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CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLEBURG!

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

Organizers, supporters, Town Council members and Police all indicate that this year's Christmas in Middleburg festivities should well be counted among the best ever.

The Annual **Tree Lighting Ceremonies** were scheduled for Friday, December 2 at the Town's Tourist Information Center, the "Pink Box," located at 12 N Madison St.

On Saturday, December 3, at 11 AM hunters, horses and hounds were set for the Christmas **Hunt Parade** down Washington Street, also known as Route 50 or, for shoppers, Middleburg's Main Street.

Three hours after the Hunt Parade, at 2:00 PM on Saturday, Middleburg was set to welcome Santa and formally kick off the holiday shopping season with its annual and wildly popular **Christmas Parade**.

For many this year's festivities will be their first experience of Middleburg's "new" pedestrian and (at long last) traffic-friendly Washington Street, with new brick sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting, signage, and meterless parking.

Police Chief A.J. Panebianco has been working with his colleagues in law enforcement from across the county to ensure traffic control that is safer and more efficient than ever.

New tools to manage the spectator experience have also been put in place, including measures designed to ensure that those watching the parade are kept safe, and those participating in the parade itself are protected from onlookers crowding into the parade route itself, endangering themselves and impeding the parade.

Long-serving Christmas-in-Middleburg Chairman Jim Herbert, working with a host of volunteers, Town Staff, friends and Council members has been especially delighted with preparations. Every year is different, but THIS year will be extra special.

Middleburg and the Fire and Rescue Property

The Middleburg Volunteer Fire Department, which evolved over time into Middleburg Volunteer Fire and Rescue, was founded in 1936. In July 2015 it was officially restructured as part of the Loudoun County fire and rescue system, and staffed with paid professional fire and rescue personnel.

At that time the Middleburg Volunteer Fire Company, transferred ownership of its fire station property located on the north side of Route 50, on the western edge of Town, to the County.

On November 10 Town Council conditionally approved a provision of the "Deed of Gift" between the Fire Company and the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors guaranteeing that the property would become the property of the Town of Middleburg "should the County cease to use the property for a fire and rescue facility."

Town Financial Audit

Town Treasurer Ashley Bott and Town Administrator Semmes worked with the Town's auditors to produce what Semmes described as "a clean audit with no concerning issues identified."

Progress was also noted on one of the Town's longstanding revenue issues: a gap between the number of gallons of water purified and pumped out by the Town's systems and the number of gallons billed and paid for by the Town's water consumers. Leakage in some of the town's older pipes has long been considered a major source of the "gap."

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NEWS OF NOTE WINNINGEST GROOM DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HORSES

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

On October 22, the winningest groom of Maryland Hunt Cup winners, Donald Howard, accompanied by his wife Ethel Howard and their granddaughter Sara Manakin, attended the International Gold Cup Races as honored guests of Jennifer Youngman, a racing official with the National Steeplechase Association.

"The hospitality was very good," said Howard. "It was a really good experience, very interesting and very nice. It really couldn't have been any better."

Youngman made certain that local photographers and publications knew about Howard's day at the races. "Donald's a real nice man, and we talk when I see him at the races," said Youngman. "He always made good comments about a lot of the horses running and we talk about who are the best riders in Maryland and Pennsylvania, etc. He was groom for Nick Arundel's Sugar Bee, winner of the Maryland Hunt Cup, and that horse ties him to this area. I thought it would be nice to treat Donald and his wife to a day at Great Meadow. Their granddaughter, Sara, drove them down here from where they live in Maryland."

Howard's association with the Maryland Hunt Cup, a four-miles and 22 fences, began after he started working for the Fenwicks, historically, a powerful family in the world of horses, hunting and racing in the Worthington Valley, north of Baltimore. The Fenwicks have been associated with many Hunt Cup wins as trainers, owners, and riders. Howard witnessed his first Maryland Hunt Cup winner in 1959 when Bobby Fenwick trained Fluctuate, the horse he rode as Master of Foxhounds with Green Spring Valley.

"I have worked for three Fenwicks - Bobby, Cuppy and now Charlie Fenwick," said Howard. "I had an uncle used to take care of horses, Herb Madden, and when I first started fooling with horses, I worked for him. I used to watch him very, every carefully, everything he did, and I learned from him. Everything I learned about horses, I learned from my uncle Herb."

A story about Howard, written by Muffy Fenwick for the Maryland Horse in July 2011, puts the winningest groom's record at 10 horses with a combined total of 15 wins in



DONALD HOWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE ETHEL HOWARD

the Maryland Hunt Cup: Fluctuate (1959, 1960); Jay Trump - 1963, '64, '66; Early Earner - 1972; Ben Nevis II - 1977, '78; Dosdi - 1979; Ivory Poacher - 1993; Buck Jakes - 1995; Swayo - 2000, '03; Askim (NZ) - 2008.

Sugar Bee, owned by Arthur W. Arundel, founder of Great Meadow, won his debut start in the 1987 Maryland Hunt. He was trained by amateur jockey Charles Fenwick Jr., whose 14th start resulted in his fifth win. Sugar Bee's groom, of course, was Howard.

When asked if any stand out in his memory or were his favorites, he replied diplomatically: "As a matter of fact, all of them were my favorites. All of them were good horses, because if they weren't good, they wouldn't win the Maryland Hunt Cup, right?"

Ben Nevis II might have been a good racehorse, but he was the dickens to handle. All the same, Howard spoke with respect for the horse, piloted by Charlie Fenwick to two victories in the Maryland Hunt Cup before going across the Atlantic to Aintree to win the Grand National. Howard figured out how to get along the horse. Apparently, Ben Nevis had a sweet tooth and a fondness for chewing tobacco.

Grooms don't get official recognition when their equine charges win, but Howard's record is still very impressive. Of course, the NSA, jump racing's governing body in the U.S., keeps track of the standings for leading owners, trainers and riders. It's too bad there's nothing official about grooms who look after great Thoroughbreds whose athleticism and speed are the reason why racing over fences exists.

"You have to love animals [to be a groom], and horses have different personalities so you have to get to know each one," said Howard. "A good groom spends a lot of time with the horses and knows them well. They can spot problems with a horse and let the trainer know because it may affect how the horse performs."

When it comes to what's most important when taking good care of horses, Howard keeps it simple. "Make sure they are eating well and they're happy in their environment," he said.

Howard and his wife raised six children, but none of them had the horse gene. "None of my children and none of my grandchildren are horsemen," said Howard. "I'm the only one. I didn't do any riding in my youth. I had about 15 foxhunting horses and it took most all my time

to help take care of them. I did some foxhunting - I rode in my truck to watch. They call it hilltopping."

Still, Howard gets high marks and praise for his character and work ethic from all sorts of people in the horse world. His granddaughter, Sara Manakhi, works as a registered nurse in the emergency room of a Baltimore hospital, said: "I'm always joking with my grandfather, but I have to say that he has taught me a lot about how to be a caring, honest, fair and hardworking person - through his example."

Howard's legacy involves nearly 70 years of working with horses and ponies, as and the people and children have been important to him as well. When asked what he has yet to achieve on his bucket list, he laughed and said, "We'll leave everything just like it is."

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The Hill School Arboretum has recently been accepted into the prestigious Archives of American Gardens at the Smithsonian and added to The Garden Club of America Collection.

The Arboretum was designed, installed and is still maintained by long-time Middleburg resident Polly Rowley, the parent and grandparent of several Hill School alumnae. Located on the Hill School campus, the Arboretum is used actively by the school as part of its Place-Based Education program. This program uses outdoor spaces as classrooms that provide rich opportunities for hands-on learning.

"I'm so pleased that The Hill School Arboretum is being recognized as a landscape to be enjoyed by the whole community," Rowley said. "With its native trees and those from around the world and its spaces for play, exercise and viewing the surrounding countryside, it should be remembered as a sample of the possible in an increasingly urban world. Since it encompasses an elementary school, children will learn to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural environment."

The Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club submitted the Hill Arboretum for consideration and was informed in mid-October that it had been accepted. The documentation of the Arboretum will provide scholars and researchers with a better understanding of its history.

According to Daphne Ward Cheatham, chairman of the Fauquier-Loudoun club's garden history and design committee, "all of this information is vital in the event that some terrible act of nature may totally alter the property and Arboretum. The information stored in the AAG archives will allow some or all of the Arboretum to be returned to its original form. Without these storage facilities, very important garden history and design would totally disappear.

"This was a true vision and labor of love of Polly Rowley's. It also was made possible with the help of many



HARRIT CONDON, DAPHNE CHEATHAM, HILL HEADMASTER TREVOR LORD, POLLY ROWLEY AND CHRISTINE PERDUE-SMITH

parents, alumnae and staff of Hill."

Cheatham, a member of the national Garden Club of America (GCA) committee, prepared the notebook presentation for submission. Zone representatives and the vice chairs on the GCA prepare the garden submissions for the GCA collection. Many gardens, large and small, are

submitted from around the country every year.

The core of the Archives is a collection of nearly 3,500 hand-colored glass lantern slides dating from the 1920s and 1930s along with approximately 37,000 35mm slides of gardens that date from colonial times to the present. The gardens documented

in this extensive collection illustrate the design work of dozens of landscape architects including Marian Coffin, Beatrix Farrand, Lawrence Halprin, Perry Wheeler, Umberto Innocenti, Gertrude Jekyll, Jens Jensen, Warren Manning, Charles Platt, Ellen Biddle Shipman, and Fletcher Steele, among others.

The collection was donated to the Smithsonian in 1992 by the GCA, which helps support the AAG with ongoing research and development activities. Through its national network, GCA members continue to expand the collection by photographing and documenting contemporary gardens.

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Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco and Fauquier County Sheriff Bob Mosier, on Thursday October 13, were each presented with the Community Builder Award for their exemplary law enforcement service to their respective communities during the 2015-2016 year. The award is presented annually by the Grand Lodge of Virginia Freemasons, to outstanding Community Builders located in various areas of

the state—all in the recognition of their exemplary service to their community. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, located in Richmond, is the headquarters for all 57 Masonic districts of Freemasons in Virginia—constituting over 300 lodges across the Commonwealth. Cochran Lodge in The Plains, Virginia hosted this local Community Builder Award event, including dinner, presentation of the award certificates, and remarks from the recipients.

MIDDLEBURG GARDEN CLUB PRESENTS "STARRY, STARRY NIGHT"

The always popular Middleburg Garden Club's annual award winning holiday standard flower show, greens sale and bazaar will celebrate with the theme "Starry, Starry Night" on a new schedule this year.

In order to afford exhibitors and the public access to the show location while avoiding event traffic congestion in the town the show has been moved from its former Friday /Saturday schedule to Thursday December 1st from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and Friday December 2nd from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM. The show will be held in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 105 East Washington Street, Middleburg, Virginia 20117, in the heart of the charming historic village of Middleburg, Virginia, one hour's drive west of Washington, D.C.

In addition to wreaths and greens offered for sale the bazaar features

seasonal crafts, ornaments made by local artists, gourmet items made by club members and many floral arrangements and Christmas topiaries.

The Standard Flower Show will feature two interclub classes: one is a "Glow of a Winter's Eve" which will be mounted on a mantel provided by the club and the other is a floor design entitled "Star Light, Star Bright." There will also be various individual and horticulture design classes open to public entry.

Admission to the show is free. Proceeds from the sale help support the Middleburg Garden Club's charitable community projects.

For more information contact Darcy Justen at (540) 687-5939 or ddjusten@yahoo.com. Greens and wreaths may be pre-ordered by contacting Lisa Callett at (540) 687-5925 or thecalletts@starpower.net.



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"THE EAGLE HUNTRESS" WINS PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AT MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

The Middleburg Film Festival has grown in depth and popularity since its inception in 2013. Boasting a terrific roster of films for 2016, the winner of the Audience Award for Best Documentary also claimed many hearts. *The Eagle Huntress* is the true story of Aisholpan Nurgaiv.

Fascinated from early childhood by the golden eagles that are part of her family's nomadic existence, Aisholpan helps her father, Agalai, with his eagle. When the oldest son gets drafted into the army and qualifies to train as an officer, she takes on most of his chores. She also accompanies her father into the mountains, because hunting an eagle requires two people on horseback.

Her heart's desire is obvious — to her mother Alma, and especially to her father and his father. They have witnessed how she does everything accurately and well, that she is totally fearless. With the blessing and support of her father and grandfather, Aisholpan, 13, becomes her father's apprentice in this ancient practice that helps to ensure the Kazakh nomads' survival during 40-below zero winters typical of the Altai Mountains in western Mongolia. Hunting with eagles only in winter provides the nomads with small mammals for food and clothing.

Aisholpan becomes the first female to hunt a golden eagle in 12 generations of her family. She's also the first female to compete in the annual Golden Eagle Festival (founded in 1999) in the Bayan-Ulgii Province of Mongolia. Grumpy skeptics express their opinions rather humorously in several scenes even though Aisholpan, who holds her own against 70 veteran Kazakh eagle hunters, scores brilliantly with Akkatnat (White Wings), the eagle she captured and trained under the tutelage of her father, himself a champion eagle hunter.

These are wild raptors, "borrowed" by the nomads while still fledglings and usually females because they grow bigger (7- to 8-foot wing spans) and tend to be more loyal than their male counterparts. Their progressive training begins by learning to be hand-fed, which initiates bonding to their human. The golden eagles and nomads hunt only in the winter for small mammals — fox, rabbit and hare — which provide food and clothing when their fur is at its thickest.

Otto Bell makes a brilliant debut as director of his first feature film. It begins with a friend of the Nurgaiv family, following tradition by releasing back into the wild world his "borrowed" golden eagle whose life expectancy is about 30 years. It's emotional with a ceremonial solemnity, because of the bond that grows between eagle and human. So far in his lifetime, Aisholpan's father has released three golden eagles. The nomads are very respectful of their eagles and treat them as if they're family, keeping them no longer than 8 to 10 years before returning them to the wild.

Hunting with golden eagles has been primarily a male tradition passed from father to son for about 2,000 years, but there have been other eagle huntresses throughout history. More recently, another three girls competed in the Eagle Festival. However, no one went viral quite the way Aisholpan did in 2014, thanks to photographs by Asher Svidensky.

"I saw a photo on BBC of Aisholpan — she was training her father's eagle at the time, and I thought there had to be a film in that photo," said Bell. "I found Asher through Facebook and very quickly we agreed to get on a plane and go out to meet the family."

It was kismet that Bell would make this film and, in fact, it began the very first day he met with Aisholpan's family, nomadic herders of cattle and goats.

"I was sitting in their ger [tent], having tea with them. They were very welcoming, part of the nomadic code," recalled Bell. "It's one of the most remote parts of the least populated country, so when they have guests, they welcome people and they're great hosts. I was floating the idea of maybe making a film when Agalai, the father, stood up and said, 'Well, we're going to go steal an eagle from the mountainside this afternoon. Is that the sort of thing you'd like to film?' That was our first day — what would be the first act of the film. We filmed from three different angles and we did it in one take."

Bell's film crew was small. His cameraman, Chris Raymond, who stayed on the ground, because of an aversion to heights (wait until you see the views!), took the wide shots. Asher had only done still photos, but Bell asked if he could keep his D-SLR camera steady while on video mode. They climbed, then scrambled down the mountainside to a ledge next to the golden eagle's nest. Bell

pulled the Go Pro from the bottom of his rucksack and filmed while Aisholpan "played" with the eagle she would name White Wings. It looks as if she's hypnotizing the bird.

The magnificent and vast landscape, plus the appeal of the story itself, resulted in Bell investing his life savings and borrowing more to make this riveting documentary. Narrated by executive producer Daisy Ridley, with subtitles, and breathtaking cinematography, this film takes you to dizzying heights in the Mongolian mountains to experience the inspiring story of a young girl's passion that's nurtured by an understanding father. When asked, Agalai didn't really see himself as a role model for fathers around the world; he was just doing what he needed to do for his daughter.

"I don't think that making this film will ever leave me," said Bell.

His sentiment describes the reaction of many people who have seen this film.

As for the future of *The Eagle Huntress* herself: Aisholpan has two more years of study to prepare for medical school (she plans to return home as a doctor). Her favorite experiences visiting the U.S. twice so far include seeing the ocean for the first time and the Statue of Liberty. Asked for her advice to other young girls whose dreams don't fit into their families' expectations or their cultures, Aisholpan replied: "Keep trying. Follow your dreams."

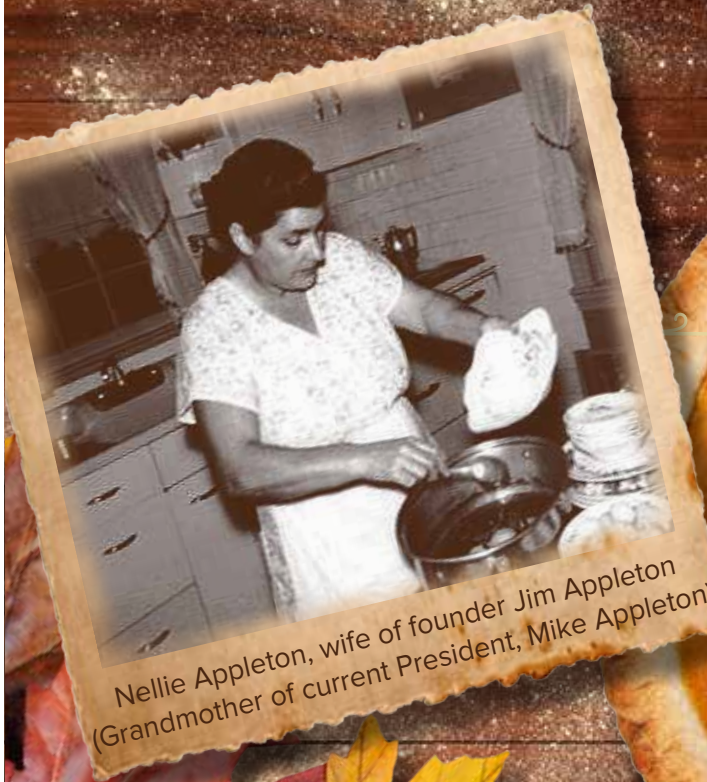


The Eagle Huntress is moving, inspirational, educational and entertaining. It sends out a great message about not giving up. My only criticism of this film is that it ended. It belongs on everyone's "must see" list.

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KILLAHEVLIN ESTATES LOCAL TREASURE

The large brick house at Killahevlín was constructed ca. 1905 as the residence of William E. Carson, president of the Riverton Lime Company.

Carson directed the formation of Virginia's recreational parks system, established the state's system of historical road markers, and was instrumental in the creation of the Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive.

In 1906, at the age of 36, Carson married Agnes Holladay McCarthy in Richmond.

The upcoming marriage provided an impetus for the construction of the Riverton home where the couple would live for the next thirty-six years. The house was called "Killahevlín," after the Irish home of a boyhood friend where Carson had often visited.

Designed by the Washington, D.C., firm of A. B. Mullett and Co., Killahevlín is a distinctive Front Royal landmark. The modified Queen Anne style house contains fine early 20th-century interior woodwork and other arresting architectural detail.

Other trademark Mullett designs include Capitol Park Hotel, Hotel Harris, Farmers and Merchants Bank, and the Annex to the Union Trust Building -- all in Washington; Visitation Monastery, Alta Vista, Maryland; and residences in Washington and the environs.

Carson's older brother, A. C. Carson, was generally known as Kit after the famous American frontiersman. Kit had studied law at the University of Virginia and, in 1893, had gone to work in the Winchester legal firm of Richard Evelyn Byrd.

For many years, the Carson family enjoyed a friendly and fruitful relationship with the Byrd's and, through them, with Virginia's Democratic Party.

Will Carson served for thirty years on the Democratic State Central Committee (1910-1940), and his work with the Conservation and Development Commission was highly praised by the press and public, despite a controversy over his highly personalized management of its programs. He was mentioned as a possible candidate for the governorship in 1929 and again in 1933.

In 1933, as a memorial to their only son, who had died of pneumonia at the age of 17, the Carson's donated 63 acres of land for a public golf and country club to the town. The Front Royal Golf Club still operates an 18-hole course initially built to Carson's design.

Carson retired from the political arena to Killahevlín and passed away in 1942.

For a 4-minute video tour of the property, search Killahevlín on YouTube.

JEREMY NOEL NAMED PRESIDENT AND CEO OF TRI-COUNTY FEEDS, FASHIONS, FINDS

Jeremy Noel, has been named President and Chief Executive Officer of Tri-County Feeds, Fashions, Finds.

Tri-County founder Bill Jackson will step down as president of the company and stay on as Chairman of the Board. He will continue to develop the feed and hay business.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be hired to lead and help grow a company that has been not only foundational to my career and upbringing, but also a steward in the local community I'm fortunate enough to call home," Noel said. "I'm humbled by the opportunity and excited for the challenge."

Jeremy Noel, has worked in the business for fifteen years in many areas including customer service, accounting, and strategic advisement among others. Prior to returning to TCCFF full-time, Jeremy worked for First Annapolis Consulting as a strategy consultant specializing in partnership finance.

Jeremy's prior work experience includes commercial lending at Oak View National Bank. Jeremy holds an M.B.A. from University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business and received his B.S. in Business Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University.



ministration from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Jeremy recently married Carlyle Eden of The Plains and they reside in Rectortown.

Tri-County's popular retail operation is an equestrian and sporting lifestyle store that of-

fers equine and pet care products, tack, feed and stable supplies alongside family apparel, footwear, gifts and décor. Tri-County also delivers to Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland. The 39 year old company opened in its current location in September 2007.

MIDDLEBURG REAL ESTATE/ATOKA PROPERTIES ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF ALEXANDRA PATTON



Alexandra is a Loudoun County, Virginia native. Her education and professional experience have allowed her to travel extensively in the past 10 years. After completing her masters in Italy, she pursued a career in journalism, working as a news reporter for an NBC affiliate in Colorado. Later her passion for writing, public relations and sales lead her to an account executive position with a boutique-marketing firm.

Recently, in the past two years she continued to follow her passion for sales working for Toll Brothers gaining experience in residential home sales in Northern Virginia. She was drawn to the Real Estate profession in part because her mom has been in the field for more than 30 years. She and her mother June Hambrick are currently working as a team.

Alexandra looks forward to continuing to help people make one of the biggest decisions of their lives.



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NEWS OF NOTE

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FEATURES INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED MUSICIAN AND ANTIQUÉ STEINWAY PIANO



The Middleburg Concert Series comes "Home For Christmas" with a holiday concert of classical and traditional seasonal music at 4pm on Sunday, December 18th. Featured performers will be MCS resident musicians Dr. Alan Saucedo, Cynthia Saucedo, Karen Chase; MCS Advisory Board members Dr. Dudley Oakes, Dr. Steven Cooksey; and internationally acclaimed guest vocalists Michael Forest and Dr. Aime Sposato. The Christmas concert is underwritten by major sponsors Greenhill Winery and Vineyards and the Bank of Charlestown with a special grant from the Town of Middleburg. In addition to seasonal favorites the program will include works by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi among others. The audience will also have the opportunity to participate in a surprise musical selection.

A key feature of the program will be Dr. Dudley Oakes playing the newly acquired 1927 completely restored antique Steinway Concert Grand piano.

The remarkable instrument still retains its original keys and soundboard, producing a perfect clarity of sound. A renowned pianist and organist Dr. Oakes is a member of the faculty at Shenandoah University in Winchester where he teaches classic piano and organ. He has performed at organ recitals all over the world and has been noted for his virtuosity,

technical brilliance and musical interpretation."

Also a faculty member at Shenandoah, Dr. Aime Sposato has been a featured soloist on NPR, at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, and concerts worldwide. She has also been a recording artist with Discovery, History Learning channels and has sung the National Anthem for the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Pirates and NASCAR. Tenor Michael Forest will make a return engagement to the concert series after a well-received performance last June. A local favorite he has performed for over 20 years with the Metropolitan Opera as well as with the National, Pittsburgh, St. Louis Symphonies and the New York Philharmonic. Organist Dr. Steven Cooksey is a Professor Emeritus from Shenandoah University. In his 42 years on its faculty he was a well-respected musical academic and founded the Bach Handel Festival. He has designed and taught courses in church music, music history music literature at both graduate and undergraduate levels.

Concerts are held at Middleburg United Methodist Church, corner of Washington and Pendleton Streets. A reception of light refreshments catered by Savoir Fare will follow. Admission to both is free. Donations are welcome.

For more information call (540) 303-712 or email middleburgconcertseries@gmail.com.

GOODSTONE INN & RESTAURANT WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE CHEF

Goodstone Inn & Restaurant in Middleburg, Virginia, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeffrey Surma as Executive Chef of the Restaurant at Goodstone.

Surma is a nationally respected, innovative chef whose farm-to-table and culinary achievements will bring a new dimension to Goodstone's award-winning restaurant.

For the past 15 years, Chef Surma has served as Executive Chef of The Capital Grille in McLean, Virginia, and was selected to be a primary trainer on the opening task force for their five high-profile locations, including The Capital Grille in New York City's Chrysler Building.

In addition, Chef Surma's extensive background includes 12 years as Executive Chef and Trainer for The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company's properties in Virginia, Florida, California and Michigan.

At Goodstone's popular restaurant, Chef Surma plans to highlight state-of-the-art, seasonally-inspired cuisine with a farm-to-table emphasis. The renowned dining room menu will continue to offer Goodstone's French cuisine and showcase the freshest of vegetables, herbs, micro greens, eggs and lamb from the farm at Goodstone as well as other local farms.

"It is an honor to be working at the Restaurant at Goodstone," says Chef Surma. "I look forward to contributing my years of culinary experience to provide inspiring seasonal menus, and to create an unparalleled dining experience for our Goodstone guests."



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WILDLIFE VET CARE

THE CAGE THAT SETS BIRDS FREE



CHRISWEBER

Normally when you think of a cage you think of a place to confine a person or animal. But a Flight Cage is different. A flight cage sets birds free. And Doctor Belinda Burwell needs one. And here's why.

First a little background. Doctor Belinda Burwell is one of the leading wildlife experts in our area, having dedicated over 30 years of her life to rescuing and rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife. Having earned Bachelor of Science in Zoology from Duke University and a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Tufts University.

Specializing in Zoo and Wildlife Medicine she received additional training at the Franklin Park Zoo, the Stone Zoo in Boston, and at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.

She went on to work with wildlife and help bring public awareness to the cause, first in New Hampshire, then in Ohio where she also worked as the pro bono vet for the Lake Metroparks Wildlife Center, and now finally here in Virginia. found several wildlife and animal medical and rescue facilities in the area. Her latest project, "Wildlife Vet Care" is her most ambitious yet.

The mission of Wildlife Veterinary Care (WVC) is to supply veterinary care to sick and injured wildlife, and unlike many other facilities, WVC provides this care on an emergency basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to providing emergency care the mission



of WVC is to teach veterinarians, their staff, and veterinary students to do the same. WVC assists wildlife rehabilitator, environmental organizations and the public with wildlife health concerns, and monitors wildlife and environmental health. WVC rescues and rehabilitates wildlife, and teaches others to do the same. WVC also educates the public about wildlife rescue and wildlife health issues. Releases of wildlife back into the wild which is the ultimate goal of every rescue, are held regularly and the public is welcome to come and view these spectacular releases.

While WVC accepts all sorts of wildlife, Doctor Burwell's special expertise is in birds. Dr. Burwell is one of only a few veterinarians providing orthopedic surgery to eagles and other large birds in this area. She has treated great horned owls, barred owls, barn owls, long-eared owls, screech owls, saw-whet owls, short-eared owls, Northern harriers, red-tailed hawks, red-shouldered hawks, broad winged hawks, merlins, per-



egrine falcons, American kestrels, Cooper's hawks, sharp-shinned hawks, and of course Bald Eagles.

And this is where the urgent need for a flight-cage comes into play. In order to rehabilitate these birds the center needs a large cage to exercise them in and even train them to fly or hunt for food again.

"These birds need to fly well and be strong enough to catch food and avoid predators when they are released back into the wild, so this preparation is essential to their survival." - Belinda Burwell DVM

Currently the center is housing a bald eagle, a great horned owl and a red-tailed hawk, all which would benefit from a flight-cage on the premises. A great blue heron released last weekend would also have benefited from a larger flight rehabilitation cage before release.

The cost of the flight-cage is a hurdle but not an insurmountable one. For the site prep and all the construction and materials costs are expected to run around \$50,000, so the center is reaching out to the general public to help raise the funds build the new cage and help Doctor Burwell continue her amazing work with our areas great birds of prey.

If you'd like to help Doctor Burwell and Wildlife Vet Care continue their amazing work rehabilitating our great birds of prey, then you can donate on their Facebook page, (<https://www.facebook.com/wildlifevet-care/>) using the "Donate" button, or on their website (<http://wildlifevet-care.com/>) or by sending a check to Wildlife Veterinary Care PO Box 288, Millwood, VA 22646.

Patients currently receiving care at the Center include a barred owl hit by a train that has head trauma, a red-tailed hawk with a fractured wing, a bald eagle recovering from trauma and an infection, a great horned owl found on a golf course that is recovering from an illness, another barred owl that was hit by a car and has a fractured beak and eye trauma, a pied-billed grebe that became grounded, four box turtles with fractured shells, a wood turtle and a box turtle with eye injuries, a squirrel that was attacked by a cat and a bat with a wing injury.

If you have injured or orphaned Wildlife please call 540-664-9494 any time. They are there to help.

Doctor Burwell and the WVC are also accepting interns and trainees so if you have time and are willing to work to help these animals please contact the center.

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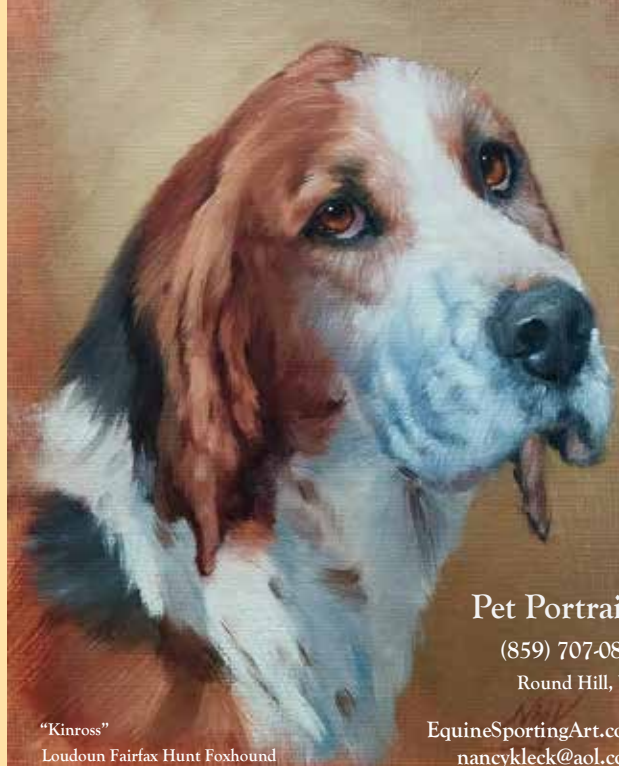
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Mr. Mead was trained as an actor at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, and has had the honor of being invited to perform his adaption of A Christmas Carol for three years in a row at the Dickens festival in Rochester, Kent, England, Dickens' home town. He has also appeared at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. In addition, he performed a solo tour all over Switzerland for the Federation of

Anglo-Swiss clubs, as well as coast to coast tours of the United States as support act for singer Stacy Earle. His performances include many other engagements in Britain, continental Europe and America, as well as one for the Arts Collection Funk (UK).

Since moving to the USA, Mr. Mead has worked with local authors Magnus Magnus and Scott Courlander performing material especially written for him. He has appeared at Capital Fringe DC in one man shows for three years, for which he has been hailed for his "brilliant characterization" by DC Metro Theatre Arts, and as a "virtuoso" by DC Theatre Scene, as well as a "brilliant artist" by the Washington City Paper for his performances of shows playing multiple characters. The Alexandria Gazette hailed him as "masterful".

The famous English novelist

Charles Dickens prepared versions of some of his most beloved works as public readings, which were sensationally successful both in his country and in a tour he did of the United States. This performance by Stephen Mead is based on the performing version Dickens did as a reading, but Mr. Mead performs it from memory.

Come see and enjoy Scrooge, Tiny Tim, Bob Cratchit and the other famous characters of the seasonal favorite brought to vivid life before your eyes. No scenery or costumes are used but you the audience will feel transported back to "Olde England" anyway! This is a funny, moving and dramatic performance, the perfect way to get into the Christmas Spirit with its message of "Good will to all men". The performance is suitable for all ages, especially those eight years and up. It is approximately one hour and fifteen minutes in length.

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NEWS OF NOTE

MIDDLEBURG UNVEILS NEW TRAFFIC REGULATIONS



Middleburg one of the region's most popular historic destinations, has unveiled up-to-date traffic changes on its main street to minimize dangers for pedestrians.

A yearlong construction project on U.S. 50 — known as Washington Street in the less-than-one-mile-long downtown area — has finished and the Virginia Department of Transportation hopes the changes improve traffic flow.

While traffic through Middleburg continues to have two lanes of traffic and a parking lane in each direction, the new configuration adds brick crosswalks across U.S. 50, which extend farther than the width of parked cars, granite curbs and pedestrian lighting, as well as enhanced sidewalks and the replacement and upgrade of over 2,000 feet of water main.

Before this project, crossing the street required a dangerous maneuver, said Mike Gleasman, VDOT's area construction engineer.

"People would have to walk out in front of parked cars and peek

around parked cars," said Gleasman.

The \$4.2 million project also uses subtle design features to minimize speeds through the pedestrian zone, including crosswalks made of bricks, rather than the asphalt used on Washington Street.

"The bump-outs at the intersections help restrict traffic width a little bit, and that tends to make people slow down," said Gleasman. "And the change in feel when they drive over the crosswalks also tends to slow people down."

Middleburg Police Chief A.J. Panebianco said monitoring driving speed is a major priority for officers.

"In our downtown area it's a little difficult to work stationary radar, so typically they're working moving radar as they ride through town," said Panebianco.

Other towns along U.S. 50, including Aldie and Upperville have similar calming configurations through their historic districts.

"Part of the lure of this region is the beautiful drive through Loudoun County," said Panebianco.

HOPS FOR HOPE

OCELOT LEADS CRAFT BREWERIES TO BENEFIT
NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Thanks to Adrien Widman, former staff member at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Hops For Hope will raise funds on December 3 at his Ocelot Brewing Company at 23600 Overland Drive, just off Route 606, in Dulles. Widman crafted a special brew, Hope Beer, specifically for this benefit.

"I started brewing beer at home as a hobby and I fell in love with the science behind brewing," said Widman. "It became an obsession. I would brew every weekend and at night — whenever I got time."

The idea of establishing his own craft brewery had been fermenting quietly in the back of his mind for some time. It came to a head after he'd been working for NCMEC for more than 6 years.

"It wasn't an easy decision," said Widman, who described his job as "jack of all trades"/Cisco engineer. "At the National Center, I got to meet and work with some of the most wonderful people dedicated to working for the betterment of society — just the best people in the world. But I was commuting an hour and a half each way and I had two little kids. One day, I got a call at work — could I come at once? My son had fallen on the playground. I ran to my boss, who said go. I jumped in my car, but it was hurry up and wait — it took two hours to get to my son. What if my family needs me and I can't get there? That's when I decided to give craft brewing a shot."

In 2013, Widman made a business plan and sent it to friends and family for proofreading before he took it to the

banks to apply for loans. They responded with corrections and checks, ultimately funding the entire project.

"When I started Ocelot, there were only one or two breweries in the area, now we have many," said Widman. "What I liked from the start of my involvement is that there is a community behind the whole craft beer scene and everyone is willing to share knowledge for the betterment of beer everywhere."

Widman kept in touch with the National Center while getting Ocelot up and running. "I always thought that I would give back if I could," he said. "I worked a lot with John Shehan while I was there. He's also a craft beer fan, and I asked, 'Can I brew a beer for you guys?' He pitched the idea of a fundraiser to everyone else at the center and called back and said, 'Let's do it!' I'm beyond thrilled to brew Hope Beer and hold Hops for Hope at Ocelot."

Widman enlisted five other craft breweries that will sell Hope Beer to support the National Center's efforts to bring missing children home safely. Two are located in Purcellville — Belly Love Brewing Co. and Old 690 Brewing Co., with Old Ox Brewery in Ashburn, Tin Cannon Brewery in Gainesville, and The Veil Brewing Co. in Richmond.

Hops for Hope are family events with vendors and food available at each venue. Ocelot Brewery will feature the Buffalo Wing Factory, which will donate a portion of their food sales to NCMEC.

Hops for Hope takes place at Ocelot on Saturday, December 3, where they will be pouring Hope, an Ocelot limited run craft beer, from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. Enthusiasts can purchase 4 ounce sam-

ples to pints to 32 and 64 ounces if they want to take home a Growler. Ocelot has its own Growler containers, but will fill clean containers brought by people.

The other five participating breweries will offer Hope Beer and their award-winning brews as well as food trucks, raffles and special guests — for specific details, please visit their websites. John Walsh, NCMEC co-founder and star of CNN's "The Hunt," will make an appearance at Ocelot and Old 690. Elliot in the Morning from DC 101 is expected to stop by Ocelot.

"We expect a good crowd and want as many people as possible to come by," said Widman. "We'll have vendors, craft t-shirts and maybe a National Center t-shirt — they're working on it."

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1984 by John and Revé Walsh and other child advocates, will benefit from the Hops for Hope fundraisers.

"The goal with any event for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children is to give people the opportunity to connect with and offer support for our mission," said John Walsh. "We believe that protecting children is a responsibility that we all share and if we give people the chance to do their part, they will want to help. The National Center could not do the work that it does without support from our partners and friends and we're always grateful to see new people join the fight to keep kids safe."

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OFFICER HEATHER FADELY AND CHIEF AJ PANEBIANCO

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

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Hail Storm Damage - \$280,000 +

Town Council authorized Town Administrator Martha Semmes to sign a contract with Belfor USA for "repairs to multiple Town facilities" due to damage from the unprecedented hailstorm that hit the Town in June of this year.

Quotes for repairing the damage ranged from Belfor's low of \$280,119.74 to \$380,145.89.

Work must be approved the Town Administrator and reimbursed to the Town Treasury by its Virginia Municipal League Insurance.

Severe Weather Work Requirements

The Town also approved a revised "emergency leave" policy for all full-time and charter Town Employees, "in the event of weather conditions that necessitate closing the Town Office."

Paid leave may be granted to "non essential" personnel under those conditions, with the approval of the Town Administrator. "Essential" personnel, including police officers and Town maintenance personnel, will be paid "emergency leave" pay in addition to their regular compensation for the hours they work.

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Police

Police Chief A. J. Panebianco reported that, from his department's perspective, this year's Middleburg Film Festival could not have gone more smoothly. Middleburg officers work closely with the Festival's private security force to provide protection for an extraordinary annual gathering of some of the world's finest filmmakers, critics and fans.

Parking

Visitors to Middleburg will note that the Town's all-too-familiar and all-too-demanding street side parking meters have disappeared. Henceforth parking will be free for limited lengths of time in spaces all around town.

New signs will indicate how long one may park without incurring a fine. Currently spaces are scheduled to be marked as "15 minutes," "3 hours," and "8 hours."

Some variation of a new electronic "chalking" system will ensure fair and documentable enforcement of the time limits.

Instead of "chalking the tires" of parkers to time their occupation of a parking spot, the new system electronically records a parker's license number and the time at which an officer began timing the length of a parker's stay.

National Police Officers Memorial

Chief Panebianco and Officer Heather Fadely represented Middleburg at a special event celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the National Police Officers Memorial, near the National Building Museum in downtown Washington, DC. Middleburg Town Sergeant Henry Milton Seaton's name is inscribed on the memorial. Seaton, killed on November 25, 1899, was the first Loudoun County Police Officer known to have been killed in the line of duty.

Board of Zoning Appeals

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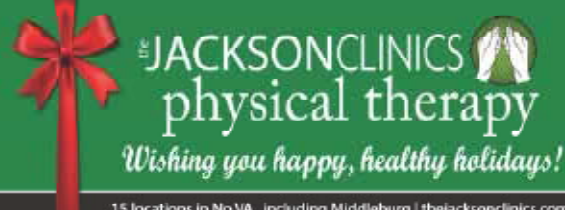


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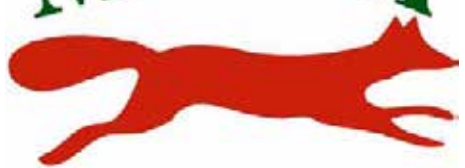
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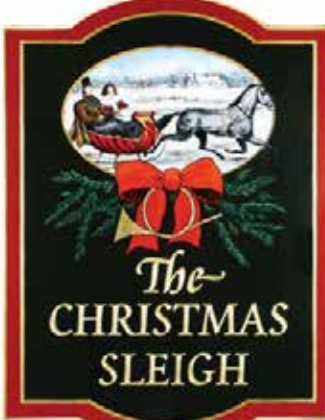
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Getting The World to Listen
A few days before he was to address the 33rd International Churchill Conference held in Washington, D.C. last month, a reception and book signing was held at Locksley Manor, the home of Ron and Danielle Bradley, for the Right Honorable Lord Alan Watson of Richmond.

Recently published and now a best seller on the Bloomsbury Publishing’s rankings, Churchill’s Legacy: Two Speeches to Save the World is a compelling story

of how Churchill in a single year regained the intellectual and moral leadership of the free world.

Countless books have been written about Churchill: from whole life biographies to studies about his voracious wit, his love of painting and fine cigars. Churchill’s Legacy adds a deeper dimension to the mind and intellect of the great statesman in arguably his most decisive year as he addressed the world in his two most famous speeches at Fulton, Missouri, and Zurich, Switzerland, in 1946.

“We had so many friends who are fascinated with Winston Churchill or their parents who had met him,” Danielle explained. Surrounded by beautifully painted murals of cherubs frolicking among florals in the pale blue Ballroom, Lord Watson charmed a rapt audience as he wove that inimitable English wit throughout the recounting of events surrounding the two speeches.

In his talk, Watson described, still smoldering from the ravages of war, Europe lay devastated. So too was Churchill, rejected by the British electorate and engulfed in the worst depression of his life, the “black dog mood”. In the post arrives an invitation from the President of Westminster College in Fulton to address the world with a promise from President Harry Truman to accompany him if he accepts.

There Churchill delivers the “Iron Curtain” speech warning America of the danger of ‘Uncle Joe’ Stalin

who was determined to dominate Europe at any cost. He’s labeled a war monger. Six months later in Zurich, Churchill boldly proposes the need for a united Europe, led by a partnership between France and Germany, once enemies, to stave off Stalin’s encroachment.

The speeches were denounced at the time but succeeded in changing political perspectives that led to the restoration of Europe. Churchill’s genius would be forever secured in world history, and out of his black dog mood he would be personally liberated in the profound relief his words did not fall on deaf ears.

Questions and answers followed, and in a most cheerful and jovial air, Lord Watson moved to the library to spend a few moments with each guest as he signed his book. Sharing stories and offering famous retorts only a Churchillian scholar could deliver, one could almost smell the aroma of a stogie and brandy.

Alan Watson is a broadcaster, author, High Steward of Cambridge University, former President of the Liberal Party, public relations consultant and Peer. An accomplished public speaker, presenter, campaigner and consultant, his fascination with Churchill has been lifelong.

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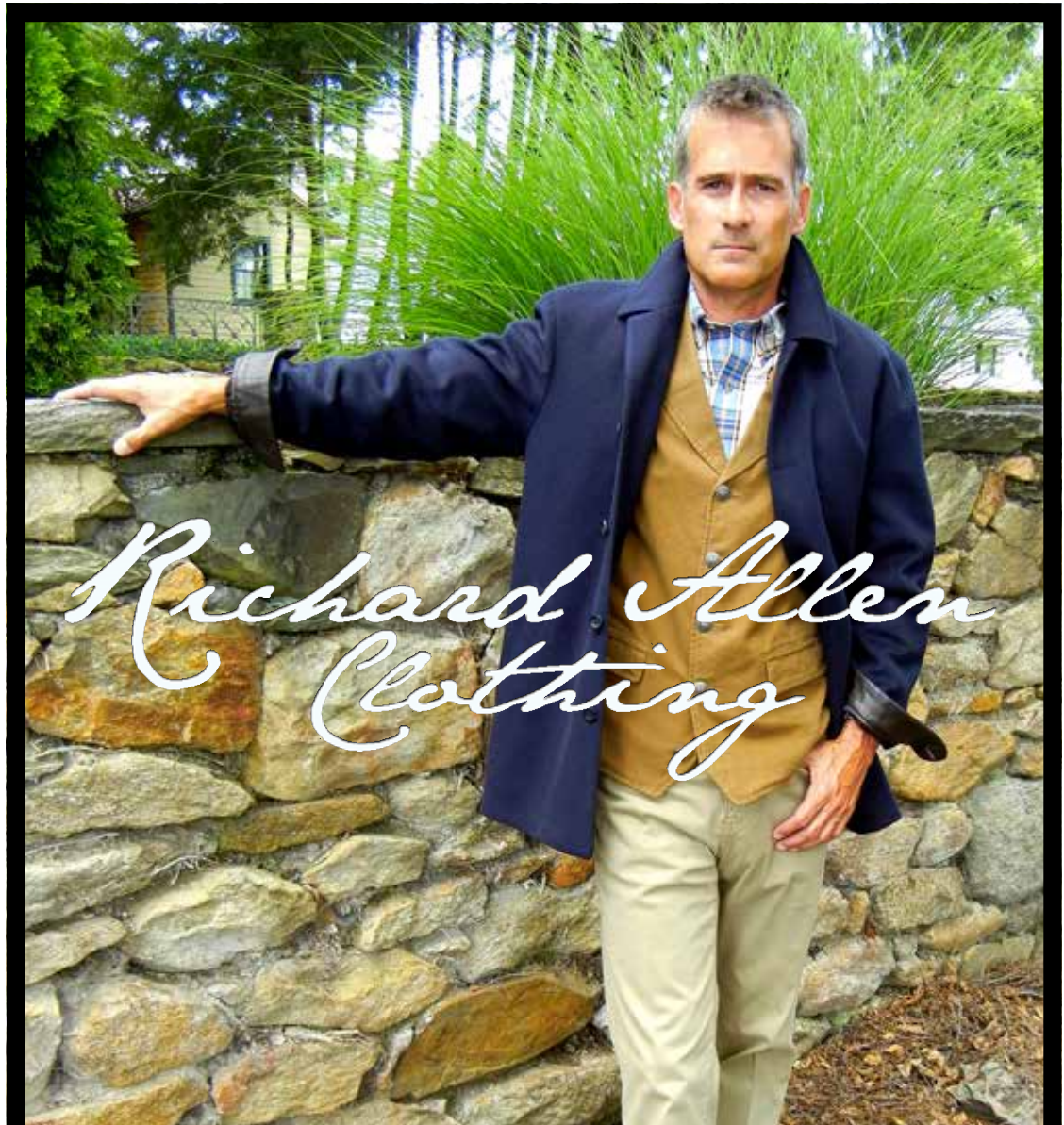
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An avid competitor in shotgun sports, Condon said, "I'm working with my new Krieg-

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THE MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL IN REVIEW

The Middleburg Film Festival has grown by leaps and bounds since its inception in 2013 and this year recorded record attendance. "I think our Festival has become more efficient and runs more smoothly, and I'm also amazed at how well known the Middleburg Film Festival has become in such a few years," said Betsy Davis, Mayor of Middleburg. "I'm so very proud of Sheila Johnson, Susan Koch

and all of the members and staff who have made this such an amazing event — and how wonderful it is for our town, both for our businesses and for our citizens!"

Mayor Davis watched five films this year, and voted for both Audience Award winners: Lion for Best Narrative and The Eagle Huntress for Best Documentary.

All told, the 2016 Middleburg

Film Festival, October 20-23, offered 26 films from 17 countries, including Oscar contenders, critically acclaimed foreign language films and documentaries.

"I really enjoyed all five films (Lion, Lala Land, Jackie, Loving, and The Eagle Huntress) — each had such powerful messages and all except Lala Land were true stories," said Mayor Davis. "What I liked about The Eagle Huntress was how Aisholpan's father never doubted her skills,

determination and willingness. He didn't consider her gender, just her "spark" and knowledge. The life and love of the whole family was so beautiful, although poor by our standards, they were so rich in the happiness and life they lived. They had everything they needed with their family and friends. It was really beautiful."

The four-day Middleburg Film Festival takes place in a spectacular setting about one

hour from Washington, D.C. with easy access to airports. The carefully curated schedule of narrative and documentary films are screened in small theatre environments, often followed by a Q & A session with globally renowned actors and filmmakers. Visitors to the Festival also enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Middleburg with its shops, food, wine and other amenities. www.middleburgfilm.org

THE EAGLE HUNTRESS

ANYA PARKS - WAKEFIELD

The Eagle Huntress is a truly impressive first film by director and journalist, Otto Bell. An Oxford graduate with a focus on marketing, he's used his skills to convey the inspiring story of 13-year-old Mongolian girl, Aisholpan. His beautiful cinematography and storytelling is impressive, avoiding the cold, emotionless gaze documentaries often turn. Bell does an amazing job of catching important scenes of humanity, truly fleshing out the real life story of Aisholpan.

A girl from a Mongolian tribe, steeped in the tradition of eagle hunting, Aisholpan knew she was destined to be an Eagle Hunter from early childhood. Ignorant to the cold gaze of the outside world, she hoped to be the first Huntress the Mongolian eagle hunting community had ever seen.

"Eagle hunting is for men. Women can't ride horses; the mountains are far too cold for their fragile constitutions. And besides, eagles are very picky when choosing companions." Ancient, hardened eagle hunters share this knowledge with the audience. Almost no women had ever been eagle hunters, and in their words, for good reason. "Women belong at home, making tea."

Aisholpan, deaf to their words, dared to dream under the tutelage of a loving father who passed down his passion for the sport. When asked in an interview if her father, Nurgaiv, had ever thought of barring her from eagle hunting, he only described his love and pride for her and his understanding of her strength. From early on, he could see her potential and never considered stopping her.

The audience has the privilege of watching Aisholpan endlessly train, working diligently to achieve her dreams. She is strong in body and mind, a hard worker and a dreamer. A young girl of passion and determination, Bell skillfully captures Aisholpan's character. A sweet girl living her dream, the audience, as evidenced by loud clapping and cheers throughout, deeply connects with Aisholpan's journey as she works to

set an example for other girls. This is due to, not only Aisholpan's sweet disposition and work ethic, but also to Bell's skill in capturing key scenes.

In documentaries, we can see only small snippets of reality. With such small opportunities, it's important to make each scene count, to ensure they mean something. In The Eagle Huntress, each scene is a revelation of Aisholpan's growth and character, and a testament to her loving family and friends. Each shot tells something important, captured with the gaze of human emotion. Clear and seamlessly connected, scenes flow and enhance the telling of an amazing story.

The Eagle Huntress, a beautiful piece of cinematography, is truly a must see film. Inspiring in subject and conveyance, audiences all across the United States have enjoyed the compelling story of a girl who dared to dream, and wanted to see others do it too.



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THE MIDDLEBURG FILM FESTIVAL IN REVIEW

RYAN PERRY

The Middleburg Film Festival just wrapped up its fourth year, running from October 20 - 23, 2016. Having proudly attended each festival thus far, I'm astounded by how much the festivities have increased with each passing year.

Not only has the docket of films increased by each year, boasting 28 as opposed to last year's 26, but the major players of the festival, founder Sheila Johnson and executive director Susan Koch, as well as the rest of their creative team, found room for a myriad of exciting events. Some of these included, but are not limited to, a discussion panel on the impact and need for women directors, as well as La La Land director Damien Chazelle and star Emma Stone attending the sold out Saturday night screening of the film. I particularly remember attending a screening of the excellent film, The Eagle Huntress, which was followed by a Q&A with the star of the film, Aisholpan Nurgaiv (whom the film was actually about), hosted by Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday. I even got to meet Aisholpan following the screening of her film, which was quite exciting.

Yet, despite all of the attractions, the weekend never feels like you can get lost in all of the hustle and bustle of everything. Everyone I encountered was friendly and down-

to-Earth, and there are a couple of experiences I had that fostered a true feeling of community. Not unlike last year, there were several occasions while waiting in line for screenings where I recall having conversations with fellow filmgoers that I didn't know beforehand about the films that they had seen, sharing experiences and recommendations.

But a particular experience that I simply must write about happened while I was waiting in the rush line for Loving (the line for filmgoers who were unable to acquire tickets online). The expansive line snaked around the corridors of the Salamander, and with me pulling behind the tail end of the line, it looked as though we wouldn't make it in. Suddenly, a woman walked up to me and, asking if I was by myself, explained that someone in her group couldn't attend the show, and offered me her extra ticket. I was extremely grateful for her generosity, and most likely wouldn't have made it into the film were it not for her act of kindness.

Another element that really ties in the whole homey atmosphere is, of course, the setting. I've always loved the soft orange glow cast over the town by the lush rural setting. The cascade of fall-colored leaves and the horse country scenery serve as an ideal backdrop for such an event, and the whole event feels nestled in a blanket of northern Virginia heritage. In the past four years of attend-

ing, I've had the pleasure of seeing the festival grow from a charmingly small festival tucked away in one of the pockets of northern Virginia's horse country to a major event that attracts the attention of some of current Hollywood's major players.

The venues have remained the same, including Middleburg's own National Sporting Library, The Hill School, Salamander Resort and Spa, and Upperville's Buchanan Hall, just up the road. Each of them offers their own flavor of classic Middleburg flair, embracing the vintage while never feeling outdated. But the standout is the illustrious Salamander, whose elegant halls played host to a majority of the weekend's biggest events. It's undoubtedly the newest of the locations, and while it does stand out, it doesn't feel out of place.

As for the films that I saw (Land of Mine, The Eagle Huntress, La La Land, Paterson, Loving, and The Man Who Saw Too Much), they were honestly some of the best that I've seen in all of the festivals. Whenever I see a batch of festival films, the vast majority are good to one degree or another, with the one standout that makes you think, "this will definitely have a place on my 'best of the year' list." This year, all of them were to that pedigree, each offering a blend of variety. Some were documentaries, some were true story narratives, some were foreign, and some were

pure escapism, but each one was the fullest artistic expression of what it set out to be.

A final aspect that I can't go without mentioning is the amazing volunteers who make the festival run. Each of them that I encountered did their part and interacted with all of the guests with the utmost of warmth and sincerity, and it feels as though they're genuinely happy that you're there. Due credit must be given to volunteer coordinator Tami Erickson for taking on the amount of work that comes with supervising all of the volunteer workers. It's a big job that not a lot of people take

into consideration when casually going to a movie, but again, it's a job that was done with genuine sincerity, which makes the cinematic experience feel a lot more personal.

After its fourth year, I can honestly say that the Middleburg Film Festival has gotten bigger and better with each outing. The events were exciting, the films were some of the best that I've seen emerge from Middleburg, and the setting and interactions were comfortably down-to-Earth and genuine. I can't wait to see what next year's festivities bring.

SPARKS INITE SEPARATE PATHS IN LA LA LAND

RYAN PERRY

With credentials such as Grand Piano and Whiplash, writer and director Damien Chazelle is rapidly proving himself to be one of the most prolific filmmakers of the past few years, with music being a common theme running through his films. His newest entry, La La Land, is no exception.

Set in sunny Los Angeles, the story essentially spans a romance between two aspiring artists: an actress named Mia (Birdman's Emma Stone), who has attempted and lost so many auditions that she's considering throwing it in for good; and jazz pianist Sebastian (Drive star Ryan Gosling), who's trying to scrape together the resources to start his own jazz club.

After a couple of chance encounters, a spark ignites between the two of them, and their romantic adventures begin to take flight. But as both of their dreams begin to take form, they realize that their pursuits may lead them on separate paths in life.

This is Stone and Gosling's third time sharing the screen together, and it really shows from how well they play off of each other. Whether they're exchanging snarky quips of dialogue or singing their hearts out, the passion is high in every scene they share. In this film in particular more than any of her others, Stone is able to give a nuanced performance that relies mostly on her facial expressions, despite having a fluid singing voice. Even when she's not singing, her eyes are able to say a lot about what she's feeling, and that subtlety is a rare quality that I really enjoy. Powerhouse actor JK Simmons also gives an entertaining turn in a supporting role, but as with Chazelle's other two films, the focus is firmly on the central characters, as it should be.

Speaking of Chazelle's other films, La La Land is starkly different, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. While I really enjoy Grand Piano and Whiplash, it's undeniable that their defining trait is slowly building up tremendous suspense, which isn't for everyone. Because it's the most light-hearted of the three, La La Land is the most accessible to a wider audience, and it's impressive that Chazelle is able to make this change so seamlessly. Every directing choice made for the film is ultimately driven towards the goal of embracing the style of mid-20th century musicals, such as Singin' in the Rain or West Side Story. The

visual aesthetic is soft and inviting, using lighting and choice of color as a clever visual method to illustrate the characters' emotions, and often invoking a dreamlike atmosphere that reflects the music.

And what is a good musical without good music? Fortunately, you don't have to ponder that question in the case of this film. The songs, all originally composed by Justin Hurwitz and written by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, each have their own tempo and rhythm, and each mark a particular point in the plot progression. This is the rare musical that only uses songs when it's absolutely necessary to do so, as opposed to grasping every opportunity for one. As such, each tune has a purpose: to reflect on a moment, to open the door to a new story direction, or to simply take us away to somewhere mesmerizing. Somewhere foreign, yet friendly, which is a feeling that can only be found in the best of dreams. Best of all: they're all original. I can't wait until the soundtrack's release.

Yet, among all this talk of dreams and mysticism, the film still finds time to ground its conflict in the realm of realism, without ever feeling conflicted in its tone. The high moments feel free and victorious, and contrast beautifully with the lower points that pull back the curtain to reveal real world consequences. It's as though the film is making a statement that while aspirations are being met at one point, a more tragic story that we're often unaware of is unfolding simultaneously, as is often the case in life. To me, this speaks a message that we all have dreams, and while it's a wonderful thing to pursue them, it's equally critical to consider the bigger picture.

At its core, La La Land is ultimately a love letter to classic musicals from the days of yore, and at the same time, a gesture inviting that classic era to receive a real-world treatment. The result is unique, embracing the film's charmingly vintage roots while taking them to new ground. And while all of the technical aspects - the music, lighting, and visuals - are excellent, it's important to remember the two stars at the heart of the film. All of these factors are beautifully executed, and I think it's safe to say that Chazelle is on his way to his second Best Picture nomination. The film is scheduled for a limited release December 9, and will screen everywhere the following weekend. I may even see it again, and for me, La La Land receives four out of four shining stars.

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TIM BURCH

Over the past 29 years, BOWA has made a significant investment in continuing education for all employees and all aspects of design,

architecture, and construction. I take great pride in working with a company that is this committed to staying abreast of the latest developments and is well known throughout the industry for setting the bar for construction best practices. Of course,

this allows us to better serve each and every client.

Recently the BOWA team attended the Architectural Digest Show in New York and the Remodeling Show in Baltimore. There we learned about up and coming products and materi-

als that are sure to influence our future renovation projects. From retro trends to universal design products, we found interesting solutions that can deliver both beautiful design and value for our clients.

Zero-Threshold at Great Cost Savings

With so much attention on universal design these days, we're always on the lookout for new products that help us to create safer, more accessible spaces for our clients without sacrificing beautiful design or value. That's why the zero-threshold prefabricated shower foundations we found at the Remodeling Show really grabbed our attention. These pre-sloped foundations can be finished using your choice of stone or tile material and are appropriate for both classic stall and linear showers. The real beauty is they can be installed and ready for framing and finishing in a fraction of the time of traditional methods. What this means for homeowners is a beautiful, custom shower at a great savings. As showers are a common source of household leaks, BOWA's Doug Horgan, Vice President of Best Practices, strongly recommends scheduling a consultation with an experienced professional to discuss what solutions are best for your home.

Porcelain Slab Gaining Interest

While porcelain has long been a popular choice for tiles and flooring, it is seeing increased interest for counter tops and other slab applications. Porcelain is durable, heat and scratch resistant and requires little maintenance, making it an ideal material for today's more contemporary or transitional kitchens. Another nice



benefit is porcelain is also rated for outdoor use, which can help to create continuity for indoor/outdoor living spaces.

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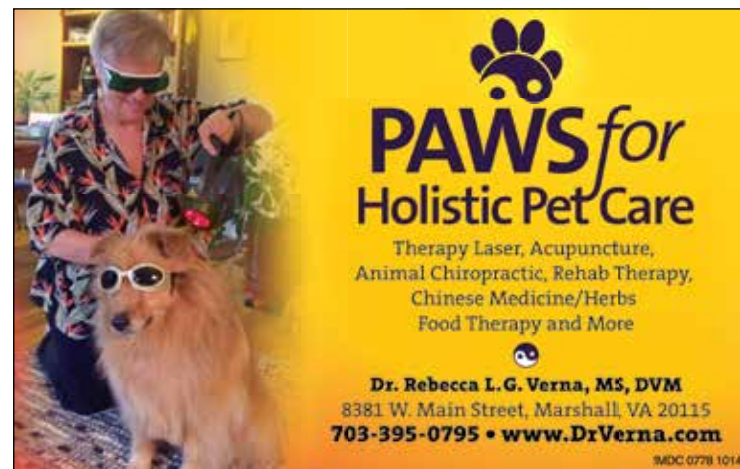
We also found an interesting new ceiling option, perfectly suited for the demands of barns and indoor pools, yet elegant enough for the finest interior and exterior residential spaces. Available in a variety of flat and curved wood panels, as well as accent beams, in dozens of standard and custom finishes, these products make a stunning architectural statement. The manufacturer also offers polymer strip options, available in 11 colors and 8 woodgrains, that provide a virtually maintenance free, durable solution. Installing on a grid or rail system, these products provide beauty and time savings at a highly-competitive price.

Retro Appliances Make a Great Focal Point

This year the funky, new trend we saw at the Architectural Digest Show was retro chic kitchen design and appliances. Colors like bright orange and pastel blue were popular for refrigerators and oven ranges. Incorporating fun appliances like these can make a great focal point or conversation piece in your home's kitchen.

We love sharing the latest trends and best practices with homeowners and colleagues, and always welcome the opportunity to do so. If you have any questions about these products or others you've seen, or would like to discuss a project you're considering, let me know at askbowa@bowa.com.

Tim Burch is a Vice President of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction firm specializing in renovations ranging from master suites and kitchens to whole-house remodels. A Northern Virginia native, Tim focuses on clients in the Loudoun and Fauquier County areas providing them with his 25 years of expertise in the design build construction industry. A third generation builder and certified remodeler, Tim is the Construction Advisor for The Mosby Heritage Area Association and also sits on the Board of Building Appeals for Fauquier County. Prior to joining BOWA, he was the Lead Project Manager of Construction for the Emmy Award winning construction reality television show, *Extreme Makeover Home Edition* on ABC Television. For more information on Tim and the BOWA team, visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.



RETHINKING FALL CLEAN-UP

THE PLANT LADY
KAREN REXRODE



It's always been said that the gardener should get a physical in summer or fall when they are at the peak of their health. All of that dead heading, cutting back of perennials and weeding gives us stamina and mobility.

Soon the garden will slumber, Mother Nature drops a blanket of leaves and the gardener hums "Rock-A-Bye Baby" as the beds are cleaned and weeded. I feel myself decompressing as the garden is tidied, leaves raked, stems cut down.



But wait, are we doing something wrong? Is there another way? Many would argue that a tidy garden may not be the answer. There's a shift in the age-old practice of fall cleanup.

Under the leaves, bedded down as well, are various insects. It's a habitat for wildlife, small wildlife, and beneficial wildlife. Two butterflies winter over as adults. They lodge themselves in cracks and crevices of rocks and trees. Their blood contains glycogen's, effectively an antifreeze that allows them to survive freezing. The mourning cloak and Eastern commas are the first butterflies of spring, emerging from their winter lodging as full fledged adults.

Solitary bees live in the pith of stems. Some will also excavate a hole in rotten logs or twigs. These are good, non-stinging bees. We need them.

A single queen bee also finds a

tant.

Seed heads that are left in fall become sustenance for various birds and small mammals. In our world that is becoming more and more sterile, a little haven is the very least we can do. If there is a part of your garden that can be left and ignored till spring, I would advise you to leave it so. If stems are cut, lay them in a place where beneficial insects may still survive.

Spring is a fine time for leaf removal. Clear the vegetable garden, rake under the roses, and remove last years peony stalks. They will be softer, easier to pull. There will be a different kind of urgency, the expectation of wonderful things to come. A reminder, once again, that muscle memory does exist, it just takes a little longer to catch-up each year.

SUPER POWERFUL KALE



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One of the most powerful superfoods is kale. Yes, that green vegetable that you really hated as a child. It has vitamin A, vitamin B1, vitamin B2, vitamin B3, vitamin B6, vitamin B9, vitamin C, vitamin E and vitamin K. Kale also is full of carotenoids, flavonoids, glucosinolates, fiber, omega 3 fatty acids, protein, calcium, copper, and iron. Finally, it also

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BRANDY GREENWELL

WOW! Can everyone please take off their political boxing gloves and pause for

the upcoming holidays? In no way do I want to censor anyone's opinion, but the nastiness on social media, in print and on the news needs to halt. Now. I do not think I am alone in my plight.

If you haven't heard Tim McGraw's hit "Humble and Kind", I suggest you take a listen and make at least the title, your new mantra. On Middleburg Uncensored, members post pictures of kit-

tens and ponies to diffuse heated threads, but in the real world, may I suggest the following to simply try to make the world a better place.

This year I want to institute Thanksgiving presents to those that touch my life. What better way to show gratitude than a token just to say "thanks"? Isn't that in line with the origin of the occasion? Imagine the feeling that giving or receiving a Thanksgiving gift would bring.

Pay a random compliment. Recently I dined at Chipotle where I caught myself staring at the cashier. She must have noticed my stare and felt slightly awkward. But the thing is, I was staring at the most beautiful, artistic eye makeup job I have ever seen and made a point to verbally compliment. Her eyes glowed and smile grew big enough to let me know that my gesture made her day. And it made mine, too.

Try an extra "please" or "thank you" or strike up a conversation with a stranger while in the line at the grocery store. Better yet, help someone with his or her grocery bags. I was in the Target parking lot the other day and it was rainy and windy. I had a very full cart of home goods like pillows and a mop that made pushing and steering awkward, and of course my cart had a wobbly front wheel. I had a cup of coffee to ward off the rainy chill. Upon returning to my car, the

cart took the bit in the wind forcing me to take a few trot steps, I dropped the coffee in my purse, the wind blew my hood off and the cart rammed into my car. Flustered, wet and smelling of coffee, I started to load my trunk. The cart started to roll away, a pillow fell onto the soggy, dirty ground and my trunk blew shut. My phone starting ringing and by this time I needed a shot of vodka to calm my nerves. Guess how many people walked by and could have just taken 10 seconds to help? 4. Guess how many times I have helped someone in similar scenarios since? Every chance I get.

And for Middleburgers, the thing that brings the most smiles and genuine waves daily is to yield to pedestrians in the new crosswalks. You can follow the law and makes someone's day at the same time.

It's the simple things and simple gestures that can bring love and unite. Please stop the nastiness. Peace.



ALBERT'S CORNER

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

ALBERT P. CLARK

Thanksgiving is, in my humble opinion, the very best holiday of all. I've always viewed this time of year as an opportunity to eat and give thanks, in that order. Hey, don't judge me. I'm a dog. What average terrier wouldn't prioritize turkey over gratitude? (Does it count that I've always been grateful for the turkey?)

This year, however, my priorities are different. I find myself feeling extremely thankful and more than a little sentimental. This is the month that I'm stepping away from my favorite job as the Middleburg Eccentric's canine columnist. It hardly seems possible that so much time has passed. It's unimaginable that I'm facing retirement, and yet, here I am doing just that.

Our community looks a little different than it did when I started writing in 2003. As they say, however, the more things change, the more they stay the same. Businesses have come and gone. New buildings dot the landscape. Children have become adults. Yesterday's puppies have gray muzzles now. Despite all of the changes, though, this extraordinary place still resonates with a defining love for animals, reverence for land, and respect for history.

It is not an overstatement to say that this part of Virginia is magical. For a dog, it's Shangri-la. And while I'm not exactly sure what I'm going to do with my spare time in retirement, I plan to do it right here in this community I adore. The doghouse needs some work, so I'll start with that. And obviously I'll putter around the yard. Isabelle keeps fussing at me to take care of that infuriating squirrel, so I suppose I'll finally have time to do that. Most of all, I think I'll en-

joy the peace and quiet of country life snuggled up with a soft toy in my cozy bed.

So it is that this Thanksgiving, I'm filled with gratitude. Thank you to the local heroes who adopt four-legged friends and support rescue. Thank you to those of you who have read this little column over the years. Thank you to my editor, Dee Dee Hubbard, for taking a chance on me when I was just a new pup in town. Most of all, thank you to the incredible people of this community for caring so much about animals, treating us with kindness, and giving us beautiful lives.

Whew. That's a lot of gratitude! It's probably okay to focus on the food part now, right?

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, was Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a shop for dogs, cats, and their people, with locations in VA and DC. On November 1, Kriser's Natural Pet acquired Wylie Wagg.

P.S. My people asked me if they could add the following note: "It is with deepest appreciation that we recognize Wylie Wagg's amazing customers for supporting our dream and giving us the best 14 years of our lives. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve you and your furry, funny, silly, loyal, loveable, wonderful pets. And while it has been very bittersweet to sell our beloved company, Kriser's Natural Pet is a caring and health-focused new owner. We will miss all of you more than you can imagine. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"



THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE

TOM NEEL

As part of my recent one man show "Ashby's Gap" hosted by The Hill School, I offered to spend time with the student art classes. Working with Linda Conti, Hill's broadly creative art director, our friendship allowed us to plan on having fun while delivering real thinking workshops to the 6th through 8th grades. In part because of my love of depicting the land where I live, the workshop's topic was sense of place. The students would not only get a chance to look at my paintings and have me speak about them, but also to ask questions. This time was then followed by drawing sessions which netted truly favorable results. Not just in art quality, but in artistic happiness.

Good teachers are so powerful in

bridging the sides of education and life lessons, and Linda Conti truly shines in this area. Not just teaching something, but applying that something to a future lifetime of thinking. I have said that the true point of art in school is not simply to teach about art, but to teach through hands-on experience the importance of always understanding one's options. When it really comes down to it, creative self expression is only the action of choices made through imagination and inspiration. What we make or create is the action, but imagination and inspiration are symbolic points of life options. An example of this might be, are you inspired to work for someone you respect, or perhaps your imagination has delivered an idea or concept to create a business of your own?

To create a piece of art on your own from scratch requires review-

ing your options of so many choices. What is the subject matter, how many dimensions should it have, what size should it be, what medium will be best, its color, texture and format? This before the many decisions within these options. By their nature, artist's are decision makers and the best of them can apply this process to life. Some adults have a tough time choosing the color of their car, or walls and the clothes they wear each day. It's not because they are not creative, we are all creative. It is because many haven't exercised their creativity in years, as they think they were required to trade it for responsibility. Incorrect of course.

Working with children offers the pleasure of the learning mind. One without the burdens, prejudice and often option invisibility of adults. In short, kids are exploratory, risk takers that when given the tools and

just a little inspiration, can find fun without hurtles and produce interesting results. Those results can often tell real stories about how their minds and personalities are developing. I noticed that even just a little validation of their efforts or talent, brought undeniable happiness. As to say, this piece of art in some small way is exactly who I am right now in my life and by you validating the value of my character, it makes me feel good about myself, stronger and without inferiority.

Telling a kid they can't draw or sing or later on in life, that they will starve because of creativity, is a statement of true ignorance. The purpose of art as a learning tool is to gain visual depth and understanding in everything possible, and that anything may be possible by keeping your options open and discovery alive.



The Hill School understands this so much better than most schools and in my opinion, is a leader in how to take creative fundamentals and stitch them into an educational curriculum. Art is no more by itself than say, history. At Hill, to learn about history is to learn about culture, and to learn about culture is to learn about a culture's artistic and creative endeavors. The fabric of society. I tip my hat to them and it was a pleasure!

WHAT IS ALL THE FUSS OVER DENTAL FLOSS?



DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

In August, the Associated Press (AP) published a story questioning the research evidence for the effectiveness of dental floss. The Federal Government even went so far as to remove flossing from their dietary guidelines, citing lack of research evidence. Despite the lack of published research results, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Periodontology and the Surgeon General all support interdental cleaning as part of healthy home care and I concur. In my 32 years of experience, I have observed that the people who use some form of interdental cleaners accompanied by brushing their teeth have healthier mouths.

There are different types of interdental cleaners: floss, irrigators, interdental brushes, gum stimu-

lators (plastic or wood sticks) and rubber tips. Generally, the most effective is the standard dental floss as it can get into the tightest areas. My only caution about flossing is if you're feeling pain while you're flossing, then you're probably being a little too aggressive. The floss should go between the teeth and be pulled toward one tooth and then the other while gently pushing up and down to clean the side surfaces of the teeth. This technique dislodges and scraps off food and bacterial plaque that get trapped where the toothbrush will not reach. The longer this plaque stays on the tooth the more damage it does to the gums and teeth. Interdental cleaning is particularly important for those who wear braces or other dental appliances that tend to trap particles not easily removed by the toothbrush.

Plaque is full of bacteria. These

bacteria release acids which demineralize the protective tooth surfaces leading to cavities in these difficult to detect and difficult to treat areas between the teeth. The bacteria in plaque can also cause bad breath and gum disease. The body reacts to the prolonged presence of bacteria by a protective inflammatory reaction called gingivitis. If gingivitis is not treated by good homecare and dental visits it can eventually proceed to periodontal disease, which will cause loss of gum and bone around the teeth and eventually loss of teeth. We also know there is an association between periodontal disease, heart disease, diabetes, respiratory disease and some other medical conditions.

In summary, I recommend flossing to my patients because flossing is a low-risk and low-cost procedure that has many benefits. Flossing can help prevent cavities and periodontal

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Mr. Mead has performed A Christmas Carol in festivals in England, Continental Europe and the United States. Recently he appeared in District of Columbia performances, where his reviews were enthusiastically received. We are honored to have him perform.

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Fiona is a beautiful, young, healthy kitty who would do well in a house, but would also make a GREAT barn cat-she is fearless & would keep any & all unwanted critters out of a barn!

Ned is a senior horse looking for a cushy retirement home. He's a sweet guy who's about 15 hands & gets along well with other horses. Ned doesn't have a lot of teeth left, so he eats his grain as a mush & gets soaked hay cubes. But don't tell him he's too old to graze - he loves to go out in the field with the other horses & crop the grass, even if he doesn't actually eat it. Do you want to help a senior horse live the good life in his golden years? Ned would like to meet you!

Trapper is a funny & playful Shepherd mix. He is very reactive to other animals & may not be good around children. He is, however, super friendly with all adults & is tons of fun, but needs a house where he is the only animal.

Abby is an absolutely beautiful young calico kitty who came to us with 6 babies (5 of whom are still available for adoption). She would make an amazing barn kitty as she is used to the outdoors & is likely a good mouser!! She's friendly with people & just an all around nice cat.

Gala is a wonderful 16 year old TB mare who came to us for care after years of chronic neglect. By diligently working with her over the past 2 months, she is healthy enough to be adopted! She would make a fantastic companion / pasture mate for any horse, is very sweet, & has impeccable ground manners. We were able to look up her history, her racing name was Dance Molly Dance. Her father's dad was Seattle Slew!!

Lulu is a 7 month old wire-haired JRT who came to us after having seizure like episodes. We are working with a neurologist to get a diagnosis. She has some motor skill deficits but is happy, healthy, & acts like a very exuberant puppy!

Royal Tea is a cute little Welsh cross pony mare who is VERY spry despite her age. She would love a farm to hang her hat & spend the rest of her golden years being pampered. She's so cute & full of personality!

Midnight is a 9 year old lab who was kept on a chain. She's so relieved to be off that chain & can hardly wait to go home with her forever family to be a house dog! Midnight is a friendly girl who wags her tail so hard her whole body wiggles. She loves hanging out in the office with her head in a lap.

Henry is a big VERY handsome 16.3h TB gelding who has a personality as big as he is! We know little about his history other than his previous owner recently passed away & we took him into our care. He is 27 years old, so likely his days under saddle are behind him, but he is healthy & sound, so perhaps he'd be suitable for light trail riding.

Rusty is a VERY handsome, gentle, 5 year old purebred coonhound who came to us from the most affected flood area in West Virginia. We are still getting to know him, but he is the sweetest thing you can imagine. This dog truly has a heart of gold & deserves a loving second chance at life.

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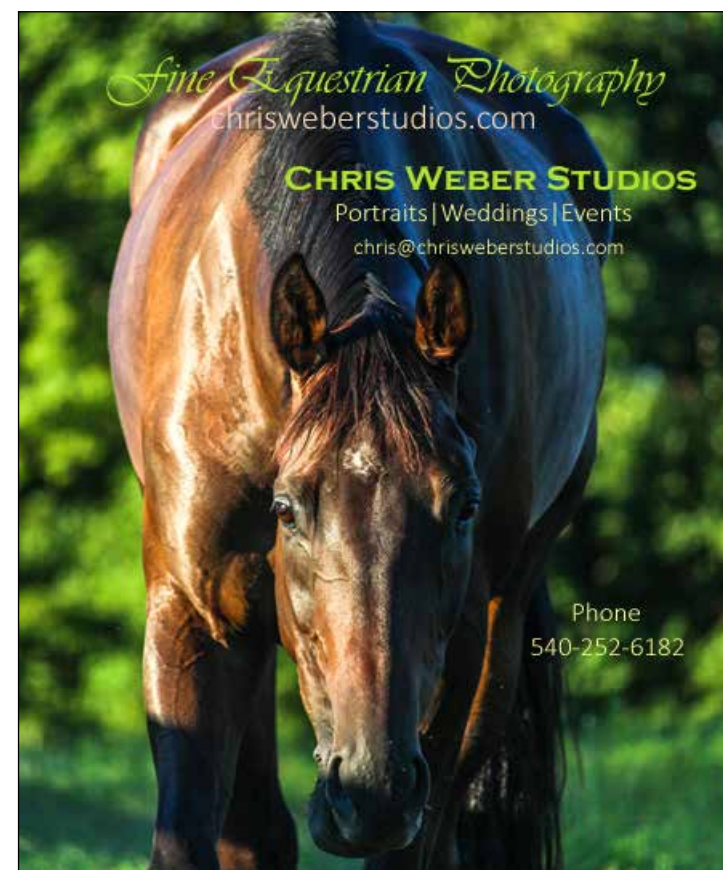
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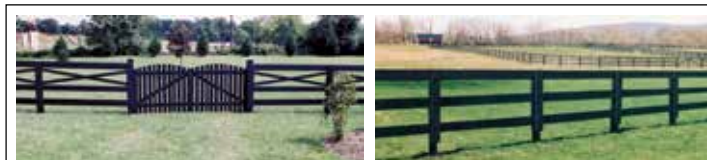
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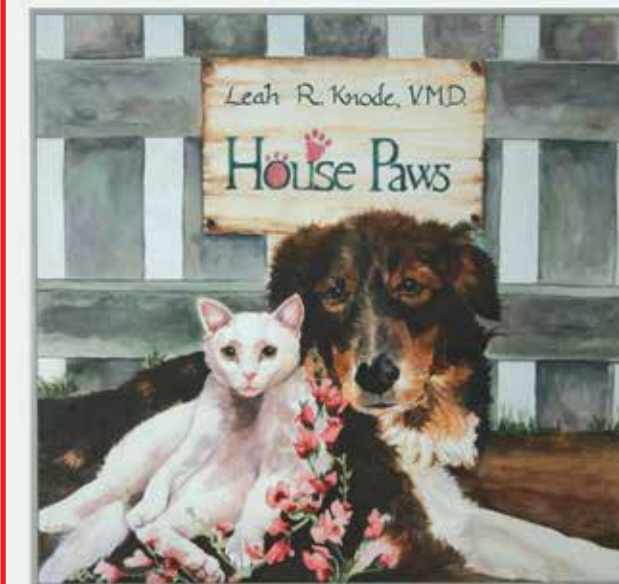
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THANKSGIVING

This year has been a tough on Middleburg, its family, fans, friends and business community.

Weather took a heavy toll, from which both the Town and some of its landmark business-

es are just recovering.

The virtual shut-down of Washington Street for months dealt a major blow to many of our businesses, not to mention inconveniencing nearly everyone, from resident, to visitor,

to passer-by.

But there is a LOT to be thankful for this fall.

Downtown traffic flows again.

The new sidewalks and lighting are spectacular.

The Fun Shop, historically the “anchor” of the western end of our retail district is not only fully open again, but better than ever.

Halloween and the Middleburg Film Festival

were not only successful, but better than ever.

The weather has been fine.

Visitors are back, and happier than ever.

Let’s hear it for . . . Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas in Middleburg, always a special treat for the Town and its friends and fans all over northern Virginia, promises to be better than ever

this year.

Our business community suffered a lot in the process of surviving a project that we all hoped would, in the long run,

not make our town look and work better than ever.

By all accounts, the project, completed at last, has been an aesthetic and operational suc-

cess.

Let’s help make it an even greater success for our local merchants.

Shop local!

Shop often!

Shop a lot!

And enjoy the “new” Middleburg.

RECONCILIATION: FOURTEEN POINTS

BLUE

DAN MORROW

“You salute the rank, not the man.”

Maj. Richard Winters to Capt. Herbert Sobel Dialogue from the TV series “Band of Brothers”

Exit polls indicate that only 37 percent of voters thought President-elect Trump “qualified to be president.”

Only 34 percent, said he had “the right personality and temperament for the office.”

In many states voters simply refused to choose between Clinton and Trump. In Michigan, for example, some 90,000 voted, but refused to make any choice at all for President.

As was the case for Al Gore, Clinton had the support of more voters than her opponent.

Nevertheless, under our constitution, Donald J. Trump will soon take the oath of office as President of the United States of America.

We as citizens will be honor bound to salute the new President’s rank, despite all his failings as a man. Both President Obama and Hillary Clinton have already done so, with grace and style, as was their duty.

That said, saluting Trump’s new rank does not mean one must ignore the man or condone his behavior, either as President or as a private citizen.

Under our own Uniform Code of Military Justice troops who must literally salute rank are also honor bound to refuse to obey orders that are illegal.

They are also morally bound to do everything in their power to see that such orders are not executed by other, more willing, executioners. Indeed, we as a people honor those with the courage to do so: hence the medals awarded to those who confronted Lt. William Calley, a superior officer and his men, to bring an end to the massacre at My Lai during the Vietnam War.

The same standards hold true for

ordinary citizens, civilians, in a democracy.

As every Boy Scout swears, we must indeed “do our best to do our duty.” But, as we learned at Nuremberg and in Vietnam, only up to a point.

What, then, is the honorable thing to do until the new President actually does something illegal or immoral (or is found guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors committed before he became President.)

What policies or actions promoted by President-elect Trump can we all agree on and support for the greater good of our country?

The following 14 points, all given voice and supported by Trump at some point during the his mean-spirited campaign, would seem to form a basis for moving the country forward in a positive and bi-partisan spirit.

1. A massive initiative to rebuild/improve/repair our infrastructure(s).

2. Improve the military but reduce the defense budget (Oct 2015) . . . value of comprehensive vaccinations. (Oct 2016)

3. Accept gay marriage (Aug 2015)

4. Agree that Stop-&-frisk is unconstitutional (Sep 2016)

5. Support paid family leave. (Sep 2016)

6. Serve as an honest broker and negotiate a lasting treaty of peace between Israel and her enemies. (Feb 2016)

7. Condemn Russian & any other country’s involvement in our elections. (Oct 2016)

8. Promote maximum representation and maximum voter participation. (Apr 2016)

9. Educate the public on

10. Institute some form of universal health care. (Jul 2000)

11. Fix veteran’s hospitals, and pay private doctors to treat vets in the meantime. (Sep 2015)

12. Raise minimum wages, nationally and in the states. (May 2016)

13. Get rid of carried interest deduction for brokers (Oct 2016)

14. Support the exploration of space (Oct 2016)

Let’s hope, and work hard to make sure, that the new President’s first 100 days are both productive and bi-partisan. There is at least some ground for agreement.

DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN

RED

JIM MORGAN

Like many people, your humble correspondent was surprised by the election results. Relieved, if not exactly happy, but very surprised.

Congressional Republicans now need to get serious about doing the things they’ve been promising to do since the party gained control of the House in 2010. Trump, after all, is their doing. Had they more forcefully opposed the lunacies that

Obama has foisted on America (often illegally), the Trump phenomenon never would have happened.

There is no guarantee that the Republicans will step up to the plate now but the necessary first step has been taken. Stop playing defense and start playing offense while you can. No more excuses, please.

And speaking of excuses, Democrats immediately went into their standard litany to explain the defeat: sexism, racism, homophobia, blah, blah, blah. Sexism

is their specific default setting for Hillary. No intelligent, well-meaning person could possibly disagree with her liberal policy prescriptions so those who do must be ignorant, bigoted yahoos.

The post-election analyses coming from liberal publications clearly demonstrate this. They’re all essentially the same; resentful, sexist old white men can’t abide women or America’s changing demographics (except that 53% of white women voted for Trump too). It’s as if

one liberal wrote the template then sent it out to all other liberals to tweak it, put their own names on it, and publish it online. Within 24 hours of the election, there was a veritable blizzard of these nearly identical, whiny, excuse-making pieces.

Several of them got one thing right when they called the election America’s “Brexit moment.” Of course, to them that’s a bad thing. Curiously, however, some left-wing Californians have organized “CalExit” to promote California’s

secession from the United States (didn’t somebody already try that?).

These articles also often sneeringly note that many Trump supporters don’t have college degrees. That reinforces liberal condescension toward conservatives as liberals seem incapable of understanding that having a college degree is not a prerequisite for having reasonable opinions. Bill Buckley once wrote that “liberals claim to want to give a hearing to other views but then are shocked and offended

to discover that there are other views.” How right he was!

Much has been made of how gracious and conciliatory Hillary’s and Obama’s post-election statements were. And indeed they were. Both said all the right things and struck the right chords. It’s just a shame that neither of them meant a word of it.

Yes, yes, yes, we should all come

together. Lions and lambs, don’t you know? But we won’t because liberals don’t really want to. Progressivism’s goal is not unity but power, and identity politics is a fundamental part of its divide-and-conquer strategy. Obama and Hillary have built their careers on that divisiveness. Thank you, Mr. Alinsky.

For a brief moment in the aftermath of an unexpected defeat, they pretended

GOING TO MARS, REALLY?

A SCIENTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

ARTHUR POLAND, PH.D.

The November issue of National Geographic has an extensive article about our plans to send people to Mars. Elon Musk with his rather successful Space X plans to send people to Mars soon. NASA is working to perhaps colonize Mars sometime in the next few decades. Overall the article is quite extensive about what is happening and about its actually occurring. Given this last election there are probably more people ready to go and lots wishing them farewell.

My concern is that the article does not emphasize enough the real problems of actually getting to Mars and “setting up shop”. Let me lay out an analogy as to some of the problems.

Let’s say you are here in Virginia and you are going to travel with your family to Los Angeles. You are going to travel in a bus sized RV. But, there will be no gas stations along the way. You must carry all the food and water you need because there is no place to stop for supplies. Also, there will be no food or water when you get there, you will somehow have to make your own. If

there is a breakdown, there is no place to stop for spare parts. Do you think that could make it? Would you try?

Now let me add some none Earth related effects. On Earth we are protected from high energy particles from space and the Sun by our magnetic field and our rather dense atmosphere. On the trip to Mars there is no protection, we have not figured out yet how to deal with that. There is a good chance you would die from radiation sickness. If you make it to Mars, there is no magnetic field to protect you and the atmosphere is too thin to provide protection, so you would

still need protection. You would need to live underground. Mars is much farther from the Sun than is the Earth, so solar panels would produce much less electricity than here. Where would we get the water needed for human survival, so far we haven’t found any on Mars. Water purification is a problem on Earth where you can get spare parts from the factory. What would you do on Mars?

Without dragging on about the negatives, we need to be thinking about what makes a place habitable. The word I keep thinking about is infrastructure. Think about all the little things that

keep our towns working: water, sewer, electricity, transportation, etc. We have problems keeping it all working on Earth, where it is easy. How would we do it on Mars?

I’m afraid that people going to Mars will have to wait until we invent the “Beam me up Scotty” among other things. My bottom line is that we should continue to invest in our dreams, but be realistic about what we can and can’t do. Also keep in mind that the spinoffs from chasing these dreams have been rather impressive.

Trump and the GOP have two years to begin repairing Obama’s damage. Time to get to work.

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! I need your questions about our local Middleburg government – PLEASE send a message to letters@middleburgeccentric.com with Ask: in the subject and let me know what you want me to discuss in an upcoming article, as my well of topics is frightfully low.

While I wait for your questions and comments, I will take this opportunity to address our merchants.

Buy local! This is a two-way street for me. If you are a local business, please allow me to introduce myself and address my wishes regarding local businesses. My name is Mark Snyder and my dog, Lexie – a Carolina dog, often accompanies me. I have lived in Middleburg for more than three decades and most of you already

know me. I always want to shop locally. In return, I want the businesses to make the effort to know me, to learn that I am worthy of their trust and to treat me like a local. I treasure the experience of shopping as a local – and it is one of the reasons I chose to live here. Be assured that I try to visit our local stores as often as I can and that I love to get to know you.

This has never been an issue, but a recent experience at my favorite pet supplier failed my expectations. I may be old fashioned, but I expect Middleburg stores to know me, preferably by name. As many of you know, I am accustomed to writing a Middleburg Bank check to pay without any issues because you know me – but also my name, address and telephone number are printed on them. I know – fewer and fewer people write checks and

many now only use plastic.

I may be a dying breed, but writing checks allows me to track my spending, as well as my overall cash balance. I have a system in place for that. This is part of my experience buying locally. This is not something I expect from stores outside of town, most of which are big box or chain stores with anonymous owners and staff who do not know me, nor I them. They rarely get my business unless I am away from Middleburg.

When a chain buys a local store, however, it can turn the local experience on its head. This happened recently. The super friendly clerk explained to me that the Kiser’s Natural Pet chain purchased Wiley Wagg, one of my favorite shops, and dictated that they now accept only cash and credit cards. I paid with a credit card,

but explained to her that, for me, the experience was too much like a chain. I am struggling to think of them as a local shop. If a merchant does not treat me like a local customer, why would I want to shop in their store? If this store now only accepts plastic, will I instead buy on the internet, where I can expect a discount?

I want all of our businesses to thrive. As a towns-person and a council member, I fully understand your importance to Middleburg. In exchange for my business, I expect a great shopping experience. I shop in local stores because I care about our businesses and will pay a little more for a great shopping experience. Most Middleburg businesses meet or exceed my expectations. However, when an outside company or a chain buys one of our businesses, is it still a local business?

Will it make the effort to get to know me, learn to trust me and treat me like a local? Is that unreasonable; too much to ask?

I know I will return to Wiley Wagg – at least for now – but I am wary. Is it still a local business? Will it, can it still treat locals with the respect we deserve? I sincerely hope so, but Middleburg is not a village known for a chain-shopping experience!

What do you think? I would love to hear from those of you running a treasured business here, as well as local folks who shop here.

Please send questions, suggestions, comments or complaints regarding this or any topic to the Eccentric for Ask a Council Member. I would love to hear from you!

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CITIZENSHIP - “HE NOT BUSY BEING BORN IS BUSY DYING”

THE PUBLIC SQUARE

JERRY VAN VOORHIS

CHANDLER VAN VOORHIS

We are near a time of national Thanksgiving, and one of our greatest blessings is our unique status as the freest nation on earth. There is little in the American experiment not made better by the quality of our citizenship, and there is a great deal that suffers when it is not at its very best.

“The highest form of thought, “G. K. Chesterton once said, is gratitude. This requires slowing down, and valuing our blessings. Giving thanks, having appreciation, holding within us the grains of humility, helps bring us a new harmony.

As a people, we have a duty to stem

any tide of sectarian bitterness whenever it flows inward to affect the national spirit and soul. We cannot hold to views and beliefs outgrown, which seem to have captured both political parties today.

There is nothing in the Constitution about mental preferences, or whose view beyond our very citizenship, renders one person more fit than another. Government was never meant to run with a school of thought, which can expire, but live at equidistance from prevailing enthusiasms, which change. The same is far truer of citizen prejudices. Our founders knew liberty and power couldn’t be put in a box.

Early on, Jefferson and Madison very much helped point the way for us. Madison

pridefully wrote in a letter to Thomas Jefferson as far back as January 22, 1786, how the statute on religious freedom they wrote “extinguished forever the ambitious hope of making laws for the human mind.”

Unfortunately, the mind has not become free, as Madison cherished it would, but swept into an organized new creed in modern life, sewn in a fabric of educational credentials, and styled and hardened as political correctness.

But democracy is a restless concept. It forces those who want it for themselves to accept it for others. Citizenship is constantly being reborn — it is this rebirth that fuels our Nation’s vitality. As Bob Dylan, who just received the Nobel

Prize for Literature, is famous for saying, “He not busy being born is busy dying.”

We must live somehow above our times - to correct them. All of us are part of a fold larger than ourselves. For things to be better, we must make them better. The current political tsunami in the country makes it more vital than ever to try and design the foundation of our future citizenship. But how?

Unless we own our future as citizens more, the precious seed of freedom can stagnate. Only by owning our collective citizen heart when it wearies of division, the unstable, and the barren in life, are we able to renew ourselves.

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OBITUARIES

FRANKLIN THADDEUS PAYNE, JR.



FRANK WITH WALTER CRONKITE

Franklin Thaddeus Payne, Jr. (F.T. and later Frank), 67, of Myrtle Beach, SC died peacefully in his sleep at his home on Monday, October 17, 2016. A memorial service in Virginia will be scheduled soon.

Frank was born on Sept. 12, 1949 in Leesburg, VA to Franklin T. Payne, Sr. and Louise (Hummer) Payne. He was raised in Aldie and graduated from Loudoun County High School. He attended the University of Virginia in Charlottesville where he studied English.

After college Frank began working for radio and television stations throughout south central Virginia in positions such as News Reporter, Anchor and Director. In 1977 Frank moved to Myrtle Beach where he took the position of News Bureau Chief for WWAY-TV out of Wilmington, NC. He was an on-air news reporter and began video production work, camera operation and news investigation and writing for network affiliate ABC.

Frank and a good friend co-founded Encore Video Productions in 1980 in Myrtle Beach where he served as its Vice President the past 36 years. His duties included program concept and design, pre- and post-production, music and sound design as well as daily business administration.

Frank's real passion was sports. He was an avid and loyal Redskins fan. He also loved baseball and closely followed the old Washington Senators team. In the early 80's, Frank began playing softball on the Chairman's Corner team as their pitcher for around 15 years. He was also in the Don Mossi fantasy baseball league for over 30 years. Frank was known to his friends as Captain Video and more recently simply as Captain.

Capturing Frank's love of sports, his dry, ever-present wit, a close friend recalled: "One of my fondest memories of you [Frank] was at another funeral, that of Johnny Frye. Throughout the service, you had sat with an earbud in listening to the Braves game, and when there was silence among the mourners, you announced 'Chipper Jones tripled, bottom of the fourth.' Everyone loved it; everyone knew Mr. Frye would have loved it. So one last Chairman's cheer.... Thanks for the memories, Captain."

Frank is survived by his father Franklin T. Payne, Sr. (Middleburg, VA); his sister Sylvia Payne (Winston-Salem, NC); his nephew Wyatt O. Tall (Austin, TX); and extended family throughout Virginia and many close friends in the Myrtle Beach area.

His mother Louise Payne Hobart preceded him in death.

Donations in memory of Frank, an animal lover - especially cats - can be made to the Grand Strand Humane Society, 3241 Mr. Joe White Ave., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

CLIFTON M. MILLER, JR.

Clifton M. Miller, Jr. of Delaplane, Virginia died at his home, Brookside Farm, November 1, 2016.

January 2, 1922 – November 1, 2016

Clif was born in San Francisco, California. He attended The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey and graduated from Princeton in 1943. He served as a Flight Engineer in the Army Air Force during World War II. After the War, he established his own business, Mil-Air, an aircraft engine parts enterprise, located in Front Royal VA. An avid sports-

man who loved foxhunting, fishing and tennis, he belonged to the Piedmont, Blue Ridge, and Middleburg Hunts and was one of the founding members of the Middleburg Tennis Club.

He is survived by his wife Carole of 56 years, his daughter Betsy Barrett of Parkton, Maryland; Carolene Miller of Rancho Murietta, California; Cynthia Holz of Delaplane, Virginia; Jennifer Clarke of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts; eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A fifth daughter, Susan Miller, pre-deceased him.

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Marshall, Virginia

\$780,000

Spacious and full of light, open rooms with contemporary flair • 8+ private acres with lovely sylvan views • Entry level MBR with attached nursery & study • 2 BR basement, each with full bath en suite • Home theater • Pool • Wood floors • 2 car garage • Well maintained • Many upgrades including whole house generator

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Finch House

The Plains, Virginia

\$775,000

Private setting on 10 acres between Middleburg and The Plains • Bright & open contemporary design • Built to look like a barn • 1st floor master suite & plenty of room for expansion • Pine floors, large windows & generous basement • Unusual offering in this top location • Mostly open, some woods • Long Branch runs through the property along stone walls and beautiful creekside meadow

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\$625,000

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Dover Road

Middleburg, Virginia

\$500,000

Brick home on 3 acres • Minutes from Middleburg • Sold in "AS IS" condition • 4 bedrooms • 2 1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces • 2 stall barn • Shed • Pool in need of repair • Rear brick terrace • Little bit of work but great value

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Patrick Street

Upperville, Virginia

\$375,000

Charming stucco bungalow on a quiet lane • Hardwood floors • Flagstone patio • Updated kitchen and baths • Home office and first floor master with sitting room • Large fenced back yard • Very well cared for turn-key home and a great value

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Republican Street

Paris, Virginia

\$360,000

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MELMORE PLACE



Fully renovated Colonial ideally located just minutes to Middleburg. 4 Bedrooms, 4.5 Baths set on 3+ acres with pond & mature woods. New roof, windows, shutters, 1st Floor Master Suite with luxury bath, Walk-In closet & Sitting Room/Office. Kitchen has new cabinets & granite. Hardwood Floors throughout, 2 fireplaces. Lower Level Rec. Room/Family Room with new carpet, separate Laundry Room & 2-car garage. Large rear deck overlooks gardens & pond.

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ST LOUIS ROAD



Middleburg ~ Small horse farm on **10 private acres** with French country home. Features flagstone front terrace that opens into a Grand 2-story slate entrance hall, formal Living & Dining Rooms, spacious Kitchen with Eat-in area and Family Room. Hardwood floors & 2 fireplaces. 3 sets of doors open to a fenced back yard with mature trees, swimming pool & spa, and tree covered flagstone terrace for entertaining. Full basement. 3-stall Barn with tack room & wash stall. 3 fenced Paddocks with 2 turn out sheds.

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