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THE WEEK THAT WAS

MIDDLEBURG TOWN
COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

On June 9th, Middleburg's Town Council held what was, by all accounts, a productive if uneventful meeting: the pledge of allegiance promptly at 6:00, followed by the usual staff reports, appointments to Town Committees and Councils, mostly technical revisions to zoning ordinances and rental regulations, and well-deserved special recognition of Middleburg's two 2016 Loudoun Design Award winners: the National Sporting Library and Coe Eldredge of University Group.

Lt. Mike Prince continued to report on the Middleburg Police Department's seemingly never-ending efforts to help smooth the flow of traffic in the face of impossible conditions; facilitate parking; and curb speeding and other issues caused by frustrated commuters, back and forth, doing their best to minimize delays on Route 50.

A week later, on June 16, a massive thunderstorm dubbed "The Hailstorm from Hell" capped what was arguably one of the most challenging weeks in the history of the town.

There have been worse storms, causing more damage, and longer power outages. There was, as one wag put it, no snow. And at press time the Town appears to have suffered only property damage, without any loss of life or serious injury.

That said, June 9 to 16 was a week to remember, or perhaps, better said, a week to forget.

Roadwork

Construction along main street continued apace, with what has all too sadly become its almost routine accompaniment of noise, dust, one-way traffic jams, blocked or non-existent parking, frustrated commuters, and a resulting marked decline in retail and restaurant traffic.

The town's merchants and service providers, working with Town Staff, the business association and Chief A.J. Panebianco's hard-working Police Department, carried on: doing all that is humanly possible to rise to the challenge: working out parking alternatives, mapping routes, working overtime, educating visitors and townspeople to constantly changing conditions.

Gas Leak

Then came a gas leak, ostensibly caused by construction damage to a meter in the northeast end of town. Heard over a policeman's cell-phone connection, the leak sounded to one newspaper editor like a "jet engine."

As a safety precaution, Police immediately evacuated the area around Middleburg Charter School. As the smell of gas spread to the far east end of town, Middleburg Policemen went door to door, advising business to close and residents to leave their homes if the smell INSIDE their homes became as noticeable as the smell outside.

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NEWS OF NOTE

AN "ADMIRAL" WIN FOR EVAN DOMBROWSKY

NANCY MILBURN KLECK

For the second time in two years, representing Loudoun Fairfax Hunt, Evan Dombrowsky, 10 year-old son of Beth and Ret. Naval Commander Donald Dombrowsky, won the 10 and under Junior Handler class at the recent Virginia Foxhound Show at Morven Park.

"All he talked about was winning the class again" his Mother described between beaming smiles as she and her husband watched the entries pile into the English ring. Beth grew up hunting with Chagrin Valley Hunt in Ohio and now she and Evan will be hunting with Loudoun Fairfax. "Evan spends as much free time as he can at the hunt's kennel. He's very passionate about the hounds."

Last year Evan earned the blue with Loudoun Fairfax Sprocket, but he wanted to select the hound for this year's competition. After selecting Admiral, they bonded through the weeks of practice. As Huntsman Andy Bozdan describes, "He's one of our best hunters, but he's not an easy hound to show. He won't work with you unless he knows you're his buddy."

The 10 and under age group drew so many entries the class was split into two divisions. Exhibitors as young as 3 walked hounds, mostly

going forward, a couple backwards, and one just did not want to budge. The ground was heavy with biscuit scent. The chaos is both amusing and heart wrenching. Everyone is trying their best under the hot, mid-day sun. Very smartly, Evan stayed in the front row to be in the judges' views, one of the bits of ring craft he learned from his mentor Andy.

Being an Old English Hound, Evan sported the English bowler and showed Admiral "English style" -- off leash, running freely, to display his athleticism and how well he returned to stand at attention. Expert biscuit tossing from palm to palm kept Admiral's nose in the right direction and after what seemed to be an eternity, the results were announced.

One will never know who was more nervous, proud parents or serious contender. But upon hearing his name, an elated Evan coolly removed his bowler in deference to the honor from the judges as he extended his hand to receive the ribbon and trophy. It's what an English hound handler does, he would say. His mother says he's already thinking about next year, the 11-16 group.

Evan is spending his summer walking hounds with Andy and looking forward to hunting with his "buddy."

Well done, young man!



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JUDGE THOMAS D. HORNE AND JOURNALIST MARGARET MORTON TO BE HONORED AT LOUDOUN LAURELS GALA

Loudoun Laurels Chairman Joe May announced today that legendary Loudoun County Circuit Court Judge Tom Horne and Journalist Margaret Morton, the Dean of the Loudoun County Press Corps, will be the 2016 honorees at the Loudoun Laurels Gala, September 30th at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn.

"Judge Horne and Margaret Morton exemplify the very best of the traditions of public service, stewardship, and personal contributions to the life and history of Loudoun County, May noted. "Their lives and work are role models for us all to follow and admire, and we are all, every single one of us, in their debt in some way."

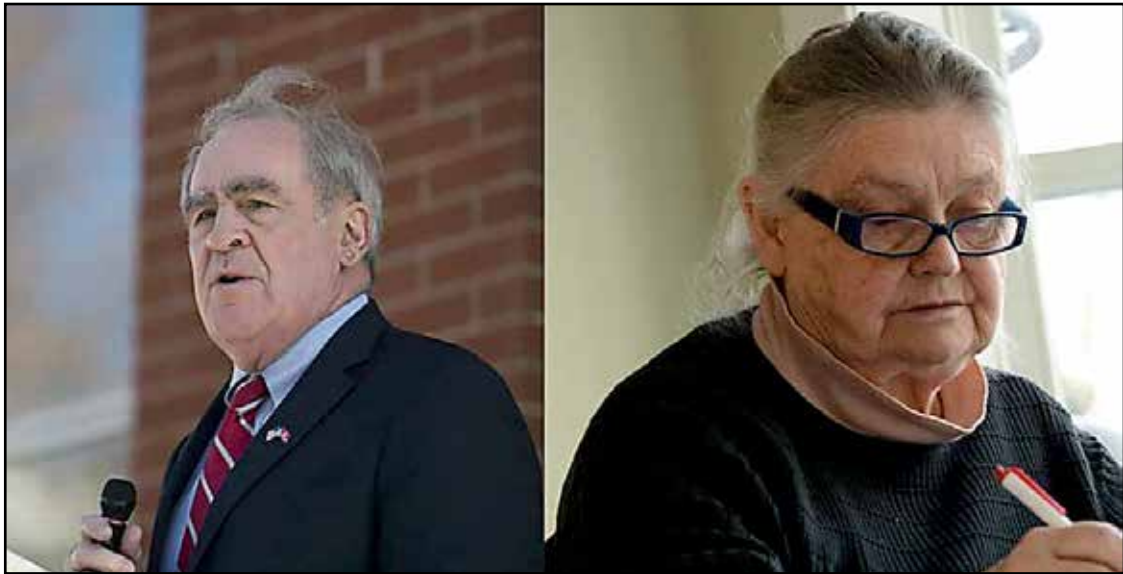
"Their stories will not only add immense understanding and depth to the Thomas Balch Library's permanent research collections on the history of the county," May continued, "they will be preserved on line for young citizens and future generations seeking role models and standard-setters for how to live lives of stewardship and service."

Judge Thomas D. Horne
When retired Chief Judge Thomas D. Horne left the Loudoun County Circuit Court he had served longer than any other judge in the circuit.
Horne is a 1965 graduate of

Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, and a 1969 graduate of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.
For three years, from 1980 to 1982, he served as the County's Commonwealth's Attorney. He first took the bench in 1982.
In addition to his long and distinguished history as a judge, Horne was a driving force in establishing and maintaining a landmark educational experience for young people considering a career in the law, the 20th Judicial Circuit's Law Camp. There, students meet and interact with professionals in both classroom lecture and moot court environments.

A keen preservationist, he has worked diligently to protect and serve Loudoun County's historic courthouse building in Leesburg. He also serves on the Board of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library.

Margaret Morton
The Dean of the active Loudoun County Press Corps, Margaret Morton is a graduate of Edinburgh University in Scotland.
In 1966 she left her native Britain to come to America after marrying a Virginian, Professor and Rev. W. Brown Morton.
Morton entered the world of journalism in 1992 joining the staff of Leesburg Today in September of that year.



Last year she became a founding member of the writing staff of Loudoun Now, recently judged Loudoun County's best new business.

With nearly a quarter century of experience, Morton has covered Loudoun, its history, its people and its places, with grace, style, wit and integrity exemplifying the highest standards of both journalism and community service.
An active preservationist, Morton who served on Loudoun County's first Historic Review Board, has been a dedicated, active, personal and professional supporter

of a host of County non-profit and charitable activities.

September 30th Gala
The annual Loudoun Laurels award ceremony is a highpoint 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.
Since 2013 the LLST and its supporters have presented \$10,000 scholarships to deserving Loudoun County high school students. As of September no less than eleven

such scholars will be attending Virginia schools.
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.
The Loudoun Laurels is a registered 501c3 not-for-profit organization. Proceeds from tickets sales and other contributions support both the Loudoun Laurels and its Stewardship Trust scholarship fund.

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GREAT MEADOW INTERNATIONAL NATIONS CUP SHOWCASE FOR OLYMPIC HORSES & RIDERS

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

There's still time to make plans to attend the Land Rover Great Meadow International presented by Adequan and the first ever FEI Nations Cup™ to be held outside Europe. This history-making event takes place at Great Meadow in The Plains, and it's coming up fast: July 8-10.

This is a golden opportunity to see some of the best event horses and riders, including our Rio team. The roster of 40 accepted entries includes international and Olympic riders representing Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Puerto Rico, and USA. Teams from Canada, Great Britain, and USA are slated to compete in the Nations Cup™.

On June 20, the U.S. Equestrian Federation made the official announcement about the team for Rio (in alphabetical order): Philip Dutton (West Grove, Pa.) and Femihill Cubalawn, Lauren Kieffer (Middleburg, Va.) and Veronica, Boyd Martin (Cochranville, Pa.) and Blackfoot Mystery, Clark Montgomery (Tetbury, England) and Loughan Glen.

Kieffer's ticket to Rio began with a birthday gift of riding lessons when she was six. Another gift on the occasion of her high school graduation took her to Virginia for a week-long eventing camp, which led to Kieffer,

18, working for her 'graduate equestrian degree' with Olympians Karen and David O'Connor. After six years with the O'Connors, Kieffer went out on her own, but stayed in the area. She spends summers in The Plains and winters in Ocala, Florida.

Her career highlights include 2015 Team Gold medalist at the Pan American Games with Meadowbrook's Scarlet, Team Bronze medalist in the 2015 Nations Cup™ in Aachen, Germany and the 2016 and 2014 Rolex/USEF CCI4* National Championships as top-placed U.S. Rider at Kentucky Rolex 3-Day Event – both with Veronica.

For many people who love horses, the Olympics are a dream, but the reality is dedication and hard work. As it says in the first line of her USEF biography: "With grit and grind, and plenty of support, Lauren Kieffer has risen to the top of the sport of eventing in the U.S." It takes more than talent, and Kieffer's very positive attitude and commitment are stronger than ever.

"It's certainly an honor and one I've been working towards for a very long time," said Kieffer. "There's still a lot of work to get done between now and then. We'll be busy preparing and trying to leave no stone unturned."

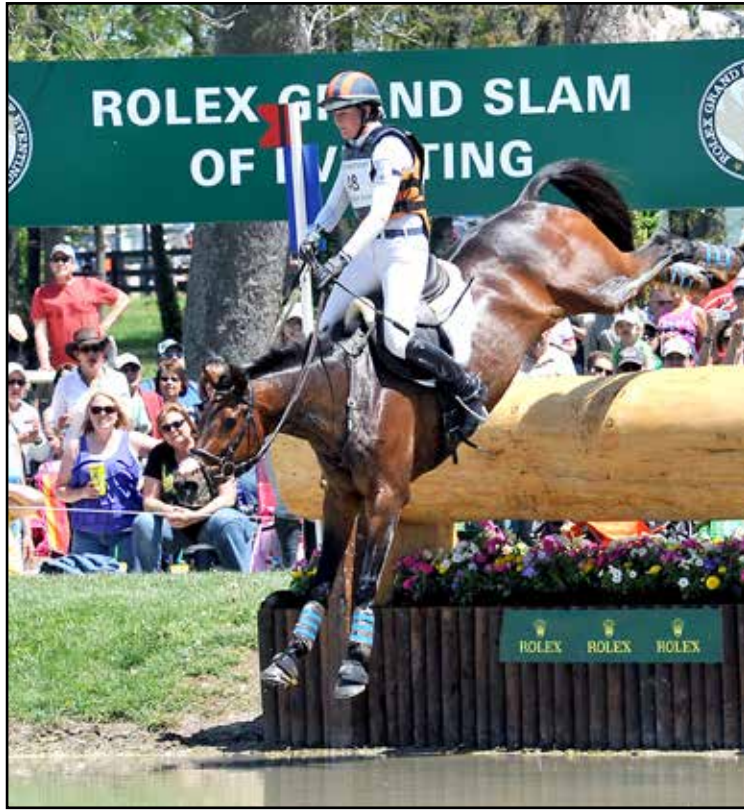
As for Veronica, owned by Team Rebecca's LLC, she isn't into hugs, but that toughness helps to make her a terrific event horse. She's known

for making intimidating faces and noises, but everyone connected with her, especially Shannon Kingsley, Kieffer's groom, absolutely love her. In fact, when Kieffer heard about her ticket to Rio, the first person she called was Kingsley, then her family and friends.

After retiring from eventing, Karen O'Connor put Veronica into Kieffer's hands where the feisty mare, comparatively small at 16 hands, has come into her own.

"She's always been a mentally competitive horse and she's always been strong in that way," said Kieffer. "I think that over the years they get bigger and stronger in their body. She certainly has a lot of experience and a lot of mileage and she knows the game. That's the biggest difference to now from two years ago – she's gotten stronger and stronger in her own body."

You can watch them in action in the GMI Nations Cup, July 8-10. The new state-of-the-art, million-dollar arena will be ready for action. In fact, it's part of the world-class 3* cross-country course designed and built by Mike Etherington-Smith, known world-wide for great cross-country design, including two Olympic Games, nearly 20 years at Rolex Kentucky, and the 2010 World Equestrian Games. He has worked closely with David O'Connor, U.S. Eventing Chef d'Equipe, and Rob Banner, President of the Great



Meadow Foundation, from the beginning of this quest to bring Nations Cup™ Eventing to the USA.

"Great Meadow is a venue with fantastic views, and the new arena has produced fantastic opportunities to expand the course and be inviting to both spectators and competitors,"

said Etherington-Smith. "This event is a milestone for the U.S. with the Nations Cup™ and especially during an Olympic year."

This year's course, slightly bigger than last year, provides a superb stage for horses and riders. It will also reflect the technical questions faced by riders and horses on the international Olympic level 3-star course in Rio.

Get up your family, your friends, your co-workers. Come for one, two or all three days. On July 8, you're invited to #FreeOnFriday (gates open at 1 p.m.). Check out the cross-country, shop at the Meadow Market; at 6 p.m. enjoy the Nations Cup Welcome Party (cash bar and food or purchase a VIP ticket) and Opening Ceremony, followed by the \$2,000 Bareback Puissance, an exciting high jump competition, sponsored by Morningside Training Farm.

On Saturday, dressage tests begin at 7:40 a.m. The Meadow Market is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The show jumping phase runs from 5 to 7 p.m. The VIP Dinner/Dance Party begins at 6. Sunday is the Cross Country, 9:30 to 11:30. Even if you're attending General Admission, plan for an early arrival. If you purchased a cross-country tailgate parking space, heads up: you must be parked in your spot by 8:30 – no amount of sweet talking will get you on course if you miss the cut-off time. Awards will be presented at the new arena at noon.

Tickets are selling out, so make plans soon. General Admission One-Day Car Pass (up to 6 occupants) for \$30/carload and the GA Two-Day Car Pass - \$50 per car can be purchased at the gate (cash/checks only) or at the Corner Store. If you purchase tickets online too close to the GMI event for them to be mailed to you, they'll be held at Will Call. Sold out: cross country tailgate spaces on the cross country course and all rail-side boxes. VIP Packages and VIP Blue Ribbon Individual Tickets are pre-purchase only.

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LOUDOUN THERAPEUTIC RIDING NEW FACILITY, BRIGHT FUTURE AT MORVEN PARK

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding has big plans for the new facility being built at Morven Park, and fundraising is under way to secure its construction. It's an exciting new chapter for the center, which has been at the historic estate on the edge of Leesburg for 21 years. The signing of a lease for 90 years with Morven Park last fall ensures the future of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding.

"This has been a dream for some time, and we are all excited about what this means for the future of Loudoun Therapeutic Riding," said Joanne Hart, LTR executive director. "Stabling for 20 horses, indoor arena, admin space, and a classroom will all be under one roof, creating an opportunity to grow and enhance our existing programs and serve more people in the community who can benefit from our services. Being able to conduct classes on Saturdays will offer a 25% increase in participants right from the start."

The new facility's indoor arena will also reduce cancellations caused by adverse weather that currently disrupts the schedule.

Founded in 1974, Loudoun Therapeutic Riding is one of the oldest programs in the U.S. and one of the first centers to be accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (formerly NARHA). It's also the only PATH International Premier Accredited Center in Loudoun County. LTR's programs include Hippotherapy, Equine Services for Heroes, Therapeutic Riding, Equine Facilitated Learning, and Carriage Driving.

"At the moment, we have 110 participating weekly, ranging in age from two to 70-plus," said Hart. "Equine Facilitated Learning is an increasingly popular program. It's unmounted and more of an emotional than a physical demand on the horses. We have a staff member certified in Equine Gestalt Coaching, which involves primarily unmounted sessions, working with teens with emotional difficulties and veterans with Post Traumatic Stress."

Research is another goal that will be supported by the new facility. Ask any horseperson about the healing energy of horses and be prepared for some great stories. "In order for this industry to grow, there's a need for research so that there's scientific evidence of the benefits of the equine therapy," said Hart. "We're excited about our plans to work with Virginia Tech and their program that focuses on the animal-human bond."

You have only to witness the changes in a human of any age after interaction with horses. One great example of how horses and riding help people to overcome all sorts of challenges is Megan Giusti, a long-time participant in LTR. Giusti was six when she started on a leadline and, over the years, progressed to riding independently. She began competing in LTR's shows at Morven Park and in 2000 competed in her first VADA/Nova show (the northern Virginia chapter of the Vir-

ginia Dressage Association). For 12 years, she has worked for ECHO (Every Citizen Has Opportunities) at their Lansdowne Hospital site.

"My daughter is intellectually challenged – she was two and a half weeks overdue and in those days they didn't do sonograms every week, and she suffered brain damage – she's probably at a 7-year-old's age level, but when you meet her and talk to her, she has such an amazing memory," said her mother, Kathleen Giusti. "She remembers what she reads and what you tell her. She can read a dressage test once and file it away and remember it five years later."

Megan Giusti's job involves sorting the mail and delivering it and she tackle her responsibilities with the same focus she applies to riding and competing at the Intro level in able-bodied dressage shows. She's friendly and helpful wherever she goes, whether at work or getting ready to compete or helping at LTR. She's a great ambassador in terms of showing the world what people with special challenges can accomplish when given opportunities.

"The VADA/Nova people are so inclusive of her – Megan goes out there and rides, she doesn't have anyone read the test to her, she has it memorized and she does what she needs to do," said Mrs. Giusti. "Their reaction is wow, she knows

what she's doing! It's a great compliment, not only to Megan, but also for what she has achieved over the years with the different horses she has ridden with Loudoun Therapeutic Riding and the instructors she's had. Megan rides on Wednesday afternoon now – the love of her life is Jolie, a paint draft mare, which is why we have a paint draft cross like her, but Jolie is still #1 and they still have their little mojo. Megan's about to move up to Training level – it's great, we have our own little dressage team at LTR."

Megan Giusti is also paying it forward. She's just as interested in doing her volunteer work as she is with the riding. She helps with the buckets, grooming horses and ponies for the next riders, taking horses in and out.

"She's like a little barn rat when it comes to helping and it's nice to see it come full circle," her mother said. "She's made her way from being dependent on volunteers to showing new volunteers this is how to put on a halter or this is where this horse goes. You would hope that anybody able-bodied or not would give back to an organization like Loudoun Therapeutic Riding that gives so much to children and adults. In the non-profit world, volunteers are so hard to come by."

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding needs support from the community. Their recent Preakness Party at the



Middleburg Community Center entertained 150 friends, who contributed most generously to support the programs that this year will benefit more than 500 individuals and impact hundreds more through therapeutic equine activities at Morven Park. LTR needs people-support, too, in the way of volunteers and equestrian philanthropists for the new facility.

"We're also very education-oriented and we're partnering with other educational institutions to provide opportunities to young people to learn horse care and horsemanship," said Hart. "A new program we piloted this year is called Reins for Independence. It's a vocational opportunity, open to boys and girls – this first group is autistic young people from Loudoun County High School, and we got it going with the help of 100WomenStrong, grant makers for all sorts of charitable institutions."

"We also hold workshops for our peers and workshop certifications for instructor candidates for therapeutic riding," continued Hart. "We hold workshops for Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists who are interested in practicing in equine therapy – they come from all over the country. We work with students of PT and OT from Shenandoah University – they come to do their capstone projects with us. We also work with Northern Virginia Community College's veterinary technology program. Their students come to learn about large animal work."

Loudoun Therapeutic Riding welcomes participants with cognitive, physical and psychological disabilities. They always need volunteers. A registered 501(c)(3) non-profit, Loudoun Therapeutic Riding also welcomes your donations.

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Luck Stone, a Loudoun family-owned business since 1993, believes in supporting the communities they are located in, and in April, they put their money where their mouth is, so to speak.

Working with Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers (LVC), a Loudoun non-profit that helps frail elderly and adults with disabilities in the county live as independently as possible, Luck Stone provided both the manpower and the materials for a new driveway for one of LVC's care receivers.

LVC volunteers offer a variety

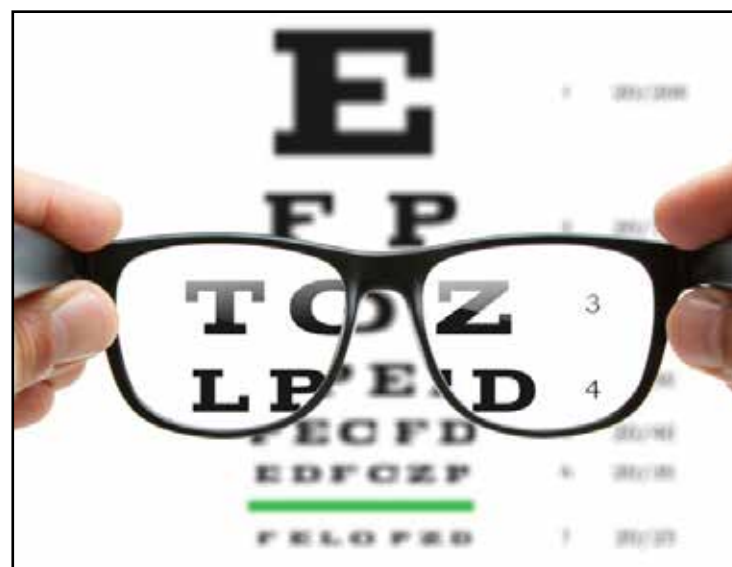
of free services including medical and non-medical transportation, shopping, food delivery from the food pantry, and chores through our Chore Corps program. While LVC's volunteers are able to provide non-professional household assistance, if the need arises, LVC will reach out to local businesses to find assistance with large jobs that require professionals.

Toward the end of April of this year the driveway of Linda E, an LVC care receiver, had become a mud slide, dangerous for her as well as for volunteers and county workers trying to assist her. With Luck

Stone's generous donation of time and materials, Ms. E. can now safely access her driveway and receive the assistance she needs through LVC's volunteers.

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NEWS OF NOTE

MOSBY HERITAGE AREA OPENS STYLISH, HISTORIC PELHAM

Mosby Heritage Area Association will host a rare opening of historic Pelham, one of the area's most stylish Victorian homes, on Sunday, July 10th. The program they will begin at 2 p.m. in the nearby Middleburg Academy ballroom located at 35321 Notre Dame Lane, Middleburg, VA 20117.

Morven Park's Director of Preservation and Education Jana Shafagoj, will speak on "Victorian Architecture and Style" as relate to Pelham to prepare guests for the visit. The program will conclude at the historic house with a tour and refreshments. Pelham is located about a mile from Middleburg Academy at 34300 Welbourne Road, Middleburg, VA 20117.

Pelham was built by Colonel Richard H. Dulany as a wedding gift for his eldest child, Mary Carter Dulany, whose wedding was November 1st, 1876. Mary went on a "Grand Tour" honeymoon in Europe with her bridegroom, an Irishman named Robert Neville, and returned to find their new home had been established as part of a neighboring farm, Crednal, another Dulany-Carter family property.

Robert and Mary Neville named their new home Pelham, after Confederate Major John Pelham, who Mary became fond of during his visit to her



home, Welbourne, in October 1862 when she was in her early teens. Pelham was killed just five

months later at Kelly's Ford, and young Mary never forgot him. Tickets are \$30 for MHAA

members and \$40 for non-members. Please telephone 540-687-6681 or visit the website at www.

mosbyheritagearea.org to purchase tickets.

UPPERVILLE HORSE SHOW: WINNER FROM START TO FINISH

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Upperville Colt & Horse Show has been an institution for equestrians and equine enthusiasts since 1853 when Colonel Dulany founded it to improve horse breeds and horse care. Today, the week-long historic show, AA-rated by the USEF (U.S. Equestrian Federation) is better than ever. From June 6-12, its 163rd renewal showcased great competition and celebrated Upperville's leap into international show jumping with three FEI (International Equestrian Sport Federation) 4* (four-star) classes.

The FEI ranks competitive events with "stars" – five stars being the highest. Upperville's three CS4* (Concours de Sault Internationale four-star) were the \$35,000 Speed Class, \$40,000 Welcome Stakes, and the \$216,000 Upperville Jumper Classic.

Entries for the FEI classes were outstanding, proving that, if you build it – and upgrade an already unique facility with world-class footing, amenities for riders, owners, spectators and vendors, and offer increased prize money – "they" will come. In Upperville's case, "they" were international jumper riders – 34 starters in the Speed Stakes, 36 in the Welcome, and 29 in Sunday's Classic – representing Argentina, Belgium, Canada, England (GBR), France, Ireland, and Mexico with many from the USA.

"This is really what I wanted for Upperville when I took over as president of the show – to bring back more of our top riders and some new riders that hadn't been here before," said Smith. "I'm really very happy the way this week turned out. The weather was beautiful. We had five new riders that came this year – they loved it and

they want to come back next year. We heard from some people who wanted to come this year, but couldn't, and they're very excited about getting here next year. We try to treat our exhibitors and sponsors to great hospitality."

Early on, Smith appointed new board member Trace Weinberg to lead the sponsorship committee and they set to work, tripling the sponsorships, which fill four entire pages in this year's show program. Way too many to list here, but they are very appreciated for contributing greatly to the success of this show.

The Speed Stakes is a one-round, one-shot competition, but the Welcome Stakes and the Upperville Jumper Classic involve a qualifying first round followed by a jump-off over shortened course and adjusted Time Allowed. FEI rules require eight to jump off – a brilliant strategy that guarantees an exciting finish for spectators.

Aaron Vale has set records, in his storied career, for the most grand prix wins in a year. He's a thinking horseman, who used to ride in steeplechase races, and 20-some years later still loves going fast and jumping humongous fences. To date, he has won three Jumper Classics at Upperville. He wasn't the only one hoping for a fourth grand prix victory, especially with the FEI stakes so high. Vale had taken a two-year hiatus from the historic show to let his and Mallory's first child grow up enough (now 2 1/2) to handle the demands of a road trip from their farm in Florida.

This year, however, Vale's determination to win had even more incentive – partly fatherhood, but also to rebuild. On June 3, the Vales' home burned to the ground – nothing survived, not the career collection of trophies and rosettes, not the furniture, photos and

other family mementoes from his late mother, but the most tragic loss of all in that conflagration was their beloved dog, Roo. They had a few clothes in their RV, which they managed to move away from the inferno that not only consumed their home, but also Mallory's car.

On the heels of Devon's grand prix, where Vale and Finou 4 had one rail to finish sixth, he went to work at Upperville – nothing like a good day in the "office" – and rode with his customary all-out determination. He won the first two FEI classes: Thursday's Speed Stakes on Quidam's Good Luck, owned by Tony Glaus, and Friday's Welcome Stakes with Finou 4, owned by Think Like A Horse LLC and Don Stewart. He was in the catbird position to score a hat-trick, but luck tends to be as decisive as skill sometimes.

Course designer Michel Vaillancourt, Canada's Olympic show jumping silver medalist from 1976, had created superb tracks for Upperville's FEI classes. In Sunday's Classic, six went clear in the first round, but FEI rules brought the top eight back for the jump-off with a time allowed of 51 seconds. Vale went fifth, laying down a fast clear with Finou 4 for first in 37.200, leaving out strides where no one else had, saving time.

Mexico's Eugenio Garza Perez, 19 years old, with Bariano, owned by El Milagro, took what he learned watching Vale's round and to shave more increments to zip into first on 36.850. Paul O'Shea (IRE) went all out, carving such an uber-tight turn to the oxer-vert combination in the middle that NLF Favorite slammed on the brakes and refused. O'Shea, secure in 8th place, opted to retire.

Up last was Adam Prudent (FRA), who grew up in Middleburg, the sum-



mer time base for his parents, Katie (Monahan) and Henri Prudent, and their Plain Bay Sales. Prudent and Vasco put in a great round in 37.550 for third place. "We came close – he's such a fabulous horse, a good old boy," said Prudent. "He was great. I am very happy with where I finished and very happy to be here."

The winner admitted that they had heard only good things about Upperville, and the FEI classes provided extra incentive to check it out. "I could not speak more highly about this horse show," said Garza Perez. "It's an absolutely amazing horse show, the facility's great. The organizers did an amazing job, and the footing is top. Bariano's a really strong horse and he gives it his all. The course rode really nice, had a lot of questions in it and options – one of the biggest tracks I've jumped with him, so to have this result was really special."

As for Vale, his two wins and second in FEI classes, added to prize money from other jumper classes, earned him the Leading Jumper Rider Award.

"You know, we tried," said Vale, following the Upperville Jumper Classic. "I've had Finou for just a year now.

He's a sensitive-minded horse, and he's really starting to settle and trust me in his training and it's starting to pay off in the ring. Physically, he has so much ability. He jumps big fences. He's got a huge stride. At the same time, he's very elastic. You can add a stride, you can leave two out, so physically he's got a lot of tools and now the brain's starting figure it all out. He's been going really well. He jumped awesome here. I'm excited about him."

As the other reporters moved off to gather quotes for their stories, Vale added, "You know, people have been so amazing. They dropped off bags of stuffed animals for my daughter, little children's bedding – truly, we lost so much of that stuff. Her collection – it's only been two and a half years in the making, but it was a heck of a collection. People have just been so generous and so supportive – it's just been... The horse community is not a large community, but it's generous and I certainly appreciate everything everyone's done to help us."

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDLAND STRIKER SCORES TOP HONORS AT VIRGINIA HOUND SHOW

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Hopes ran high for the 600 hounds representing 37 packs at the Virginia Foxhound Club's 69th annual Show of Foxhounds on May 29. All five rings boasted quality across the boards. At the end of the day, the four Foxhound champions — Potomac "Templeton" — American, Midland "Striker" — Crossbred, Iroquois "Hackle" — English, and Moore County "Shakerag" — Penn-Marydel — gathered on the lawn in front of the historic Morven Park mansion for the Grand Championship.

Presiding judge Dr. John W. D. McDonald, MFH London Hunt studied each champion's conformation and then their movement when shown off lead. As the hounds gambled back and forth, chasing after kibble, they displayed athletic grace

and beauty in motion to the appreciative crowd of enthusiasts enjoying the finale against the timeless backdrop of the jewel that is Morven Park. In that atmospheric setting, Lt. Col. Bob Ferrer, USMC Ret., MFH Caroline Hunt, announced that Midland "Striker" had been awarded the William W. Brainard Jr. Perpetual Cup as the Grand Champion Foxhound of the Show, with Iroquois "Hackle" earning the honors as runner-up grand champion.

"This class is somewhat difficult because we're looking at different types of hounds and we're trying to decide which is the best example of their type," said Dr. McDonald. "In addition, we're judging dogs and bitches together and that adds a little difficulty. What one is really judging is conformation of the hound and its movement. In my view, the one that had both perfect conformation and

beautiful movement was Striker. He was excellent. They were all quality hounds. Hackle had good conformation and showed herself well, but I think Striker's quality was outstanding."

Mason Lampton, MFH Midland, would agree. After all, Striker's the get of two Virginia Crossbred champions. Several years ago, Lampton was in England to judge at the Meynell where he was dazzled by a "pretty bitch" in a farmer's pack and brought her home. Midland "Moorland Staffordshire Stunning" earned the English championship at Virginia in 2014 and has proven herself in the field and in her two litters. Stunning and Midland "Rocket" — 2011 Virginia Crossbred Champion pinned above Midland's Champion Bitch "Instant" and in whose veins runs the legendary Midland "K" bloodline — this was the pairing that produced



Striker.

Under the capable handling of Midland huntsman Ken George, Striker was chosen Best Unentered Crossbred Dog en route to the 2015 Crossbred Championship and the reserve Grand Championship at Virginia — heady events for the young hound, whose first season proved that he hunted as well as he showed. This year, Striker not only defended his title as Best Crossbred Hound, Entered, he relegated littermate "Stellar" to reserve honors when he claimed this year's Crossbred championship. It was Midland's day for glory.

"I'm thrilled," said Lampton. "Striker really is the vessel of some great new blood, but also of that absolutely terrific 'K' line — our Kill and Keep, and Tony Leahy's Kentucky. If you look up the history of the last 15, maybe 20 winners in the Crossbred ring — I know that our Roxanne, Rocket and Instinct won — it all goes back to the K line and I bet it's in 75% of the Crossbred winners at Virginia. I think how amazing and how dominant that look, that type is to the judges' eye, even though it's all been different judges. Striker has won the Crossbred championship this year at three different top shows: Southern, Virginia and Bryn Mawr. You know, I don't know if that's ever been done before — at least not in my memory. He's just a very special hound."

By the way, in case you're wondering: Ben Hardaway, senior Master at Midland, still goes to the kennel every day and, from the time he first saw Striker, predicted great things. As of mid-June, seven packs had bred to him. Hardaway has been absolutely ecstatic about Striker and all of Midland's showing successes — most especially that they hunt so well, to boot.

American Foxhounds

Potomac's retired huntsman, Larry Pitts, apprentice-judged in the Penn-Marydel ring, but his successor, Brian Kiely, has done a great job with due respect for Pitts's many seasons as leader of the red and white pack of American hounds.

"The show was wonderful — I was quite nervous about it, but Larry's always so supportive of me — I

can always call him with questions, no matter how big or small," said Kiely. "I'm going to proceed with the breeding program the same way it's been going all along. I'm not here to reinvent the wheel. I'm here to try to keep it as good as it's been for the last 35 years. Larry and his family have done a fabulous job with these hounds. They show well and excel in their work. I'm very lucky to have his support. Laura, his daughter, is an honorary whipper-in. She grew up with hounds and hunting and helps us out at the hound shows. There are wonderful people at Potomac — everybody wants to hunt and have a good time."

As Vicky Crawford, joint-MFH put it: "We were thrilled with our hounds. Every time we win a trophy, we get so excited."

Kennels with less than 20 couple: Red Oak Foxhounds, a new pack after merging with Reedy Creek, had a great day. Red Oak "Doc" and "Duncan" pinned first in Couple of Dogs, Unentered, and their littermates "Darlin" and "Dimple" won Couple of Bitches, Unentered. Their "Bourbon" pinned first in Single Dog, Entered, and the Warren C. Harrover Perpetual Cup was presented by the Duchess of Rutland and Joanie Jones of the Virginia Foxhound Club. Red Oak "Breada" and "Butter" won Couple of Bitches, Entered, besting Potomac, Brazos Valley, Rolling Rock, and Middleburg, in that order.

Piedmont Foxhounds took first and second with littermates "Pilgrim" and "Preacher" in Single Dog, Unentered. Brazos Valley, making the trek from Texas, earned first and second with their Unentered Bitches, "Pepper" and "Precious." Goshen "Bridle" won Best Single Bitch, Entered.

Kennels with more than 20 couple: Orange County "Meadow" and "Message" dominated the top two spots in Unentered Bitch (more than 20 couple) — littermates to their "Mentor," winner of Unentered Dog and Best Unentered Hound, with their "Meadow" claiming second place.

Potomac scored the top two placings in Entered Bitch with their "Knoller" and "Keystone." Potomac "Knickers" earned Best American

Brood Bitch and was reserve to littermate "Knoller" who garnered the Bitch championship. Their "Keegan" (first: Entered Dog) and "Templeton" (first: Best Stallion and also Stallion shown with Three Get) won Couple of Dogs, albeit from different sires and dams, en route to the dog championship and reserve honors. Their "Templeton" bested their "Knoller" for the American title.

"As a judge, I'm a bit green, and it was a big deal to judge on my own at Virginia this year, but I really enjoyed it and I learned a ton that day," said Marion Thorne, Genesee Valley MFH and Huntsman. "I really just look for good conformation and athleticism and for a hound that shows well. Red Oak had some nice hounds — they were correct and looked athletic. I really liked Orange County's hounds, especially 'Mentor' in the Unentered. But it's hard to beat Potomac. The way Laura Pitts shows those hounds is unreal. Brian Kiely had the hounds prepared perfectly and he did an excellent job showing Templeton all the way to the American championship."

Crossbred Foxhounds

Due to the sheer numbers of hounds, Crossbreds have been showing in two rings for years. Daphne Wood, MFH Live Oak, and Orrin Ingram, MFH Hillsboro Hounds, judged in the ring for Kennels Under 35 Couple.

"Orrin and I had a ball judging together and it was a pleasure to see so many nice hounds so well shown in the under 35 classes," said Wood. "A huge class started the day in the Unentered Doghounds and we took extra care to ensure that each entry was carefully looked at on the boards and how they moved, because many had traveled long distances to give us the honor of judging their hounds."

They pinned Green Creek "Pirate" first out of 23 entries in Unentered Doghounds and their "Sabrina" won Single Bitch, Unentered, another big class. Then "Sabrina" paired up with littermate "Sanity" for first place in Couple of Bitches. Casanova won Couple of Dogs, Entered with their "Chapter" and "Chalky." Goshen "Larabee" won Best Stallion Hound. New Market Middletown Valley "Wager" proved best in Single Bitch, Entered and teamed up with "Welcome" to prevail in Couple of Bitches, Entered, while their "Widget" won Best Brood Bitch. After several years' absence, Rappahannock Hunt won Couple of Crossbred Dogs.

Dennis Foster, who's looking to retire after 24 years as executive director of the MFHA, presided in the More Than 35 Couple ring and said: "The quality of the Crossbreds was excellent and, without question, Striker was really the best dog. Marty Wood said it might have been a good year that Live Oak didn't come to Virginia, an indication that he thought a lot of Striker too. [Live Oak had just hired a new huntsman, too soon to bring hounds to the show]. Striker and the English hound in reserve [Iroquois "Hackle"] — I think that Jack McDonald picked them correctly. The last time I judged at the Virginia show, the hound I picked in my ring won the Grand Championship, so this was good. I don't plan on ever judging another hound show after Bryn Mawr — I've told people that I want to leave while I'm at the top of my game."

Green Spring Valley distinguished itself with wins in Couple

of Dogs, both Unentered and Entered, and their "Fanshaw" bested Midland "Rocket" in Best Stallion Hound Shown with three of his get. Hillsboro "Kingpin" also bested Midland "Rocket" in Best Stallion Hound (sire of live puppies). Green Spring Valley "Seemly" earned the judge's nod as Best Brood Bitch.

Elkridge Harford "Tessa" won the Unentered Bitch class and was deemed Best Unentered Crossbred; she went on to garner reserve honors as Midland "Stellar" took home the Crossbred Bitch Championship. In the breed championships, Midland had a win-win day when their "Stellar" curtsied to "Striker" — and the rest, as you know, is history and Best in Show bragging rights. When Midland ended a long dry spell by winning the Crossbred Pack class, that put extra toppings on their sporting Sunday.

Penn-Marydel Foxhounds

Newly registered Kimberton Hunt, albeit established in 1870 in Chester Springs, Pa., brought 7 hounds and enjoyed a terrific debut at Virginia. They won Couple of Unentered Dogs with their "Blackberry" and "Vincent" — the latter also pinned second in Unentered Dog. Kimberton "Bunky," handled by 9-year-old Kiley Mueller, daughter and granddaughter of the Masters, placed second to winner Sedgefield "EmCee Hammer" in Stallion Hound, certified sire of living puppies. Kimberton "Bunky" also earned bragging rights with his offspring "Blackberry" and "Brim" by winning Stallion or Brood Bitch, shown with get or produce.

Essentially, it turned out to be Moore County's day of glory. Their "Dan" harvested first in Entered Dog en route to the Dog Championship with reserve honors going to Sedgefield "EmCee Hammer." Moore County's distaff hounds did very well with their "Junebug" pinning first in Unentered Bitch, their "Shakerag" winning Entered Bitch, and their "Drama Queen" claiming top accolades as Brood Bitch.

Long Run "Morgan" and "Morue" took top honors in Couple of Unentered Bitches.

Marlborough "Ursula" and "Utopia" earned the judges' nod in Entered Couple of Bitches. Their "Zappo" led off with a win in the first class, Unentered Dog, and finished second to Moore County "Junebug" in Best Unentered Hound. Tennessee Valley Hunt won the pack class.

Moore County "Shakerag" harvested the Bitch Championship, relegating their "Drama Queen" to reserve honors. In the breed championship, it was a Moore County showdown with their "Shakerag," earning the title over their "Dan." Presiding in the Penn-Marydel ring were Dr. Scott Dove, Old Dominion MFH and whipper-in, and Larry Pitts, ex-huntsman. "Three years ago, I was the apprentice judge at Virginia, this time I served as senior judge with Larry," said Dr. Dove. "The quality of the hounds was excellent. Some of the hounds seemed a little intimidated by the environment and made it hard to see them at their best, but being a whipper-in and Larry being a huntsman, overall, we would see the same things. We were in agreement most of the time. Once in a while, we would like different hounds, but invariably we agreed on the top three."

Added Pitts, "It was fun — people who foxhunt have fun. My se-

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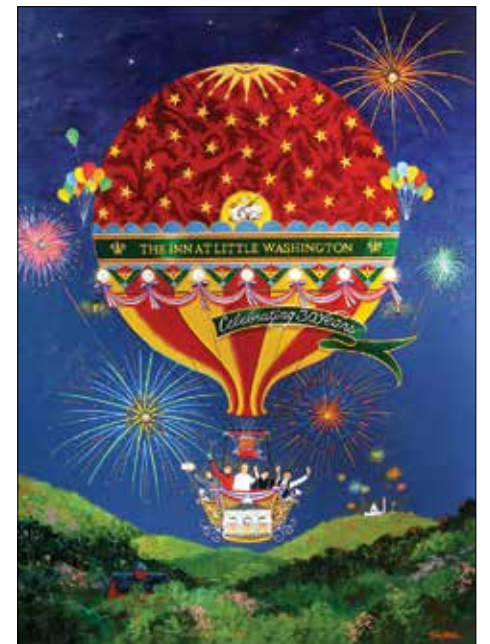
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WINDY HILL WINS FUNDING FOR WORKFORCE HOUSING AT KINCORA

Windy Hill Foundation, together with Flatiron Partners, is pleased to announce that they have been awarded tax credit funding from the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to build Heronview Apartments, 96 units of affordable workforce housing at Kincora—the 6.7 million square foot mixed-use development at the corner of Route 7 and Route 28. This VHDA award is expected to exceed 15 million dollars in total funding.

This 4-story, 120,000 SF apartment building will offer 1-Bedroom, 2-Bedroom, and 3-Bedroom urban-style apartments with a mix of 2-story flats affordable to households with incomes at 50% of Area Median Income or less. Rents will range from \$915 per month for 1-Bedroom units

up to \$1,135 for 3-Bedroom units (based on 2016 AMI).

In addition, Heronview will offer 10 fully-handicapped accessible units that will rent to households at 40% AMI or less. Rents for these units will range from \$505 to \$965 per month.

Heronview will be a “Green Building” certified to “Platinum” standards by Viridian of Virginia (similar to LEED). Exterior of the building will be 75% brick. Units will feature Energy Star energy-saving appliances, including in-unit washers and dryers, and water-saving faucets and shower heads.

Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017 with occupancy in the spring or summer of 2018. These apartments will be among the first residential units to open at Kincora.

“From our humble beginning

35 years ago in western Loudoun County, Windy Hill is pleased and excited to have grown large enough to now offer apartments at this scale to meet the overwhelming need for affordable workforce housing in eastern Loudoun,” said Kim Hart, Executive Director of Windy Hill Foundation.

The Loudoun County Housing Office has been very supportive of this project. They provided design assistance with HUD funding made available through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors passed, unanimously, a motion to forgive all County Building Permit and Land Use fees in regard to this project.

Board Chair Phyllis Randall said, “Windy Hill Foundation has been a leader in Loudoun in providing affordable housing for

many years. I am pleased that they have received VHDA tax credits and I look forward to working with Windy Hill as they focus on continuing to build affordable and much needed workforce housing in our County.”

“Since day one, Kincora has been committed to building substantial infrastructure and high-quality housing that brings Loudoun County together in a welcoming and diverse community,” said Mike Scott, co-developer of Kincora. “Heronview represents the first stage of Kincora’s unprecedented commitment to affordable and workforce housing in allocating 16.25% of its approved multifamily units to furthering Loudoun County’s affordability goals.”

The Architect of Record for Heronview will be Thomas Dinny of Polleo Group. Civil engineering will be by Urban Ltd, under the leadership of Eric Siegel. The general contractor has not yet been selected.

“Congratulations to Windy Hill Foundation for putting forward the hard work and dedication needed to make this project a reality,” said Ron Meyer, Supervisor for the Broad Run District where Heronview will be located. “The high costs of living in Northern Virginia can limit economic empowerment, but Windy Hill continues to help give many working families a shot to succeed.”

“With these tax credits Windy Hill Foundation will make it possible for 96 families to enjoy high quality housing right here in the community where they work, play and attend school. That’s great news not only for these families

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A group of determined animal rescue volunteers in Hampton Roads is reaching out to Old Dominion residents with farms or stables to see if they might be interested in adopting relocated outdoor cats who would live outside on their property. These cats currently live unowned outside; some are feral and some are abandoned socialized pets. But all will be spayed/neutered and given a rabies vaccine prior to relocation.

This would be a wonderful way to help some cats have a better life as well as to obtain rodent control assistance. The felines would also potentially serve as companions for livestock. We hope you will take a moment to read on and seriously consider this opportunity. Have a brewery, distillery, vineyard, nursery or warehouse? You may benefit from a working cat too!

Like every community in America, Norfolk struggles with the many unowned cats living on our streets. While trap-neuter-return (TNR) is generally considered the best method for responding to large numbers of outdoor cats, we are in need of implementing trap-neuter-relocate (rather than return) instead for some.

You may ask what the difference is. TNR constitutes humane trapping of the cat, providing spay/neuter and a rabies vaccine, and then returning the cat to his or her outdoor home. Trap-neu-

ter-relocate is similar, but with one simple and important twist. Instead of the cat being returned to a current outdoor home, the cat is relocated to another outdoor place to live where a caretaker like you will provide food, water, shelter, veterinary care and loving oversight.

In our case, trap-neuter-relocate must be implemented because the cats we are trying to save now live on military properties in Hampton Roads, including the largest naval station in the world: Naval Station Norfolk. Military policy states that no stray animals are allowed to inhabit military property. As a result, TNR is strictly prohibited.

Fortunately, we have received permission from Naval Station Norfolk leadership this spring to test a program through which cats can be trapped on the base, sterilized, given a rabies vaccine and then relocated elsewhere via trap-neuter-relocate.

And that’s where you come in. We want Virginians who have farms, barns, stables and similar facilities to give an outdoor home to a working cat (or cats) as a way of helping these feline friends now eking out a life at Hampton Roads.

military installations. You would be putting a stop to a vicious cycle of overlooking their needs and of allowing reproduction to continue.

And, to your benefit, you would be gaining a hard-working barn cat.

You would work with a group of committed volunteers who will handle the trapping, take

care of the surgeries and then transport the cat(s) to your property with needed equipment to ensure a successful relocation. Currently, the Norfolk SPCA offers free spay/neuter, vaccines and other limited medical basics for Norfolk outdoor cats through a generous PetSmart Charities grant. Once grant funds are exhausted in 2016, the sterilization surgeries will cost only \$40 per cat.

The process of relocation takes time. It will require two to four weeks of caring for the cat indoors in a cage or pen at the barn, stable or other location.

During this period, you will need to provide food and water, as well as to try and develop a rapport with the cat, such that he or she will associate you with the food and water. Feral cat relocation does not always meet with success, since some cats, despite caretakers’ best efforts, will seek out another outdoor home.

The group of volunteers—the majority of whom are current or former military or are spouses of troops—have named themselves “Cat Team 7.” Their name and logo pay homage to the Navy’s elite SEAL Team Six as well as the joint cooperation between the Navy and local cat rescue teams.



We are appealing to anyone who can help these cats or will pass this information to others. The hope of all those involved is to significantly reduce the number of unowned cats on local military property.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please contact us for more details. We are happy to answer any questions and

discuss what this commitment would mean to you.

To help us relocate cats off Norfolk military property or for more information, please contact Cat Team 7 at 571-423-9200 or catteam7norfolk@gmail.com. You can see more information about TNR on Norfolk SPCA’s website.

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NEWS OF NOTE

PAUL EMIL SCHMID, JR.

Paul E. Schmid PhD passed away at home June 7 as a result of complications from diabetes. He was 85.

Paul was the elder child of Paul Emil and Maria Kleiner Schmid, immigrants from Switzerland. He was born in Washington D.C. May 4, 1931. Paul remained in the area all his life, choosing to settle in Middleburg in 1989. His grandfather, John Jacob Emil Schmid, founded the Columbian Iron Works in 1904. The Washington D.C. Company was a family business specializing in ornamental iron work.

A lifelong advocate for higher education, Paul pursued a college education and encouraged his friends, peers, children, and grandchildren to follow in his footsteps. He graduated from Anacostia High School in 1949, and in 1954 received his Bachelors of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University. While working full time, Paul attended the University of Maryland at night and received his Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1961. In 1986, he earned his Doctorate in Electrical Engineering from California Coast University.

Paul was elected to several societies while attending college: Sigma Tau, Sigma Pi Sigma - a National Physics Honor Society, and Delta Epsilon Tau - an International Hon-

or Society. He was especially fond of the Sigma Pi Sigma organization and donated generously to its education fund.

Paul worked for the Ahrendt Instrument Company prior to being drafted into the Army. He served in the Army Signal Corps in the radar service, and received an Honorable discharge in 1963. Post military service, Paul was an Electrical Engineer for Harry Diamond Laboratories, Aero Geo Astro (AGA), and MELPAR. He joined NASA in 1965 as a specialist in satellite search and rescue technology supporting the Apollo missions. In 1970, Paul joined the CIA and served as the Director of Science and Technology until his retirement. After his father's death in 1972, Paul continued operation of the family Iron Works business, in addition to his federal employment, until it was sold in 1995.

Paul had a passion for amateur radio as a young boy and earned his operator's license as a young man in high school. His call sign was W4HET and he earned numerous awards, including the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Lifetime Achievement Award DXCC Honor Roll in March 2016. Paul had contacts all over the globe and headed several expeditions in the Cayman Islands, most recently in 2014.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, June Marie Schmid née Swartz. He is survived



by his wife, Shirley Schmid née Dean; his children, Patricia and John Homan, Judy and Paul Schmid, III, Rhonda and James Schmid, Susan and Kurt Kramer, and Barbara and Garth Trinder-Smith; his grandchildren, Lisa and Tim Brennan, Jeffrey Homan, Jennifer Schmid, Emily Schmid, Katrina Schmid, Jessica Schmid, Sarah Schmid, and Gavin Trinder-Smith; and his sister, Sylvia Tocci of Huntsville, Alabama.

At Paul's request, there will be no memorial service. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Shirley D. Schmid at Box 1943, Middleburg, VA 20118.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111 or to Blue Ridge Hospice 333 Cork Street # 405, Winchester VA 22601.

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WINDY HILL FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP (L TO R): KIM HART, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; SANDY SHOPE, CHAIRMAN WINDY HILL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY; JOE BOLING, OUTGOING PRESIDENT AND JONATHAN CATHERWOOD, INCOMING PRESIDENT OF THE WINDY HILL FOUNDATION.

but for our Loudoun community. This project will add to Loudoun's stock of affordable workforce housing and allow more employees to live closer to their jobs, thereby reducing the burden on local roads while keeping more of their income in the local community. I congratulate the Windy Hill Foundation, Kincora and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors for working together to achieve this victory for Loudoun's workforce," said Loudoun County Chamber President Tony Howard

Windy Hill Foundation

Founded in 1981, Windy Hill Foundation has been building affordable workforce housing in Loudoun County for 35 years. Headquartered in Middleburg, VA, Windy Hill has been the only non-profit building affordable rental housing in the County for the last decade. In 2014, Windy Hill won the Governor's Housing Award for the foundation's decades-long commitment to building sustainable, energy-conserving units.

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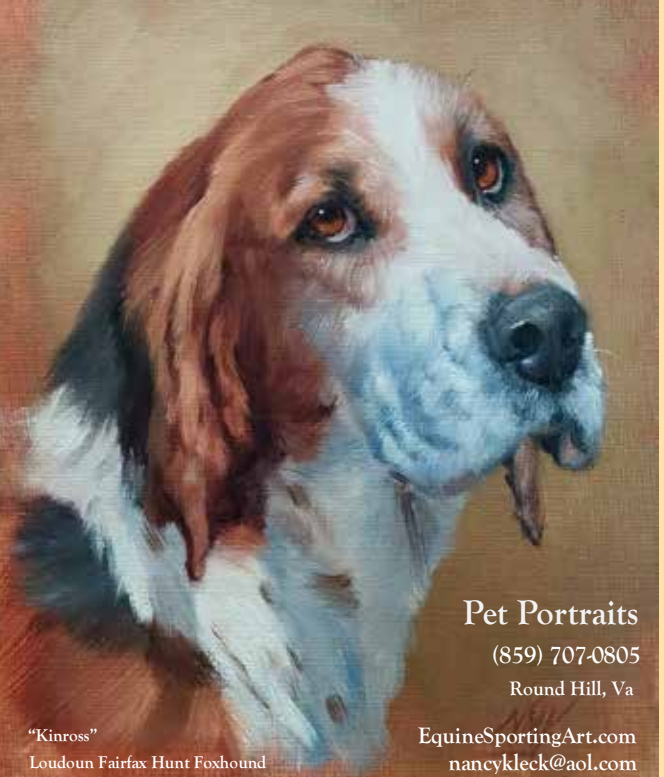
Flatiron Partners is a real estate development firm based in Charlotte, NC, specializing in the development of affordable mul-

tifamily housing. The principals of the company have completed projects from Florida to Maryland and as far west as Texas. Flatiron Partners has a growing presence in the mid-Atlantic area. They have built multiple tax credit projects in Virginia but this will be their first project in Loudoun County.

About Kincora

Kincora, co-developed by TRITEC Real Estate, Inc. and Norton Scott LLC, is a community of 424-acres on the west side of Route 28 south of Route 7. Kincora's master plan provides for millions of square feet to be used as Class A office and retail space, hotels, a dedicated cultural and science center, and 1400 apartments and condominiums. Kincora will unite residences, businesses, retailers, technology, education, and hospitality with 160-acres of parkland along the Broad Run to create an exciting, 6.7-million-square-foot lifestyle center in Loudoun County, Virginia, unlike anywhere else. To watch this unique community take shape and keep up-to-date on all the latest Kincora news, visit www.Kincora.com. Follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/KincoraVA/](https://www.facebook.com/KincoraVA/) and on Twitter via twitter.com/Kincora_VA.

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Again, Middleburg escaped any serious damage. The smell proved worse than the leak. The leak was rapidly repaired, and, at press time, there were no reports of any harm done to people or property by the gas.

Wind and Hail

Then on Friday, June 17, a storm hit Middleburg.

Described by the Washington Post as "The Hailstorm from Hell," it was part of a long front that moved east across the Shenandoah, crossed the Blue Ridge and unloaded, eventually spreading rain, wind, hail up to the size of baseballs and at least one reported tornado across Virginia, the District and part of Maryland.

At least one local winemaker expressed fears that the hail had destroyed his entire crop.

Families sheltered in basements and guests were hurried to safety on farms as tornado warnings were broadcast, suspended, and then re-instated.

Witnesses reported that every single car belonging to those attending an event at Hill School suffered a broken windshield or other glass damage.

Trees in the path of the worst of the hail were stripped of leaves and limbs by a combination of hail and winds that, in some cases, gusted to 75 miles per hour.

After the storm passed, the Town witnessed what seemed to be hours of a passing parade of vehicles with flashing lights: among them police and emergency vehicles, VDOT and power company vehicles, tow trucks and glass repair vans.

With the roads unsafe and electrical service interrupted, the Middleburg Police Department joined their counterparts in the surrounding towns, cities, and counties to minimize after-the-storm accidents and injury.

To date no deaths and no serious injuries from the storm have been reported in the Middleburg area.

[For exclusive Middleburg Eccentric photography See: <http://wp.melp7kQ73-1nd>]

Zoning

In other news, Council passed without opposition amendments to the Town's zoning ordinances governing the style, size and placement of fences, and, among other things, would give Salamander more flexibility in determining "setbacks," (how far back from the street houses must be built) in its new development.

Special Recognition

The Loudoun County Design Cabinet singled out Middleburg's National Sporting Library and Museum and Coe Eldredge of University Group for special recognition at the June 7th meeting of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

The Cabinet recognized The National Sporting Library and Museum for its outstand-

ing "transformation of the Vine Hill Mansion into a world class art gallery," and the University Group for its work on the Middleburg Professional Center office building.

Audits and Passwords

Town Treasurer Ashley Bott reported that she and the Town's IT contractor were still working to increase the security of Middleburg's computer systems, with plans now pending to both lengthen the passwords needed to access Town's data, and change those passwords as often as every ninety days.

Bott also met with Town's auditors and reported that the audit schedule has been set, with work beginning in July.

Police

Police Lieutenant Mike Prince reminded Council that the Middleburg's popular and highly successful celebration of "National Night Out" had been set for August 2. This year, he noted, the ever-popular dunking booth would return, along with the Department's world famous hot dogs.

Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk noted that motorists continue to cut through the Ridgeview Subdivision to avoid construction delays and expressed concern that "once the construction was complete" they would continue to do so "as they would have learned that path."

Council seemed to agree that a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Pendleton and Marshall Streets would help, and asked staff to once more request that the Virginia Department of Transportation take action on the matter. Mayor Davis pointed out that the intersection was especially dangerous because many motorists "already believed it was a four-way intersection."

Council and Committee Appointments

Council appointed Peter Wood, Maribe Chandler-Gardiner and Anne Charlotte Robinson to the Middleburg Arts Council for two-year terms, ending on June 14, 2018.

Prem Devadas, Duane Ellis and Vincent Bataoel were appointed to the Economic Development Committee.

New Website Developer

Town Administrator Martha Semmes announced that both the Town's review committee, and Economic Development Advisory Committee had supported the selection of "ReviZe:The Government Website Experts (<http://www.revize.com>) for the Town's new four-year Website Development Contract

Mayor Davis noted that, in her view, ReviZe "provided everything the Town needed and was well versed in government websites."



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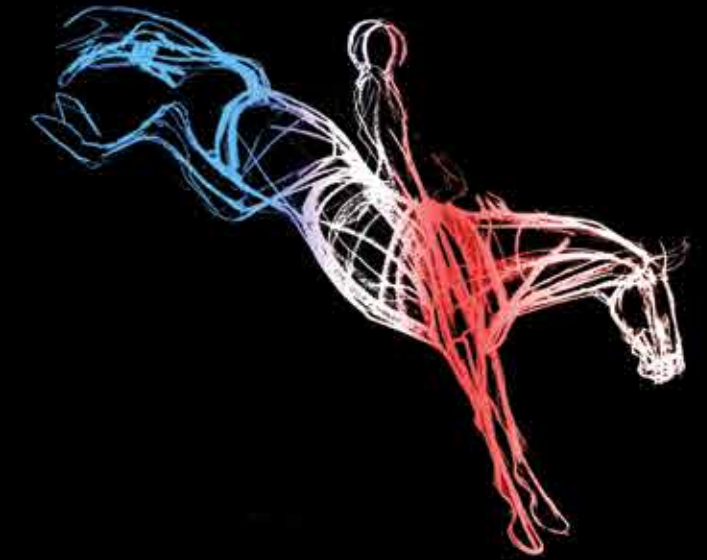
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On top of delicious strawberries, great crafts and food, the festival was packed with events. This year the festival hosted a 4H petting farm, hayrides, and guided tours of the circa-1860 Mt. Bleak House. Children participated in old-fashioned games including three-legged races, tug-of-war, water balloon tosses, cupcake walks, pony rides and face painting.

Once more, Jerry Brown and his monkey, Django entertained children and adults alike, Fun would not stop with stilt walking by Danimal, and Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus & Wahoo Medicine Show. The Virginia Raptor Conservancy provided education and demonstrations and Duskland Dogs performed tricks, training and agility games for visiting pups. For the fitness minded, the 5K Sky Meadows State Park Trail Run/Walk was once more a hit.

The Festival was also packed with non-stop musical entertainment. Saturday's entertainment included the Imaginary Blues Band, Hoot 'n Holler Band, the City of Winchester Pipes and Drums and a Barbershop Quartet. Sunday's musical entertainment included The Imaginary Blues Band, The Smokin' Polecats, Kris Dove and the Lonesomes and Nothin' Fancy.

The Rev. Amanda Knouse and the members of the parish thank all who spent time with us at the Delaplane Strawberry festival. The festival, will take again next Memorial Day weekend with games, music, ponies, raptors, hayrides, fabulous musicians, monkeys, dogs, fleas, contests, crafts and as I've heard, "Oh my goodness the best strawberries ever!"



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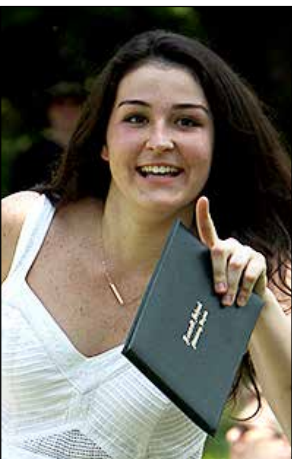
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Led by Valedictorian Patia Fann of Purcellville, Salutatorian Charlotte Scharfenberg of Middleburg, and Senior Class speaker Alexa “Lexie” Williams of Lovettsville, 18 area residents were among the 47 students who were awarded diplomas on Friday, May 27, at Foxcroft School’s 102nd Commencement in Miss Charlotte’s Garden.

Williams, who will attend Virginia Tech in the fall, also received the coveted Charlotte Haxall Noland Award and University of Virginia-bound Scharfenberg collected the Ida Applegate Award. Lilly Savin, a part-time Middleburg resident who is also headed to VirginiaTech, received a special Head’s Prize from Foxcroft’s second-year Head, Catherine S. McGehee, adding to the area’s accumulation of top honors.

The program, too, was something of a local affair: Stephen L. Matthews, longtime head librarian and teacher at Foxcroft ..and husband of Middleburg Library’s Sheila Whetzel ... was the featured speaker and Mathematics Department Chair Susan S. Erba, who has lived in Middleburg for 27 years, delivered the invocation.

Additional area students who graduated included Meghann Harmon, Malan Jackson, Madeleine Jahnke, and Olivia Mascatello of Middleburg; Alexandra Grace of Purcellville; Berenice Arellano and Ann Mickum of The Plains; and Serena Holz of Delaplane.

Bluemont residents Laurel Carpenter and Marias Blundell; Philippa (Pipsy) Steyn and Abigail Tostenson of Leesburg; Virginia Matsumoto of Potomac Falls; and Waterford’s Jessica Herman also received diplomas from Anne Michele Lyons Kuhns ’87, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

The newest Foxcroft alumnae are an accomplished group: They were offered 190 acceptances and more than \$3.2 million in merit scholarships from 125 colleges and universities, including Boston University, Lehigh, New York University, Purdue, Smith, UCLA, Vanderbilt, California-Berkeley and the Rhode island School of Design.

At the annual Awards Assembly held May 26, Harmon received Miss Charlotte’s Trophy, as the best rider in the School’s equestrian program. A leader of Foxcroft’s Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Team, Harmon placed third in Varsity Open Flat at the Regional Finals to qualify for the Zone Finals, where she placed seventh. Meghann, who will attend Southern Methodist University in the fall, is the daughter of Therese and Timothy Harmon.

Auburn University-bound Jackson starred in lacrosse, helping Foxcroft to state championships in 2014 and 2015 and earning All-Delaney Athletic Conference honors as a junior. The daughter of Anna and Richard Jackson, Malan received the CAP Award for her outstanding performance as a tour guide for the Admissions Office.

Jahnke, who transferred to Foxcroft at the start of her junior year, was an outstanding student and will attend George Washington University in the fall. She served as an intern for Director of College Counseling Barbara Conner. Madeleine is the daughter of Nicholas and Carol Anne Jahnke.

The daughter of Beth Ann and John Mascatello, Olivia is a standout figure skater who participated in Foxcroft’s Exceptional Proficiency Program to pursue the sport. As a member of Team Delaware’s junior team, she competed in the 2016 U.S. National Synchronized Skating Championships after winning the Eastern Sectional title. Olivia also competed in ice dance and other disciplines, and received a platinum U.S. Figure Skating’s Graduating Seniors Award. She plans to attend High Point University.

For the past two years, Savin served as president of her class and Head of the Activities Committee. She won the Mildred Greble Davis Award as the outstanding junior in 2015 and lettered in three sports. An outstanding volleyball player, Lilly achieved All-Conference mention and captained the team in her junior and senior years. She is the daughter of Emily Savin of Middleburg and John Savin of Lake Worth, FL.

Scharfenberg, who collected both the English and Spanish prizes at the Awards Assembly, served as Head of the Athletic Association, a member of Judicial Council, and captain of the Foxes, one of the School’s revered intramural teams. Charlotte also was class president during her freshman year, when she received the Elebash Award as ninth grader who has done the most to foster spirit and community within the class. She is the daughter of Laura Scharfenberg and John Scharfenberg, both of Middleburg.

In addition to being named valedictorian, Fann was a National Merit Commended Student and received Foxcroft’s Hilary Somers Deely Drama Award, Peer Tutor Award, Haythe Science Award, and Library Prize. She was Head of the Math Club, Next Chapter Book Club, and Current Events and Debate, as well as co-captain of

the cross country team for two years. The daughter of Karen Strayer of Purcellville and George Fann of Oak Ridge, TN, Patia will attend Vanderbilt University this fall.

Grace, who will attend the University of Virginia on a lacrosse scholarship, was an outstanding scholar as well as one of the top athletes in the history of the School. At Awards, she was inducted into the Foxcroft Chapter of Cum Laude for academic excellence, joining junior-year inductees Fann and Scharfenburg. An All-State performer in lacrosse, field hockey and cross country, Grace was VISAA Division II Player of the Year in lacrosse twice, Delaney Athletic Conference (DAC) Player of the Year in basketball once, and set eight school records in four sports during her career. The daughter of Jim and Jennifer Grace of Purcellville, Alex won Foxcroft’s prestigious Teresa E. Shook Award, for athletic skill and sportsmanship.

Another outstanding athlete, Mickum was named Tennis Player of the Year in the DAC twice and in the state tournament once. The four-time All-State player also won the Peabody Tennis Trophy two times. She sang with the a cappella group Afternoon Delights (ADs) and had a lead role William Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night this spring. The daughter of Helen MacMahon and Mark Mickum of The Plains, Ann also collected the L. Richard Weinbach History Prize, the DAR Award for good citizenship, and the Middleburg Library Scholarship this year. She will go to Fordham University this fall.

Arellano, who plans to attend Virginia Wesleyan, lettered in volleyball as a freshman and played varsity soccer for three years. Berenice is the daughter of Francisco and Anna Arellano of The Plains.

An AP Scholar, Holz will attend William & Mary in the fall. The daughter of Cynthia and Jack Holz Jr., Serena is a three-sport athlete who earned All-Conference honors in field hockey and lacrosse. She helped Foxcroft win two VISAA Division II lacrosse championships and twice achieved All-State honors in the sport. She, too, was a member of the ADs a cappella ensemble.

Blundell received the Eleanor Schley Todd Government Prize from the History Department. She served as a leader of the Athletic Association and a Dean’s Whip and Prefect in Currier Library, and was a goalkeeper on the two-time state champion lacrosse team. She is the daughter of Charlene and James (Stuart) Blundell of Helena, MT, and Bluemont, VA, and plans to attend Hampshire College next year.

Carpenter, who will attend Texas Christian University, was a member of the IEA riding team and a standout soccer player. A defender, Laurel earned Second Team All-DAC honors and was named the team’s Most Valuable Player as a senior. She served as an intern in the Office of Student Life and is the daughter of Daniel and Leslie Carpenter of Bluemont.

Head of the Athletic Association, captain of the Hounds and one of Foxcroft’s leading athletes, Steyn achieved All-State status three times in lacrosse and twice in field hockey. In addition, she was the Most Valuable Player on the varsity basketball team as a junior and received All-DAC mention three times. The daughter of Collin and Corinne Steyn of Leesburg, Pipsy was named the “best older girl” athlete at the Awards Assembly and plans to go to the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Tostenson, who lettered in volleyball and lacrosse, will attend Lynchburg College in the fall. She also served as manager of the varsity basketball team and was a member of several clubs. Abby is the daughter of Gina and Raymond Tostenson of Leesburg.

Matsumoto served as a dorm leader and participated in Foxcroft’s renown riding program. The daughter of Takashi (Steve) and Cynthia Masumoto of Potomac Falls, Abby will attend Radford University in the fall.

The daughter of Melanie Herman and Scott Herman of Waterford, Jessie is a talented dancer and actor who also sings with ADs and has performed in numerous productions on and off campus. She sat on the Board of the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation, served as a Dean’s Prefect in Currier Library, and played goalie for the field hockey team that reached the final of the VISAA Division II state final last fall. She will continue her studies at The New School in New York.

Williams served as Student Head of School and Head of Student Council in her senior year, and was a member of Judicial Council for two years. She was Editor of the online literary magazine *Chimera*, Golden Dreams Therapeutic Riding Volunteers, and Current Events and Debate, and a two-time All-Conference pick in cross country. Williams is the daughter of Michael Williams of Lovettsville and Dawn Williams of Alexandria. In taking home the Charlotte Haxall Noland Award, Lexie was recognized as the girl in the senior class who best combines the qualities that the School’s founder particularly valued – high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishment, and understanding.

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nior judge was good, and I hope to do more judging. You know, everybody had some nice hounds – they're getting better all the time."

English Foxhounds

Mr. A.D. Osbourne, MFH and Huntsman of the Cottesmore, was unavailable to comment on the English hounds he judged. Suffice it to say, it was a very good day for Iroquois.

Lilla Simpson Mason, MFH/Huntsman, showed the hounds with assistance from Michael Edwards, Allen Forney, and their newest addition, professional whipper-in, Ivy Grisanti, Jack van Nagell, MFH, was on hand, but senior Master Jerry Miller kept up with the day's events via texts from Mason.

"We breed for performance. We have a lot of wide, open country, mostly cow-calf operations, and we need a big, leggy galloping hound with incredible stamina and resilience – these English hounds have that," said Mason. "We show sport for our hunt members, but our main goal is to provide service to our landowners – to disperse the coyotes and keep them from packing up and preying on the cows and calves. These hounds do that. They will not give up."

While Iroquois doesn't breed for show, they're loyal supporters of Virginia. "I tell our kennel staff that all I want is that hounds look their best, coats good and shiny, their weight is perfect, and that they show well," said Mason. "They did a great job. I was really proud of our hounds in the ring, and we were thrilled with how they did. I think 90% of our members can name every single hound out hunting. So, showing's fun for them too, because they get

so excited and thrilled – it's like when you send your children to a competition and they come back with prizes. It's special."

Blue Ridge "Ranger" and their "Welder" won Unentered Dog and Entered Dog, respectively. Toronto & North York, welcomed after several years' hiatus, pinned first in Couple of Entered Dogs with their "Farley" and "Farquhar." Loudoun Fairfax won Two Couple of Unentered or Entered Dogs with 2014 littermates "Speaker" and Spitfire and "UE" littermates "Walker" and "Wallop" – quite a feat as the two couple of English hounds weren't related to each other at all. Loudoun Fairfax also won Two Couple of Bitches with their "Simi," "Special," "Speckle," and "Spyder." Entered littermates.

All told, Iroquois had a field day, winning seven classes. Their "Watchtower" won Best English Stallion Hound and Stallion Hound shown with 3 get, but bowed to Blue Ridge "Welder" who garnered the Dog Championship. Iroquois "Ballet" (by "Watchtower" out of their "Bandstand") won Unentered Bitch and their "Hackle" didn't show a hair out of place as she pressed her advantage from Best Entered Bitch to Couple of Bitches with littermate "Havoc."

Iroquois "Hackle also won top honors as Best Brood Bitch and the English Bitch Championship, relegating kennelmate "Ballet" to reserve honors. Iroquois "Ballet" pinned as the runner-up to Blue Ridge "Ranger," winner of Best Unentered English Foxhound. In the end, Iroquois "Hackle" earned the judge's blessing as the English Champion, with reserve accolades

garnered by Blue Ridge "Welder."

Mason placed credit for the quality of Iroquois's hounds on Miller. "Hackle represents the breeding in our kennel and the type of hound that does well for us – it's the one English bloodline best at dispersing coyotes," she said. "Hackle is ST Carlow, both top and bottom. Jerry brought the best English bloodlines in the world to our kennel. They're phenomenal hunting hounds. When Capt. Fanshawe left Ireland for the Cottesmore, he took some ST Carlow hounds with him. As a matter of fact, the judge, Osbourne, asked me where the 'woolly' in our hounds came from. I said, they all go back to the ST Carlow line and he said, 'Oh, I've used that – you never go wrong with that bloodline. There's never been a bad ST Carlow hound.' When Hackle and her sister Habit won that Couple class, the judge said to me, 'that couple would win at Peterborough.' I was sorry we weren't in the Two Couple class, but the fourth one came in heat and couldn't show."

One thing about Iroquois, they have Hound Welfare always in mind. Now that their "Hackle" has won, she won't show again. She'll hunt and eventually live out her days in the retirement yard, which Iroquois pioneered about 10 years ago. Their annual fundraiser for their retired hounds takes place on Bryn Mawr weekend; it's very popular, and Iroquois members and the community enjoy getting involved. Other hunts have followed their lead by starting their own programs or retiring pack "elders" to members with a penchant for hounds – a wonderful way to reward them for years of thrilling hallelujah chorus-

es and exciting chases.

Special Classes & Memorial Traditions

The Performance Hound class had five entries for the Benjamin H. Hardaway III Perpetual Trophy. Judge Fred Berry, MFH Sedgefield awarded the win to Hillsboro "Brighton" and second place to their "Kingspin." Midland "Luke" was third, followed by Green Creek "Galahad."

Junior Handlers 10 and under had 41 entries, including 14 representing Keswick, judged by Jean Atkins, ex-MFH, and K.T. Atkins of Warrenton Hunt. In the 11 to 16 division, there were 23 vying for top honors under the scrutiny of Middleburg Hunt's Jeff Blue, MFH, and Penny Denegre, MFH. Due to the growing popularity of these classes, they ran simultaneously in two rings on Sunday, with spectators crowding the perimeters.

Reprising his 2015 win in the 10 and Under group was Evan Domrowski, Loudoun Fairfax, with Margaret Ranier, Rolling Rock, in second and Lexi van der Woude, Warrenton, in third, followed by Middleburg's Aire Vega and Miranda King in 4th and 5th. Lucy Arnold of Old Dominion earned the blue rosette and cup in the 11 to 16s. Howard County Iron Bridge's Annabelle Jones placed second, followed by Connor Poe, Old Dominion, with Rowen Bennett of Golden's Bridge in 4th followed by Aiken's Megan Callahan.

On Saturday morning, May 28, the Virginia Hound Show Weekend kicked off with Marty Wood conducting a well-attended seminar on judging hound shows. The Duchess of Rutland made a special pre-

sentation about the Belvoir Castle and the Belvoir Hunt (pronounced Beaver), recounting interesting stories from her own experiences as well as from the Belvoir's archives. Saturday evening, the Duchess and her entourage attended the social events, which included the traditional Foxhound Club dinner under the tent and reception to celebrate the formal opening of the Museum of Hounds and Hunting North America.

Following dinner, Johnny Gray, Hillsboro huntsman was honored with the Ian Milne Award. Dennis Foster explained that award recognizes an active professional who has "demonstrated consistent good sport, leadership by example and possesses the qualities that a huntsman needs to excel at the job."

Ian Milne, who passed away in 2000, hunted hounds for Fairfax for 22 years. He was always willing to help other professional and amateurs and his home was always open to hunt staff. Milne was one of the nicest people in the world, kind, humble and a class act from start to finish. The award, which requires nomination by other professionals, consists of a trophy and check for \$1,500, but it's Milne's memory and reputation and passion for hunting that imbue it with prestige.

"This means a lot, because the other professionals voted for me. Also, I knew Ian and his wife Brenda well – such good people," said Gray. "Ian knew my father – I'm from England – my father and Ian were at hunts about seven miles apart. One of the neatest things is that they usually give the award at the Biennial Seminar in April, but I couldn't make that. I found out that

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PASTIMES

GRAY TREE FROG

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THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Some months ago I had an interesting conversation with a landscape designer while at an artist reception. With me being a painter and more likely to be called an artist, a landscape designer must be equally creative and artistic to accomplish his or her task and thus, a wonderful bit of note comparing went on that I think may help all artists.

This is a topic of "Creative

Constraint", which applies to endless obstructive possibilities, which in this case, means one cannot accomplish an end result because of physical or possibly natural limitations. Not necessarily human physical limitations, but rather everything but. Certainly the human factor can be one of the greatest reaches we can make creatively. However, there are many more, and the training and techniques needed to overcome such limitations can be that which separates the beginner

and the experienced.

As artists it's important to not only have an idea and visual approach to accomplishing a successful form of expression, but properly understanding the challenge before you, and then having the foresight and techniques to avoid barriers.

In a landscape designer's case, their medium is a natural one, as nothing is more natural than things that grow. Where we might see a nice patch of land, they see topography, available sun, cli-

KAREN REXRODE

Spring and early summer find the surrounds of my little house on a hill singing loudly at night. A series of trills puts me to sleep, the source is lots of small gray tree frogs. They gather at various watering holes, united in their desire to make babies.

As a gardener, and lover of nature, I keep water containers, five total, around my house. One is a horse trough, really serving the last chicken and three guinea fowl, but a gathering place for the tree frogs. Our native tree frog, or at least the most common species is *Hyla versicolor*, the species epithet for its ability to change colors.

When breeding season arrives, anytime from late April to July, the chorus is loud as males sing for their female audience. The lady frog listens intently, her mating choice will be the male with the loudest and most prolonged song. A pouch on the male's neck expands and deflates as he sings. If he spies a female, his notes become more melodious, he tries harder to sing the perfect tune.

There will be no fondling, she will lay her eggs in the water nearby and he follows, fertilizing them in place. Once eggs are fertilized, they break into loose clusters, attaching themselves to plants and

sticks underwater. In six to eight weeks, the small green baby frogs arrive, transformed from tadpole to frog.

Adult gray tree frogs feed on insects and larvae, including mosquitoes and gnats. On dry land they feed on spiders and various insects such as beetles and ants. Tadpoles eat algae and other lower forms of plant life. The small frogs that emerge from the water containers are not even as large as my thumbnail, I imagine a tiny mite could be a big enough meal.

The range for the gray tree frog is enormous. From the middle of the United States to the east coast, north to southern Canada and south to northern Florida, we are in the middle of their north-south range. There are many interesting facts with gray tree frogs, their feet have toe pads which produce a mucus to help them cling to vertical surfaces. The pattern on their back looks like lichen, a camouflage that also works with their ability to change colors. The calling of males is often how they are stalked by predators, particularly by bullfrogs, so the population tends to be female dominate. They will not gather around water with fish, for obvious reasons. Green is the predominate color in younger frogs, but more mature frogs can alter their color, not as fast as a chameleon, but within 30 minutes.



kiln. No part can be bigger than the kiln's size and thus, anything larger needs to be made in pieces, and those pieces then need to be able to go together. This may then create additional design constraints which require experimentation, but leading to greater experience overall.

A painter could be commissioned or desire to do a work of art that is both bigger than their studio and their car for delivery as well. There can be conservation constraints with respect to desired materials and there can also be financial constraints too.

It's important as you are confronted with an idea or concept, that you think it through. I've always been a "to hit the moon, shoot for the stars" type thinker, but I try to be a planner too. Thinking big is great and so is spontaneity, but results are predictably better with practicing like it counts when it doesn't and banking lessons from every creative endeavor to have for future experiences.

Live An Artful Life, Tom

TIPS FOR AN EFFECTIVE LIGHTING PLAN

ASK A REMODELER



TIM BURCH

Lighting is a critical design element that should be addressed early when planning a home renovation. Given its impact on design, as well as so many other pieces of the project, it's best to discuss your needs up front, develop a strategy and confirm those plans as the project progresses. Consider the following professional tips to get started.

Two-Step Planning Process: Creating a plan in the early stages allows you to coordinate other elements

within the design, such as smoke detector or speaker placement, which typically also require wiring in the ceiling. Or, if a ceiling fan and recessed lights are to be installed in the same room, light placement is critical to avoid a "strobe-light" effect when both are in use. Early planning also allows you to order fixtures well in advance to avoid lead-time issues. The second step is doing an on-site review during rough-in. No matter how good the plan may look on paper, some flaws may "come to light" when actually walking through the space. Don't only review light

and outlet locations, but also take note of switch placement as the direction you enter a room may alter the ideal location. If there are any changes to be made, now is the time before drywall goes up and rooms are painted!

Add Light in Layers: Interior lighting falls into three categories. General or ambient lighting, serves as the overall illumination for a room, and creates a uniform level of light. Typically, this is the light that comes on when you enter a room and flip the switch. Task lighting focuses on a specific area of the room, such as under-cabinet lighting in the kitchen, or a sconce in your bedroom for reading. Finally, accent lighting is used to set the mood or draw attention to a particular focal point. Examples include a hanging pendant, table lamp or specially placed art lighting that highlights a fireplace or sculpture.

As a rule of thumb, it's recommended to focus on ambient lighting first, followed by task lighting then accent lighting. However, in a specialty room like a home office or one serving as a gallery, this doesn't always hold true.

Tricks of the Trade

- Switch out standard on/off switches for dimmers as much as possible, as they provide maximum flexibility and control. They help to instantly set the mood and also save energy when you don't need a brightly lit room.
- Keep in mind that the fixture itself doesn't always determine the type of light it gives off, but the way it's positioned can. For instance, sconces on swing arms with shades can cast light downward and provide task lighting for reading in bed. However, the same sconces mounted flush to the wall with the shades directing the light upward, can add beautiful accent lighting.
- Having the right type of lighting in a home's lower level is crucial, as good design can go a long way in eliminating that "basement feeling."

Taking steps to carefully plan your lighting solutions before the wiring is installed and drywall is complete can go a long way in saving you time, money and hassle during your next remodeling project.

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WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

TERRY SHARRER

Medical imaging has a pretty big toolbox: x-ray radiography, ultrasonography, endoscopy, elastography, thermography, magnetic resonance, computerized tomography, positron emission tomography, and simple photography (including smart phone pictures for distance monitoring). Something they all have in common, assuming proper use, is cost effectiveness by reducing the length of hospital stays—for example, a \$1,000 MRI vs. \$3,000/day for a hospital bed.

Most of imaging innovation is additive—that is, improvements of existing modes, though some may be more additive than others.

Royal Philips and MIT are researching ultrasound and physiological modeling as a less invasive, and less expensive, way to assess intracranial pressure from brain injuries. Philips, General Electric, Siemens, Samsung and other makers of MRI and CT machines may be looking over their shoulder at what IBM is doing with artificial intelligence to better interpret less expensive technology. And, possibly moving in a more expensive direction, the University of California at Davis is working on a \$15.5m NIH grant to develop a whole-body positron emission tomography scanner.

PET shows more than the anatomy of MRI or CT imaging; it reveals how tissues function. All high energy scanning could benefit from quicker results and less radiation exposure. Meanwhile, improved illumination agents, such as a "lumifluor" (fluorescent protein) from deep sea shrimp, or synthetic diamonds, offer better ways to see things like tumors, arterial blockages and early signs of Alzheimer's disease.

But a true "game changer" in imaging hasn't yet reached clinical medicine; it's still in lab development: nanomicroscopy.

Diseases "present" at different observable levels in organs and tissues, but all are rooted in molecules within cells (even a single cell). Aberrations of DNA, RNA, proteins,

in particular, represent a chain of events—that is, DNA sends its instructions in RNA messages, and RNA assembles amino acids into proteins. Nucleic acid errors are well established pathologies, but a protein, after forming normally, can undergo shape changing events that cause or contribute to a disease. Some of these faults can be seen in high-energy microscopes, but such observation kills cells. To see disease where it originates, at the molecular level in living cells, is nanomicroscopy's potential and present reality with two designs: photo-activated localization and lattice light sheet microscopes.

Both rely on genetically encoded

green fluorescent proteins—originally discovered in jellyfish. Recombinant DNA techniques link the fluorescent and target proteins, which viral vectors (or other means) introduce into live cells. Under two wavelengths of light, the fluorescence can be turned on or off at will, showing a particular molecule's location in, say, a cell's interior membrane. The lattice light sheet refinement illuminates the fluorescent markers with light intersecting at perpendicular angles. Multiple images are stacked into a computer-sharpened ultra-high resolution final picture.

One of the pioneers in this field of nanoscopy is Eric Betzig, a group



leader at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Janelia Research Park in Ashburn, VA. For this work he

shared the 2014 Nobel Prize in Chemistry.

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SUMMER BEAUTY HACKS

SINCERELY ME



BRANDY GREENWELL

Do you ever feel like your face is melting off in the summer heat? Do your pit stains ruin all your outfits? Have you ever had an accident with self-tanner? In all cases, you know who you are. Please enjoy some of my favorite

summer beauty hacks.

For those that choose to wear makeup in the summer, do yourself a favor and choose a waterproof variety to avoid the Covergirl run off from June-August. If by chance, waterproof make up or not, your face gets a little too much of a dewy glow you can efficiently blot your excess dew

with a toilet seat cover, preferably unused. That's a trick I learned from my Aunt Carolyn years ago and it works like a charm. You can, of course, buy little sachets of designer oil blotting papers, but why spend the money? Save it for an extra ice cream cone.

Speaking of extra dew, if you suffer from hyperhidrosis and your condition takes a toll on your favorite summer duds, fear not, I have a remedy. Just squeeze lemons on your pit stains and throw into the washer. The lemon juice takes care of the stain and the odor. Now if only someone would make a super efficient deodorant, the world would be much more rosy.

Did your mom used to make you put baby powder in your socks before you went out to play? Mine sure did and though I wondered why at the time, I have come to realize that baby powder can be your best friend in the summer. You can use it to help with sweaty feet (or other spaces and places) as well as to keep sand off you at the beach. Brilliant! Please use a talc-free one just to be on the safe side.

I think anyone who has ever

used self-tanner has had a whoopsie with the application and ended up with a streak, smear or oddly orange hands and feet. To erase your blunder, just mix baking soda and water and scrub, scrub, scrub until you are to your desired tone. Coincidentally, the same concoction will also whiten your teeth if you brush with it once a month.

We hear all about the Zika virus, Lyme and West Nile in the news to the point where I think there is a bit of a bug panic. Of course it is never a bad idea to double up on your protection, but I have been told that simply rubbing your exposed areas with a dryer sheet and then putting said sheet in your pocket will keep bugs away. Who would have thought?!



And last but not least, if you have taken a trip to your favorite blow out bar and want your style to kick on an extra day or two, just make sure to generously spritz your roots with dry shampoo before you go to bed and you and your coif will wake up fresh as a daisy.

Stay hydrated, use sunblock and smile, neighbors. Summer is here!!

FUNCTIONAL MOVES = POSITIVE BODY CHANGES

KAY COLGAN
CERTIFIED FITNESS PROFESSIONAL

Functional moves might be the formula needed to reach your goals for a fit body. By taking movements that help your body perform your daily living tasks more effectively and efficiently. These movements target many muscles at the same time. The rewards are increased strength, better balance and in the case of the lower body less stress on knees. These moves can be done anywhere, even on vacation.

Two of my favorite functional moves are squats and lunges. Done correctly, these moves can strengthen many muscles in the lower body as well as improve balance. The main thing to remember when doing these moves is the knees do not go over the toes. Be careful of the knees turning inward, as the knees should point straight ahead. The back should have a natural curve as you lower down. Remember form is everything, keep the posture aligned by not over-arching or rounding the back. At first, try two sets of 10 and then work up to two sets of 15. These are endurance muscles so

the more repetitions equal big bonus benefits in endurance for daily life activities. Other functional movements are standing heel raises with the arms reaching overhead. As you lift your heels, reach your arms straight up over your head. Hold for a count of three and slowly lower down. Keep a neutral spine, abdominals contracted and really elongate your body as you reach the arms up. Try to do 2 sets of 10-15 repetitions.

Lastly, standing knee raises will get your heart pumping, increase your balance and stamina as well. Reach your arms overhead, as you lift one knee bend the arms and bring them to your knee. Repeat 20 times.

These are a few functional moves to get you started on your way to a more fit and healthy body. While there are many more, start with these and try to do them 2 to 3 times a week. The consistency of doing these exercises will improve strength, endurance and balance. For more information about health and fitness, please contact: Kay Colgan, Middleburg Pilates and Personal Training, 14 S Madison Street, Middleburg, Virginia, or call 540-687-6995.

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NERISSA BROWN
FASHION STYLIST

You finally turned back that ark to rescue us from Spring's unceasing purple rain and drizzles, the bright rays are upon us. But while we flowers simmer in the heat as we transition from spring, it's time to twist our fashion hats. I know we don't always follow the rules so I skipped the rain and hopped a flight to Miami where summer picks up before winter ends here in lovely Virginia. Fortunately the two seasons

strut similar styles so I decided to take my own spring trend advise and get a little creative.

Between the rain and the swelter of humid, salty air, I made a bee line to Miami's posh wig salons where I purchased a new hair style for each day of the week. It is the ultimate answer to handle those not so temperate days and the ultimate beach accessory. Whether you like to style your own or put on new a piece, now is a great time of year to take on a new hair look whenever you are ready. In the words of Niebuhr, "Change is the essence of life."



But where the wind blows fun in the sun didn't last forever and I was reminded that when I returned that summer can bring long soaking rain and the fiercest storms, too. You can bet there is wet wear fashion for you. So I tried fashionable comfort rain boots, light rain jackets and sen-



sible accessories to give my wet gear that photo shoot look. Ready to puddle splash? I chose a blush colored jelly wristlet and tote and a Monet inspired umbrella for the days the rain actually fell straight down. Pick an umbrella that fits your personality and, if its light and pretty, it's a parasol when the sun is just too bright.

Speaking of sun, its always best to protect yourself from the sun's harmful rays. Find a statement hat and sun block and make them your friend. Don't forget to protect your hands. To keep my summer hands exciting my nail technician suggested that I try a mood gel manicure and I loved it. Elegant and fun, they are twinkling purple when I'm cold and pink when I'm warm. Better yet, the colors create an ombre effect for my in between body temperatures. Whether you choose mood, classic colors or even natural, pretty up your pointers with a nice manicure.

Of course, as the seasons change, so do our skin tones. So the next stop was a cosmetic makeover complete with new foundation, shadow, blush, lip and eye color. One everyday palate and one for outrageous fun. For my pop of color, what else but purple for the eyes, the new trend and in honor of Prince of course. For the icing on the cake, I had a henna tattoo hidden discretely behind my neck. So so pretty for up dos. Now you can choose a quick brush up or a complete makeover and accents but remember the healthier you can make your skin, the more radiant you will be.

It may feel like Summer and time to loose your lightweight trench but you may want to keep something special and white within reach. This look creates

a perfect touch of elegance if an evening breeze blows your way. Be sure to accentuate your look in white. Nothing screams style more than lace and or a fringe skirt under a summer white coat. Fringe on down the road in everything from handbags, key fobs, shoe accessories, skirts and dresses. It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that fringe swing.

Summer means that there is always plenty to do. Rating high on our trend list is fashionable active wear. Experience tells me that this trend is here to stay. Designers are creating lifestyle fabrics and fashions for todays busy woman. Try non traditional colors and go bold. For short jaunts around town, try feminine, fluid dresses, slouchy and flowing trousers and shorts. Wear tops in an array of colors, fabrics and patterns. Crop, layered, poplin, off the shoulder, crochet and yes, the stylish mens inspired long shirt. Accessorize in daytime metallics that take you into night. Poolside, the newest looks in swim wear feature the cold shoulder and stripes. Polo anyone? Of course this is Middleburg and you know what to wear and where to find men and women's equestrian fashion forward classics!

Whatever your style, let it be about living longer while looking and feeling better. You are a work of art and the world is your canvas. Now be inspired and create an authentic you. Until next season, I'll see you around town and remember wherever you go, your beauty destination should always include the best fashion accessory ever, a smile. It's always in style to give of your time, talent and treasure as you work your fashion on the community runway where you live. We'll be watching.

ALBERT'S CORNER

A MONTHLY COLUMN FOR PEOPLE WHO SHARE THEIR HOMES WITH FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS

ALBERT P. CLARK

There are moments when this world can seem scary. Despite living amid the lush and relaxing landscape of the Virginia countryside, it's still easy to feel anxious these days. A madman in Florida does the unthinkable. Mother Nature shows us her dark side. Political discord intensifies. Tragedy rears its ugly head time and time again. And no matter how many times people tell themselves to be brave and strong, it's still human to become overwhelmed.

For pet owners, however, there is a bright spot when it comes to stress. It turns out that people who share their lives with dogs have a distinct advantage over



can be beneficial too. Pet Partners has 11,000 registered teams of handlers and animals visiting hospitals, nursing homes, schools, as well as those who have experienced tragedy, natural disaster, and war. Most of the teams include dogs, but some use cats, horses, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, pigs, and chickens. The work this organization has done since its formation in the mid-1970s has been groundbreaking.

There's also a non-profit research and education group called HABRI (Human Animal Bond Research Initiative) that



those who do not. Specifically, dogs calm anxiety and lift mood. Health benefits of interacting with a pet include: reduced incidence of depression; lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels; lower blood pressure in stressful situations; and elevated levels of serotonin and dopamine.

These perks are hardly recent news, of course. For example, the Harvard Health Blog cites a 1995 study that followed 369 people with heart disease. A year later, those who owned a dog were four times more likely to be alive than those who didn't have a dog. It's well established that dogs do wonders for human health.

What is news is that we are harnessing the healing power of animals in novel ways. K-9 Comfort Dogs, for instance, sends animals into the aftermath of crises like the ones in Newtown and Orlando, as well as natural disasters like super storm Sandy, to soothe victims and their families. In fact, there is still a dog stationed at Sandy Hook to this day. K-9 Comfort Dogs started in August 2008 with four dogs and now includes more than 100 dogs in 23 states. The impact these animals have on the traumatized and grieving is dramatic and immediate.

While dogs rule the day when it comes to helping people in times of duress, other animals

is dedicated solely to gathering, funding, and sharing scientific research that demonstrates the positive health impacts of animals on people. It's fascinating how much public policy around this cause is out there and in need of support. If you're interested in learning more, I highly recommend going to habri.org and spending some time on the site – so enlightening!

My little column can hardly do justice to all that we've learned and are learning about how people benefit from interaction with animals. Sadly, we have a long way to go before we can see an end to the intense suffering inflicted on animals by too many human hands. It is encouraging, however, to see so much positive research and collaboration. The tides are turning.

If you're lucky enough to share your home with a pet, remember that your animal friend might just be your best medicine in difficult times. If you begin to feel anxious or depressed, take a deep breath and spend a few minutes petting, walking, or just talking to the animal or animals in your life. We can help you weather any storm!

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

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Custer, a 1 year old Great Pyrenees mix, is a BIG handsome, friendly boy! We are still getting to know him, so we're not sure how he is with other animals, but he has been a perfect gentleman with our staff & volunteers.

We have many wonderful, healthy **kittens** looking for homes! There are all different ages & colors. Ask about our Buddy Program: 2 for the price of 1! Help keep friends together!!!

Dutchess is a special mare who was rescued in foal with 2 other mares. She had a beautiful baby who has found his forever home & Dutchy is still waiting for hers. She is a gorgeous mover & beautiful as well. She is very timid & requires an experienced equestrian, but has a ton of potential with the right partner.

Midge, a 7 year old terrier mix, is a spunky little lady who tells you what she wants! Some things Midge likes are: taking walks outside, hanging out with other dogs, & eating shredded chicken. She takes some time to warm up to new people & is looking for a home where she is appreciated for who she is. She has a delightful, sassy personality. Midge is currently living in a foster home where she's enjoying the company of other small dogs & has claimed "her" easy chair for nap times.

Martin is a young adult cat who is the definition of a perfect gentleman. He is quiet, well mannered, & incredibly sweet. Martin needs to be an indoor only cat with either another FIV positive kitty or no other kitties, as he is FIV positive.

Sugar is a big, affectionate lab mix who is about 4 years old. She likes to go for walks & enjoys a little bit of playtime. Sugar also enjoys laying on a cozy bed & just hanging out with people. If you're looking for a walking buddy, Sugar would love to join you!

Midnight is a 9 year old lab who was kept on a chain. She's so relieved to be off that chain & can't wait to go home with her forever family to be a house dog! She is a friendly girl who wags her tail so hard her whole body wiggles every time she sees you. When she's in the office, Midnight spends half her time with her head in someone's lap & half looking amazed at her good fortune to be indoors with her own big bed.

Flip is now a coming 3 year old & is 15H. He is a bay roan Appaloosa cross that should mature to 15.2. He has great ground manners; stands for farrier & vet. He is very loving & sweet & needs a forever home. He is 100% healthy & sound & is ready to be started under saddle in whatever discipline you choose!

Bianca, the momma bunny & her 6 babies that are 12 weeks old need homes. We have 14 other bunnies that will be available soon.

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STANDING TALL

Neither rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night . . . nor baseball-sized hailstones, nor gas leaks, nor on-going construction, one-way traffic, angry commuters, blocked off parking and frustrated shoppers . . . appear to be able to stay the citizens of Middleburg from getting up, getting dressed and going to work in the best spirit of a community that has not only survived, but prevailed, through drought and derecho, wars and rumors of war, pests and plague, crop failures and famine, scuppernong wine and some long-gone truly awful restaurants.

It has been a rough month here in the heart of Virginia's hunt and wine country.

The digging, and dust and din of construction on our main thoroughfare continues apace, but the end is in sight . . . and the benefits of an enhanced Middleburg driving, parking, shopping and dining experience will, we all believe, be worth the suffering in the short term.

The Town, its Council, its staff, its businesspeople, its citizens, friends, patrons and supporters rally and soldier on. This, we believe, will pass.

Then, on a glorious end-of-spring day . . . a gas leak, noticeable if one is standing outside from one end of town to the other . . . and strong enough INSIDE some buildings to require just-in-case evacuations.

The town soldiers on.

Then comes the hailstorm from hell, with wind-driven ice-balls stripping trees and vineyards, leaving inch-deep coatings of shredded foliage on roadways and fields that was in some places inches deep. Anything made of metal in the worst cases, was holed or dented. Anything made of glass was fortunate if it was not cracked or shattered.

The town cleaned up, patched up, and carried on.

If ever there was a town and townspeople to rally 'round, they are here.

June has shown them its worst. They have given back their best.

They're standing tall. Let's stand with them.

MY ANNUAL SOAPBOX

MAYOR BETSY DAVIS

OK.... I guess it is time to pull out my annual soapbox and speak out. I constantly hear from people that the stores are hurting due to the construction..... we knew this wouldn't be easy and I know it hasn't been..... but these are repairs and improvements that HAD to be done and to do them at once was the logical and economically sound way to do it..... plus it would have gone on even longer if it had not been done all at once. I know that the town has had meetings before and during this to offer help and get suggestions from the businesses....the MBPA has worked hard with their "pardon our dust campaign"..... suggestions and ideas are always greatly appreciated. Now for my suggestions: contrary to what many think, there IS lots of parking..... 2 parking lots (which I know aren't always available), but there are lots or parking on both the East and West end of town, especially on the weekends.... the Chief has also worked hard to try to open up some extra ones on the weekend. My biggest suggestion is for people to come into town and SHOP in these businesses..... I know there are so many wonderful customers that DO come and support all of our businesses, but I think there are so many more that could come if you do want your businesses to survive, please come and shop. I know the internet has taken lots of business from the streets of Middleburg, as well.... please TRY to do what you can in town..... Walk in those doors it really is important! Please forgive me if I am offending anyone, that certainly is not my intention. As I mentioned before..... we LOVE our customers and we LOVE our town..... we just want to see everyone prosper and keep our town as wonderful as it is. Thank you.... I will step down now!

THE PARTY OF LINCOLN?

BLUE

DAN MORROW

"It is the eternal struggle between two principles, right and wrong, throughout the world. It is the same spirit that says 'you toil and work and earn bread, and I'll eat it.' No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation, and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle."

- Abraham Lincoln
October 15, 1858

Whatever happened to the Party of Lincoln, the Grand Old Party, the glorious bulwark of the "better angels of our nature, dedicated to the proposition that "all men are created equal."

It began to die in the spring of 1865: when an unstable narcissist, actor, pumped up by his own ego and press, shot and killed Abraham Lincoln.

Politicians, profiteers, and scam artists, wrapping themselves in the dead President's mantle, continued to inflict wounds on his party for the next 99 years, with the Indian Wars, Jim Crow, the Great Depression, Joe McCarthy, and an ongoing willingness to exploit the many for the benefit of the few among the most shameful and damaging.

Barry Goldwater twisted the Jim Crow knife in 1964, declaring that the "conscience" of a true conservative demanded that "states rights" trump any federal action to prohibit race-based discrimination.

Nixon's "southern strategy" continued the process, selling the soul of the Lincoln heritage for a mess of pottage, the votes of old-school Dixiecrats and George Wallace supporters, masquerading as both "moral" and a "majority."

In the process Nixon and company not only added insult to impeachable injury, they seeded the ethical heart of Lincoln's party with a virulent form of inoperable cancer, fatal to not only the spirit of Lincoln but to his Grand Old Party as well.

Helped by those who have openly nourished and benefited from its growth, the tumor has not only metastasized but mutated.

Its DNA now includes not only strains of Sheridan, Wallace, McCarthy and Nixon, but newer strains of the short-sighted, malicious and mean-spirited raised to the level of caricature.

The GOP's nomination of Donald Trump is thus not all that surprising.

From the perspective of those who loved and admired its first President, however, it is a tragedy, the outward and visible sign of the GOP's inner and spiritual fall from grace.

A century and a half after Lincoln's murder, it would appear that another unstable narcissist entertainer, pumped up by his own ego and press, has rallied a company of self-serving politicians, cynical profiteers, cowards and scam artists to his side.

Together they have sold a bill of goods to some of the best of those with genuine grievances, and have set off with their followers for the moral equivalent of a second Ford's Theater.

It must not happen again.

Only our votes stand in their way.

WHY SHOULDN'T THE REPUBLICANS GO CRAZY?

THE DEMOCRATS ALREADY HAVE DONE SO - RED

JIM MORGAN

Perhaps. But, before going there, your humble correspondent asks a favor. Can we please stop the ridiculous hype about Hillary breaking the glass ceiling and being the first woman presidential nominee of a major party? Left-wing media types (pardon the redundancy) have been wetting their pants in their excitement about this entirely predictable "breakth ough." Democrats have known since Barack Obama elbowed her aside in 2008 that she was going to be the next nominee. They penciled in her name for 2016 the moment they decided that "Historic First Black President" temporarily trumped (so to speak) "Historic First Woman President."

So Bill's Enabler-in-Chief finally has been nominated. And she's a woman (until she decides to identify as something else, of course). Women pretty much run the Democratic Party, anyway (Wasserman-Shultz, Pelosi, Warren, Sotomayor, Cecile Richards), so Hillary's nomination is a milestone only in the narrowest technical sense. Shut up, already.

But back to the GOP. Rank-and-file Republicans are furious at their party; not because it hasn't effectively opposed Obama's lunatic policies (which it hasn't) but because it hasn't even tried. After '08, Democrats had the White House and both houses of Congress. In 2010, frustrated voters gave the House to the GOP which immediately said that wasn't enough; it couldn't do anything unless it had the Senate too. So voters gave it the Senate in 2014 and nothing. Obama continued to rule by dictat. Republicans continued to huff and puff about the importance of stopping him while just giving us Democrat Lite.

Thus has Donald Trump's hostile takeover succeeded and might lead to a schism in the party or even a Whig-like collapse. The #Never-DonaldTrump movement is fairly

robust, as is a related movement to "unbind" convention delegates based on the SCOTUS decision in Cousins v. Wigoda. Neither will succeed but Trump's candidacy itself and these attempts at push-back are indicative of the serious fault line within the Republican Party.

The Whigs imploded at the local level and, so far, the GOP hasn't done that, having made huge recent gains not just in the Senate and House but in governorships and state legislatures. Still, there is the possibility that traditional, pragmatic conservatives will oppose the angry, Trump populists and form a new party if they believe that the Trump phenomenon will survive this election. Democrats are salivating at the prospect because socialists always prefer one-party government. And "Establishment" Republicans have only themselves to blame.

Either way, with the nomination of Donald Trump, the GOP has jumped the shark. Of course, Democrats jumped the shark in the late 60's when Hubert Humphrey liberalism surrendered to Saul Alinsky radicalism. But Americans take far left Democrats for granted now, which is why no one really cared this year that an avowed socialist, as opposed to the usual closet socialists, became a serious candidate for the Democratic nomination. Beginning with George McGovern in 1972, and with the (possible) exception of Jimmy Carter, they've nominated loony leftists every four years ever since. There are no moderate Democrats anymore. Radicalism is solidly entrenched as the Democratic mainstream. JFK would be as ashamed of today's Democratic Party as Ronald Reagan would be of today's Republican Party.

The Democrats survived their transformation much as humans absorbed by the goo in the alien seed pods survived theirs. They survived, but became something very different. "Progressives" simply no longer relate to constitutional, checks-and-balances government as Americans traditionally have understood it.

We'll know soon enough what will happen to the GOP. Certainly the party is standing on the edge of a precipice now and Donald Trump is poised to give it a shove.

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! This article is my opportunity to address the town and respond to questions. Please allow me to state here that anything I write in this column is solely my opinion; I do not consult the other members, unless I explicitly say so. Please send your questions (and comments or complaints!) you want me to address to the Eccentric.

Middleburg town council will begin its July 14 regular meeting with County Clerk to swear-in the new members. Council will also hold a reception before our June 23 meeting from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to thank the out-going members for their previous terms of service. Both meetings are at the Town Office and all meetings are open to the public, if you are interested in attending.

The Salamander Resort is proceeding with its plans to develop 49 houses on their existing property. They still have many steps to complete before they start building, including a few remaining zoning issues and approvals that the Middleburg Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission are addressing. They will also need the usual building permits, et cetera. We will all know they are starting when they put the roads in behind the Ridge View neighborhood. An existing utility right-of-way will provide a 30-foot buffer behind many of the existing houses.

Salamander retained the rights for these houses through the Open Space easement and Council approval of the Inn about ten years ago. As I understand Salamander's plans, these will be expensive luxury houses that include resort-relates services and amenities, including many that will be available for short-term rentals (under 30 days).

I struggle with how to make these new houses as residential as possible. I would like to see them house as many actual residents as possible so these new people can be citizens who participate in Middleburg and its government. Buyers who own a house but live elsewhere seldom become aware of community issues or get involved. So far, I am not optimistic that this is an achievable goal, although I am certain it is a worthy one.

As many readers may know, we hired a new Town Treasurer this winter. Ashley Bott. I am happy to report that she is now operating at full function following an extensive introduction and transition. Before she could get to full speed, she had to learn the accounting system, reconcile all accounts, prepare for the upcoming annual audit, and help select new billing software to manage our tax and utility billing and receipts. Her account reconciliation included investigating outstanding bills and receipts that began before her tenure. Ashley is now preparing full monthly reports to council with detailed expenses and revenues for our review.

The Bluemont concerts return to South Madison Street next month. Here is the schedule so you can save the date. Each concert starts at 7:30 PM on the following Saturdays. July 9: Mary Ann Redmond (rock / R&B), July 16: Clark County Band (American classics / pop), July 23: Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie (bluegrass) and July 30: Beltway Brass Quintet (jazz). In case of inclement weather, the backup site is the Middleburg Charter School auditorium (101 No. Madison Street). Admission is \$5 (general, 11 and older), \$4 (friends and seniors), and \$2 (kids under 12).

CITIZENSHIP IN THE AMERICAN TRADITION

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years certain understandings have grown up. Some basic expectations still seem to be: go to school, plan to work for a lifetime, pay one's taxes each year, vote to support democracy, serve in the military if called, and accept jury duty to be part of a nation of laws.

These tests have in common two things. They require us taking responsibility to be worthy of living in a free society. They also say we need to carry our weight with others. As specific expressions of public duty, these citizen obligations are easy to number on the right hand. Not hard to keep in mind, they are rudiments of being alive in America. So how are we doing?

As many as 45.3% of American adults (or 77.5 million individuals and married couples out of a total of 172.3 million eligible taxpayers) paid no federal income taxes in 2015 (Tax Policy Center). Just over 50% typically vote in presidential elections today (American Presidency Project). Only 44% of adults have full time work now. In 1960 the percentage was nearer 60%. During World War II the workweek averaged 46 hours. Today, full time is a mere 30 hours (and over).

If there's a single reason to get our job force back to over 50%, it's to underwrite our citizenry. In short - when it comes to taxes, voting, and work - we can do to better. We have not always been in this position. Great pockets of the citizenry, including our military, many service professionals, philanthropists, and so many others, are exemplary Americans. They fulfill all the responsibilities of citizenship well.

Over more time the context of American citizenship was one of creating a great nation and better world. Those millions of Americans who have fought our wars, worked three shifts on factory floors, built our small businesses, and run our civic clubs and charitable causes and community traditions, have nurtured the country and lived lives of gratitude doing so. They carry in their bosom an undying loyalty and belief in the American Dream. They are the bread of life in America.

What then, exactly, is out of joint? The first is the numbers are not high enough. For the right to be an American, 100% of Americans need to pay some federal income taxes - even as low as \$10 to \$50 a month. All Americans, for the right to be a citizen, should vote. Rights create obligations. We cannot be satisfied with the state of things. We must pull our oar better as a people.

The second is the social fabric itself. As Tocqueville claimed in 1835 in Democracy in America, our nation was "sturdy" because massive numbers of citizens took active part in public affairs. The connecting values of the citizen code are not where they need to be. Too many millions of Americans are not supporting the country as a democracy, or carrying their weight with others. That's where the breakdown has happened. It's where we need to find the fix.

American citizenship was never to be outsourced. No one ever thought of it as swiss cheese - holes here and there, some in it, some out. Our system depends on more - if our people are to remain the center of the Republic we created. There's a character to our citizenship that must be found again. The American model does not need changing. It does needs wider participation, deeper commitment and much greater fulfillment.

To some, getting our system one day much closer a civic ideal of 100% may seem distant, unrealistic, or even prescriptively "fascistic" as some form social control. Yet as we get ready for Independence Day this July 4, who is not willing to put the American model of citizenship up against any competing system as worthy of defense?

Even more, a fresh citizenship character for the times can go beyond numbers to build anew the social fabric. The Public Square in coming columns expects to review the weakening of this fabric and how possibly to repair it. The tried and true examples of proven citizenship - school, work, voting, paying taxes, serving one's country - may not be enough to guide a confused Republic that has become weaker in its fiscal over-extension and international contraction among nations.

We need to at least ask if the understandings of citizenship, never held more than loosely in the social code, are relevant enough for us to survive as a democracy. Bequeathed through a moral and religious tradition, going forward it's clear the case for American citizenship must become less assumed, and once again explicitly waged.

The softening of our civic arsenal no longer makes it possible for our citizenship base to be taken for granted. But our citizenship is a timeless heritage, and The Public Square believes it must remain our national foundation



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WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Long-term memories are not always wonderful. In my case, often. I can't find where I took off my shoes the night before, but I still have vivid memories of certain things that happened some 70 years ago. This year, when drought is very much in the news, I've been remembering the summer of 1938, and me, a three-year old playing in the yard of my parent's southeast Nebraska farm, when a dust storm hit.

I was probably surrounded by the red dust blown all the way from Oklahoma for no more than two minutes before my mother rescued me but I still remember the stark terror I felt. The dust storm was a by-

product of one of the worst droughts in recent U. S. history that, coincidentally, paralleled the worst economic period in our history.

What is drought? One definition is, "an extended period of deficiency in a water supply."

Consequences of drought include: water shortages and rationing; diminished crop production; dust bowls and storms; ecological and habitat damage; malnutrition and famine; and wildfires. Drought is a normal feature of the climatic cycle in many parts of the world and is one of the earliest documented climate phenomena in early history.

An article in the National Geographic in 2002 linked migration of hunter gatherers in Chile in 9,500

B.C., to drought.

Why does drought occur?

Rainfall is related to the amount of water vapor in the air; the occurrence of greater than normal ridges of high pressure can prevent the rainfall in certain areas. Ocean and atmospheric cycles such as El Nino (the Southern Oscillation) cause drought on a semi-regular basis in the Midwest and elsewhere in the U. S. Human activity such as excessive irrigation, deforestation, and erosion can increase the consequences of drought by reducing the ability of the land to hold water.

Let's examine a few consequences of drought. Starvation (famine) often accompanies drought in underdeveloped countries that rely

primarily on agrarian economies. Developed countries are generally better equipped to handle drought but often at the cost of reduced agricultural production that, in turn, is responsible for higher food prices. Reduced stream flows at critical times can lead to greatly diminished fish spawning, and impact wildlife that depend on fish for their food. Decreased infiltration of rainwater can cause wells to go dry.

The July 31, 2012 edition of the U. S. Drought Monitor reported more than half the lower 48 states are presently experiencing severe to exceptional drought conditions and warmer than average temperatures. Non-irrigated corn in Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska, is in trouble

or lost completely. This will result in higher food prices and also may result in higher prices at the pump, because, in recent years, an increasing amount of corn has been sold to ethanol producers.

That drought and warmer temperatures are occurring in the U. S. is not a question, they are occurring. Whether this is a natural cycle, or a natural cycle impacted by man's activities, I don't know, but if I had to guess, I would pick the latter.

Note: This column was previously published in the August 2012 Middleburg Eccentric. It is reprinted because it is as timely now as it was then. Exceptional drought conditions continue to exist in California with no end in sight.



MIDLAND STRIKER SCORES TOP HONORS CONTINUED FROM 34

I'd won the award. The next day, Brenda calls to congratulate me. That was neat and tough - we had tears on both sides of the phone. It was really special to win the award in Ian's memory."

The MFHA National Hornblowing Championship, started in 1995, showcased seven huntmen in front of the tent after dinner. The judges were Dr. G. Marvin Beeman, MFH-Huntsman Arapahoe, Tony Leahy MFH-Huntsman Fox River Valley, and Daphne Wood,

MFH Live Oak. Brian Kiely, Potomac huntsman, defended his record-setting title from last year even as he reminded everyone why this was his fifth win - he's a master of the calls in terms of tone and volume. Codie Hayes, huntsman for Golden's Bridge, was an impressive second, and Andy Bozdan of Loudoun Fairfax finished third.

The atmosphere was quite jolly at Morven Park, thanks in part to the new executive director who attended the social side of the show

and also had a tent ringside on Sunday. Stephanie Kenyon picked up the reins in January and soon after signed a new lease with the Virginia Foxhound Club, securing Morven Park as the Virginia Hound Show's home for many years to come. "I do have history with Morven Park - it's one of my favorite places on earth and has been for many many years," said Kenyon, who relies on Suzanne Musgrave and Cheryl Williams, members of the Morven staff for several years.

"Suzanne and Cheryl understand the horse community and they really helped me to understand what Morven Park had been, once upon a time," continued Kenyon. "We decided to make the equestrian community more of a priority and to rely on the leadership team here to help decide where we want to go. We have big plans, and we will succeed because Morven Park is a non-profit and we're fund-raisers. We want it all here - racing and steeplechasing, dressage, carriage

driving, eventing, foxhunting. We want every kind of equestrian discipline to be welcome here. There's synergy now, it takes a team and we're all moving in the same direction. There's a bright future for Morven Park."

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