggy always gets a little groovin' wiggle with the bass line. With what other song do you see an entire crowd of under-agers grind in sync at a beach town club?

8. Cruel Summer by Bananarama is a given, as is anything with "summer" in the title. Summer Love, Boys of Summer, Summer of '69, Hot Fun in the Summer, the aforementioned Summertime etc. You get the point.

9. Life is a Highway is the quintessential road trip song. Who wants to play i-spy or the license plate game?

10. Lastly, Kid Rock hits All Summer Long, his version (or any) of Sweet Home Alabama or Born Free. Something about those records are just Red, White and Blue like fireworks, bandana's and the 4th of July.



Exercise Smarter When the Mercury Rises

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The mercury is rising and checking the calendar we are not in August. This might mean a long hot summer, but being proactive will have your enjoying these hot sunny days. Now more than ever we all need to hydrate to help our bodies acclimate to the rising temperatures. Remember your pets need to hydrate more too, so make sure they have access to fresh water all day long. Every living thing needs water. This includes us. Especially when the temperature begins to soar our bodies require more. Our bodies work hard to regulate our temperatures. So adhere to the following when the mercury rises!

1 If the temperature is over 90 degrees avoid strenuous exercise outdoors (please don't exercise with your dogs during these extreme temperatures, they do not have the ability to sweat like we do and can overheat quickly)

2 Avoid 5Ks that are held in the hottest part of the day. Instead, sign up for ones that are held during the coolest part of the day.

3 If you start to feel dizzy or nauseous do not keep working out. This is a sign of heat exhaustion.

4 If the air quality is bad, save your outdoor workout for another day and exercise in an air conditioned environment.

5 Avoid excessive caffeine and alcohol, which can cause dehydration.

6 Listen to your body, if something does not feel right, then assess and change what you are doing

Anyone can suffer from heat related illnesses. Heat cramps are painful spasms in the muscles generally the legs and abdomen. Heat exhaustion is characterized by cramps in muscles, headache, rapid or shallow breathing, vomiting and or dizziness. The most serious of the heat related illnesses is heat stroke, this can be a body temperature as high as or higher than 106 degrees Fahrenheit, sudden collapse, dry throat, cold, clammy skin and rapid pulse. How our bodies react to high temperatures varies from individual to individual. However, it has been shown that heat cramps in a 16 year old, could be heat exhaustion, in a 45 years old and heat stroke in a 65 year old. It seems age plays a part in how our bodies cope with extreme temperatures. Medical attention needs to be sought if one suspects someone is suffering from heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Remember hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate. If the temperature is above 90 than a run at noon would not be a good idea. Be smart and treat your body well. Remember most vulnerable are small children, animals, older adults, overweight as well as underweight individuals. Pregnant women as well are at a great risk for heat related illnesses. When the mercury goes way up then exercise smarter and then finds some shade and a tall glass of ice water. ENJOY!

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Zara is a 2 year old tripod (lost a hind leg due to a knee injury). She loves to play & is house-broken. Requires a home with a secure fenced yard as she needs to be able to get adequate exercise.

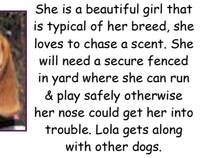


Ned is 25 year old, 15H QH X gelding. He is very sweet & stands for the vet & farrier. He would make a great lawn ornament/companion.



Laverne is a 10 year old, healthy & sound, 14.2h gaited Arabian cross mare. She was rescued from a starvation case and is now ready to find her forever home. Laverne is sassy with other horses/top dog in the field! We have not yet tried her under saddle.





Lola is a 1 year old Beagle. She is a beautiful girl that is typical of her breed, she loves to chase a scent. She will need a secure fenced in yard where she can run & play safely otherwise her nose could get her into trouble. Lola gets along with other dogs.



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Cheyenne is an 9 year old 14.2 H chestnut QH X mare. Cheyenne has been through a 30 day training program & has good ground manners but should not be ridden. She would make a terrific babysitter/companion horse.



Gertrude is a sweet girl that was found wandering with a collar & leash attached. No one came claimed her so she's now available for adoption. She has limited hearing, therefore a home without small children that could startle her would be best. She doesn't mind other dogs with her activity level. We think she's about 10 years old but is in great shape for a senior! She loves to snuggle & hang out with us in our office.

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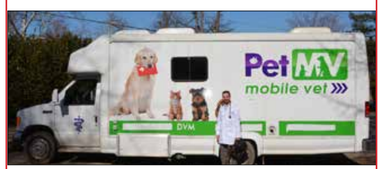


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Editors Desk

Work Sessions. Who Knew?

Much to the surprise of many citizens and friends of Middleburg, the men and women who serve on our Town Council meet not once a month, but twice . . and, arguably more.

In fact, much of the work of Council gets done in meetings held the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Though they are full meetings of Council, they are still called "work sessions" out of long-standing tradition.

They are actually much more: very real and very important meetings of Town Council

They are less formal in tone, and often tend to focus on issues that require detailed review of documents and reports, with extensive and fairly free-wheeling discussion.

Council decisions made in them, however, can be as binding as any made in the Council's "regular monthly meetings."

They are open to the public and often serve as venues for required formal "public hearings" on a variety of topics.

The agendas for these meetings differ little from those of the "regular monthly meetings," held on the second Thursday of each month

The only major difference, in fact, is the omission of any "work session" time regularly assigned for "public comment."

According to the Mayor, and every member of Town Council and Town Staff we consulted, these sessions are some of the most productive uses of both staff and Council time.

Despite our absolute commitment to having as many citizens speak to Council as often as possible on as many issues as possible . . . we absolutely agree.

We also firmly believe more voters, friends, neighbors and people under the voting age of 18 should know about these sessions and, if possible, attend them.

In the past Council members virtually lived in meetings. In addition to regular meetings, and the "work" sessions, each member was assigned to special committees that met separately, and reported back to Council, more or less effectively, each month.

The old procedure was a time sink . . . which made it difficult to find the time to serve effectively on Council, more difficult for town staff, and . . . for citizens and the press . . . almost impossible to keep up with what was going on much less report on it.

Council's current approach, fewer committees, and effectively, two Council meetings a month changed all that.

Efficiency and effectiveness have been, by all accounts, more than significantly improved . . . and Council, Staff members and the public are better informed than ever.

We believe that everyone who is truly interested in how their local government works, should periodically attend either a regular Council meeting or one of its "work sessions" . . . and take young people in the family along.

Why?

To paraphrase one of our longest serving Council members:

"Local government affects us more than most people realize. . . . If being a citizen means anything in our form of democracy, getting involved in Town government should be higher on most peoples' list. . . . When people do not engage, they are open to disappointment and surprise, when for example they do not understand that council does not have authority to stop, prevent or change some things. . . . The Town truly does more (and more comprehensive) work now . . . and [everyone] is certainly welcome and encouraged to attend."

We could not agree more.

Letters

Dear Editor,

On May 4th and 5th of this year the village of Rectortown lost one of its six original settlement homes dating to the mid/late 1700's. On those two days workers completely erased all trace of the Rector-Slack log home at 2981 Rectortown Rd., including its original stone fireplace, chimney and foundation.

Rectortown is Fauquier County's oldest settlement, established in 1772, and was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2004 by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. A comprehensive study of Rectortown's past and historically relevant structures was published by this agency in which the Rector-Slack log home was cited three times:

Page 11: "The Rector-Slack Log House at 2981 Rectortown Road [030-5155-0023] is another 18th-century dwelling in the district (Photo 3). The 1-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed, exposed log (v-notched) cabin features exposed rafter ends, a batten door with a 4-light window, a stone foundation, 6/6-sash windows, weatherboard and attic windows in the gable ends, and a large exterior-end stone chimney. To the east side is a 1-story shed-roofed stone wing with an exterior-end stone chimney with brick stack and a mid-20th-century side wing. The building is in relatively fair condition, although it has been empty for several years. It is believed to have been constructed around 1780 for the Rector family."

Page 32: "2981 Rectortown Road 030-0766 Other DHR Id #: 030-5155-0023

Primary Resource Information: Single Dwelling, Stories 1, Style: Other, ca 1780

This 1-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed (standing-seam metal), exposed log (v-notched) log cabin has exposed rafter ends, a batten door with a 4-light window, stone foundation, 6/6-sash windows, weatherboard and attic windows in the gable ends, and a large exterior-end stone chimney. To the east side is a 1-story, shed-roofed stone wing with an exterior-end stone chimney with brick stack and a mid-20th-century side wing. The building is in relatively fair condition, although it has been empty for several years.

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Page 41:"Another dwelling that may date to as early as 1780 is the Rector/Slack Log House at 2981 Rectortown Road. [030-5155-0023] Architectural evidence in this stucco-over-rubble-stone building supports an 18th-century date and it also has been claimed to be where Asbury stopped during his brief visit to Rectortown. Members of the Rector family including Maurice Rector owned this house during its early history. Additions and alterations were made to this building in 1820, 1830, ca. 1850 and 1910."

Unfortunately, there are no legal protections for such prominent, recognized historical structures in our village, but total demolition can and should get public attention. Even if rebuilt, the original home has been completely eliminated. The Rector-Slack log house was nearly 240 years old.

Sincerely,
Todd Goins
Rectortown, Virginia

Abraham, Martin, and Too Many Others

Blue

Dan Morrow

Some of our conservative friends had conniptions earlier this month when President Obama quipped that he was "in many ways the most Jewish president we've ever had."

From Limbaugh, to the National Review, from Fox to the even farther right, the universal response was . . . no he isn't.

Marx was a Jew.

Netanyahu is a Jew.

But the President most certainly doesn't even come close.

Their arguments were often mystifying, which begs the question: Why such high dudgeon over such a simple and obvious remark?

Despite the stories of Jesus' repeated use of parables, some of our friends on the Christian right appear to have serious problems with statements that aren't literally true.

Analogy, simile, and abstractions in general are all too often attacked as if they were heresies worthy of the stake. "Life" they argue, is definitely not ANYTHING like a "box of chocolates" . . . and here's why.

For our truly fearful friends, who honestly believe we godless progressives are trying to confuse them at best, and lie to them at worst, here's what I think was meant by what the President said about "being the most Jewish President we've ever had."

Was the President claiming to be Jewish?

Of course not.

He was simply pointing out that he (and his extended family for countless generations) had closer, longstanding, personal, cultural and emotional ties to the experiences of the Jewish people than any other American President who springs to mind.

That seems a fair enough statement on at least two levels.

Jeffrey Goldberg in June's Foreign Policy, put it this way: ". . . in essence, no president has been shaped to the degree that Obama has been shaped by exposure to Jewish mentors, Jewish teachers, Jewish fellow community-organizers, Jewish advisers, Jewish political supporters, Jewish writers, and Jewish thought. On the Jewish right, of course, Obama is thought of as something approaching an anti-Semite. He's not, of course. What he is, is a philo-Semite. And this comes with its own set of problems and challenges."

As a 70-year old white male, born and raised in the segregated south, and a student of the history of the Holocaust, I'd put it another way.

The President and his extended family are inextricably part of an ancient and long-memorialized tradition shared with Jews worldwide.

Like most, if not all Jews, the President and his family, would be inclined to see slavery and liberation as a central and defining part of their personal, cultural and national histories.

Those defining themes are often imbedded and for all practical purposes culturally unavoidable, both in the abstract and in day-to-day life.

They live not only in oft- told tales, but in literature, music, religion, film, ceremony and sorrow.

They share a long and tragic cultural history of displacement, exile and murder, all too often on a mass scale.

They share stories of masters, cruel and kind; and liberators martyred.

They know first hand, or have heard the tales of what it means for members of their families to be excluded from schools and professions, both by law and "cultural heritage."

They know what it means to have been denied the vote, denied office, prohibited from owning real estate, or denied full acceptance, even in national institutions like the military. (Medal of Honors were awarded posthumously this past month to two World War ONE veterans who had been all too long denied them . . . one was black, one Jewish).

Both share a tradition in which justifications of ill treatment have been all too often based on religion.

Perhaps our friends on the right can think of a President with closer personal, or family, or cultural ties to history of the people of Abraham) than Barack Obama.

At seventy, the great grandson of slaveholders, the dubious "beneficiary" of apartheid, and a lifelong student of the holocaust and anti-black racism here and abroad . . . I can't.

Barack Obama is, indeed, the "closest thing to a Jewish President" we have ever had.







Our First Jewish President? Really?

Red

Jim Morgan

Aside from the recent transformations of Hillary Clinton and Bruce Jenner into their respective new selves, the thing that progressives seem most fired up about these days is the transformation of Barack Obama into our "first Jewish president."

This all stems from a recent interview during which Obama said, "I think I am the closest thing to a Jew that has ever sat in this office." Well, as Al Gore said, "the science is settled" so if Obama thinks it, it must be true.

Jeffrey Goldberg, a journalist for The Atlantic, says that Obama is the first Jewish president because many of his mentors, teachers, and advisers have been Jewish. But, when Obama-as-first-something is suggested in other non-racial contexts, progressives angrily deny it.

He grew up in Muslim Indonesia and had Muslim teachers. Does that make him our first Muslim president? Two of his most important mentors, in his own words, were Frank Marshall Davis and Jeremiah Wright. Davis was a communist. Does that make Obama our first communist president? Jeremiah "God damn America!" Wright is rabidly anti-American. Does that make Obama our first anti-American president? Of course, any such suggestions give liberals the vapors. So why do the supposed Jewish influences matter?

Moreover, why is it suddenly so important that Obama be perceived as Jewish. As a prominent Democratic ex-Secretary of State might say, "What difference, at this point, does it make?"

Obama's supporters have pointedly asked which president has been "more Jewish" than he, thinking that that's a "gotcha!" But, as no president has been Jewish, asking which one was "more" Jewish is meaningless. And here's more progressive logic: Jews were oppressed. Blacks were oppressed. Obama is black. Therefore Obama is more Jewish than any other president. Uh-huh, that works.

Still another of the proofs of Obama's Jewishness is that he's like a Jewish mother because he practices "tough love" on Israel. For example, he has insisted that Israel abandon the settlements on what left-wing folks continue to misrepresent as "occupied" land; that is, land which Israel rightfully took after it's stunning victory in the 1967 war. That's like saying that the entire American southwest is really just occupied land because we took it from Mexico after our own rather stunning victory in 1848. But losing land is often a consequence of losing wars. Too bad.

And, Mr. Tough Love also wants Israel to return to those 1967 boundaries. Not an immediate problem as none of the surrounding Arab countries except Syria is as hostile as in 1967 and Syria isn't in a position to be very aggressive at the moment. But the long-term consequences of returning to those narrow, restricted borders should be obvious to anyone who can read a map. They would be disastrous.

This whole first Jewish president nonsense probably is a reaction to a recent poll which showed a 28 point drop in Jewish support for Obama; support that traditionally is critical to Democratic success. But it could also be just another distraction to avoid discussing this administration's many failures. Obama has been a reverse King Midas as everything he has touched has turned to horse manure. Obamacare is a disaster, our economy is contracting, our foreign policy … well, we don't have one. But, hey, Obama is our most Jewish president and how 'bout that Caitlyn Jenner?

Whatever "first Jewish president" means, what's important is what has happened to the US-Israeli relationship. It has tanked under Obama. He insulted and snubbed Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu early on. He actively worked to defeat Netanyahu's re-election bid. He delayed necessary resupply of military equipment to the Israelis during last year's intense fighting with Hamas in Gaza. And, most importantly, he is "negotiating" with Iranian barbarians in a way which guarantees that Iran, which has pledged to wipe Israel off the face of the earth, will get nuclear weapons.

First Jewish president? Oy vey!

Hypocrisy

Tom Pratt

This month's column, written in the spirit of Andy Borowitz and the Yes Men (if they are not familiar, please Google them), comes to you in the voice of Hillary Clinton. Please remember that it's me, Tom, doing the writing, although I wish HC had penned this herself!

Hillary Clinton has decided to drop out of the race for president of the United States citing the following reasons:

Bernie Sanders would be much better for the country because he has no ties to mega corporations and does not owe them favors as I do. Bernie also has no ties to the Clinton Foundation (as I do) which has ties to not only mega corporations but heads of those corporations whom, if I were elected would call in untold favors which would not be in the best interest of the country and I would be powerless to refuse.

Bernie did not vote for the Iraq war (which I did) and even though I have apologized profusely I was taken in at the time by the corporate media which pushed for war and the weapons manufacturers and companies such as Haliburton who were licking their chops at the prospect of a long and protracted war which would of course boost their profits beyond belief and I am sorry to say that Bernie saw through this, although I did not.

Ben Ghazi also keeps raising its head… another thing Bernie does not have to deal with. And then there are those pesky emails that I must get around to addressing which will take even more focus off of the campaign messages which should really be all about the country and how the next president can accomplish all that is needed to return it to its former glory.

Regarding the TPP: Bernie does not owe corporations anything as he has not taken anything from them, so he can be upfront and honest in his condemnation of the trade agreement. Unfortunately I do not have that capability as all the corporate heads would have my head if I come out against it.

And then there is dear Bill, no baggage for Bernie there either.

So my friends vote for Bernie and I will promise to put my considerable weight behind his campaign.

Oh, and I must conclude by apologizing to my husband.

I know how disappointed you must be, darling, as I know how much you were looking forward to redecorating the White House and picking out new china.

But you know more than anyone how politics does or doesn't work.

Can ISIS Endure?

Tony Wells

What evidence is there that ISIS will continue to exist for at least the next several years?

ISIS emerged as a signficant force in the Middle East as a direct result of the Iraq parliamentary elections of 2005 when, after two elections Shi'a and Kurdish parties won control of the Iraqi parliament by overwhelming margins. A civil war soon began as the Sunni population would not acknowledge the legitimacy of the parliamentary vote.

Terrorist groups played the main role in the fighting at first and in June 2005, the US began its "Together Forward" operations against them.

In October what we now know as ISIS appeared: consisting of some elements of the terrorist groups defeated in the civil war, including Al Qaeda in Iraq, and other subdivisions and generals of Saddam Hussein's army.

These groups differed, but they also had things in common.

Some have argued that that they fought a common enemy -- the Americans -- and aimed to expel them from Iraq.

What is much more important, however, is that they were all Sunni and enjoyed sponsorship from the Gulf countries, in particular Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

All felt a strong need for a counterbalance to Iran and the new Shi'a Iraq.

ISIS, and a potential Sunni state filled that bill.

The main objective of ISIS, in our view, is thus to create and consolidate a Sunni territorial stronghold at a critical geostrategic crossroads, where the Sunni and Shi'a worlds intersect in Syria and Iraq.

With well-organized and coordinated Western opposition with regional allies, ISIS should not, and in our view, will not be able to spread its territories beyond that Sunni stronghold, much less expand on the scale marked on its own "future maps.

In our view, it is very unlikely that ISIS will be able to go anywhere beyond Syria and Iraq.

ISIS may try to establish contact with Turkey, with or without Saudi mediation.

Erdogan in Turkey, however, is likely to behave very cautiously, as he already did during fighting between ISIS and the Kurds, while recognizing the key role of Saudi Arabia.

In Iraq, ISIS may possibly try to capture Baghdad and, in the bargain, gain control of the Tigris and Euphrates, whose waters are rare and precious resources.

An ISIS march to the Gulf, however, does not seem possible in the nest few years, given the strength of Shi'a identity and the determination of Shi'a populations to defend their homes, security and holy cities extremely aggresively.

ISIS relations with Syria will probably stay officially hostile. Syria seems to be safe as it is impossible for ISIS either to reach the coast or to capture Damascus.

One of the key critical assessments will remain relations between ISIS, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.

ISIS atrocities and its clear divergence from fundament Moslem teaching will polarize opposition to ISIS, leaving the Islamists isolated and surrounded, facing a demise akin to those 20th-century tyrants that sought to impose their will by brutal suppression and atrocities.

Thus, ISIS may well have masterminded its won downfall -- by brutally violating all the norms of human conduct and indeed the very essence of the Prophet's words.

Cruelty, inhumanity and sheer violent atrocity have no place in the civilized world, and ISIS will real the whirlwind of its own making, unifying its enemies with its friends and those who will simply not tolerate inhumanity.

[For the complete, unabridged and unedited article from which this excerpt was taken see: Anthony Wells, "The Future of ISIS: A Joint US-Russian Assessment, "The Naval Review CIII (May 2015), pp. 142-146)]









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Middleburg Area
$2,975,000

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

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Trough Hill Farm
Middleburg, Virginia
$2,450,000

A pastoral 5 bedroom c. 1830 farmhouse and a grand stone pavilion • Elegant but unfussy • 103 acres of open farmland • The pavilion serves as a pool house, greenhouse, banquet room, and guest quarters • Great location

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Greystone
The Plains, Virginia
$2,200,000

Circa 1807 • 33 acres ideally located between Middleburg & The Plains • Rare quarried stone exterior, 10-foot ceilings • Period mantels, original wood floors, two-story front porch • 3 bedrooms/3 baths, each a private suite • Historic stone barn includes one bedroom/bath apt, heated tack room, 6 stalls • Carriage barn • 3 paddocks, large turnout field, run-in sheds, auto waterers • Whole farm generator • Pond • Orange County Hunt

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Buck Run Farm
Hume, Virginia
$1,925,000

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

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Liberty Hill
Boyce, Virginia
$1,775,000

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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Echo Hill
The Plains, Virginia
$1,500,000

Stone English country home in top location between Middleburg & The Plains on 13 acres • Large boxwoods & classically planted gardens • 4 BR home with new kitchen & main level master suite • Hardwood floors, built-in book cases, fireplaces & bright open family room • Bluestone terrace overlooks new pool & entertaining area • Separate guest cottage/pool house & garage • Whole-house generator

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Westwood
Marshall, Virginia
$1,200,000

21 acres of mostly open land • Classic fieldstone home with a portion circa 1835 • Renovations include open kitchen, screened-in porch, new windows, new siding, updated bathrooms & metal roof • Original floors throughout most of the house • Lots of charm & an unusual amount of natural light for an old house • Grand oak trees & a lovely setting

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Blue Ridge Springs
Bluemont, Virginia
$1,195,000

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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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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Palmer's Mill
Bluemont, Virginia
$875,000

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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Willow Hill
Delaplane, Virginia
$845,000

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

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The Corner Garden
Middleburg, Virginia
$650,000

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

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Cobbler Lane
Delaplane, Virginia
$545,000

Own your own valley • 25.21 acres recorded in 3 parcels, private • Small cottage in excellent condition, ability to add on or use as a guest house • Approximately 7 acres open, balance wooded • Stream

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Milltown Road
Lovettsville, Virginia
$350,000

35.3 rolling and mostly open acres • Great vineyard site • Mountain views • Pond • House circa 1800, shed, barn, numerous outdoor buildings all sold "AS IS" • Scenic Easement

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STONEWALL FARM, HUME, VIRGINIA

Look across stonewalls & 5 acre pond into the Shenandoah Nat'l Forest. Almost new custom designed farmhouse situated for privacy & spectacular views! Pool. $1,950,000

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HALFWAY & COON TREE, THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA

Prime location just north of Halfway on The Plains Rd, 82+ acres with elevated potential house site, rock walls & stream. $1,241,400

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HEADLANDS, MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Extensive renovation just completed. New kitchen & baths. 4BR, 3 full & 2 half baths. Private, scenic setting minutes from Middleburg. 2 ponds. 17 acres. Indoor pool. Spacious one level living. $1,175,000

Kathryn Harrell 540-687-2215



PIEDMONT HUNT, NORTHERN FAUQUIER CO, VA

50 acres of beautiful open rolling land with pond and views to the Blue Ridge, Bull Run and Cobbler Mountains. No existing conservation easement. In a very well protected area and a terrific location. $1,100,000

Carole Miller 540-729-7896



MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA

Amazing private setting & view shed of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Beautiful country home on just under 17 acres with 4 finished levels. Great front & back covered porches. 2 tenant houses. Barn with tackroom. $899,000

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WAYSIDE, UPPERVILLE, VIRGINIA

Charming historic home c1833. Fully renovated, 4 bedrooms, house generator, guest house, extensive landscaping, back yard opens to expansive countryside and mountain views. $695,000

Jud Glascock 540-687-2226



HALFWAY, THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA

Farmhouse style 3BR & 2.5BA home + 2-3BR 2.5BA guest house is attached via breezeway. Both offer country kitchens, spacious masters. 3 acres. $679,000

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