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MAYOR AND NEW TOWN COUNCIL TAKE OATH

MIDDLEBURG TOWN
COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

At the July 14, 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Middleburg Town Council Gary Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, officially swore in long-serving Middleburg Mayor Betsy A. Davis and new Councilmembers J. Kevin Daly and Philip Miller.

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea continues to serve on an interim basis, until she can be replaced in a special election, coincident with the national elections set for November 8.

The deadline for filing to be considered for the seat Shea will vacate is August 19th.

Advice and Counsel from the "Old Hands"

Councilmember Kathy Jo Shea suggested that "an exchange of information between the seated and the incoming members of Council" might be a valuable exercise. The following reflects part of that discussion, excerpted from the minutes of Council's June 23 Work Session.

Councilmember-Elect Kevin Daly, the minutes note, began the exchange by noting that he was "amazed" at the ease with which Council members offered sometimes complex motions for consideration.

Veteran Mayor Betsy Davis observed that "sometimes, the Council would vote on something that they did not plan to adopt" and that, in those cases, Councilmember Snyder was good at creating motions." On the other hand, she noted, "... generally, if the item was something on which a vote was scheduled, the Town Clerk [Rhonda North] has already drafted a motion for the Council."

Councilmember-Elect Philip Miller wanted to know "what was kept in the members' desk drawers" on the semi-circular dais in the Council Chamber.

Kathy Jo Shea replied that they were not "personal drawers for the members of Council" and Councilmember Trowbridge Littleton urged that new members remember that the drawers are used by board and commission members as well. Bundles Murdock noted that her drawer contained a copy of Roberts Rules of Order.

Kevin Daly asked if Council Members held the equivalent of regular "office hours" to stay in touch with their constituents.

Mark Snyder said he "arrived thirty to forty minutes early on Council meeting nights in case a citizen wanted to stop by and chat." Kathy Jo Shea's noted that "whenever a member of Council walked around town, they were conducting office hours." "Be prepared," she said, for citizens to approach you "at any time and any location."

Mayor Davis said "the citizenry generally

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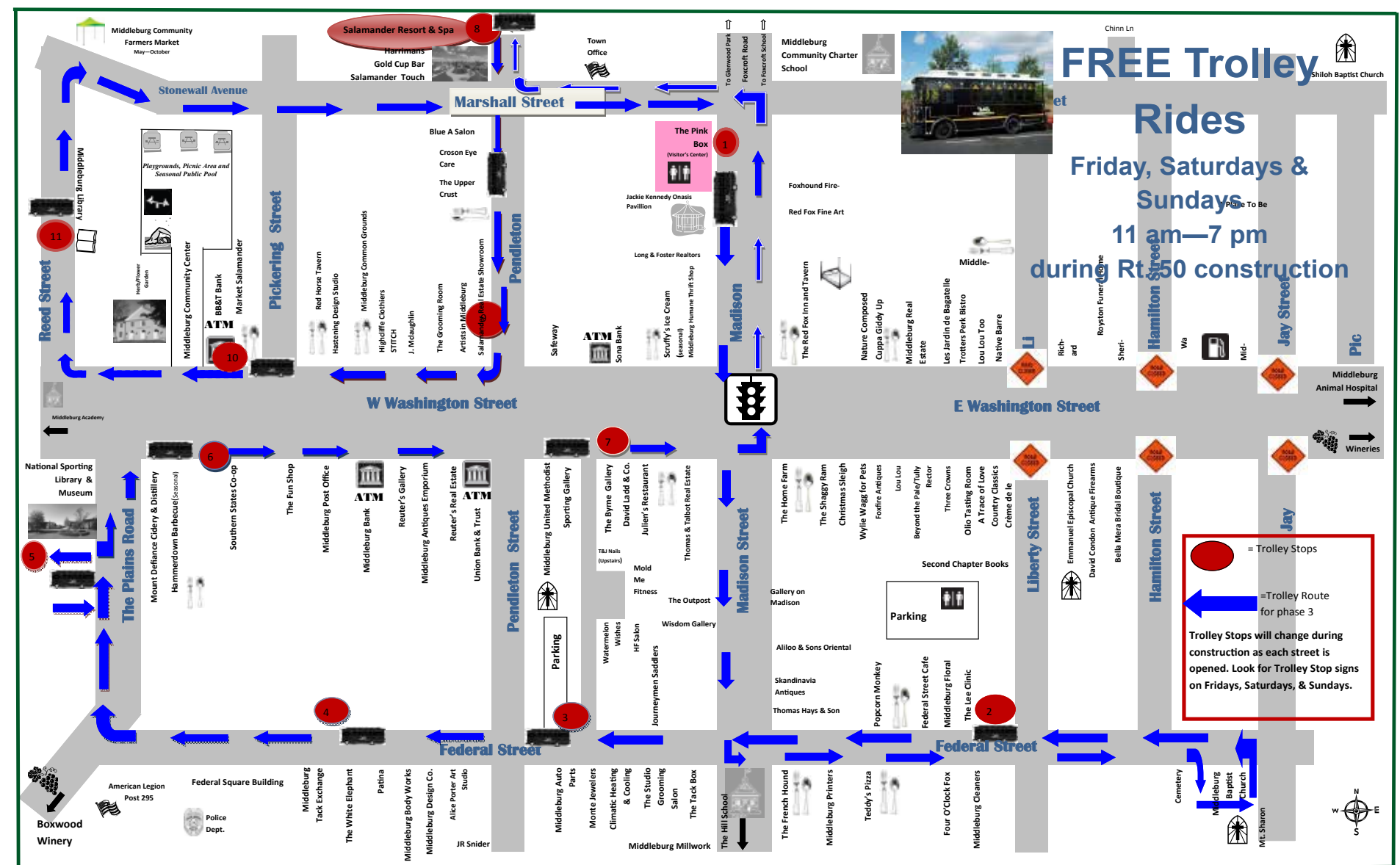
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NEWS OF NOTE

BETTY H. LONG



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Betty's family and her friends were everything to her. She touched so many—young and old—with her love, her joy, her faith and her friendship. She was an avid gardener, and loved her garden club, her book club, her Bible study, and playing bridge. She enjoyed her time on the board of The Hill School. She was also on the boards of the Loudoun Hospital Foundation and Wolf Trap Associates, and chaired major gala events for both organizations. She was a very active member of every community she lived in, especially Middleburg, where she and Henry moved to full-time in the early 1990s.

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Betty Long passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2016, surrounded by her family. She was 77 years old.

Betty was born June 6, 1939, in Dayton, OH, to Marjorie M. Horner and James T. Horner. Betty lost her father when she was three and her mother when she was nine. She was then raised and loved by her Uncle Shade and his extended family.

She was living and working in Columbus, OH, when she met her husband Henry Long, an Air Force pilot. They married, and left the Air Force, settling in

Betty ("Nina" to her grandchildren and many who cherished her) leaves behind her husband of 53 years, Henry; her children Andy, Lisa, Cricky and Hal; her sons-in-law Brian and Chip, her daughter-in-law Mim; and her grandchildren, Tyler, Tori, Hunter, Allie, Pamela, Maya, Wagner and Henry. She loved God. She loved her family. She loved her friends. She loved life and lived her life to the fullest, right up until her final moments. She will be greatly missed.

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JOAN GARDINER'S FASCINATING WORLD OF HONEYBEES

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Fact: honeybee pollination results in about one-third of all the food you eat. The long list of crop plants pollinated by honey bees, directly or indirectly, includes: grapes, apples, pears, cherries, cantaloupes, blueberries, cranberries, plums and other fruits, cocoa, cashew, almond, macadamia, walnut and other nuts, coffee, many vegetables and beans, carrot seed, seed onions, avocados, clover, kiwi, various peppers (hot and sweet), and tomatoes, to name a few.

Joan G. Gardiner combines creative artistry and craft with science. A potter and skilled tile maker, she has a lot going on in her bee yard where she tends 28 hives, each with 50-60 thousand honeybees, maybe more. "In the spring, when the autumn olive and the black locust are blooming, you can take advantage of the bees' hoarding instincts," said Joan. "You put more 'supers' — box-like layers — into the hive and the bees will keep filling them with nectar. A strong hive will produce 50 to 100 pounds of honey."

After the bees add an enzyme to the nectar and it's been dehydrated, they cap the super with wax, a signal that the honey-making process is complete. Joan

takes the super into her workshop and puts it into an extractor (centrifuge) that spins out the honey. Next, she sieves the raw honey to remove bits of wax or bee parts. She sells her raw honey in various sizes from 13.5-ounce glass bear jars up to half-gallon growlers.

"This was my 11th spring," said Joan. "I always wanted to get into beekeeping, and when my father needed more attention, I thought if I had bees at his place, it would be something to do when I was visiting and helping him out. That's the idea I started with. I went to Bluemont and signed up for Loudoun Beekeepers Association and took their course that winter. In the spring, I got my bees, and I've been going with them ever since."

The bees keep her very busy, especially in the spring and summer when everything's in blossom, and they're making a lot of honey. It's year round to keep bees, all the while paying attention to weather changes, what's blooming, and does the colony have the urge to multiply and swarm.

"You're just catching bees and busy non-stop everyday," said Joan. "You could live in your bee yard, there's so much to do. You have to make sure they have enough food for the winter. If they don't, you make them 'can-

dy" from cane sugar syrup. If there's snow, you make sure they can get out of the hive. When the temperature rises above 47 degrees, they go for a "cleansing flight" because they won't go to the bathroom inside the hive."

Joan's totally dedicated to helping her bees maintain healthy colonies. "Our biggest concern is the Four Ps — parasites, pathogens, pesticides, and poor management," said Joan. "Pesticides are bad, but parasites are the worst — the varroa mite is a killer. I rotate treatment with several chemicals that have the least negative impact. You have to be careful, because every treatment has pluses and minuses. There's no such thing as 'organic beekeeping' because you can't tell the bees what to eat, but I'm definitely of the school of science. If you don't treat your bees, you will lose them — the varroa mite is what we fight."

The domestication of wild bees in artificial hives dates back to antiquity, in ancient Egypt, Middle and Far East, in Mesopotamia and Babylon, proven by all sorts of historical/biblical references and archaeological finds, including paintings. As far back as 7000 BCE, they knew about blowing smoke into hives to calm the bees, how to harvest honey and wax. Sealed pots of honey were found in tombs of



Tutankhamun and other pharaohs. Cleopatra used honey on her skin.

Historically, honey is valued for taste, nutritional and health benefits (but never to be consumed by children under 12 months old). Raw honey has antifungal, anti-bacterial and anti-in-

flammatory properties. It's used as a sleep aid, to calm coughs, alleviate allergies, treat burns and wounds, improve memory, treat dandruff, and wash your face, to name a few.

"I'm always learning more amazing things about the complexity of the honeybees and their lives," said Joan, who recently finished a two-year term as vice-president of LBA and continues to serve as a mentor in the new beekeeper program. She also sells nucs — nucleus colonies or starter bees. A lively conversationalist on any subject, when it comes to honeybees, she's a natural ambassador, sharing enthusiastically all sorts of insider knowledge and facts.

How the average life of a worker (female bee) lasts about 35 days, yet the queen lives three to five years or more (unless she's nasty and needs to be "deposed" by nurse bees or by the keeper)... That drones (male bees) do nothing but hang around the hive, waiting for the mating flights of a new queen whom they pursue to engage in aerobic nuptials, then die... How the queen stores sperm from several suitors in a special organ in her belly, then spends the rest of her life laying eggs...

A few years ago, researchers at Uppsala University (Sweden) studied the global variations of honeybees via modern genomics. Among their findings, they traced the origin of today's honeybees to cavity-nesting bees about 300,000 years ago in Asia, from where they quickly spread throughout Europe and Africa. The hives have evolved over the centuries to high standards to make apiculture as easy as possible, but here's the caveat: you're going to work for that elixir.

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It felt like a scene from a movie as I headed up the steps to the entrance of Buchanan Hall listening to the steady stomping rhythmic beat coming from inside. The Crooked Angels were in the house and I, and anyone within a hundred yards, could tell the party had just begun. The beat echoing into the parking lot was from a song titled "Ticket When the Trumpet Sounds" a song Jamie Potter defines as "about as downhome and backwoods as we get."

The song easily draws you in with its rhythmic almost classic country feel yet with a little something edgy woven in at the core. Still, at parts, just classic enough that I could almost see this being something I heard coming from the Motorola back in the 1960s during the Porter Waggoner show. Or, perhaps just a few years later, on Hee Haw. Undeniably it's a great song. And it's also the first song on the band's new album "Bread and Bourbon."

Tonight the Crooked Angels played their all new (and first) album for the people of Middleburg. The concert was a thank you to the people of Middleburg where a great deal of the support for the album originated.

Seeing the popularity of their music growing and not wanting to get lost in the potential limitations on creative control that can occur when utilizing more conventional commercial production and funding sources, the group decided to go with crowd funding to make this album a reality. "The record was 95% funded by fans, many of them local, so it was like having that Lion King moment where we present our cub to the world up on a high cliff... or stage as it were," Potter remembered.

Crowd funding can in many cases give musicians more freedom and creative control over their music and a greater ability to interact with their fan base. But it's definitely not just sitting back and waiting for the crowd to send you money.

Creating the album is a major project and Crowd Funding doesn't just happen.

"We are still very green with crowd funding even if we somehow managed to launch a successful record campaign. In the wake of fewer labels and fewer talent scouts it may be the only way for up and coming artists to get their work out

there in a professional way. It's not for the lackadaisical type of person; you have to promote the campaign every day after the launch. You can't sit back and just assume people will take notice," Jamie explained.

Tonight's concert was the first time the band has played the CD live with all the players from the album together. In fact this evening's

show was the first time all of the players on the album had been in the same room together.

Crowd funding worked for the Crooked Angels first ever album and the band wanted to do this special concert as a thank you to the people of Middleburg and the surrounding areas who played such a pivotal role in making this album a reality.

"We tried to play 'Bread & Bourbon' front-to-finish so that listeners could feel what it was like to hear the album played live, which was a total first since all the players had never been in the same room together!"

"We had two amazing fiddle players joining us on stage: Allison Smith who has taught violin for years and played with great bands from Oklahoma to Baltimore. Caleb Stine, our high-flying Eagle Eyed friend, who in no way played 'second fiddle' if you get my meaning, just picked up the instrument a couple years ago and man oh man, has he created a sweet, heartbreaking kind of tone. He's also a music icon touring the states. We've learned a lot from his example of making meaningful art."

"The great trombone player is Brian Priebe, a focal point of the excellent Baltimore based band The Bumper Jackson. Brian's solo in the ragtime track on the record 'End of the Line Blues' makes us grin until

our faces hurt."

When I heard the album live Sunday night there in Buchanan Hall, it was for me the first time hearing the Crooked Angels. Right away I liked the music; it reminded me of Neil Young's later collaborative works, not identical mind you but a similar feel so I asked Jamie and Amy about their musical influences.

Amy responded immediately, "Our influences are so many, but if we could narrow it down to a small crowd of heroes it would be John Prine for his whimsical ability to sing both comedy and tragedy at the same time; Townes van Zandt for his sparse Texan poetry, a real master of minimalist, hard-hitting line; Shovels & Rope, the great South Carolina husband and wife duo for their raw, gut punch duo sound; the blues greats—Otis Rush, Lightnin' Hopkins, and Snooks Eaglin rock Jamie's world like no other."

But as for whether or not the release of "Bread and Bourbon" meant the arrival of a destination, Jamie and Amy made it clear this is just a step in an ongoing journey.

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The second of this two-part culture series will appear in the Eccentric's August issue.

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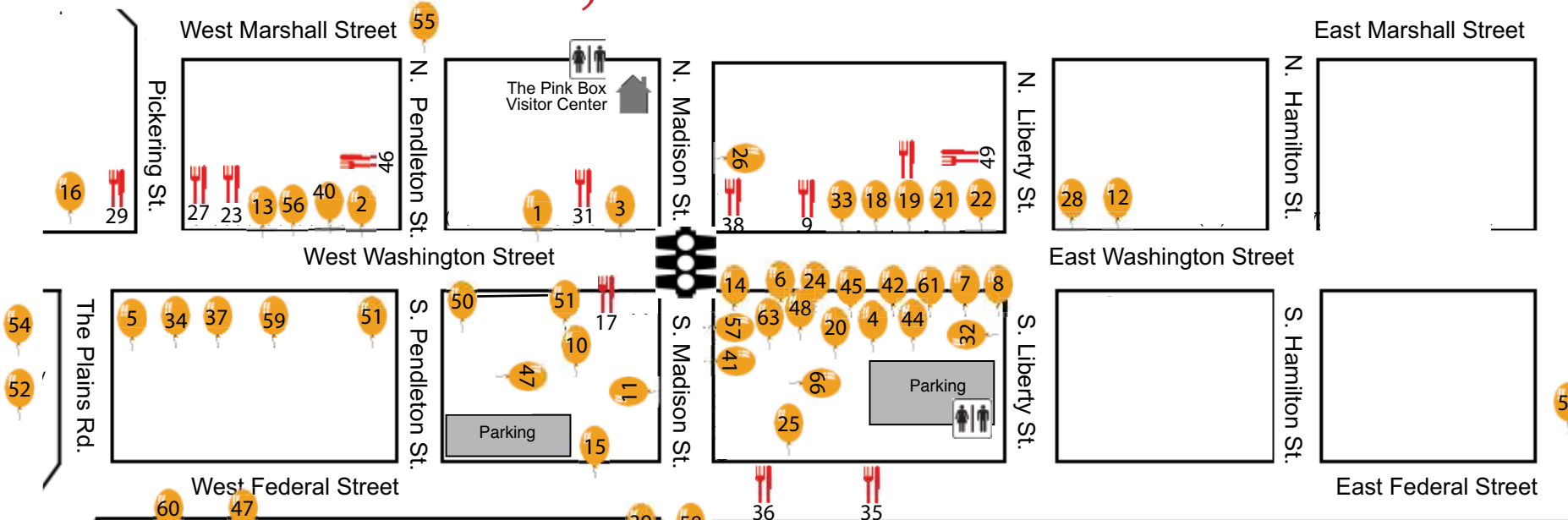
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PATRICK HENRY COLLEGE CAPTURES NELSON MANDELA WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD IN GENEVA

Continuing the winning streak Patrick Henry College has built beating bigger and better known universities at American Moot Court Association National Championships, the Christian liberal arts college has now won the Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Geneva, Switzerland.

Well primed for the competition by winning nine of the last

American Moot Court national championships against schools like University of Virginia, Duke, Holy Cross and others, Patrick Henry was definitely ready for the international stage. Yale was the only other American university to qualify for the tournament.

Patrick Henry Chancellor and Coach Michael Farris, took William Bock and Helaina Hirsch, the rising juniors on the team, to the championship.

Bock, of Indianapolis, and Hirsch, of Lafayette, California, competed against 24 other law school teams. Only five schools can come from each of five regions around the globe, including Africa, Asia-Pacific, Eastern Europe, Latin America & Caribbean and Western Europe and others, including the U.S.

"In the finals, PHC's undergrads beat a team of law students from Moi University in Kenya.

William also was awarded the first place oralist in the tournament and Helaina was named the second place oralist," PHC's announcement said.

Farris, a constitutional lawyer and homeschool father, founded Patrick Henry College in 1998 to create an institution that would appeal to homeschool students with an interest in government and politics.

Debate is one of the college's

primary extracurricular activities. Moot Court is a form of debate competition designed to simulate appellate arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in which teams of two students function as co-counsels and stand before a panel of judges to argue legal matters. In 2006, PHC not only won first overall but also won second, third, and fifth place, a feat that had never before been accomplished. (Source: Wikipedia)

BLUE RIDGE WILDLIFE CENTER ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Lisa Goshen, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center (BRWC), announced that David B. Bancroft, 61, of Berkeley Springs, WV will be leaving as executive director of the BRWC effective July 22, 2016.

"We are very sorry to see David go," Goshen said. "He has done an amazing job of helping the organization move forward in just fourteen short months."

Bancroft provided administrative oversight for construction of the new wildlife hospital and rehabilitation center. Additionally, he undertook a complete administrative reorganization, coordinated the updating of the BRWC website and Facebook page, and oversaw security and technology upgrades to ensure excellent communication within and outside the organization.

The construction project's successful conclusion was marked with the big move on June 18-19 into the facility. Bancroft also headed up and coordinated a search committee to find a new wildlife veterinarian. As a result of this search process, Jennifer Riley, DVM joined the staff in February 2016.

"We have been extremely impressed with David's dedication to our staff and the work we do," stated Riley. "He has been a wonderful administrative leader, always putting our needs first. We are really sorry to see him go, but he has accomplished so much in such a short time. He has built a strong working team and has readied us for our next stage of growth."

In commenting on his departure, Bancroft said, "With board and staff help, I set about to build a team that could expand into the new wildlife hospital facility and broaden educational opportunities for the public, all the while continuing the important work of rescue and rehabilitation for our native wildlife. I am so proud of all the hard work our board and staff have undertaken to get us here."

When asked what he would be doing next, Bancroft said, "Well, first of all, I am going to take some time off. Then, I plan to get back to my consulting business serving

environmental non-profits.

This past year has been a wonderful one, and we accomplished so much. My past experience along with meeting some of the challenges of 2015 will serve me well as I help other similar organizations grow and expand."

Goshen continued, "It speaks to his work ethic and values that he is giving us plenty of notice to start the search process for a new executive director and preside over a smooth transition. We are very

appreciative of everything David has done and is doing to help the BRWC."

Goshen said that a search committee will be formed and in the meantime, Jennifer Riley, DVM will be handling the day-to-day decisions on-site with the assistance of long-time employees: Heather Sparks, Manager of Wildlife and Rehabilitation, Jennifer Burghoffer, Manager of Education, and Jessica Andersen, Wildlife Rehabilitator.

RHVFD WANTS A BOARD MEMBER

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NEWS OF NOTE

STONESPRINGS HOSPITAL CENTER RECEIVES ACR ACCREDITATION FOR CT



StoneSprings Hospital Center has been awarded accreditation in Computed Tomography (CT) as the result of a recent survey by the American College of Radiology

(ACR). This achievement marks the second ACR accreditation that the hospital has earned.

"The ACR golden seal of recognition is synonymous with exceptional performance and dedication by our entire team of board-certified radiologists, qualified technical staff, and management," says Doctor Scott Cassar, department chair of radiology at StoneSprings Hospital Center.

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For more information about radiology services at StoneSprings Hospital Center, please visit www.stonespringshospital.com.

BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY HOMESERVICES-PENFED REALTY WELCOMES ASSOCIATE BROKER JOHN T. FERGUSON, JR



Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices-PenFed Realty is pleased to announce that John T. "Jack" Ferguson, Jr. has joined the firm as an associate broker in the Leesburg office.

Jack has more than 30 years of experience in many aspects of the real estate industry including both commercial and residential transactions which include large and small horse farms, residential income property portfolio acquisitions, office and residential condominiums, tax free exchanges and consultation with banks in bankruptcy proceedings. He joins

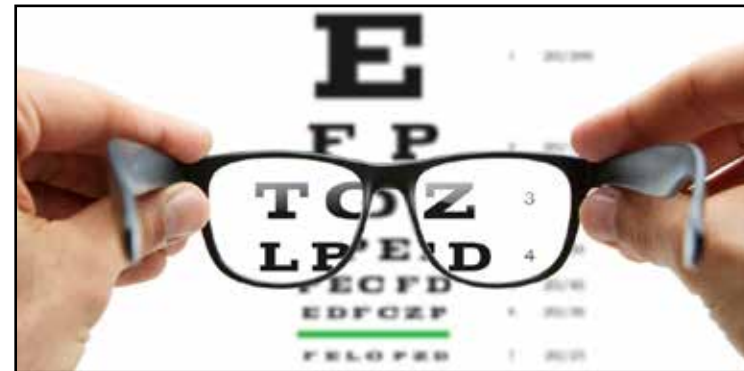
the firm after 25 years as the Principal Broker of J.T. Ferguson Real Estate with offices in both Richmond and Middleburg.

Jack says "Having experience as a builder, buyer, seller, landowner and broker allows me to understand all perspectives of each transaction. I relate to the emotions involved in home ownership as well as the economics of investor/developer decisions. I look forward to the opportunity to use that knowledge in my new working relationship with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services-PenFed Realty."

Jack grew up at Malvern Hill his family's historic farm outside Richmond, that was the site of one of the more famous battles of the Civil War. Following graduation from St. Christopher's School, Jack attended the Virginia Military Institute from which he received a bachelor's degree in economics.

An avid horseman, Jack has played polo, driven carriages, is an ex-Joint Master of the Princess Anne Hunt and a current member of the Board of Governors of the Middleburg Hunt. He resides with his wife, Leah, on a small horse farm outside Middleburg, Va.

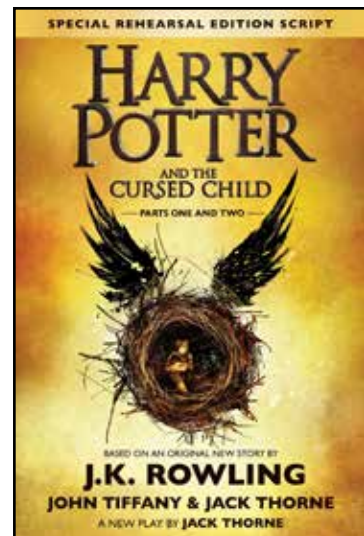
MIDDLEBURG EYE CENTER WELCOMES A NEW DOCTOR



Dr. Chip Stine, a Board Certified Optometrist, in Middleburg, Virginia for more than 25 years, announced the addition of Nadia Sachinski, Optometrist. Five doctors on staff including Emily Morin, Ophthalmologist, shall provide full time emergency, surgical and routine eye

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HARRY POTTER AND THE CURSED CHILD AT SECOND CHAPTER BOOKS



the celebration with a party hosted by Second Chapter Books, starting on the night of the 30th at 11:30pm and ending at 12:30am on the 31st, or when all the books are distributed. For those in attendance, there will be drawings for gifts, including a free copy of the book, and refreshments.

In this eighth book ... being Harry Potter isn't much easier now that he is an overworked employee of the Ministry of Magic, a husband and father of three school-age children. While Harry grapples with a past that refuses to stay where it belongs, his youngest son Albus must struggle with the weight of a family legacy he never wanted. As past and present fuse ominously, both father and son learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.

On July 31 ...in the first minutes, across America boxes of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child will be opened. Middleburg will be joining

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NEWS OF NOTE

LAND ROVER GREAT MEADOW INTERNATIONAL STAGES SUCCESSFUL FEI NATIONS CUP™ DEBUT

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

The Land Rover Great Meadow International FEI Nations Cup™ CICO***, presented by Adequan, put on quite a show July 8-10. The history-making event featured teams from Canada, Great Britain and the USA and individual combinations from Australia, Puerto Rico, and the USA rounding out the 40 entries.

Team USA claimed a runaway win with a final score of 138.3, and Canada second on 177.6. Great Britain had some bad luck, finishing on 254.3 points in third place and promising to return next year.

From a hospitality point of view, Great Meadow International can't be beaten. They treated everyone — competitors, owners, VIP guests, sponsors, spectators, volunteers, and media — with the warmest welcome and terrific amenities. There were shuttles to help spectators get from the distant parking lots to the new state-of-the-art arena. As an equestrian venue, Great Meadow International offers first class form and function in a spectacularly beautiful setting.

"It was a great weekend at Great Meadow, and the community really supported it and really seemed to enjoy all three days," said David O'Connor, U.S. Eventing Team Chef d'Equipe and also Co-Chairman of the Land Rover Great Meadow International. "It was great to have the first Nations Cup outside Europe and we had the perfect site for it. The horses got the runs they needed. There are things to work on [before Rio], but I am quite confident

with how the horses traveled and handled the [cross-country] course and the competition as a whole."

Team USA's win proved a triumphant return for Clark Montgomery and Loughan Glen, who spent the last several years, training and competing, in Tetbury, England. They added only 1.2 time penalties to their dressage score to finish first on 37.5, leading the U.S. team from start to finish.

No one else came close, not even second-placed Marilyn Little and RF Demeter, owned by Jacqueline Mars, Raylynn Farms, Patrick and Eileen Wine. The duo finished on their dressage score of 43.8 after posting double clears in show jumping and a foot-perfect cross-country. Jodie Amos (GBR) and Wise Crack, third place individually, also finished on their dressage score of 49.0 penalty points. Americans rounded out the top five with Holly Payne Caravello and Santini in fourth and Hannah Sue Burnett of The Plains piloting Under Suspicion to fifth place.

"It means a ton to me to win here at the Great Meadow International in front of my home crowd," said Montgomery, whose plans include setting up home base in the Middleburg area after Rio. "We had a pretty good performance and it was a great preparation run for us. Glen did a good dressage and I can't complain about his show jumping at all. He had a couple of hairy moments on the cross-country, but he's such an honest horse and he still came home in a great time."

The GMI Nations Cup™ was the final prep event for the Land Rover U.S. Eventing Team of

Phillip Dutton, Lauren Kieffer, Boyd Martin and Montgomery, who head to the Rio Olympics with eventing scheduled for August 6-8, the day after the opening ceremony. As of the last week in July, the U.S. Eventing team includes Dutton riding Mighty Nice, Kieffer and Veronica, Martin and Blackfoot Mystery, Montgomery and Loughan Glen. In mid-July, Lynn Symansky of Middleburg and Donner replaced Maya Black and Doesn't Play Fair as Traveling Reserve.

As for the Land Rover Great Meadow International, presented by Adequan, you can start making plans for next year by marking your calendar for July 7-9, 2017.

"The Land Rover Great Meadow International FEI was absolutely a success and I don't know if we could have asked for a better outcome for the competitors, patrons, sponsors, volunteers, and spectators — it all went exceedingly well," said Rob Banner, President of the Great Meadow Foundation. "We had about 15,000 spectators over the three days, and we were very happy with the number of people and the level of their interest. We're very grateful to the media for their outstanding coverage, and we're looking for even greater attendance next year."

The U.S. Equestrian Federation sent stellar representatives: Chrystine Tauber, current USEF president, Bill Moroney, USEF CEO, and Murrery Kessler, elected as USEF president in June who will take over from Tauber in January 2017. With David O'Connor, former USEF president on hand as U.S. Eventing Team Chef d'Equipe and also



MARILYN LITTLE PLACED 2ND INDIVIDUALLY WITH RF DEMETER, OWNED BY JACQUELINE MARS & RAYLYNN FARMS & PATRICK AND EILEEN WINE.

Great Meadow International co-founder, that was a heavy-duty delegation and great omen for the future of the Land Rover Great Meadow International.

The Land Rover Great Meadow International hopes to host another FEI Nations Cup™ Eventing next July. 2017 isn't a championship year, which frees up more European teams to join Great Britain and Canada, who are already talking about coming back next summer. Since it isn't an Olympic year, Ireland, France and Germany have already indicated their interest. The sky's the limit when it comes to high performance equestrian being contested at Great Meadow.

"We owe a deep debt of gratitude to all the donors who made Land Rover Great Meadow International a reality, and to all of the volunteers, organizers and people who helped keep it on track," said Banner. "We're looking forward to making good use of that great arena by putting on more high performance competitions."

For more information: www.greatmeadowinternational.com



MIDDLEBURG'S LYNN SYMANSKY AND DONNER, 12TH INDIVIDUALLY AT THE GMI NATIONS CUP. REPLACED TRAVELING RESERVE MAYA BLACK AND DOESN'T PLAY FAIR ON THE LAND ROVER U.S. TEAM FOR THE RIO OLYMPICS.



SHARON WHITE AND HER COOLEY ON SHOW JUMPED CLEAR TO FINISH 16TH INDIVIDUALLY. A "LOCAL" RIDER, THANKS TO HER TIES AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE PIEDMONT'S EVENTING COMMUNITY, AND THE NATIONS CUP SERVED TO SHOWCASE THE POTENTIAL OF HER BUDDING INTERNATIONAL EVENT HORSE.

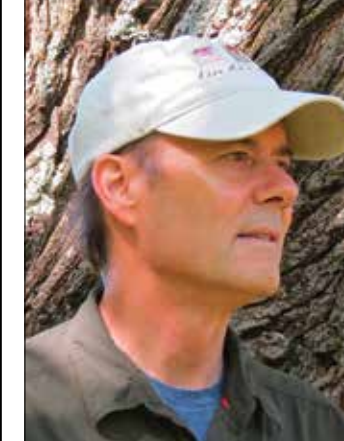


COLLEEN LOACH HAD A GREAT TIME WITH QORRY BLUE D'ARGOUGES, PLACING 14TH AS CANADA'S BEST-PLACING TEAM MEMBER EN ROUTE TO SECOND PLACE IN THE NATIONS CUP.



JODIE AMOS AND WISE CRACK FINISHES THIRD INDIVIDUALLY, LEADING THE WAY FOR THE THIRD-PLACED GREAT BRITAIN TEAM.

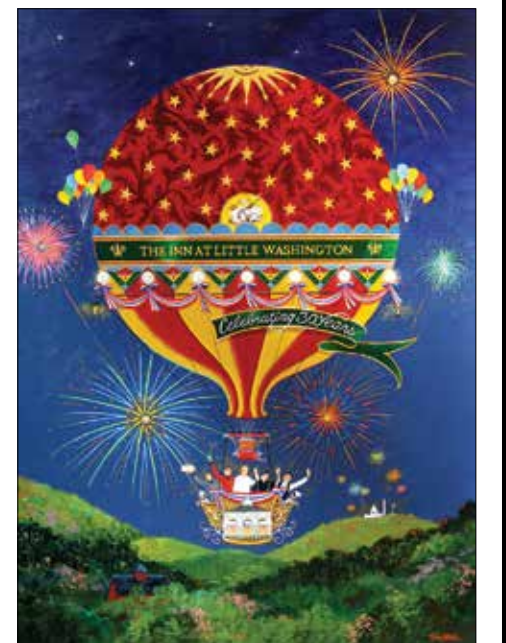
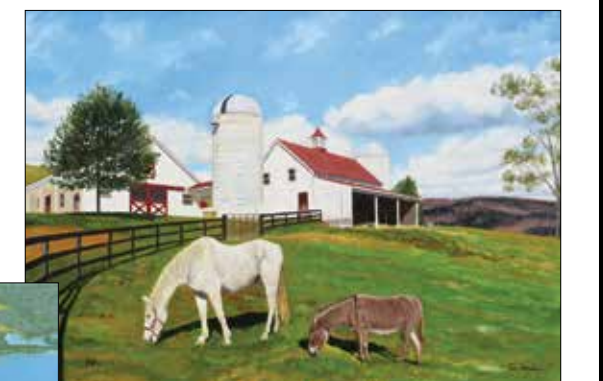
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STACY BUTEWICZ JOINS MIDDLEBURG REAL ESTATE



Stacy Butewicz, who recently joined Middleburg Real Estate, began her real estate career in New Jersey, servicing Equestrian Properties. As the former New Jersey State Equestrian of the Year and owner of high-end European investment horses, Stacy's broad network of equestrian contacts has contributed to much of her success. She received the NJ Realtors

Northern Virginia area and its competitive market conditions.

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In 2015 Stacy began to travel to Virginia and with each visit she saw more opportunities. Stacy spent an entire year dedicated to getting to know the market and the different areas.

Stacy believes that "Growing up in horse country doesn't make you an equestrian and being a Realtor doesn't make you a horse farm specialist." Her clients range from boutique farmers to world-class horse trainers and investment bankers. Stacy enjoys working with those new to the equestrian world as she has the connections to get them started from the tack, to the horse, to the house.

Stacy's true specialization is in working with sellers. She enjoys the challenges of pricing, marketing, networking and getting a home to closing. Some of the words her list of happy customers have used to describe her are "high energy", "professional", "efficient" and her proudest feedback is her ability to "exceed expectations at every step"

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Since 1939, Middleburg Real Estate has been located in the heart of Virginia Hunt Country offering full-service, real estate brokerage services for discriminating buyers and sellers. Having joined forces with Atoka Properties in 2010, the growing team of professionals have a thorough working knowledge of the

COMING IN AUGUST

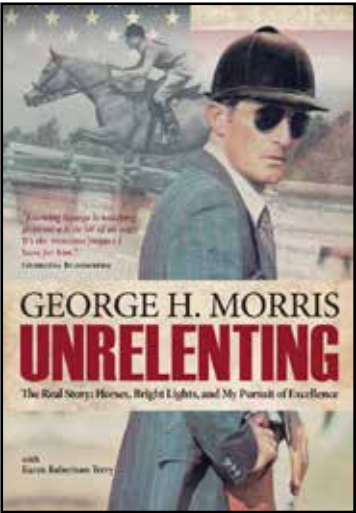
Ken Rietz, a Fauquier County resident, has written his autobiography, *Winning Campaigns, Losing Sight, Gaining Insight*. In the book, Ken offers a glimpse into the 16 years he and his wife, Ursula Landsrath, have enjoyed in the Fauquier County community. In the run-up to this pivotal presidential election in November, Ken's

memoir offers many lessons learned. As a political consultant, Ken had an impact on numerous high profile campaigns including those of Presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan and Senators Bill Brock and Chic Hecht. He was Deputy Chairman of the Republican National Committee serving under Chairman George H. W. Bush. In all, he worked in more than 100 political

campaigns, winning over 80%.

When he retired in 2006, Ken had spent more than forty years providing strategic advice to campaigns and businesses. During that same period, he lost his eyesight; by age forty-nine, he was legally blind. Throughout his autobiography, Ken details his memories and shares how his competitive spirit, determination, and positive attitude helped him

RESERVE EARLY TO MEET SUPERSTAR AUTHOR, GEORGE MORRIS AT THE NATIONAL SPORTING LIBRARY & MUSEUM



superstar in the equestrian world.

He will be visiting NSLM to speak about his autobiography, *Unrelenting: The Real Story: Horses, Bright Lights and My Pursuit of Excellence*, which was published in spring of 2016. Attendees will be able to purchase copies of *Unrelenting* when reserving their seats at www.NationalSporting.org.

George Morris is an avid book collector as well as a leading trainer and judge. He values the legacy of the riders and trainers who came before him and urges others to do the same.

Registration through www.NationalSporting.org is required to attend this event. Admission is \$10.00. There is no admission charge for NSLM members, but members must make reservations. Copies of *Unrelenting* are available for purchase at registration.

Seating is limited to the first 100 RSVP's.

For more information, please contact Anne Marie Barnes, Educational Programs Manager & Fellowship Advisor, at ABarnes@NationalSporting.org or (540) 687-6542 x25

The National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is delighted to invite friends and admirers to a featured talk with renowned equestrian judge and trainer George Morris. Morris has an award-winning riding history spanning over 60 years and is considered a

ENJOY MOSBY'S BERRYVILLE LANTERN-LIT TOUR

The Mosby Heritage Area Association, invites you to join their popular *Legends by Lantern Light* tour of Berryville August 13th The *Legends by Lantern Light* tours feature interpreters in period-dress giving first-person vignettes of life and history in the Mosby Heritage Area. The Berryville tour will explain how the Civil War was viewed from a County Seat.

Mosby Heritage is a leading non-profit that works to support preservation and education. The Berryville Lantern-Lit tour is also sponsored by the Clarke County Historical Association.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Clarke County Historical Association at 32 E. Main Street, Berryville, VA. Participants will view the Civil War experience of Berryville and how the war affected life in the

Shenandoah Valley.

The period-dressed Mosby Heritage Area Interpretive Group will tell stories against the backdrop of historic Berryville, featuring stories of Clarke County's commissioner to the Virginia Secession Convention, the visits of two famous Civil War generals, Mosby's Wagon Train Raid in Berryville, and the story of Eugene Ferris, a Medal of Honor recipient from his days of fighting Mosby's Rangers.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students.

Walking is involved; Please dress comfortably. For more information: 540-687-6681 or info@mosbyheritagearea.org.



EXPLORE MERCY STREET HERO FRANK STRINGFELLOW CONVERSATIONS IN HISTORY LECTURE

Frank Stringfellow, the Confederate Scout and Mosby Ranger who has been famously portrayed in the PBS miniseries 'Mercy Street,' will be the subject of the next Conversations in History lecture sponsored by Mosby Heritage Area Association and NOVA Parks. The lecture begins at 3 p.m. at the historic Mt. Zion Church, 40309 John Mosby Highway, Aldie, 20105.

Benjamin Franklin "Frank" Stringfellow served as a scout for Gen. J.E.B. Stuart during the Civil War and also fought alongside Mosby, most famously at the January 10, 1864 Loudoun Heights Raid. Stringfellow also served as a spy during the war and ended the conflict with a \$10,000 price on his head.

LTC (R) Eric W. Buckland will lead the July 31st program, giving a biographical look at the soldier, spy, and later, U.S Army Chaplain and Episcopal Priest. The talk will discuss Stringfellow's reality versus his

depiction in Mercy Street.

Eric W. Buckland is a Lieutenant Colonel retired from the United States Army and the author of five books (Mosby Men, Volumes I-IV; Mosby's Keydet Rangers) focusing on the individuals who rode with Colonel John Singleton Mosby during the Civil War.

"The stories that I have found about the men who rode with Mosby have put a 'face' to the War and to the America that developed after it," says Buckland.

Reservations are not required for this event. Admission is \$10 for adults. There is no admission fee for students. For more information, please telephone (540) 687-5188.

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NEWS OF NOTE

MAYOR AND NEW TOWN COUNCIL TAKE OATH

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knew where they could find the members of Council” and noted that Members use the Town Office as much as they wanted.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes also noted that incoming members could “call the staff if they received questions they could not answer.”

Shea reminded her new colleagues to remember “that they did not represent the entire Council when they spoke to individuals” and suggested that they remember to use phrases such as “I think” and “in my opinion” to make that clear.

Mayor Davis counseled being prepared with details. Complaints, she noted, are still being received “about the Route 50 construction project . . . and



even though the Town had hosted many meetings on the project, people still did not understand.”

Davis suggested that, when faced with such complaints, “new members ask the citizens if they had any suggestions.”

“Sometimes they did and other times they did not,” David observed, and “when asked what they would suggest, they realized that they had nothing to add.”

“It was easy to say ‘the Town can do more,’ “ she continued, but “when you ask them what they would suggest, they usually did not have anything to offer.”

Councilmember Bundles Murdock emphasized the importance of making clear that the Town’s current major problem, the construction disrupting the heart of the Town, “involved the replacement of one hundred year old water lines, as well as the burying of electric lines and safety improvements to address dangerous conditions . . . essentially addressing three issues at once.”

Councilmember Shea suggested that “if the new members were sensitive about asking ‘stupid’ questions” they should “get over it.” Mayor Davis confirmed, council members are very supportive of each other and “there are no stupid questions.”

When Shea told the incoming members “that service on the Council would change how they lived,” Mayor Davis agreed, noting they “would always be on stage.” Always, she said be “thoughtful of what you are saying and doing.”

Bundles Murdock observed that “members would not always agree on issues; however, it was important that they have discussions and work together.” Davis agreed, noting “that the members of Council got along and when they disagreed, did so respectfully.”

Indeed, Councilmember Mark Snyder noted, “it had been a long time since anyone on the Council had a hidden agenda.”

There was general agreement that, in the words of Mayor Davis “everyone served on the Council because they loved Middleburg.”

Council then unanimously approved Resolutions of Appreciation for outgoing Councilmembers Trowbridge Littleton, Bundles Murdock & Erik Scheps.

Construction Traffic: Nearing the End?

Town Planner Moore reported that work on stage 3 of the Route 50 Project would begin the week of July 21.

Motorists and pedestrians, he noted, “could access Marshall Street from Pinkney Street; however, access through Jay, Hamilton and Liberty Streets would be closed

Economic Development Coordinator Cindy Pearson, updated the Town’s “traffic detour map,” and trolley map printed here on page 3 and posted on line at . . . www.middleburgva.gov.

Pearsons also reported that “she has been in talks with the Virginia Regional Transit Authority about the possibility of offering free trolley/bus rides in Middleburg.” The “trolley,” she said, would ideally “make stops around town to get people from the parking lots to the main street, with there being different stops throughout the town.”

When Mayor Davis asked whether the intersections at Pendleton and Madison Streets would be open, Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco said, “yes” once the contractor moved the traffic lights. “It would, however, still be a challenge to get into the Exxon,” he noted, “as the intersection at Liberty Street would be blocked off.”

In Panebianco’s opinion “those who would have the most difficulty with this phase were the residents of Chinn Lane as they would have challenges getting in and out in the morning.”

Gas Leak Emergency Response

In an informal review of the Town’s response to last month’s gas leak in Middleburg, Councilmember Bundles Murdock told her colleagues she, herself, had received a “reverse-911 robo-call” but she was receiving information that led her to believe “a lot of people” didn’t get one.

When people tried to call the Town Office, she noted, “the staff had been evacuated.” She suggested that, if possible, Town Staff “evacuate to the Police Department in those situations” and that the “Police Department designate one room in their office as an alternate so the Town Office would not be out of commission.”

The Town office phones could also be forwarded to the Police Department in such cases, “so they could be manned.”

Mayor Davis asked whether the Town’s automated phone alert system could be activated remotely in such situations.

Town Clerk Rhonda North “confirmed she could as long as she had access to a computer and the Internet.” During the gas leak evacuations, however, she did not have access to a computer.

When Mayor Davis asked “who decided who received calls from the reverse 911 system, North replied “those calls were not initiated by the Town” but through the Loudoun County Sheriff’s Department. Noting that “the evacuation was only within a one block radius,” North suggested the Town “ask the Sheriff’s Department how they defined the parameters” for generating reverse 911 calls.

Councilmember Shea asked about emergency generators for the Town Office and the Police Department buildings. Town Administrator Semmes said she had asked Town staff “to look at moving the old generator from the wastewater treatment plant to the Town Office.”

When Mark Snyder suggested the Town look at other, more dependable, options, Semmes observed that a new generator might cost as much as \$60,000. Ongoing Councilmember Littleton suggested one adequate for the job could be had for as little as \$15,000.

80% of Police Fleet Destroyed

Chief of Police A. J. Panebianco reported that the Town’s insurance carrier had declared four of his department’s five vehicles “totaled” during the recent devastating hailstorm in Middleburg: a Chevy Impala; Dodge Charger; an aging Ford Tahoe; and a Ford Explorer. The one vehicle that escaped damage he said, “had a blown motor and “the Town was getting rid of it anyway.”

Middleburg, he said, would receive \$32,200 from its insurance reimbursement, which would take care of all but \$3,000 of the cost “to buy and equip another new vehicle from the State Contract.”

On the brighter side of the storm, Panebianco noted, despite some very serious damage, “most of the town” seemed now to be in “good spirits” and best of all, despite all the property damage, “no people were hurt or killed.

National Night Out

Final preparations are underway for the Middleburg Police Department’s much anticipated celebration of “National Night Out.” Now set for August 2. Chief Panebianco returns to the dunking booth this year and personally challenged Town Council members to step up and pitch him, literally, in.

Counterfeit \$100’s

“Fake one hundred dollar bills have been floating around Middleburg,

Chief Panebianco reported. The Police Department, he said, has already purchased and distributed detection pens to all the Town’s businesses.

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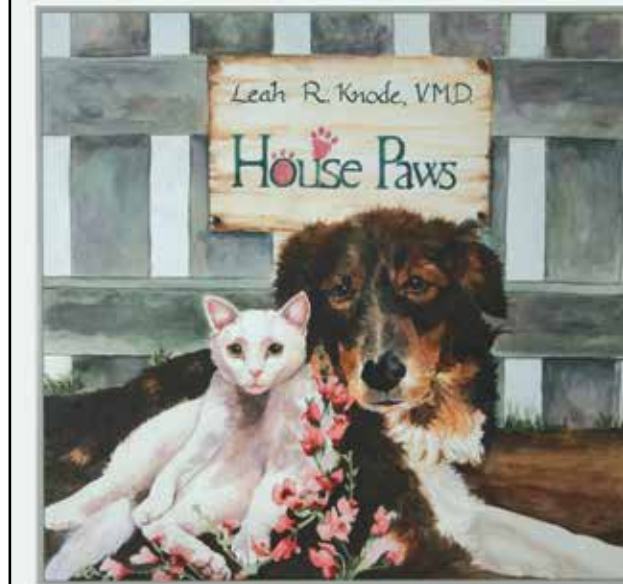
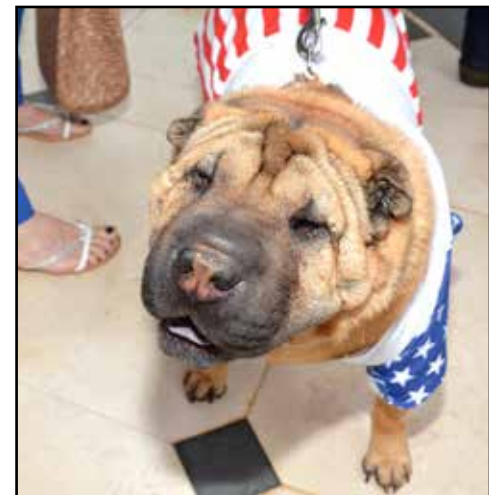
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GETTING CARRIED AWAY

BY NANCY MILBURN KLECK

The National Sporting Library & Museum recently hosted a very successful first ever “Carriage Day” exhibition Saturday, July 23, of antique, vintage and modern carriages graciously provided by Carl and Caroline Cox, Doug and Queenie Kemmerer, members of the Piedmont Driving Club, and Colonial Williamsburg.

Parked on the museum’s lawn were an English Beer Dray to quench the town’s thirst; a c-spring bob sleigh complete with bear skin to keep you warm on a moonlit winter’s night; an early Standardbred racing sulky painted in the original owner’s colors; a high-sided children’s tub cart for the family’s shetland; a pony size wicker governess cart with room for several little ones; a very rare Thoroughbrace gig to visit your neighbor over the glen; a stylish wicker phaeton for a single horse to carry a couple of guests and groom to pour the libations; an elegant auto top surrey for the wedding party and special occasions; an all purpose wagonette for everyday use; and a handful of other carriages, all beautifully presented and lovingly cared for.

Impressive in size and design were three open top carriage breaks: a beautiful pine and oak shooting break (forerunner to today’s SUV) for the fowl and game sportsman and once owned by Robert E. Lee’s granddaughter; a Grand Vis-a-vis used for elegant family Sunday outings down the boulevard to impress your peers and the masses (being roofless allowed for the tallest of milady’s hats); and a beautiful roof seat break to entertain friends at the races or the neighbor’s polo match with caviar and chilled Krier, and it comes with a Dalmation!

Highlighting the collection on display were two beautiful chariots or demi-landaus used for ceremonial and state functions, recently restored by Colonial Williamsburg. Each carriage was attended by a coachman in period attire eager to answer questions and talk about the coach and its design.

Paul Bennett, Director of Coach and Livestock at Colonial Williamsburg, gave a lively and informative talk and slide show describing how the carriage changed the world to a packed audience. A world class driver, he shared a couple of stories about his adventures of driving in the dark and descending steep hills.

Watching the world go by at a leisurely 7 mph to the rhythmic clip-clop of the horses’ shoes and tinkling of champagne glasses is a spiritual experience -- put it on your bucket list. And here’s a hint to keep the bubbly from spilling: put an ice cube in your flute!



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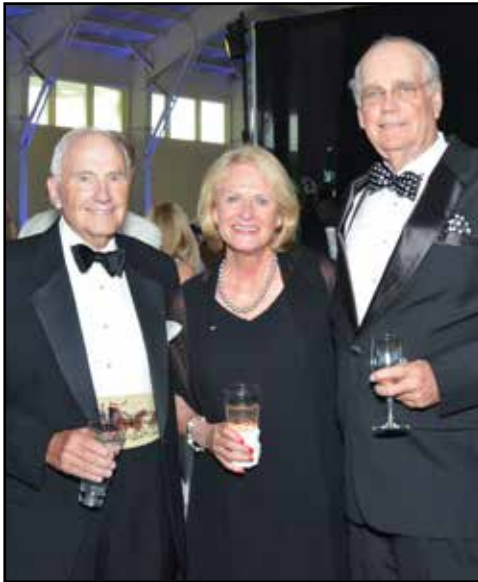
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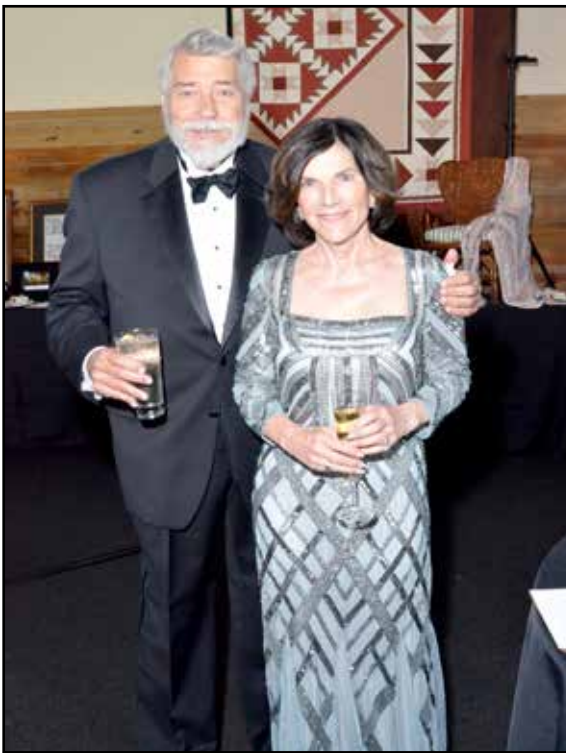
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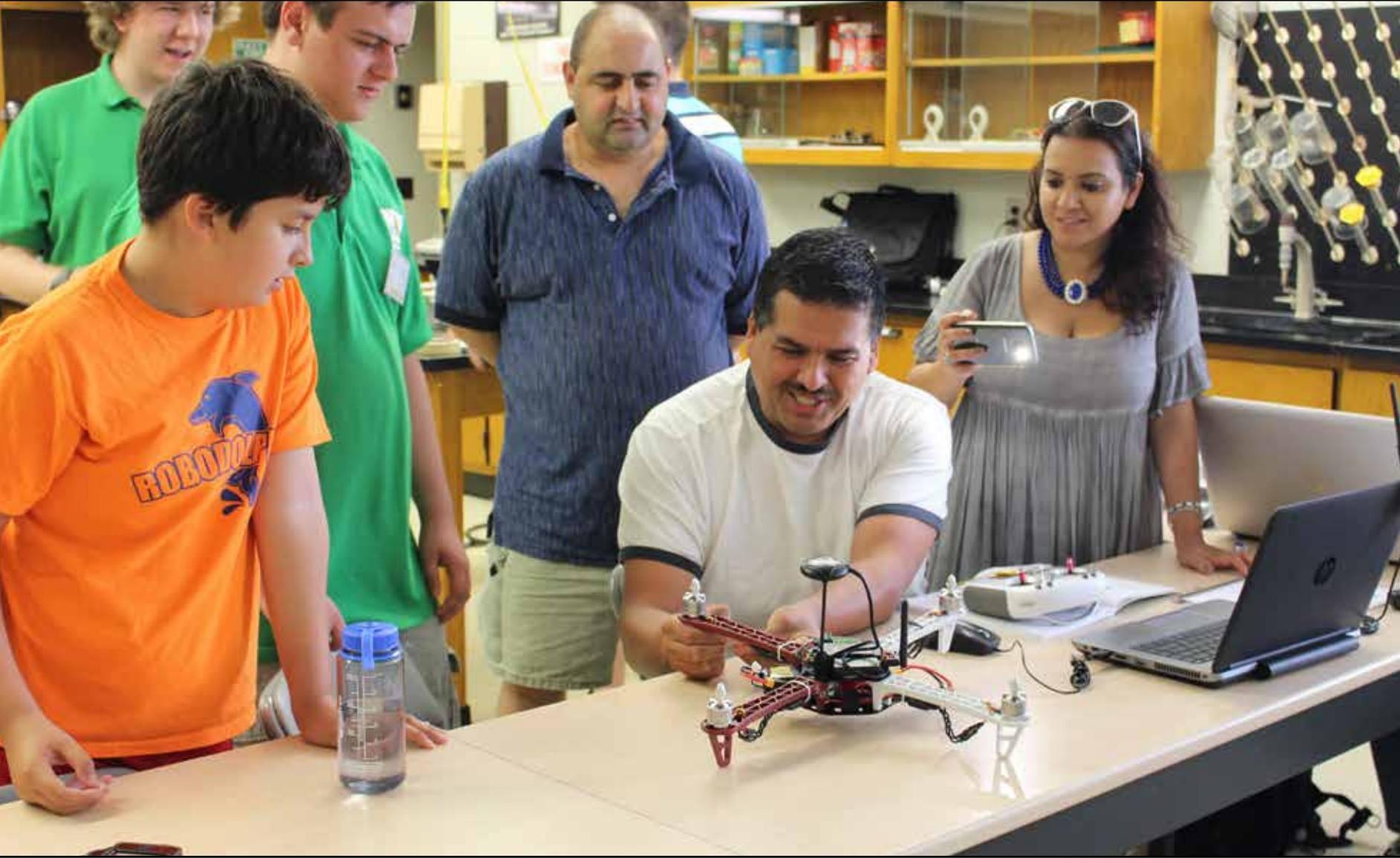


ROSE MARIE BOGLEY



PROGENY

UP, UP AND AWAY! TEACHERS FLY HIGH AT FOXCROFT
KASHMIR WORLD FOUNDATION IS PARTNER IN EVENT



PARTICIPANTS IN THE INAUGURAL TEACHERS TAKE FLIGHT WORKSHOP, CO-PRESENTED BY FOXCROFT AND KASHMIR WORLD FOUNDATION (KWF), GOT IN-DEPTH, HANDS-ON EXPOSURE TO BUILDING DRONES AND USING THEM IN THEIR CLASSROOMS.

Organizers and participants alike were upbeat — and their creations were literally sky high when the first drone workshop designed especially for educators ended with each team successfully flying its unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) on the Foxcroft School campus.

Even better, the inaugural “Teachers Take Flight” workshop, co-presented by Foxcroft and the Kashmir World Foundation (KWF), was a great success, inspiring all involved about the possibilities for engaging students in STEM by using drones.

“The teachers all departed the workshop feeling both proud of their accomplishments and excited about the future of their programs at their own schools,” said Maria Evans, Ph.D., Chair of Foxcroft School’s STEM Department and one of the workshop’s organizers. “The high school teachers, in particular, left extremely excited about integrating drones into their coursework.”

Aliyah Pandofi, KWF’s CEO, was already looking towards the future. “The week was very successful,” she said. “We are looking forward to bringing the program to a much larger audience next year, and we are excited about creating a network of teachers who can be leaders in integrating UAV technology for school curriculum around the nation and collaborating worldwide with students and teachers.”

Participants included teachers from Woodbridge, VA and Mountain View, CA; a professor from Smith College in Massachusetts, a KWF trainee, and Katie Hergenreder, the newest addition to the Foxcroft STEM faculty. She built a quadcopter that has newer technology than the quadcopter and hexacopter that already comprise the Foxcroft drone fleet.

“I really enjoyed participating in the Teachers Take Flight workshop,” Hergenreder said. “Building the drones ourselves was a great experience . . . The workshop leaders were very careful to use ‘hands off’ teaching. For example, if I had a question of how to assemble part of the drone, they would assist verbally step by step, rather than showing me by doing it themselves.”

“I really appreciated learning this way because it is how I would like to teach students to use the drones. The workshop included lots of great teaching methods and suggestions.”

While Kashmir Robotics, an arm of KWF, supplied and led the drone-building process, a number of fascinating presenters addressed different subjects. The speakers and topics included:

- Cathy McGehee (Head of Foxcroft School), on the importance of engaging girls in mission-focused STEM activities;
- Rob Thompson (Falcon Foundation), on FAA regulations -- a topic that proved so interesting that Thompson returned a second time to answer more questions;
- Dr. Maria Evans, on the EP-ICS High Engineering and drone programs at Foxcroft;
- Jon Caris (Smith College), on how Smith’s drone program is incorporated into its liberal arts curriculum; also Smith’s research programs using drones to estimate storm damage and erosion in Belize;
- Ellen Oskoui (Potomac School), on her program to use drones to evaluate vineyard performance;
- Mike Kronmiller (Bullis School/RPI), about his partnership with a high school in Nepal developing a program to use drones to find avalanche victims on Mt. Everest;
- Nick Franci (Microsoft) on the Microsoft Classroom environment for collaboration.

“Cathy and Maria both gave talks which included one very important point: female students are motivated by the utility of a task,” Hergenreder said. “For example, building a drone just to fly may be fun for a little while, but isn’t a great motivator for girls. In contrast, building a drone to fly it to help the community would really engage our students.”

Foxcroft proved a perfect venue for the event, with its large Physics Lab providing an ideal location for both workshop lectures and drone construction and its 500 acres offering several options for “Flight Day.” The workshop participants launched their UAVs on “Big Track,” a mostly treeless expanse in the middle of campus generally used by the School’s distinguished riding program.

HARRY HUDNALL WARE V
GRADUATES WOODBERRY FOREST



Harry Hudnall Ware V graduated during the 127th commencement exercises at Woodberry Forest School on May 28, 2016. Mr. Ware will attend the University of Colorado Boulder.

He is the son of Mr. H. Hudnall Ware IV and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Bishop of Middleburg, Virginia.

Founded in 1889, Woodberry Forest School is a highly selective boarding school in Madison County, Virginia, for 400 boys in grades nine through twelve from thirty states, the District of Columbia, and seventeen other countries.

FOXCROFT TEACHING AWARD TO SUSAN ERBA,
SERVICE AWARD TO YVETTE MCCARTY



LOCKHART SERVICE AWARD WINNER YVETTE MCCARTY, R.N., WAS SURROUNDED BY PROUD FAMILY MEMBERS (LEFT-RIGHT) BETHANY AND DANIEL STOTLER (BROTHER), STEVE MCCARTY (HUSBAND) AND CINDY MCCARTY (MOTHER) AT THE AWARDS CEREMONY.

Susan Erba, who has dedicated her career to helping girls not only understand and excel in math, but also to inspiring them to become passionate learners in a subject traditionally regarded as one in which boys perform better, and Yvette McCarty, R.N., who works around the clock to care for students in myriad ways, received special honors recently at Foxcroft School’s annual Awards Assembly.

Head of School Catherine S. McGehee presented Erba with the second Mary Louise Leipheimer Award for Excellence in Teaching and McCarty became the fifth recipient of the Jane Lockhart Service Award. Both honors come with cash awards, and both honorees received standing ovations and enthusiastic applause

college for nearly 10 years. Since becoming Math Department Chair in 2007, she has teamed with colleagues in Math and Science to create a cutting-edge STEM Program that engages girls with innovative, hands-on activities in and out of the classroom. Her greatest legacy is, perhaps, the wildly popular K2M STEM Summit, a fun, girls-only competition that draw some 175 girls from 20+ middle and high schools annually.

A standout tennis player on youth and college circuits, Erba has also coached at Foxcroft, most recently leading the Varsity to a 34-7 record and two conference titles in the past three years. A woman of great integrity, she has taught her players exceptional sportsmanship and life

tended to our colds, our bouts with flu, our cuts and bumps.

“It is with great pride and affection that I announce the recipient of the Jane Lockhart Service Award is Yvette McCarty,” she said.

The Lockhart Award was established in 2012 by Foxcroft parents and students in appreciation of the dedication, commitment, and passion of Jane Lockhart, who is retiring this year working at Foxcroft for 50 years. It honors a staff or faculty member who “exemplifies a personal commitment to and understanding of all of our students,” with an emphasis on all.

The Mary Louise Leipheimer Excellence in Teaching Award was established in 2014 by Foxcroft’s Board of Trustees to honor the retir-



SUSAN ERBA, WITH HER SON DAVID, WAS RECOGNIZED FOR HER OUTSTANDING WORK AND SPIRIT WITH THE MARY LOUISE LEIPHEIMER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AT THE FOXCROFT SCHOOL’S MAY 26 AWARDS ASSEMBLY.

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FOXCROFT SCHOOL'S KATHLEEN FORREST RECEIVES ARMY ROTC SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND BAYOR UNIVERSITY

Kathleen Forrest, a Foxcroft School senior from Sperryville, VA, was presented recently (May 23) with a U.S. Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship to attend Baylor University in the fall.

With Forrest's parents, Vaughn and Diane, and the entire Foxcroft community looking on, Sgt. First Class George Welch from James Madison University's ROTC program, did the honors, presenting a certificate confirming her commission and an oversized check

for \$168,384 – the value of the scholarship.

Sgt. Welch read the certificate which cited Forrest's "meritorious record" in academics, athletics and extra-curricular activities. Together with her "demonstration of exceptional leadership poten-

tial, as well as expressed desire to serve as an officer in the U.S. Army" the certificate said, Forrest had earned the generous honor.

A standout athlete, Forrest was captain and MVP of both the Volleyball and Basketball teams as a senior, her third year of varsity



KATHLEEN FORREST OF FOXCROFT SCHOOL AND SPERRYVILLE, VA RECEIVING A ROTC SCHOLARSHIP WORTH \$168,000+ TO ATTEND BAYLOR UNIVERSITY.

play in each sport. She set record in both sports and helped the basketball team win the Delaney Athletic Conference championship in her junior year. Forrest also served as co-editor of Foxcroft's literary magazine, as a dormitory leader for two years and as an officer in the School's esteemed Fox/Hound intramural athletic and spirit tradition.

Since its founding in 1916, the Army ROTC Program has provided leadership and military training at schools and universities across the country and has commissioned more than a half million officers. It is the largest commissioning source in the American military. Women have been an integral part of Army ROTC since 1976 and currently constitute 20 percent of the more than 20,000 Cadets enrolled.

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KAREN REXRODE

Quality time in my garden happens late in the evening, often after dark. I consider it exquisite, a special place filled with night flowering plants. Most are white, all are fragrant. It's a heady experience.

For company I have little more than a few bats, flying high above my string lights, moths, the occasional katydid and gray tree frogs. It's a style of garden that I have repeated for many, many years. High summer is good, fall is even better. Sometimes I have music playing, sometimes I even dance.

I've come to rely on the Carolina sphinx moth as a regular visitor and evening companion. The garden is really designed to please them; nicotiana and tomato plants are there for their dining pleasure. In fact the night is gauged by how many adults are flying around. An

extremely good night might have 8, collecting nectar, zipping by just inches away. The movement of plants tells you they have arrived, usually around 9:30 when days are long. They are large in size, especially when compared to other moths, but fast as fast can be.

Commonly known as the tomato hornworm, by day I find them eating the leaves of nicotiana, they prefer Nicotiana sylvestris (flowering tobacco) even more than tomato foliage. Recently I found a sickly caterpillar, part of its body was black and it was clearly dying. An unusual sight, the more common issue is the parasitic wasp that uses them as a host for their young, laying white eggs on their back. A bit of research revealed the problem, commonly known as black death or NPV; Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus. As the virus spreads through their body, they actually liquefy. In death the virus is spread, so

contagious that even the plant they were feeding on can spread it to others.

Both butterflies and moths have no immune system, so this sort of thing is 100% deadly. With more and more people raising monarchs, (and other butterflies), more attention has been dedicated to the virus. In order to stop its spread, the sick caterpillar should be removed, isolated to confirm the problem. Even the plant it was feeding on needs to be removed. In the garden the dead caterpillar should be burned, not composted.

A few of you, vegetable gardeners (I suspect), might think this is utterly ridiculous, nurturing tomato hornworms? I may, in fact, be the only person on this planet that cares so much for a big, fat, green caterpillar. But when it comes to night time in my enchanted place, I love their company.



THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

Okay, so there's a lot of crazy stuff going on in the world today and closer to home isn't any better, especially in this election year. I'll get to creativity in a second. I don't care what side of the isle you're on, watch either of the two Presidential candidates talk, and their faces, voices and gestures are filled with anger. Elsewhere you find police shooting citizens, citizens shooting police, citizens shooting citizens, race issues, protests and a bunch of fists in the air ... and oh, you want to be creative?

So, do you let it all in and allow it to be a controlling part of your creative energy or do you shut it all out as best you can and derive

your energy from a kinder source? Do you power your creativity with an agitative growl, gripping your brush, slamming the paint, crushing the clay and banging the keys? Or do you shut it all out like the heat on a hot summer day, chilling with some tunes, and relaxing with your chosen form of self expression?

Maybe you just shut down and wait for the world of twisted deeds to blow over, telling yourself it will all eventually be better. That a new day will come, when the birds sing, the roses bloom and calm fills the air. I personally can't imagine ever turning my creativity off. Frankly, that would only make me angry and be like trying to plug a dike with my finger anyhow. The dam would eventually break within and I'd

flood my surroundings with anger. I'd be just joining the A club.

Anger is an emotion. Hell, some amazing art has been created out of anger and man's aggressive behavior, but much, especially recently, has been destroyed too. I personally have never been one to thrive on angered creativity and to be completely honest, I've said it proudly that creativity has been my salvation. Without it I would have imploded if not exploded first.

So are anger and creativity strange bedfellows? Some studies in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology seem to indicate a bit of this. Highlights of one of these articles [Nov. 2010] comparing angry and sad people indicates:

- Anger leads to a less sys-

tematic and structured approach to creativity tasks than sadness.

- Anger leads to initially higher levels of creativity than sadness.
- Anger more than sadness depletes resources.
- Creative performance declines over time more for angry than for sad people.

Okay, so don't get sad, get angry? Yet another study seems to say, "They asserted that angry feedback increases task engagement leading to an increased production of ideas, which in turn increases the likelihood of generating a good idea..." Further noting, "... that some reputable



TIM BURCH

While previously seen exclusively as a high-end luxury item, elevators are becoming a more popular feature in today's homes. Perhaps due to the wave of baby boomers that are planning for their long-term needs and recent innovations that have made the technology more affordable, residential elevators are now seen as a practical solution to many home challenges.

Benefits

Homeowners who wish to age in place, have existing mobility issues, or will soon be caring for older parents, often think about adding on a ground-level master suite. However, if the added square footage isn't otherwise necessary or if lot space is at a premium, then this option may be less than ideal. Instead, installing an elevator can be a great solution. Even if you do have the lot space, often times building up, rather than out, is less expensive. Installing a home elevator can actually be more economical in the long run, and may resolve the challenge within the existing footprint of the home. Many folks don't anticipate how much they'll actually use an elevator until after it's installed. Transporting laundry, groceries, luggage, and seasonal storage items throughout multiple levels of the home are just a few of the ways they can help make life a little easier.

Location, Location, Location

When considering installing an elevator, a common homeowner question is "where should it go?" The answer is usually dictated by the configuration of the available space. Unless it's new construction, the elevator will obviously need to be retrofitted into the existing design. A recent renovation in Arlington involved carving out a corner space of the home, and framing the elevator within its envelope. If the current space does not lend itself

to the installation, some homeowners choose to build a small addition to create a dedicated space. A recently finished project in Chevy Chase bumped out an area of the existing envelope just large enough to incorporate a three-story elevator into the home. A stop on the outside allows the homeowner to easily access the backyard via the elevator. The new structure is perfectly blended to match the exterior of the home.

Types of Elevators

The allotted space will also determine what type of elevator you can install, as different styles require a different amount and type of space for the mechanics. Hydraulic elevators typically provide the smoothest and quietest ride, but the 4'x4' units do require a separate machine room that is often located at the lower level or garage. If space is limited, a winding-drum unit is a popular option as it is more flexible in terms of where the machinery is located and offers cabs as small as 2'x2', about the size of a phone booth. While that size will not be able to fit a wheel chair, as the minimum cab size needs to be 3' x 4' to accommodate one, it would work well for someone with other mobility issues. Another common style is a counter-weighted chain drive elevator, which is a machine-less room system where all drive equipment is contained under the finished ceiling in the shaft. This type of system is very energy efficient and is recommended if you are looking for one that is LEED certified.

Adding the Bells and Whistles

If you're picturing an elevator in your home and it garners images of drab office building or sterile medical center elevators, think again. Whether your style is more traditional or sleek and contemporary, you can find an assortment of materials and finishes that will reflect the rest of your home. Most homeowners choose the most public space, such as the foyer or living



room, and transition the flooring into the elevator. Other elements such as wallpaper, trim, chair rails, and wainscoting can be incorporated as well. Rich wood paneling exudes a warm look, and adding mirrors can make the interior space seem larger. The above mentioned Chevy Chase renovation has a stop on the main floor in the living room, which features an art gallery. The homeowner wanted the elevator to be as unobtrusive as possible, so the doors of the cab were made flush with the walls of the gallery. For added ambiance, consider installing a music system to pipe in your favorite tunes.

If you would like to discuss an elevator solution for your home, please let us know. As experienced design build experts, BOWA's professionals can help you determine which type of elevator is right for your home.

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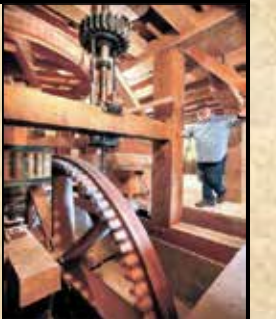


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BRANDY GREENWELL

As I type this, I am prepping for my summer vacation. Laundry is laundering, suitcases are filling, the car is gassed, and I can't wait to escape with my

husband for a week of blissful beaches, umbrella drinks and zero responsibility. Sounds perfect, right? In reality, every family vacation has a Griswold moment or two that imprint your memories. What are your favorite vacation moments?

One of my first holiday memories was a trip to Scotland with my grandmother, mother, brother, aunt and two cousins. We rented a big white van and drove from one side of the country to the other, even getting the token flat tire in the Highland Hills with no help in sight. A fashionista even at age 6, I had to stop at all the kilt shops to look for the Gordon or Lindsay tartans and could tell all their variations by sight. In between kilt shops, castle ruins and heather fields, my cousin and I belted "The Rainbow Connection" on repeat from the last row of the conversion van with the steering wheel on the wrong side. My other cousin, unfortunately, got the chicken pox on the trip and was quarantined to the hotel rooms at night. One night, in particular, my grandmother ordered room service and unbeknownst to her, under one of the plate warmers was a dish made of cow's tongue. My already sick cousin started gagging and panicking while my grandmother, not knowing how to fix the hysterical situation, flushed the tongue down the toilet to calm

the scene. After that drama, I ended up wandering downstairs, and through the bar, in my homemade flannel nightgown trying to find my family who had just returned from a bagpipe concert. Some things never change, though now I don't wear flannel nightgowns to bars.

The last "family" vacation before my brother went to college was a camping trip to Bar Harbor, Maine. It was the "we are all going to get along come hell or high water" trip with two teenagers that made a sport out of scratching each other's eyes out. We drove from Virginia all the way to Maine with no more than 36 words spoken the entire time. My parents slept in the tent, I am not sure where my brother slept, but I slept in the back seat of the jeep with headphones on and arms folded in true teen angst fashion. I wish I could re-live that trip now through different eyes.

In between 8th and 9th grades, I went on a school trip to Nice to study French. It was an incredible opportunity in paradise. Being 13 going on 30, my classmates and I decided to see if we could buy

beer as we figured we "looked" the legal drinking age. When I look at photos of that trip and see that I still had teeth that hadn't come in, I wonder what the clerk was thinking selling a four-pack of Heineken to children, but it was one of the most deviant and liberating moments of my youth. The funny thing was we all hated it and poured it down the sink when we took turns in the bathroom because, you know, beer makes you have to pee. We played drunk as not to let the others think we were uncool and giggled the night away.

Wherever you go this summer, cherish and enjoy every second. They really are memories to last a lifetime. Bon Voyage!



ARE YOU SUFFERING FROM TECH NECK?

KAY COLGAN
CERTIFIED FITNESS PROFESSIONAL

Every day someone tells me their neck is stiff and sore. They blame it on their pillows or the way they sleep. Some blame it on whatever exercise program they are doing. But could the culprit be the result of our smart tech gadgets?

The offender could be our smart phones. Most of us seem to bring our head forward and look down while texting or using our devices. This believe it or not adds a whopping 30 pounds of pressure to our already overtaxed muscles in our neck and cervical spine. To add to all of this, our spine can be pulled out of alignment. Ouch! For us in the middle age of life, we are more

likely to strain our necks by constantly looking down. However, younger people might not notice any difference for a while, but the constant looking down can create a posture such as forward head syndrome. Forward head syndrome is known to cause neck pain and create alignment issues with the cervical vertebra. So, a decade of looking down can actually change your alignment and cause intense pain. When researching for this column, I found out that there is a diagnosis called text neck. Millions of people every day are looking down texting, and surfing. Quite a few are going to their doctors with neck pain. Little do they know that little device they hold in their hands could be what is causing all their discomfort.

The intent of this column is

not to get you to quit technology, but rather hold it differently. Hold the phone up and keep your spine in alignment when texting. Use Siri to text. Take breaks away from your phone or tablet and stretch. Take time to add an exercise that strengthens the neck. Establish good posture by strengthening your back extensors, rhomboids and latissimus dorsi muscles. This will in turn support your neck. Stretching the upper trapezius and strengthening the mid and lower traps will further add to a program to alleviate neck discomfort from using smart devices. Finally, give yourself a break from the phones and meet your friend for a cup of coffee. Your neck will thank you.

Obviously, all neck pain is not caused by smart devices. Al-



ways have your physician give you a proper diagnosis when experiencing any pain at all. If your devices are causing your pain, try to use them differently, so your neck is not compromised. Changing the way devices are used can lead to a welcome relief

of discomfort.

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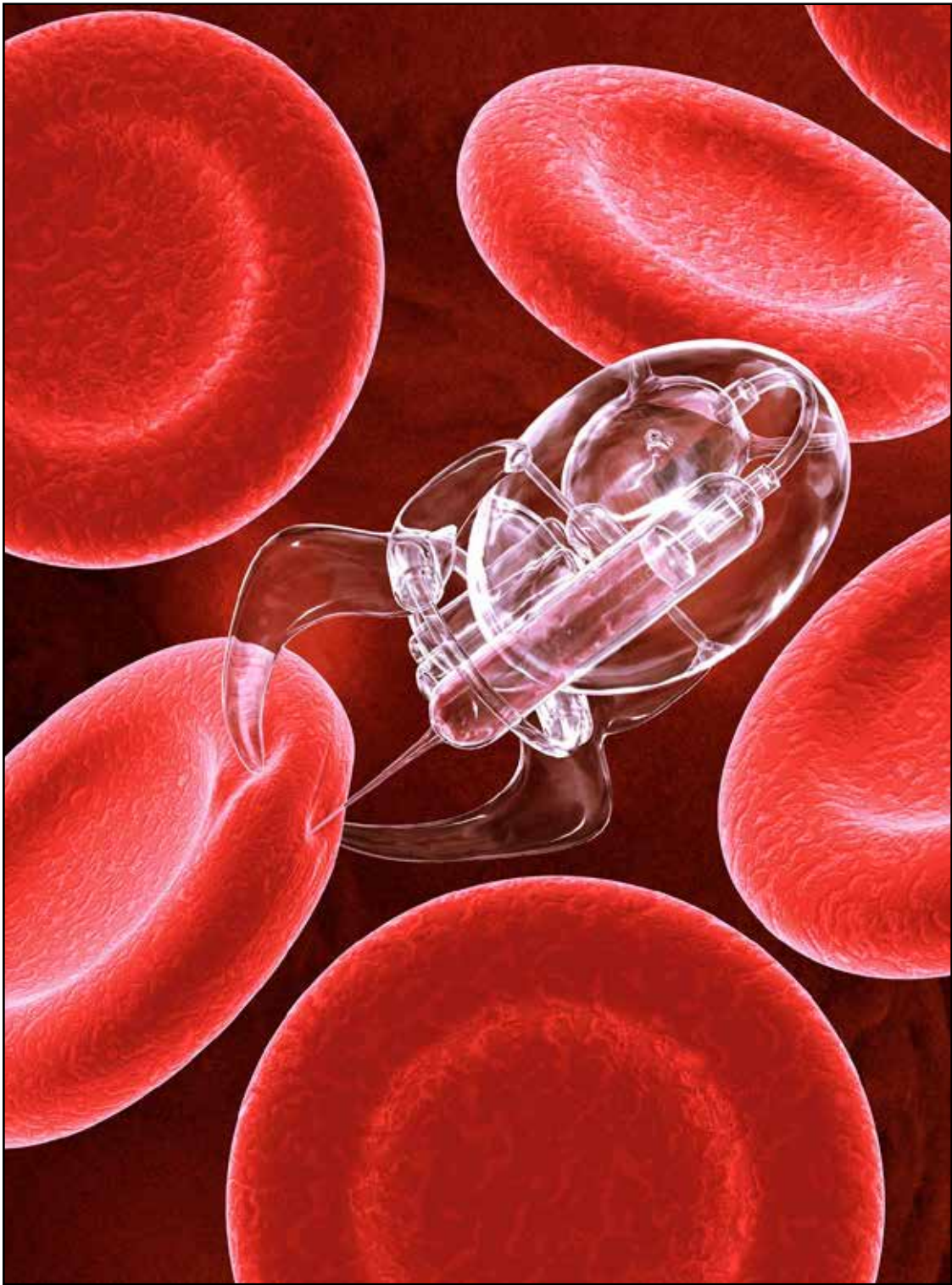
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NOT YOUR TYPICAL ROBOTS

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TERRY SHARRER

Would you like to see how the da Vinci surgical robot works? If so, Google “YouTube da Vinci suturing a grape.” With remarkable dexterity, the task is done inside a bottle.

Today, surgical robots perform relatively “simple” procedures like mitral valve repairs to “heroic” resections, are suited to kidney transplants, and particularly apt for newborn and children. Recent innovations in surgical robotics include improving touch sensitivity, and magnetic resonance guided procedures in the brain, but the idea of an autonomous machine is not far-fetched.

In one clinical experiment, artificial intelligence provided guidance for unassisted robotic surgery to ablate arrhythmia-causing heart muscle. This was one of ten thousand procedures the machine could carry out on its own.

Remarkable as surgical robots are, there’s another genre—microbots and nanobots—which bring to mind the 1966 sci-fi movie “Fantastic Voyage.”

In that film, a microscopic subma-

rine swims through the blood stream, intending to break up a blood clot in a Soviet scientist’s brain. It faces a number of problems in its propulsion, positioning, means of dissolving the clot, clearing the debris, and exiting the body. These are the same issues now facing MEMS (micro-electrical-mechanical systems) and nanotechnology engineers as they envision doing the same thing, along with targeting tumors in areas of the brain which are surgically inaccessible, alleviating hydrocephalus, clearing arteriosclerotic plaque from artery walls and other applications.

Design considerations begin with a choice between wired or autonomous robots. Wired machines resemble laparoscopic devices that are now inserted through the femoral artery and “snaked” into the heart. Conceivably, the control wire could include a tube for evacuating plaque or clot debris in the cardiovascular system. Autonomous machines raise a higher magnitude of considerations, especially for working deep inside the brain, though engineering choices already exist.

Tiny electric motors are capable of turning a propeller; piezoelectric membranes can generate ultrasound positioning signals; a pulsed laser

diode could sense tumor tissue location; laser diode, ultrasound, or infrared heating can ablate tumors; magnetic induction from outside the body can provide power; and a small incision could retrieve the bot after its work was done. Short of clearing a brain tumor in this way, breaking up gallstones or kidney stones are possible early steps.

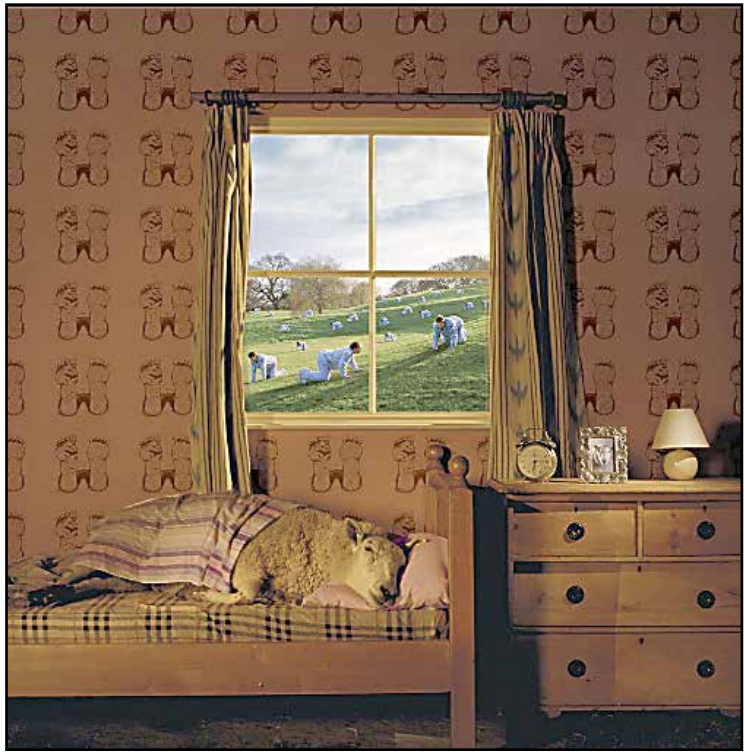
While this concept remains on the edge of science fiction, reality is looking ever more possible. Researchers at the Nano Robotics Lab of the Ecole Polytechnic de Montreal designed a microcarrier for drug delivery and used an MRI machine to move the device into rabbit livers.

Researchers in Germany have made microtube carrier of titanium and platinum, also MRI guided and capable of drug delivery, but with added propulsion from onboard hydrogen peroxide reacting with the platinum to produce a force of microbubbles. Drexel University bioengineers are experimenting with iron oxide beads rotating in a spinning magnetic field with an attached micro drill head for clot busting.

According to one of these scientists, “. . . a real-life fantastic voyage is just beginning.”

JULY 2016

IN UNISON



STEVE CHASE

After a rainy May, we finally got up over 90 degrees today. We cooled off in Unison at a neighbors’ house, where we watched the Belmont, and drank some handmade mojitos. With the summer solstice come outdoor parties, where a soundtrack is a necessary part of any gathering. So far in 2016, a number of fine albums have been released, so here is a summer six-pack of music for you to consider for your next backyard BBQ. You can hear my Spotify playlist at <http://tinyurl.com/zrtxmmd>, and you can find this music at a variety of online sources, like iTunes, Amazon, or Spotify.

Safety in Numbers—Umphey’s McGee. Originally released in 2006, my favorite band put out a ten-year anniversary release of the great Safety in Numbers this year, with the addition of a couple of bonus tunes. This heartfelt set of songs runs the gamut of UM style, from the hard rocking “Ocean Billy”, to the heart-felt “The Weight Around”; the rock ballad “Passing”, to the bittersweet acoustic version of “Divisions”. This is amazing stuff that deserves a listen—all from a band most people have never heard of, despite their 100+ shows around the country each year. Playlist Pick: Divisions

Emily’s D+Evolution—Esperanza Spaulding. Over the past few decades, Joni Mitchell has released a series of albums featuring collaborations with Jazz greats like Jaco Pastorius, Wayne Shorter, Herbie Hancock, and Pat Metheny. Bassist and vocalist Esperanza Spaulding’s represents the next evolutionary step from those Mitchell albums. It is a remarkable and complex combination of sublime vocals, jazz-rock instrumental passages, and progressive rock power arrangements. All I can say is, wow. Produced by Spaulding and Tony Visconti, who produced David Bowie, this set is a rare treat that is destined to be a classic, and one of the best new albums of 2016. Playlist pick: Earth to Heaven.

The L&G Tapes LIVE—The Infamous Stringdusters. While classified as a country group, I would put this band right in the middle of the 21st century “jamgrass” movement. They host a great small music festival in October called, The Festy, on a farm in Nelson County, VA. The L&G Tapes LIVE gives you a good taste of how brilliant this band is

when they are onstage—high energy renditions of pop, bluegrass and rock tunes, all within the aesthetic of a bluegrass band. Their interpretation of “Jefferson Airplane” is rockin’. These guys have gone far, and you’ll feel better after listening to them. Playlist pick: Scarlet Begonias.

Culcha Vulcha—Snarky Puppy. I get this text from an old musician friend. “Check out these cats”, he said. So I did, and I wasn’t sure what I was listening to at first, it was so fresh...who were these guys? Snarky Puppy is made up of eighteen or so talented musicians from North Texas State that is making big waves in the jazz world today. Their fusion of styles and ensemble playing is something I thought had ended thirty years ago. The record is powerful in its creativity and orchestration, and critics are giving it five stars, a pretty rare grade despite the high quality of today’s music. It’s a big band that doesn’t sound like one. Playlist pick: The Simple Life.

Red Rocks Amphitheater, Morrison, CO 7-12-78—The Grateful Dead. There are a lot of Dead recordings out there. The band encouraged taping, and people have spent lifetimes collecting and even remastering various live recordings. You can find hundreds of shows for free at bt.tree.org and archive.org. The band’s archivist recently released a show from the 1978 Red Rocks run that some consider to be reflective of their best work. Some of my favorite tunes include, “Wharf Rat”, “Eyes of the World”, and “Estimated Prophet”. The Dead enhances any party, and this recording supports that premise. Play it loud. Playlist pick: Wharf Rat.

Spacedust & Ocean Views—Anders Osborne. I saw Anders Osborne a couple years back and I was hooked. He has released a slew of albums, most of which reflect the impact that his adopted hometown, New Orleans, has had on his rock vernacular. His hard rock guitar playing will light you up; his acoustic ballads make you cry. This time, he has created a great soundtrack for your summer in the Piedmont. Bluesy hooks and a touch of R&B direct this set, although Osborne’s rocking is never far away. Listen to this album and then explore his catalog; Anders pulls in anyone who listens. Playlist pick: Big Talk.

Steve Chase lives in Unison and tries not to play the music too loud.



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ALBERT P. CLARK

Most dogs aren’t exactly interested in learning about medicine. They don’t like taking pills, and they avoid them if possible. They assume the vet knows best, and that’s where their curiosity ends. I suppose that’s okay. Dogs don’t have high educational aspirations, after all. It’s really scary, however, when our people aren’t interested in our medications. That’s when things can get a little fur-raising.

Let me say up front that I have tremendous respect for veterinarians. The ones I’ve known have literally saved lives in my family. As with human doctors, however, animal doctors are fallible. Pharmacists are fallible. Pet owners are fallible. That’s why it’s important to understand and manage the drugs your pet takes throughout his or her life.

Among the most common prescriptions for dogs are antibiotics for infections, NSAIDs for pain and inflammation, opioids for pain, steroids for allergies and immune system suppression, and antiparasitics for fleas and ticks. Other frequently prescribed drugs include those that modify behavior, regulate hormones, address heart problems, and treat tumors. We are lucky to have an arsenal of options to keep us healthy.

As with all drugs, though, there are benefits and risks. Every medication we take has the potential to cause harm. That reality has been lost to a society in which drugs are the go-to solution for whatever ails most people. It’s often easier to pop a pill than change a diet, start an exercise regime, or get to the heart of a psychological issue. Too many doctors dole out antibiotics with abandon, and too many people let them. These problems are just as true for animals as they are for people. The difference is that the people are making medical de-

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Marty is a sweet young guy who was found as a stray & brought to us by a good Samaritan, so we don't know anything about his background or where he came from! He seems to love people & other dogs, but isn't so fond of kitties.

Erica is a small 18 year old welsh cross who was saved from a neglectful situation. We know that she was ridden by children years ago but hasn't been in some time so likely could use a refresher course. Erica will require an experienced handler but has tons of potential & is a flashy mover!



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Jasmine is a 25 year old small welsh pony cross who came to us from a neglectful situation along with 2 other ponies & 14 rabbits! We know that she was ridden by children some years ago but hasn't been in some time so likely could use a refresher course. Jasmine is sound & easy to handle.



Baxter is a lovely, well behaved, older beagle who has a heart of gold. He gets along with other dogs but likes to chase kitties. He has all the wonderful qualities of an older dog, but don't let his age fool you, he still has plenty of spunk & a very sweet temperament. He is one of the nicest dogs we've ever had at the shelter & desperately wants to find his forever home.

Mopsy is an incredibly friendly cat who needs a special home. She is FIV positive. Cats with FIV can have long lives & be very comfortable, but the virus is transmissible to other cats. Mopsy is looking for a home where there are no other cats, or where the other cats in the home are already FIV positive. She is affectionate with people & has good social skills with other cats.



Poor **Louise** came to us originally a few years ago as a young, pregnant dog living in deplorable conditions. She's wonderfully sweet & gentle with people of all ages & is more than ready to find her forever home where she can be the couch potato she longs to be! Louise will need a home where she is the only animal.

Tootles is a special little kitty! She is shaped differently than other cats because her spine is twisted & she always has her head tilted to the side. Although she looks unusual, she is healthy & will likely live a normal lifespan if she is kept indoors. Tootles is a spunky little kitty! You won't find a braver or fiercer little tiger anywhere. Tootles is not a fan of dogs & would rather live with cats.



Harry is a lovely 14 year old Paint/draft gelding who narrowly avoided being sent to a slaughter plant in Canada, but through a serendipitous series of events, came to MHF instead! He is a very gentle, quiet gelding. Although we do not know his history under saddle, he has beautiful ground manners, is very easy to handle, & is a genuinely nice guy!

Sorcha is a beautiful young iguana. She has been very docile & friendly to people.



Dixie is a sweet, mellow mare who found refuge with us after living in poor conditions. She gets along with other horses, is sound & rideable! Previously she was used in the Madeira School's summer camp. She is a honest real lovable horse in need of a forever home. She is about 10 years old & only has one eye, but does not act any different than horses with both.

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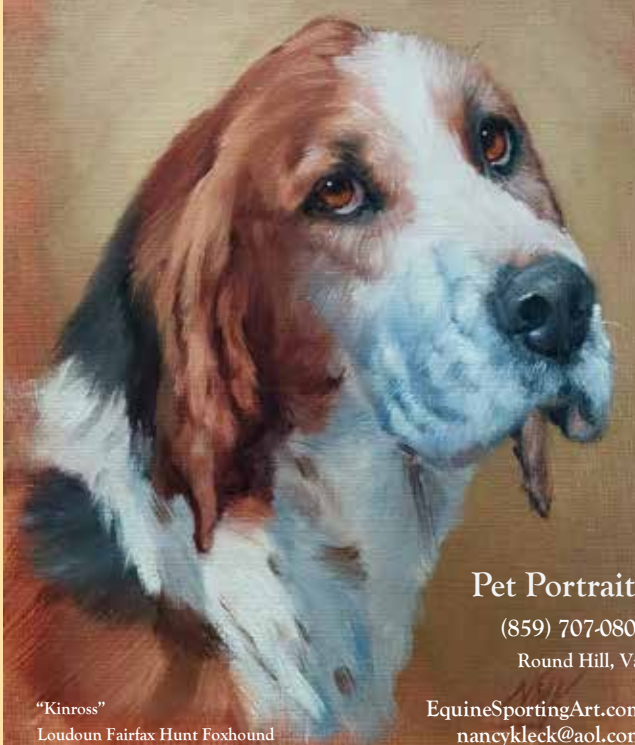
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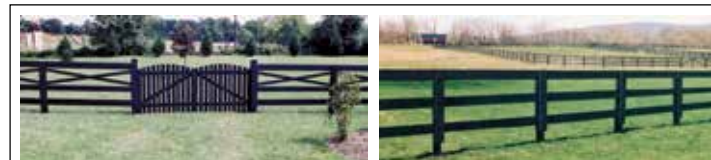
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EDITORS DESK

THE UNFINISHED WORK

On July 14, 2016 the Middleburg Town Council held its regular monthly meeting. It was celebratory. Quiet. Sparse attended. Even Boring. Small Town Democracy at work. A treasure beyond treasures.

Celebratory: Gary Clemens the Clerk of the Circuit Court administered the oath of office to Mayor Mayor Betsy Davis and to two new members of the Middleburg Town Council: Kevin Daly and Philip Miller.

Quiet: Police Chief A. J. Panebianco made his regular monthly report. His badge appeared cut in half by a black ribbon of mourning. His small force, he said, didn't "police" our community. They were part of it, protected it, and loved it as much as anyone.

Council then did its best to honor outgoing Councilmembers Trowbridge Littleton, Bundles Murdock & Erik Scheps as best they could, with best wishes and unanimous praise for their service.

That same day, in Nice, there were fireworks. There it was Bas-

tile Day, another celebration of Democracy.

Some eighty-four men, women and children died as the smoke cleared over the Mediterranean, killed by a religious fanatic wielding a truck like a scythe, despite the all but hopeless best efforts of good and brave people to stop him.

The only defense against those who are willing to do what is wrong . . . are those who are willing to do what is right.

Sometimes that calls for courage and the willingness to risk one's life, or even sacrifice it.

More often, however, it calls for hard, boring, often unrewarding work; done by people who are simply willing to do their best to do their duty, to their families, their faiths, their communities, their countries and their fellow men.

It is the work done all too often by unsung heroes who would never claim to be such: keeping sewers running; water flowing; schools open; streets clean; and their communities welcoming; and happy; and safe.

It is work that never ends.

And it lies at the heart of the unfinished work of which Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg.

It is the never-ending work that all true public servants quietly carry on, without fanfare, fame or reward, . . . every day, every week, every year.

And those who do it, to paraphrase the ancient poet, are truly the quiet glory of their times.

In interpreting what I write, you need

RESPECTABLE RACISM BLUE

DAN MORROW

Critics of Great Britain's June 23 decision to leave the European Union cite many reasons and much research to support their opposition.

Ongoing economic uncertainty usually tops the list, especially in Great Britain's international banking, insurance, and reinsurance communities.

EU net positive investment in Britain's cities, infrastructure, research and education, not to mention the EU's 44% share of all British export trade stands at risk.

No one knows when (or some say, if) the new British Conservative Prime Minister Theresa May (who opposed Brexit) will trigger Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, officially beginning the two-year process of formal "Brexit."

Supporters of Brexit promise they (or someone, since they've all bailed out) will make "great deals" on Britain's behalf.

Sound familiar?

Brexit also encourages others to follow Britain's lead, threatening a noble project arguably begun after the defeat of Napoleon, renewed after the bloody carnage of World War; and slowly brought to fruition after the horrors of the Great Depression and the holocausts of World War Two.

The most damning critique of Brexit and the rhetoric of its political proponents, however, are ethical, and British Conservatives are, in many instances, the most articulate critics.

BLIMEY, THE SKY IS STILL UP THERE, IN'IT? RED

JIM MORGAN

Well, it's been a whole month now and a great deal has happened since the Brits voted themselves out of the European Union. Terrorist attacks are on the rise here and abroad. Hillary has escaped punishment for her serious misdeeds . . . again. Our presidential campaign has turned into a ridiculous and embarrassing farce. There are lots of bad things happening.

But one much-predicted bad thing has not happened. The sky hasn't fallen as the "Bremains" and their globalist buddies breathlessly assured us it would. The impact of the British vote to leave the European Union has been about as disastrous as Y2K. Remember that? The sky was going to fall then too, but it didn't. It now seems that Britain and Europe will get through the dreaded "Brexit" with nothing much affected in the long run.

And why not? Britain will still want to trade with Europe and vice versa. There's nothing the Brits can do in the EU that they can't do out of the EU.

True, the Dow lost 600 points the day after the vote and oh how liberals weeped and gnashed their teeth! Civilization as we know it is about to end, they cried. Oh, the humanity! But, guess what! By the second week of July, the Dow not only gained back those losses, it even reached record highs. Astonishingly, the sky has not fallen. Perhaps the "Brexit" were onto something.

Liberals say that the British vote was all about racism but they say that about everything they don't like anyway. In fact, it was about

maintaining principles of self-government; principles which clearly are threatened by the EU's stupid immigration policies as well as its absurd little rules about things as meaningless as the proper curvature of bananas. No, I'm not kidding. EU bureaucrats actually regulate, as a matter of important economic policy, how much bananas should curve.

As for the immigration problems, Britons recognize that Muslims too often either can't or won't integrate themselves into their adopted countries. Germans, Swedes, and others have also finally recognized this. Rotherham should have made the point. If it didn't, then events in Nice on Bastille Day certainly did. The terrorist murders in Nice are a big, bold exclamation point to the argument that nations need to control their own borders, something the EU firmly opposes. Well, the Brits quite sensibly voted to regain control of their own borders and, therefore, of their own country.

In fact, America should follow the mother country's lead and get out of the United Nations for the same reasons of national sovereignty that led the Brits to get out of the EU.

Brexit or not, your humble correspondent has long believed that we should quit the UN (and kick the UN out of the US). If it manages to survive without us, let it do so elsewhere. And if it dies as a result of our departure, all the better. The UN is a corrupt, bloated, dictatorship-loving bureaucracy (like the EU only more so) and it no longer serves any useful purpose, even assuming that it ever did.

that Brexit means Brexit.

We'll see.

The best outcome the Island Nation can hope for? Perhaps Norway's arrangement with the Union, not a member, but a treaty partner who must allow the free movement of citizens of EU countries in and out of their country, and obey EU rules regulations governing, among other things, trade-goods and services.

Lady Marsi arguably believes the Brexit movement has sown the dragon's teeth.

She's wrong.

Brexit, like Trump, is the harvest of the persistent seeds of racism, planted in ground plowed by fear, and watered by greed.

It is a bitter fruit from a vine that grows in dark places.

Yes, talking is better than fighting. But in this age of instant communications and very fast travel, we don't need the UN for that. We Americans should ask ourselves, what do we do in the UN that we couldn't do more efficiently and less expensively out of the UN?

If there must be something like the UN, why not a "United Free Nations." Drop the dictators and the dead weight. Then start over with what is generally called the Anglosphere (US, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand) and add a few other countries that can be, and actually want to be, useful instead of parasitic. But however nations might organize in a post-UN world, let's first get there. The British have shown us the way with Brexit. Rule Britannia!

Yet, just as The Public Square feels the leadership of the country is failing,

A SCIENTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

ARTHUR (ART) POLAND, PH.D

For the past few years I've been impressed with the Middleburg Eccentric's editorial section. Recently, because I was concerned about how some things were presented, I wrote a note to the editor. The result was that I was invited to contribute a regular column to the Op-Ed page.

As one of my students recently pointed out to me, my "no" button seems to be broken. So here I am. I have a PhD in Astrophysics and have worked at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, NASA, and George Mason University. My experience ranges from theoretical atmospheric modeling, to building spacecraft and analyzing data from them, to teaching students about science.

From a science viewpoint, I see Brexit as very detrimental.

Science has now advanced to the

point where most major research requires large amounts of money and many groups of experts with different knowledge and expertise. An example is the project I worked on at NASA, called SOHO, a spacecraft designed to study the Sun, solar storms, and their impact on Earth.

It was a joint project between the United States (NASA) and the European Space Agency (ESA). It cost approximately \$2 Billion.

No individual country was prepared to spend that much money, but together we did it. I was the U.S. lead scientist. My European counterpart was from Spain. The primary European management came from England.

The world's main nuclear research facility is in Switzerland. When the U.S. began to build one in Texas, Congress

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! Here I address my ties to Middleburg, my motivations and my hopes for the future.

After my marriage dissolved some thirty years ago, my distaste for suburbia was high. My attraction to the country was growing, but my life had been in California and Virginia suburbs. I was compelled to find a place that truly appealed to me.

I mulled what attracted me to the country. I was 28 with a small newbie salary and years of future child support, but motivated to make it work.

My family had a wooded place then near what is now Ski Bryce, so I was familiar with the area from driving there. I was looking for a place with people who maintained small town friendliness and belonging with a taste for interesting discussion.

I stumbled on Middleburg and rented an apartment on Madison Street. In the early 1980's, Middleburg boasted a roaring nightlife - the Night Fox and Café le Rat. Plenty for a newly single man juggling a new job and weekend visits by

my toddler daughter. Middleburg had the sense of place and the people I enjoyed being among.

Middleburg proved a delightful and unique town. In the early 1990's, I bought a house in Ridge View. I got interested in battling sprawl during Piedmont Environmental Council's fight against Disney. Losing Middleburg the way Leesburg was developing sparked my interest in Town government. I was eager to get involved. Middleburg was special, too rare to lose its character and its sense of history and of place.

I began attending monthly council meetings. My first opportunity was Middleburg's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). The Town submits applicants for the BZA for court approval, which is mostly pro-forma. The BZA hears appeals to decisions by the Town Zoning Administrator - rare.

I kept attending council meetings and applied for an opening on the Planning Commission. This was a great opportunity to influence planning and tame developer influence. It is work, but I recommend it to anyone concerned about

CITIZENSHIP AND THE SOCIAL FABRIC

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

JERRY VAN VOORHIS

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we must try and grasp the pressures on the people that are diluting our democratic citizen ethic today.

Tearing at the fabric of our citizenship is the loss of our roots. Among them are the family, parenting and job structure. Beyond this, a once rigorous education system has gone too soft. We've also have seen the believed ethics of church and community crumble badly in our time.

The pride and sweep of American history and our national story, once revered and part of every citizen's heart, is also now too debunked. And finally, the lure of consumerism as the source of all future abundance has taken its cumulative toll on the American spirit.

So where are we? The dilution of the citizen model over the last 50 years is partly due to the increased pace and complexity of society. Our ability easily to find, discover, educate, and buy into a demonstratively cohesive sense of expected citizenship has become harder.

Four factors work against having a constantly unified citizenry. One is the changing job economy. A second is the force of technology. A third is government. A fourth is globalization.

First, the job market badly splinters our citizen world. Most Americans have two adults working, at times doing two, sometimes three - even four - jobs. Regardless of social makeup, family stability takes a hit. The cost of living for

people puts added pressure on making ends meet.

With children themselves very tightly scheduled, - in school, after school with homework, on the sports field, and with community service - there is no family down time any more. The commuting distances for parents meanwhile are much steadily longer, and traffic congestion steadily higher. This erodes life's very day-to-day balances for people.

In addition, technology shatters the citizen fabric today. The computer screen has replaced America's front porch. The cell phone cuts into conversation between people - in the home, at restaurants, in elevators, everywhere now. The Internet amounts meanwhile



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SERIOUS GROUNDWATER UNDER CALIFORNIA. WHO CARES?

WATERWORLD
RICHARD A. ENGBERG

The State of California continues to experience serious to extreme drought conditions. Rainfall during the past winter did little to remedy the situation. But, according to a recent article in the June 28 edition of the Washington Post, there may be light at the end of the drought tunnel.

Stanford University professors in a study published recently by the National Academy of Sciences indicate that previously unrecognized significant groundwater resources occur at depths of 1,000 to 10,000 feet below California's Central Valley. One researcher indicated that there definitely is enough extra groundwater to make a difference for the drought and farmers.

The study was not based on new information but rather on an examination of oil and gas drilling records. The researchers examined data from nearly 35,000 deep test holes in the Central Val-

ley and beyond. They claim that about 2,200 billion tons of fresh and moderately salty water exists within about 3,000 feet of the surface.

Other groundwater researchers questioned the findings. The water is likely to be salty. It may be very difficult and expensive to extract. Land subsidence (sinking) may be associated with its extraction.

So who cares about the discovery? I don't. I'll weigh in with a few scientific facts about groundwater and a few thoughts of my own. First the facts:

1. Most groundwater even deep groundwater had its origin on the surface and infiltrated to its present depth.
2. The deeper the groundwater, the longer time it has been in residence and the saltier it becomes.
3. Groundwater temperatures increase about one degree with each

100 feet of depth.

4. When large amounts of groundwater are withdrawn, land subsidence often occurs.

Now a few of my thoughts based on these facts and the study results:

1. Groundwater at 100 feet of depth in my home state of Nebraska has an average temperature of 55 degrees F. It's safe to suggest that groundwater from the same depth in California would be about the same temperature. This would indicate that groundwater from a depth of 3000 feet would be about 85 degrees or from 5000 feet, 105 degrees. Both likely are too warm to use on crops even if the water wasn't salty. Some method for cooling would be necessary. Cooling ponds perhaps? Cost: \$\$
2. Groundwater from 3000 to 5000 feet would be too salty for use on

most crops. It would require salt removal. A desalination plant at each well site? I don't think so. Cost: \$\$\$\$

3. Even if desalination plants were feasible, brines from the plants would need to be removed. Where to? Trucked to the ocean? Disposed at greater depth than the water source? Cost: \$\$\$
4. It would be necessary to drill a large number of new very deep wells throughout the valley. Well installation costs including drilling, casing, and pump installation would be very expensive not to mention operation and maintenance costs. Cost: \$\$\$\$
5. Land subsidence would undoubtedly occur but not for several/many years. Cost: ????

I take no issue with the Stanford study. It adds important information to

our body of knowledge of the groundwater of California. What I take issue with is the statement that it will make a difference to the drought and to farmers in the Central Valley. Based on the scientific facts I've laid out, it most likely will not make a difference either in regard to the drought or to the farmers. The bottom line is that this groundwater resource most likely is unfit for irrigating crops without creating an enormous financial burden for landowners and crop producers. Because of this, I seriously doubt that the deep groundwater will ever be developed.

This whole issue reminds me of lines from one of my favorite poems, Coleridge's *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*. "Water water everywhere, Nor any drop to drink."

As related to the Central Valley deep groundwater, I submit, "Groundwater, groundwater everywhere, but not a useable drop."



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In prestigious "Atoka Chase" this completely re-modeled and expanded home features, a new kitchen & baths, new siding, new roof, all new utilities, new decks & porches, terraces & brilliant perennial gardens on **10 beautifully landscaped private acres**. A gated entrance & board fenced paddock, plus run-in shed for the equestrian, with trails for ride-out. **\$1,395,000**

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FOX DEN FARMHOUSE



Middleburg~Priced below appraisal! Attractive New England style 5 Bedroom, 4 1/2 Bath farmhouse nestled in the village of Middleburg. Light, bright spaces. Classic appeal. Plenty of room for entertaining. High ceilings. Private, peaceful location within walking distance to shops, restaurants and all that the village has to offer. Stainless appliances, separate in-law/au pair suite with separate entrance. Country living at its best! **\$748,999**

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BUCHANNAN GAP



Immaculate custom built home atop Bull Run Mtns on **8+ private acs**. Many windows & skylights bring nature into this 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath home. Gourmet Kitchen w/brand NEW appliances, granite & ceramic tile flrs. Great Room with Cathedral ceiling, stone Fireplace & Hardwood floors Spacious Master Suite with new carpeting & Luxury Bath. Full walk-out basement w/woodstove & ready for Bath. Front porch, rear deck & 2-car Garage. **\$619,900**

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CLIFF LANE



Bluemont ~ Custom built, Post & Beam Lindal cedar home in private setting on **5 acres** just below Appalachian trail. 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, eat-in Kitchen, formal Dining Room & Living Room with fireplace. Hardwood floors, Tung & groove ceilings, exposed beams & floor to ceiling windows. Fully finished Lower Level with Family Room, Den, Exercise & Game Rooms. Exceptional custom construction design makes home incredibly energy efficient! **\$474,900**

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STONE HOUSE



The Plains ~ Rare opportunity to live on a farm located between Middleburg and The Plains. Super attractive stone house for rent on large farm. Located in the most desirable area of Orange County Hunt territory. 5 bedrooms and 3 baths. Spacious Country Kitchen, Dining room with Fireplace, Living room with Fireplace, Hardwood floors. New slate roof. Very private and quiet. 1 year lease min. **\$2,500/mo plus utilities**

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