

CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLEBURG HUNT REVIEW & PARADE PHOTOS

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MASTERS OF THE MIDDLEBURG HUNT, JEFF BLUE, PENNY DENEGRE AND TIM HARMON LEAD THE MIDDLEBURG HUNT PARADE

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CHRISTMAS IN MIDDLEBURG

MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

By all accounts this year's "Christmas in Middleburg" celebration was one of the best ever. The morning Hunt Parade and the afternoon "official" parade welcoming Santa to town were the first to take place on Middleburg's "new" downtown.

Police Chief A.J. Panebianco and his officers, tasked each year with coordinating traffic and public safety in Middleburg's largest one-

day event, were especially pleased. "I had multiple comments about how much better it seemed to run this year," he told Town Council at its December 8 regular monthly meeting.

The town's new barricades, he said, "not only kept people out of the parade route, but out of the roadway as well, allowing traffic to flow better than ever." That and pre-sold parking, the Chief noted, made the chances of traffic backups (a major problem in years past) "slim to none."

Town Council, Town Staff, a host of volunteers, local merchants and thousands of happy visitors combined once more to deliver a weekend to remember and a wonderful kick off to the Christmas season.

Town Funding for Local Non Profits

The Town's "Health Center Advisory Board" recommended that Town Council approve some \$47,000 in charitable donations to local non-profit organizations.

The funds distributed represent a \$29,000 contribution from the nominal "profit" the Town earns from renting out space in its "Health Center" Building, and \$18,000 from the Town's tax-supported "General Fund."

Beneficiaries include:

- "A Place to Be" - \$8,000
- "Backpack Buddies" - \$2,000
- "Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Fund" - \$2,000
- "Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter" - \$2,500
- "Middleburg Community Center" - \$8,000
- "Middleburg FISH" - \$3,000
- "Middleburg Museum Foundation" - \$5,000
- "Seven Loaves Services" - \$12,500
- "Windy Hill Tutoring Program" - \$4,000

A New Middleburg "Tourism Zone"

At its November 29 meeting the Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee expressed its concern "about the loss of [Middleburg] businesses to other towns" and what it described as "the need to fill the commercial vacancies we now have in our downtown."

As a result, the Committee then requested that Town Administrator Martha Semmes and her staff "draft and forward to [Town] Council" a plan for the establishment of a new "tourism zone" that would serve "to encourage new business investment in Middleburg."

Such "zones," the Committee noted, are "geographic areas" defined by local governments within which certain "qualifying tourism-related businesses" could become "eligible for certain incentives" designed to encourage old businesses to expand and new business to locate their operations there.

Current thinking would include ALL land zoned as com-

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NEWS OF NOTE GREAT MEADOW SUPPORTS THE ARK AT DULLES & GLOBALIZATION OF EQUINE/ANIMAL AIR TRANSPORT

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Great Meadow in The Plains is buzzing with excitement above and beyond the Virginia Gold Cup and International Gold Cup Races, Twilight Polo, Fourth of July, Twilight Jumpers, Scottish Games, rocketry, cross-country track meets and other outdoorsy happenings that attract more than 200,000 people every year.

There's the second Great Meadow International FEI Nations Cup of Eventing™, presented by Adequan, July 7-9. Now, however, there's the possibility of Great Meadow being selected to host a 4-star 3-day event - it would be the second in the U.S., after Rolex Kentucky, and only the seventh 4-star in the world.

Great Meadow's application to host the new 4-star is being reviewed by the U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF), along with four others: Fair Hill (Fair Hill, MD), Morven Park (Leesburg, VA), Ocala Jockey Club (Ocala, FL), and Tryon International Equestrian Center (Tryon, NC). A decision from the USEF is expected sometime in January, pending approval by the International Equestrian Sport Federation (FEI).

On top of all this, there's the possibility of a state-of-the-art all-animal reception and quarantine facility at Dulles International Airport. This project has the full support of Great Meadow, because it would revolutionize air transport in the mid-Atlantic region for performance and sport horses, breeding stock and racehorses. Right now, horses fly into JFK, Miami, and Los Angeles, only to endure long road trips to their ultimate destination. Now, however, there's a better, more humane approach to air transport of all animals.

"About a year ago, after Great Meadow International had been approved by the FEI to hold the first-ever Nations Cup of Eventing™ outside Europe, I knew we needed to accommodate horses from other parts of the world," recalled Rob Banner, Great Meadow Foundation president. "I went to Dulles and asked if they could help me make an equine quarantine facility. They said no, but they told me that, if I could find an owner-operator, they would be happy to lease the land and serve as landlord."

"Then I read that John Cuticelli and his wife Elizabeth were bringing a \$58-million animal quarantine center to JFK International Airport in Queens, New York," added Banner. "They're commercial real estate experts and air cargo experts. They were determined to improve animal air transport and traveled around the world, studying animal quarantine facilities in a number of countries. They took what they learned and raised the bar, working in concert with Cornell Veterinary, whose standard operating procedures were approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. What they're doing will transform horse transport."

This exciting new era in the air transport of animals launches in 2017 when The ARK at JFK opens for business. It will be the world's first privately owned facility, catering to the transport needs of all animals - horses, pets, birds, livestock - and USDA-approved for pre- and

post-import/export quarantine. The amenities are first class with full services for all animals available 24-7 with attending vets and experienced animal handlers. The concept is designed to reduce the stress of travel for the animals wherever they're going.

"I approached Cuticelli and said 'You're in at JFK - I can get you into Dulles - most horse people here in the mid-Atlantic don't really want their horses to end up in Queens,'" said Banner. "The model he created for The ARK at JFK is pretty much bullet proof and would be the best scenario for horses, for all animals, coming to Virginia and nearby states or shipping to foreign destinations. Cuticelli said, 'You're absolutely right. I want to do it.' We met with MWAA (Metropolitan Washington Airports Advisory) and the Washington Airports Task Force. They interviewed Cuticelli and his wife and their team. The meeting went extremely well."

The MWAA and Task Force commissioned HR&A Advisors, Inc. to conduct a study, co-sponsored by Loudoun and Fauquier Counties, to examine the economic feasibility of The ARK concept at Dulles. HR&A is in the process of interviewing industry experts and reviewing the economic foundation of the JFK model.

Banner said: "Cuticelli ran a business buying sick companies, fixing them and selling them back into the market. He rebuilt buildings in Manhattan. He knows how to run a business very well. I think the relationship between Dulles and The ARK will be safe and secure."

It all started at JFK. Cuticelli recognized opportunity when the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey was looking for someone to build a small animal care center on the airport grounds. He also established an important connection with Cornell University Veterinary College.

"When I started looking at the types of animals that were transported by air, it was a lot more than dogs and cats - horses being the second largest segment," said Cuticelli. "I was a speaker at Cornell for the graduating class series and met their top veterinarians and the head of the vet school. I began discussing this with them and gaining a certain amount of baseline knowledge."

"Elizabeth and I decided to examine facilities throughout the world, because it appeared that the U.S. was far behind other countries," he continued. "As we went around different parts of Europe, Asia, and Australia, we found that nobody had a complete unified discipline, that everybody did one piece extremely well, but nobody did everything - equine, companion animals, bovine, avian, and so forth. We studied the best part of each of the disciplines we examined and incorporated them into what we're building at JFK."

What they designed goes far beyond the physical facility. The Cuticellis worked closely with Cornell to understand animal behavior, needs, and desires. They retained Temple Grandin to oversee the quarantine center's bovine facility. The ARK has a mission: to promote the safe and humane transportation of animals, pre- and post-flight, with the



ROB BANNER AND JOHN CUTICELLI

underlying principle that the humane obligation to these animals is the best care - before they take off and as soon as they land, when stress and the potential for trauma are greatest.

"It's been four years," said Cuticelli. "What started out as a curiosity became a science and went from a science to a passion. What we learned is that when the animal's in the airplane, there's nothing you can do for it. The key is how the animal is treated pre- and post-flight. Is it properly hydrated? Properly relieved? Is it prepared for the flight? Is the kennel the right size for the dog or cat? Has the stall been prepared properly for the horse? Has the horse been walked properly in the 5 to 12 hours that it rests before the flight?"

With proper care for each species at the heart of The ARK concept, it's a win-win situation for horses, which are quite sensitive and especially vulnerable in transit. Dr. Linda Mittel of Cornell is working closely with The ARK at JFK for the next six months to make sure that bio-security is maintained. Dr. Mittel and her team of Cornell veterinarians also wrote all the standard operating procedures

for the quarantine facility, approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The ARK at JFK model will apply to the Dulles facility. However, the proposed Dulles reception center will potentially occupy 25 acres, compared to 14 at JFK.

Dulles International Airport is convenient to numerous farms, competitions and venues that cater to equestrian sport and activities. It's a lot closer than JFK and Miami International, another equine air hub. Virginia's biggest horse populations are located in Fauquier and Loudoun, but a recent study cited statewide annual gross income at about \$243-million. That's a lot of bucks boosting the economy via taxes, jobs, local equine-related services and businesses.

The ARK concept will bring a whole new dynamic to air transport of all animals, but its impact on the horse industry globally will be monumental. Once approved, The ARK at IAD, as it may be called, will take about 14 months to complete.

As Cuticelli put it: "What we're trying to say to all animal shippers is:

Ship to the location that has the best care facility for the animal; don't ship because it's the most convenient route. The ARK at JFK shows the world exactly what components are necessary to create a state-of-the-art facility - from the needs of each animal to how many pets fly to what the ambient temperature is outside the building versus inside the building to the anti-microbial membranizing in all the horse stalls so that transfer of disease is non-existent."

Whether or not you have animals, but especially if you do, please consider what The ARK concept at Dulles will mean to horses, dogs and cats, to livestock, to animal-centric businesses. It's huge and it's exciting.

"Our goal is to really raise the bar," said Banner. "If we can bring a CCI 4-star to Great Meadow and equine reception and quarantine to Dulles, the combination will be a significant game-changer for the entire region."

No wonder Great Meadow is buzzing.

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NEWS OF NOTE

VALERIE ASHKER'S EPIC CROSS-COUNTRY RIDE SHOWCASES OFF-THE-TRACK THOROUGHBREDS

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

That Thoroughbreds are great riding horses, sport horses, trail horses and equine partners is the firm belief of enthusiasts who know, understand and appreciate this breed's incredible heart and athleticism. Some, however, go above and beyond "talking the talk": Valerie Ashker decided to demonstrate the durability and indomitable work ethic of ex-racehorses by making an epic 3300-mile cross-country ride with her two off-the-track Thoroughbreds (OTTBs). They departed May 9 from Valerie's Crows' Ears Farm in Georgetown, California, and followed Route 50 across the nation to Virginia. On November 19, they rode triumphantly into the Middleburg Training Center to an enthusiastic welcome organized by the Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation and Laine Ashker.

"My passion for Thoroughbreds was the motivation for this incredible journey — I wanted to raise awareness of second careers for ex-racehorses," said Valerie. "The Thoroughbred has amazing versatility, strength and heart and is capable of great achievement beyond racing."

Valerie utilized Facebook to reach out to as many people as she could about her epic cross-country trek. Her parents, George and Lillian Stephenson, were very involved, joining her on three different occasions for weeks at a time. Her father George drove her "chase" truck and trailer. Valerie's Facebook page has more than 6300 likes and offers photos, videos and updates from start to beyond the finish in Middleburg. She chronicled her broken clavicle and bruised ribs that resulted in a cancer scare, but turned out to be a blood clot, and the incident that caused her to re-injure her collarbone.

"The injuries took away travel days — we could have finished a month earlier," said Valerie. "The bottom line is that I was lucky that



PHOTOS BY NANCY KLECK

She had to make plans how to tackle riding through Utah, Kansas and the last bit of Appalachian Mountains that are so cold in the winter.

"This cross-country ride was a collaborative effort, helped by many people on Facebook," she said. "Some of them didn't know anything

showed what amazing things ex-racehorses can do."

Valerie's OTTBs provided even more impressive proof to her claims by finishing their ride from coast-to-coast in glowing health and in terrific physical and mental condition. She piloted 7-year-old Primitivo; her companion, Peter Friedman, partnered with Solar Express, who served as trail boss and leader from coast-to-coast and took great care of his inexperienced rider.

"My lovely Solar Express is 17 and has some issues," said Valerie. "He has PSSM [excess sugar storage in muscles, resulting in soreness and stiffness, similar to tying up], navicular changes in his front feet, arthritis in his rear end. That horse led the entire time. He was always so energetic, like the Eveready battery raring to get over the next mountain. Primitivo also did great. His barn name's Tevo, but when he's naughty, he's Dirty Bird. In the video on Facebook, I called him Dirty Birdy and people loved that. Both my horses were absolutely wonderful."

Valerie happens to be the mother of 4-star 3-Day event rider, Laine Ashker, who recently moved her training operation in Virginia to Keystone Acres Farm in Chesterfield. Valerie is, in her own right, an event rider and trainer. For many years, Valerie has visited racetracks, local to where she lives, in order to search out prospects to train for eventing — the discipline that tests horse and rider in dressage, cross-country jumping, and show jumping. Not all Thoroughbreds make it in racing, but with time and proper re-training they can be very successful in new careers. As with all equine, the re-purposing process starts with a good temperament and the willingness to do the job.

"I dedicated this ride to Eight St. James Place — my daughter's first four-star horse and an off-the-track Thoroughbred," said Valerie. "He would never vet out, but he was successful, because he wanted the job. Jamie put my kid on the map and made Laine the rider she is today. That horse never had a "no" in him. He would have done this ride and, with two days' rest, he would have gone back out and done it all over again. Horses like that — they're once in a lifetime and they show you, they pave the way. When I go back to the track for another prospect, I have Jamie's type in my mind and I might think that a horse kinda reminds me of Jamie... That horse may not be the best mover, but he's got this presence and a very confident way — I think, he might like this sport... But it won't matter if the horse vets clean, if it's a 10 mover, if the horse cost \$350 or \$10,000 or more — if the horse doesn't want to be an event horse, we try to find the right job for him."

Big Ride, Big Move

Primitivo and Solar Express stayed with Laine at her new training facility, because Valerie's relocating to Virginia to be closer to her daughter. She will also be based out of Keystone Acres Farm. Currently, back in California to finalize the sale of her farm, Valerie shipped the rest of her horses East before winter could make the mountain passes a nightmare. It's a big change, but she's looking forward to the future. She has several OTTBs to re-train, a 2-year-old to start, and a young horse that will make its debut at a lower level event. She also plans to help others find and train the OTTB of their dreams.

"I would like to educate the general public with candid videos," said

Valerie. "How I go into a race barn and why I choose the two horse that I want to take home, what I do with them when I get them home, how I start them once they have their lay-off time, and then Phase D — taking them to their very first event. I'm not going to do a dressage show, I'm not going to do a hunter show, I'm going to do an event. It's not that I'm a phenomenal trainer or rider. I've been eventing half my life and never won anything. I'm lucky I made it to one-star, but I love what I do and I know how to bring along ex-racehorses. I think that Laine and I have taken the most off-the-track Thoroughbreds from racetrack to Rolex. How we do it is what I want to share."

The key, according to Valerie, is that you have to believe the horse can do it. "I really want to see each horse enjoy its job," she said. "When you have a passion like this, it's amazing the things that you can do, the mountains you can move. You have to spend time and understand this breed. You can't just say, oh, get that new horse and bring him out for 20 minutes. There has to be a better plan than that. They have to be part of the family. They can't just be a number. When you believe in the horse, the horse will gain confidence, and there's nothing like a Thoroughbred that believes in itself. It starts because you want this horse to enjoy its job."

It's a win-win situation, especially when you start with an off-the-track Thoroughbred that has a good mind.

For more information: follow Valerie Ashker and 2nd Makes Thru Starting Gates, both on Facebook.

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the injuries were not life-threatening."

Valerie utilized the time off to post on Facebook, consulting friends, old and new, about the journey ahead.

about off-the-track Thoroughbreds, but they now know more, especially how wonderful they can be. My two horses were great examples and

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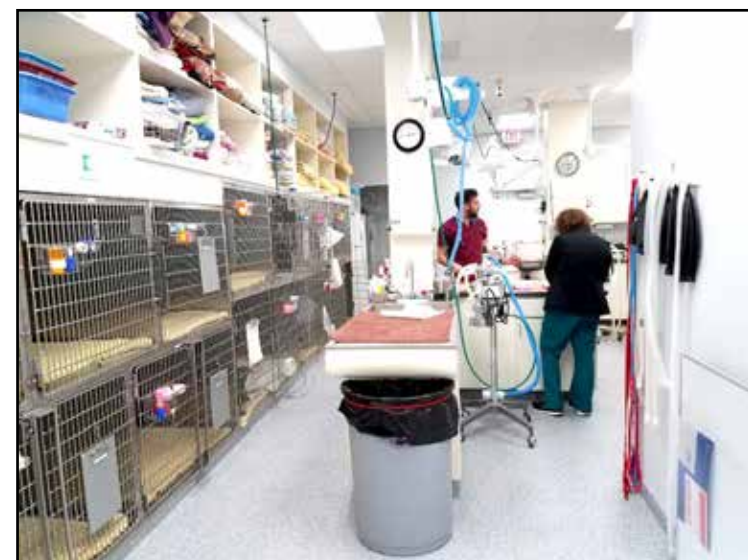
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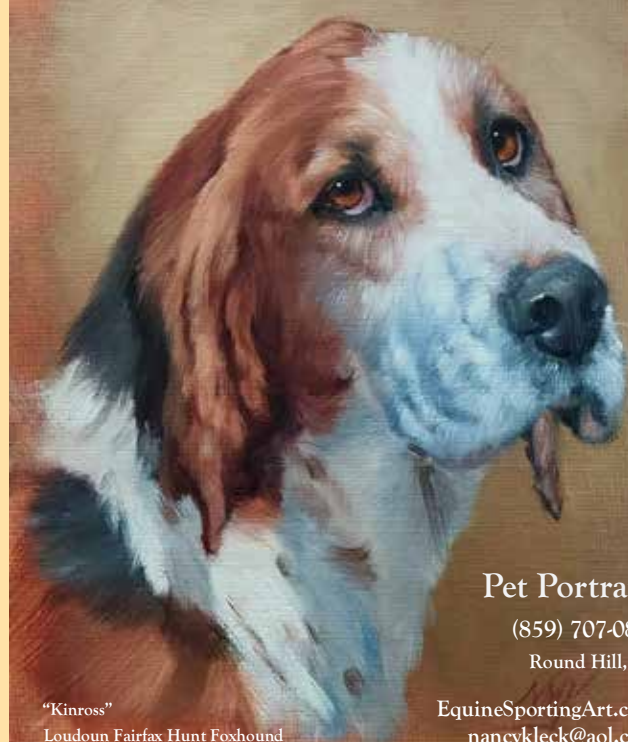


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On Thursday, January 12, 6:00 p.m. join in an intimate conversation with historian and former Mosby Heritage Area Association intern Doug Breton as he shares stories from Loudoun's Revolutionary landscape.

All those attending will also receive a free copy of Breton's well-received publication, a "Driving Tour of American Revolutionary sites in Loudoun County."

This program will begin at 6:00 p.m., though refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m.

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RED MEAT

Ken Rietz former Deputy Chairman of the Republican National Committee, internationally respected public relations advisor and political consultant, and one-time "Red" Columnist for the *Middleburg Eccentric* has, at last, published his must-read memoir, *Winning Campaigns, Losing Sight, Gaining Insight* (Herndon, VA: Mascot Books, 2016).

Readers interested in "winning campaigns," in politics past or present, from Nixon to Obama, owe themselves this extraordinary opportunity to walk those paths one more time, and see them in a new light, guided by a member of our community who was not only there, but there from the greenest of grass roots to the highest levels of policy and decision-making.

Readers interested in "gaining insight" will treasure Ken's extraordinary, inspiring, and star-studded personal life story. His insights are compelling and born of long experience, into challenges of effective strategic and tactical positioning, in politics and business.

As for "losing sight," this admittedly liberal-left reviewer would have to characterize the phrase as "deceptive" at best.

Over the course of a long, successful, and (sadly for us liberals) a singularly effective career, the only "sight" Ken Rietz ever really lost, and that slowly, painfully, and over a long period of time, was his physical ability to see.

Otherwise, no one has a better eye for politics, positioning, or public service.



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And sadly, few, if any, have the ability to communicate what they've seen, known, and learned in a more accessible, powerful and entertaining way.

Rietz has served Presidents and private-sector decision-makers at the highest levels. He's raised millions of dollars for causes political and charitable. Yet still, he's a good neighbor who loves the land, takes care of lost animals with the same fervor with which he campaigns and wrote for a struggling new local paper simply because he was asked . . . by someone on the opposite side of the political spectrum.

His friends and neighbors owe it to themselves the pleasure of getting

to know him through the pages of this memoir. You make think you've heard ALL the stories. Believe me, you haven't.

For any serious historian seeking insight into key events, people, and personalities critical to the transformation of American politics, policy, and the Republican party, from Goldwater via Nixon and Watergate, through Reagan and the Bushes, to Trump, Ken's memoir is a MUST read.

For anyone seeking to run for office and win an election, *Winning Campaigns, Losing Sight, Gaining Insight* is a textbook.

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As the holiday season approaches, so does the rich pageantry of Manassas Ballet Theatre's THE NUTCRACKER! Anchored by the dancers of the Manassas Ballet Theatre, Northern Virginia's largest professional ballet company, the story of Clara and her Nutcracker Prince comes alive at the Hylton Performing Arts Center with the help of an ensemble cast and the MBT Orchestra.

Dates are December 15-23, with both evening and matinee shows to choose from.

Known for its exquisite costumes,

choreography and scenery, MBT's production of THE NUTCRACKER has become Northern Virginia's go-to family holiday tradition. MBT had a near sell-out of eight shows in 2015, and tickets to 2016's ten shows are moving fast.

"Every year, we try to make some spectacular additions to our Nutcracker," says artistic director Amy Grant Wolfe. "For 2016, we have commissioned more custom scenery, which will help set the stage for some holiday magic!" With 25 full-time, professional dancers from around the world and a supporting youth cast from affiliated school Manassas Ballet Academy, the grandness of Nutcracker is sure to be a delight for all ages.

On December 15, opening night, MBT presents the annual Salute to the Military, with tickets for active duty and veterans free of charge (see below for information).

Tickets start at \$25 and are available at <http://www.hyltoncenter.org> and (888) 945-2468. Performances are as follows: Thursday-Friday, December 15-16, 7:30pm; Saturday-Sunday, December 17-18, 3:00pm & 7:30pm; Tuesday-Wednesday, December 20-21, 7:30pm; Thursday-Friday, December 22-23, 3:00pm. For tickets, ticket discounts (including discounts for Prince William County/Manassas City employees and teachers) and information, please visit <http://www.manassas-ballet.org> or call the studio at (703) 257-1811.

PAUL DAVIS NOVA HAS THE ROOM: OFFERING FREE MEETING SPACE



With a heart to restore lives and an eagerness to help our community, Paul Davis NOVA is looking to give back. This family-owned and operated company noticed that our Northern Virginia non-profits struggle to find and rent meeting space. Once found, the rental fees can be cost prohibitive.

The solution? Provide meeting space free of cost to non-profits in the community who need it. With seating for 45 people and full AV equipment, Paul Davis NOVA reached out to LoudounCares and the American Red Cross - both organizations have service to others as a cornerstone of their mission and now use the meeting room for training, presentations and classes.

When asked, Erwin Stierle, Executive Director with the American Red Cross, commented "The state-of-the-art training room that Paul Davis is allowing us to use for our community CPR classes has already helped us significantly increase the

number of people we are teaching lifesaving skills in Loudoun County, making our community a safer and more prepared place to live."

Executive Director of Loudoun Cares, Susan Khalil says, "Paul Davis has been a buried treasure. We can't be more grateful for the kindness and generosity they have extended to Loudoun Cares by donating their beautiful and wonderfully equipped meeting space for our needs."

"We have the space. Why not share it with our community who needs it?" Owner Kevin Sullivan said. Paul Davis NOVA wants to get the word out to nonprofits in Northern Virginia who need meeting space. Owner Sullivan says "To give freely and to share what one is able, can have a great impact on our community."

For inquiries please reach out to: Colleen Shumaker Cshumaker@pdrnova.com 703-880-3090

CROOKED RUN ORCHARD SAVED

PURCELLVILLE'S LAST FARM NOW PROTECTED BY THE LAND TRUST OF VIRGINIA



The Land Trust of Virginia has successfully recorded the donation of a conservation easement on Sam and Uta Brown's Crooked Run Orchard in Purcellville, VA. By donating the

easement, the Browns ensure the protection of Crooked Run Orchard's streams, wetlands, open spaces, and valuable agricultural land for future generations. The Browns' 94-acre farm, familiar to many as

a "U-Pick" orchard, is the last remaining active farm in the town of Purcellville. Crooked Run Orchard is a place where people can connect with Loudoun County's agricultural heritage, as well as with the food they

eat. Visitors can pick their own berries, vegetables, herbs, apples, pears, plums, peaches, and pumpkins.

Conservation of Crooked Run Orchard holds special meaning for the Browns, as the property has been in Sam's family for over 250 years. With Loudoun County's rapid growth, such family farms are quickly disappearing. Sam is proud that the conservation easement will save the land for future farmers. "Here in the Loudoun Valley, we've got some of the best farmland in the state, and it's being developed so fast."

"Loudoun County is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, and I don't think it's going to stop," agrees Uta Brown. "As an environmentalist, I'm all for local food. It's fresher, and it's always better to know your food and to know your farmer." The conservation easement with the Land Trust of Virginia not only ensures that their family farm will be available for future agricultural uses but allows Sam to continue pursuing his passion. "Sam really loves fruit trees, and he'll be planting trees until the day he drops in the orchard. He loves experimenting, he

loves trying new varieties. We could never leave this place, it's our whole life," said Uta.

"Sam and Uta Brown's property has been in Sam's family since before the Revolutionary War," said LTV's Chairman, Chris Dematatis. "Their generous donation of a conservation easement protects more than just open space and precious farmland. They are saving a piece of our history and our culture."

The Land Trust of Virginia partners with private landowners who voluntarily protect and preserve properties with significant historic, scenic and ecological value to benefit the community through conservation easements. Lands in easement stay in private hands and contribute to important segments of our agricultural and tourism economies as well as cleaner air and water. Founded nearly a quarter century ago, the organization is a non-profit organization that relies upon the generosity of the community and landowners to fulfill its mission. The Land Trust of Virginia stewards over 15,000 acres and recently approved significant new easements in the Piedmont area.

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NEWS OF NOTE

FRIEND OF THE MOUNTAIN AWARDS

Friends of the Blue Ridge Mountains (FBRM) presented the 2016 "Friend of the Mountain Award" to three citizen activists at their Annual Meeting, November 13, 2016 at the Barns of Rose Hill in Berryville, Virginia.

The honorees included: representatives of successful grassroots movements to halt construction of both a large brewery venue in rural Bluemont and a large above-ground facility on top of the Short Hill Mountain near Lovettsville.

Protecting Bluemont

Jean Baderschneider and Kim Rapp learned of the plan to open a large beer drinking and entertainment venue in the middle of a residential neighborhood on an unpaved rural road in Bluemont. It was seemingly a done-deal, as the brewery had the legal authority to locate there with the proper permits under current zoning. Jean and Kim reached out to neighbors, and like-minded citizens and organizations—including FBRM. Through their efforts a team of people deeply passionate about the value of the Blue Ridge and its foothills was assembled and moved into action. Jean and Kim organized community meetings with lawmakers and encouraged contact with elected officials, while underwriting the legal costs of representation. They, and everyone involved, prevented what the FBR termed "irreparable harm to the environment and the tranquility of the community."

Jean and Kim continue their commitment to preserving what makes Western Loudoun special by advocating for noise abatement measures and

changes to the Comprehensive Plan, which will influence area's future.

Protecting Short Hill Mountain

Sam Kroiz, a mild mannered goat herder, entrepreneur at George's Mill Dairy, and musician, became an energized activist for conservation when AT&T proposed constructing a very large building on top of the Short Hill Mountain. Sam promoted opposition to this plan by setting up meetings with staff of the Loudoun County Planning Department, convening Lovettsville area citizens who were also outraged by this proposal, and by public appearances before the Loudoun Board Of Supervisors. He invited BOS Chair Phyllis Randall to visit the goat farm so she could see for herself how visible and out of place the building would be, even miles away.

Hearing many opponents of the plan at board meetings thank the Supervisors for their attention to the proposal.

Chairman Randall noted, "...indeed, the Board thanks the citizens of the County for their time and attention, and the fact that they showed how much they care about the county." AT&T ultimately withdrew the planned construction.

Jean, Kim and Sam would insist the "Friend of the Mountain Award" represents the cumulative efforts of many, but they are especially recognized for providing leadership in keeping a watchful eye and taking an active role in preserving this unique mountain environment.

mercial, C-1, C-2, or C-3, within Middleburg.

Eligible businesses would include: artisan or hand-crafted trade center, commercial lodgings (such as B&B's or Inns); restaurants with seating for its patrons; indoor theatres; retail stores; and museums.

A business license tax rebate is currently contemplated as the most appropriate "incentive" such businesses to locate or expand their operations here.

Town Budgets for Economic Development Strategic Plan

On November 4 Middleburg issued a "request for information" from consultants for "development of an economic development strategy and execution plan." Responses from no less than seven consultants are being considered by the Town's Economic Development Committee.

On the basis of the information contained in the consultants' responses and EDC input a formal "Request for Proposals" will be drafted.

The EDC has already expressed its preference that the town hire a consultant who can not only develop a plan, but help the Town execute it.

Town Attorney Resigns

Middleburg Town Attorney Angela Plowman has submitted her resignation, effective December 31, 2016. Plowman succeeded Elizabeth Whiting as Town Attorney in 2012.

Town Administrator Martha Semmes noted, "The Town has

been served well by Ms. Plowman's counsel over the almost five years she has been our Town Attorney. We are grateful for her service to the Town and wish her the very best in her future endeavors."

The Town is currently seeking candidates for the job, and according to Town Administrator Martha Semmes, "several attorneys" expressed interest.

The deadline for applications was December 16.

Difficulty Filling Key Appointments

In a late in November memorandum Town Clerk Rhonda North noted that Middleburg needed to fill two vacancies on its Planning Commission and two on its "Go Green" committee. The former had been posted and advertised since April and the latter for a year or more. The Town advertises the vacancies in the Loudoun Times Mirror as well as in the Town's website, regular Friday email "blast," and on its bulletin board.

One problem in attracting candidates, North noted, may be the application process itself. "The one thing that has changed," she noted, "is that ten years ago the Town only asked an applicant to provide a 'letter of interest.'" Now they are asked to also provide a resume and an explanation of why they want to serve. "The [Town] staff," she said, "is wondering whether this has become too much [to ask of] people [applying] for a volunteer [unpaid] position."

In December, Town Council appointed Debbie Cadenzas to fill an

unexpired term on the Middleburg Arts Council and requested the Judge of the Loudoun County Circuit Court to appoint Terence Cooke to the Middleburg Board of Zoning Appeals. Both graciously volunteered to fill slots recently vacated by other active volunteers, in some cases volunteers who have served for years in multiple positions.

Enforcement of New Parking Rules

The Town received no less than six bids from companies eager to provide systems to optimize enforcement of the Middleburg's new time-limit-sign approach to "free parking" downtown.

New software will track whether or not one has parked longer than allowed, tickets issued and fines paid.

Town Clerk North also completed a new agreement with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles that "permits the Town to access DMV vehicle records in order to place a block on any vehicle license renewals or registrations for persons with outstanding parking tickets . . ."

New Pump Station for the West End

Project Engineer Bob Krallinger of MWH Global has begun the process of developing the final designs for installation of a new, pre-manufactured pump station serving the west end of Middleburg.

Current projections call for completion of a final plan by April, 2017, and the completion of construction no later than February, 2018.

Christmas In Middleburg

We are thankful! Thanks to all volunteers, Town staff, trash monitors, parking assistants, police, sheriffs, troopers, gator and RTV donors, staging site and parking site contributors, angel sponsors, advertisers, joyful parade entrants and participants, retailers and restaurateurs opening their doors, and thanks to Everyone Who Came to Christmas in Middleburg. A joyous message of celebration moved the feet of thousands of visitors on a glorious day. Once they got here, **our thanks to everyone who moved their hearts!**

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Special thanks for work and support above and beyond the call from Middleburg Police Officers: Chief A.J. Panabianco, Mike Prince, Tim Tharpe, Heather Fadely; Jay Hollins; Mark Putnam; Loudoun County Sheriff's Department Deputies and Auxiliaries; Virginia State Police Troopers; Town of Middleburg staff Marvin Simms. GATORS/RTVs provided by; Dean Elgin at New Virginia Tractor; and Jeff Browning at Browning Equipment

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OBITUARIES

NANCY ROGERSON BROWN REUTER



Nancy Rogerson Brown Reuter daughter of John Freeman Brown Jr. and Gladys Pascoe Brown of Boston, MA died on November 23rd at Glenstone surrounded by her family. She was 93.

Born August 1, 1923 Nancy spent the first twelve years of her life in her grandfather's (Judge John Freeman Brown), historic house, The Crehore House, in Milton, MA with summers on Ossipee Lake, NH.

A renowned gardener and artist in her own right, Nancy credits her creative roots to the progressive Brush Hill School in Milton, Ma. which was cofounded by her grandfather. It was here that she began her education with six children in her class where emphasis was placed on publishing a weekly newspaper, writing and acting in plays, and designing and making clothes.

Her family moved to Laconia, NH in 1935 where she graduated from Laconia High School in 1941. She went on to study at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY majoring in drama.

During the early years of WWII, Nancy served with a rank of Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol in Laconia where her father was Wing Commander for the State of NH. In 1944, Nancy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC where she was assigned to the Division of Motor Transport.

Nancy began her long business career in her teens assisting her mother, Mrs. John Freeman Brown

(Gladys), in the development, promotion and management of "Antiques Expositions", a new concept with the implementation of the first such show of its kind held in America, in Boston in 1931. Throughout the 1940s, the mother and daughter team continued to promote their unique show concept in fashionable settings like the Copley Plaza in Boston, the Bellevue Stratford in Philadelphia, the Waldorf Astoria in New York and the Hotel Statler in Washington. Other locations included resorts hotels in Saratoga Springs at the Grand Union and at Manchester, VT at the Equinox House.

In 1947 she met Frederick Turner Reuter, then a captain in the Medical Corps, who was stationed at Walter Reed Hospital. Tony, as he was known to all, was the son of Frederick August Reuter, MD of Washington D.C. and Martha Turner Reuter of Aldie, VA. They married on February 14, 1948. After the birth of their first son, F. Turner Reuter Jr., they moved from Washington to Erie, PA where Tony reported to the Hess Clinic for his three year residency in Urology. Nancy credits Erie for the genesis of her love of couture clothes and where she was fortunate to study under Mrs. Harry Culhane a couturier dressmaker.

At the completion of Tony's residency in 1951, he joined his father's urology practice in Washington where Nancy and Tony designed and built houses to raise their family: first in Palisades and later in Spring Valley.

In 1961 Nancy established Re-

uter's Inc. a residential real estate firm with offices in Washington and later in Middleburg where she began the restoration of properties in both locations. She felt her most meaningful and interesting project was the 1976 restoration and refurbishment of the Red Fox Inn, working with the assistance of her daughter Diana, an architect. Her son Turner soon undertook management of the inn where he and his daughter, Matilda Engle continue in this capacity today. Her son Jock manages Reuter's Inc. Real Estate, now in its fifty-fifth year, both in the District and in Middleburg.

In the 1970's Nancy, once again collaborated with her mother developing the concept of an antique center to be named The Middleburg Antiques Center. It was established in one of Nancy's Middleburg properties and remained open under her watchful eye until closing in 1993. Concurrently and never at rest, Nancy entered a real-estate partnership with Viviane Crespi in the 1980's. She began the restoration of their joint apartment house property at 4115 Wisconsin Avenue in Washington, D.C. which is still under Reuter's Inc. management today.

If there was free time for Nancy, her focus was on the gardens at Glenstone, which she and Tony established in the early 1970's at their farm in Aldie. It was not uncommon to see her in her "barouche" with a phone clipped to her belt alongside her clippers tending to her borders and picking flowers for the arrangements which always graced her front hall and dining room.

Nancy was proud to be a member of Emmanuel Church, Middleburg, the Society of Women Geographers, The Colonial Dames Chapter 23, The Evergreen Garden Club, The Fauquier Loudoun Garden Club, The Cosmos Club, and Book Club. She served on the Board of Directors of Leesburg Today and Oatlands, a National Trust Property, where she was able to inaugurate the first Oatland's Antiques Show and Fair for its benefit. She was also District Commissioner of The Loudoun Hunt Pony Club.

Nancy has written and published five books on her family history. Her sixth book, co-authored by Louise Piazza, is titled, Well Turned Out; A Memoir, and centers on Nancy's fascinating life as it parallels the 20th century. It is due to be published in the spring of 2017. If there is one lesson that Nancy wanted to impart to all women it would be to reach for the moon and never stop trying.

Nancy is survived by her three children F. Turner Reuter, Jr., Diana Reuter Twining and John Adams Reuter; three grandchildren, Matilda Reuter Engle, Hannah Reuter Rothrock, and F. Turner Reuter, III; her son-in-law, Edmund S. Twining III and daughter-in-law Dana Casey Reuter; two grand sons-in-law Jonathan Aaron Engle and Thomas Dyer Rothrock and a great grand daughter, Elouise Rousseau Engle; her brother Thomas L. Brown and ten nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The Garden Conservancy or Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Middleburg, Virginia. A memorial service will be held in her honor on December 28th at 11 am at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Middleburg, VA.

CHESTER WILLIAM FANNON III (CHET)



Chester William Fannon III (Chet) of Middleburg, Virginia died peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2016 with his wife, Kate Armfield Fannon and his sister, Heather Fannon Young by his side.

A loving husband to Kate and a respected and cherished father to Kingsley and Chester, Chet was born on October 21st, 1961 in Alexandria, Virginia to Chester William Fannon Jr. (Bill) and Mary Frances Tucker Fannon. His childhood was spent at Laurel Hill in Rappahannock County, Virginia. His love of and years spent on the family farm fostered his lifelong passion for the outdoors, bird hunting, dog training and habitat restoration. He also enjoyed horseback riding and had been an accomplished polo player.

Chet was a graduate of the Blue Ridge School in Albemarle County and James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia and enjoyed a career with Fannon Petroleum.

In death, Chet showed the same

courage, integrity and grace that had been the hallmarks of his life. He is remembered with love and missed with heartache by his wife Kate, his daughter Kingsley and son Chester; parents Bill and Mary Frances Fannon; sisters and their husbands, Beth and Jimmy Swindler and Heather and Daron Young; nieces Addie Swindler, Ellie Young, and Claire Young; and nephew Trey Swindler; and beloved in-laws, Howard and Gloria Armfield.

Chet's family received friends on Wednesday evening, December at Royston Funeral Home in Middleburg, Virginia. A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 8 at Trinity Episcopal Church in Upperville, Virginia. Family and friends were invited to gather for remembrances at the Middleburg Tennis Club after the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Chet's memory to the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) at 700 N. 4th Street, Richmond, VA 23219 or at www.unos.org.

CHARLES (CHUCK) WILLIAM BORCHETTA



Charles (Chuck) William Borchetta (1936-2016), of Greenwich, CT died on November 6, 2016. He had dementia.

Chuck was born On September 1, 1936 to Charles Borchetta and Virginia Servidio. He was raised in Connecticut, attended Greenwich High School and left Connecticut to attend the University of Oklahoma and UCLA. He served in the US Army during the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

For many years he worked in the insurance field and later became a consultant with a number of health insurance companies. He lived most of his life in Virginia, Alexandria and later the Middleburg area where he enjoyed life in the small com-

munity. Many in the area knew him because he enjoyed talking to people and talked to everyone. He was quite a character!

He is survived by his brother Frank (Windsor Locks, CT), sister Geri (Providence, RI), several nephews (David, Tim, Jamie, Chris, Bruce and David), one niece, Theresa (Branford, CT) and his former wife, who was his care giver during the last several years of his life, Sandy Danielson.

There will be a Celebration of His Life on Wednesday, December 28, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Artists in Middleburg Gallery, 102 W. Washington Street, Middleburg. A mass will also be given at St. Rock's Church, Greenwich, CT early in January.

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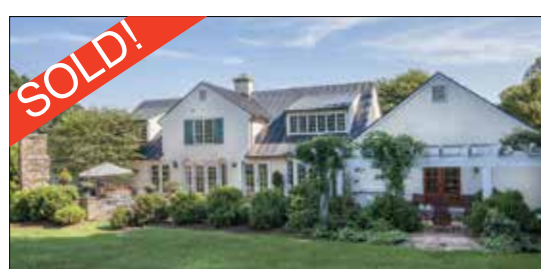


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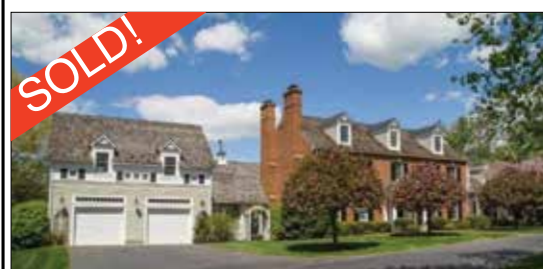
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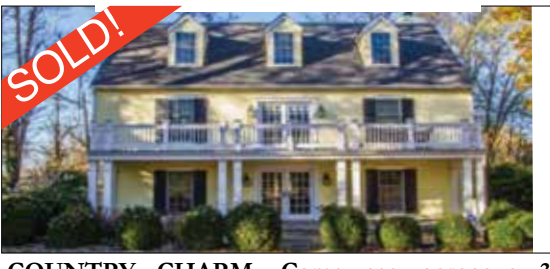
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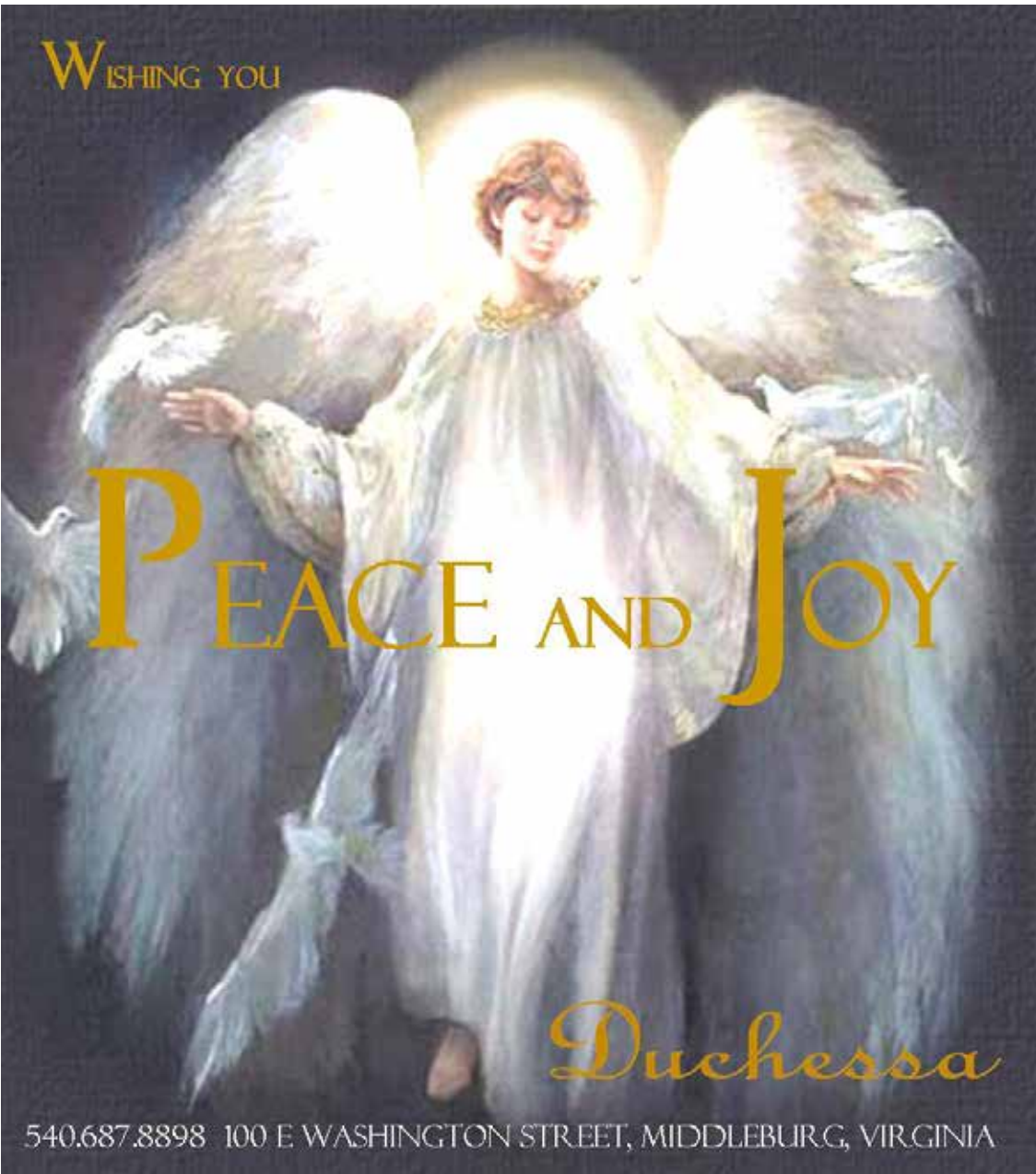
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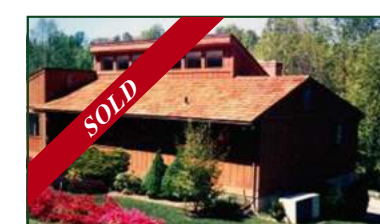
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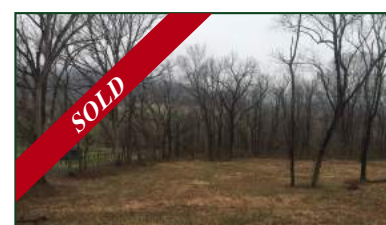
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Blue Ridge Wildlife Center Opens its New Facility

One of only two wildlife hospitals in the Commonwealth

Dopey the screech owl, Blossom the opossum and Beaker the skunk, three of the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center's education animals, were on hand to welcome visitors when BRWC recently held an open house to unveil its new 8700 square foot wildlife hospital and rescue and rehabilitation facility in Boyce, Va. The Center is one of only two wildlife hospitals in Virginia. (The other is the Wildlife Center of Virginia). The Center was built and opened ahead of schedule.

Jennifer Riley, D.V.M, the Director of Wildlife Services at BRWC was excited to show off the Center, es-

pecially the surgery and treatment suite and x-ray room with state-of-the-art equipment. There are also climate-controlled and species specific rooms to separate prey from predators and the Culinary Center for the preparation of the varied diets to meet the nutritional needs of each species. The BRWC facility also has one, of only a few, circular flight cages on the East coast.

The Center is fully permitted by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and four additional state and federal agencies. The permits also allow the BRWC to exhibit their (non-releasable) education Bald Eagle, "Jefferson," as well as rehabilitate endangered species and keep non-releasable wildlife for education purposes. Without specific permits and a large flight cage, BRWC would not be allowed to rehabilitate raptors for release.

The new building includes an educational learning center provided by a generous gift from Ron and Danielle Bradley. The Ronald M. Bradley Learning Center provides a location for school children, families and other wildlife supporters to come and learn more about native wildlife.

During the recent open house, while guests mingled and went on tours of the facility, raptors (owls, eagles,

hawks and a vulture) and a variety of birds fluttered in their cages; several squirrels scurried back and forth in the mammal room while a ground hog poked his head out periodically and flying squirrels jumped around their cage. A series of aquariums held numerous turtles with various shell injuries. In the reptile room, the snakes (including a rattle snake) all appeared to be tucked away in corners of their cages; while, in another room, bats were all sleeping.

The Center treats approximately 2,000 animals yearly and fields more than 10,000 calls. Through more than 70 educational programs a year, BRWC reaches more than 7,000 people.

Recently, the Center launched its "Society of Wildlife Guardians", an annual leadership circle whose members will receive invitations to special presentations, receptions and special events annually. The BRWC board was quick to point out that they are still in need of funds to complete the building and continue to rehab wildlife. There are various giving levels for joining the Society: Blue Bird \$500; Red Fox \$1,000; Bobcat \$2,500; Great Horned Owl \$5,000 and Bald Eagle at \$10,000. For more information or to help, please visit www.blueridgewildlifectr.org, or call 540-837-9000.



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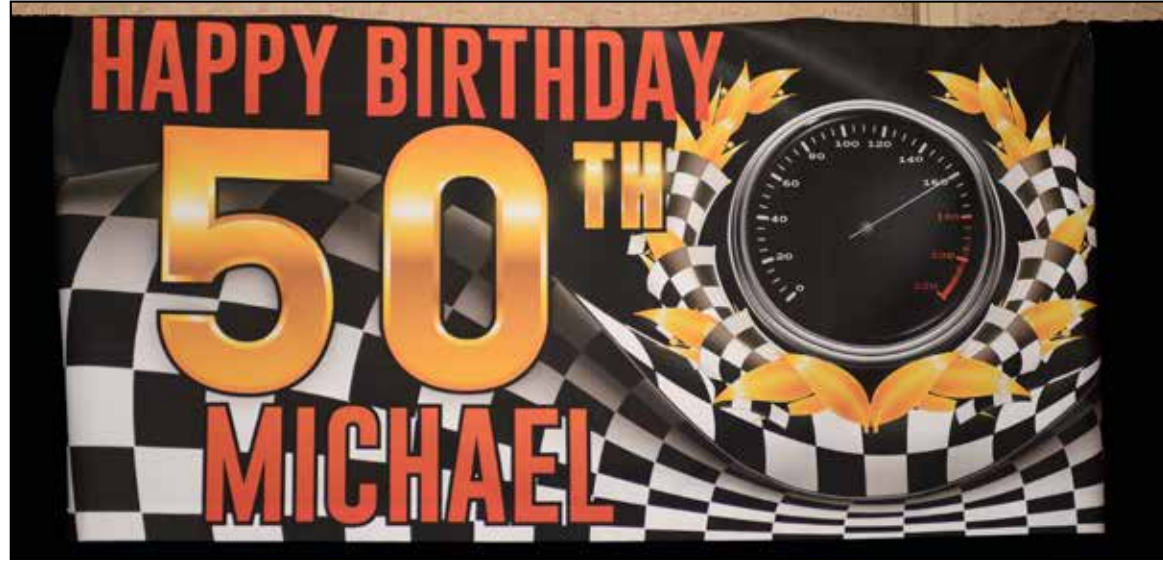


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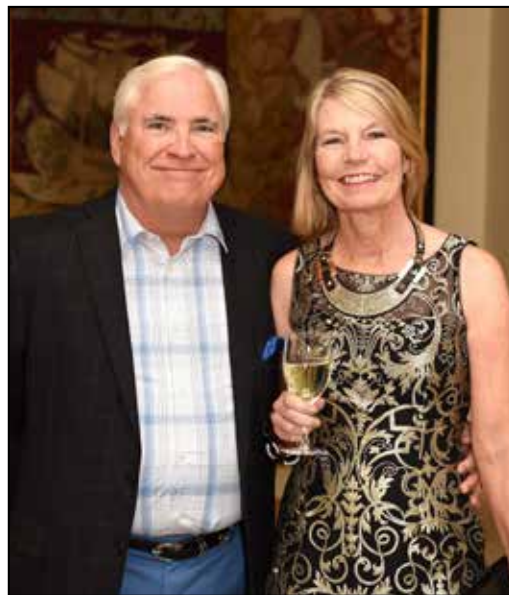
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HITTING ALL THE RIGHT NOTES AT HILL SCHOOL



The sound of music has always been a core value at The Hill School in Middleburg, and for most of the last quarter-century, Karen Chase has been hitting all the right notes.

This year marks her 25th year at Hill School, and as head of the music program at the Junior Kindergarten through eighth grade school founded in 1926. Over that span, she's given countless students an abiding appreciation of all things musical, vocal and instrumental, Beethoven to Broadway, Bach to the Beatles.

"Our music program actually works into a child's overall development," she said in a recent interview. "We're also trying to give them an overview so that if they never pursue music after they graduate, at least they'll have a concrete base and an appreciation for music that will always be a part of their lives."

"Music, as well as art, drama, and athletics are all important parts of our co-curricular program," said Treavor Lord, Hill's Head of School. "We consider them co-curricular versus extra-curricular because they

are part of the experience we want every student to have. A strong and engaging academic program coupled with the meaningful participation in the arts and athletics helps provide an ideal environment for children to learn and grow."

At Hill, the music all begins in Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten, where the basics of rhythm are taught with the use of small hand-drums, tambourines, maracas and other instruments. All the way up to the third grade, Chase also employs xylophones especially designed for younger children by German composer Carl Orff, best known for his epic cantata, Carmina Burana, a staple of classical music.

"He was interested in having children play music, and he picked the size and designed a version that was built just for them," Chase said. "It is great for teaching percussion, and it also gives them the ability to use their hands and arms. It teaches them patterns, which also has a helpful effect on pattern recognition, making them better math students and better readers."

Third and fourth graders are taught the basics of string instruments, and also use recorders, with a larger recorder introduced in fifth grade. In the sixth grade, African-style drums are part of the program; in seventh they learn the ukulele and in eighth grade, they study composers, from classical to the history of rock and roll. Last year, eighth-graders focused on the Beatles. This year it's Elton John, both music icons to their parents but actually somewhat unfamiliar to most of the children.

"And every class sings," said Chase, herself a soprano who has performed in choral or solo appearances for most of her life. Younger students learn voice in a progression that begins with basic melodies and moves up to harmony by the time they're in fifth and sixth grade. It's all part of preparing them to put on Hill's annual eighth grade show, usually a Broadway musical that has ranged from Fiddler on the Roof to The Wizard of Oz to this year's School of Rock, an Andrew Lloyd Webber production.

There also is coordination with

several classroom projects around the school. For example, when fifth graders under teacher John Daum move into the study of the Renaissance, Chase augments it with exploring that era's music with instruments and some choral work, as well.

Over the years, Chase also has had a number of success stories come out of her classrooms.

Blythe Condon, a 2015 graduate of Hill, "was a strong singer from the early grades with a voice that stood out and often led the class," said Chase. While at Hill, Blythe competed in and won the Bland Music Competition two times and was selected in a nationwide audition by the Honors Performance Series to sing at Carnegie Hall. Blythe will return to Carnegie Hall in February to perform at the high school level.

"I had the pleasure of working with Blythe and teaching her voice lessons for five years," Chase said. "She was always such a pleasure to work with and I'm excited to see what the future holds for her."

The latest success has been Briggs Williamson, a Hill fourth-grader last year. A 10-year-old with an angelic voice, the youngster is now enrolled in the American Boychoir school near Princeton, N.J., and performing around the country with its nationally-acclaimed choir.

"I encouraged Briggs to take that leap," Chase said. "He certainly has a beautiful voice. I gave him what I could, and he also has a fabulous ear. I really want him to succeed."

Chase grew up in Connecticut and said she began singing when she was three years old—"I knew all the songs of the '50s"—and soon was taking piano lessons at her mother's urging.

"She wouldn't let me quit until I could read the music," she said. "She really gave me the motivation to be good at it. It's funny, if someone had told me back then that the piano would be one of the main ways I would make a living, I would have laughed."

She graduated from Westminster Choir College, now affiliated with Rider University in New Jersey, taught for several years at the Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, Connecticut and moved to the Middleburg area in the early '90s, teaching at Foxcroft and doing all the piano accompaniment work at Hill before eventually joining Hill full-time.

In addition to her vocal and piano prowess, Chase also plays the organ and the cello and practices as much as she can during a day that also includes teaching private voice and piano lessons after school and on weekends. She was in the orchestra pit, as always, on the piano during School of Rock. She also directs the choir at Middleburg's United Methodist Church, and is one of the founders of the popular Middleburg Concert Series at the same church.

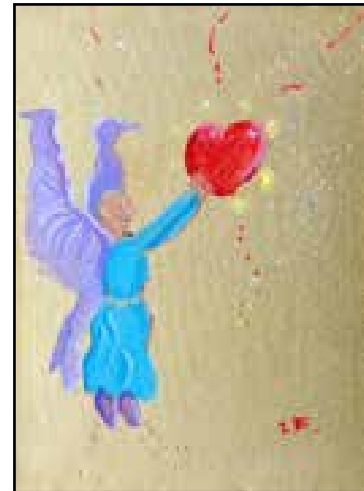
"I pretty much work in music seven days a week," she said, "and I've done that for most of the last twenty years."

It's also obvious that she loves all she does to provide the sound of music for so many lives, young and old, and particularly young.

"I value the school's support of the arts and the opportunity that every child has to participate in a meaningful music program," she said. "It's a true gift."

As is Karen Chase.

A YOUNG ARTIST'S TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND



Lilly Killinger is an amazing young artist who believes in the power of kids helping kids. She also loves fairies. Last fall she began painting bald fairies and has continued to paint these bald fairies in all her work. Many people ask Lilly why the fairies are bald and she answers them in her sweet innocent voice "because they represent my friends". You see, all of Lilly's fairies are painted in the likeness



of her friend Delaney, who passed from Neuroblastoma in March 2016. Through Lilly's art she has been able to heal from the pain of losing two friends to cancer in the last year. Lilly's special paintings are beautiful tributes to the many children who are fighting so hard. All of the earnings from her sales go directly to The Truth 365 toward neuroblastoma research. She donates 100% of her time and talent in order to find a cure! Lilly is truly

a special little girl with a great big heart. If you would like to learn more about Lilly and her work, please go to Facebook and type in Lillykillinger@baldfairy. Also, Lilly will be having a standalone show at Middleburg's Common Grounds for the whole month of January. Come out on January 8th from 2-4 for the opening reception and get to meet the little artist!

COMING IN JANUARY...



Coming in January...the first in an occasional series of articles on trends in the college process by Barbara Conner, Director of College Counseling at Foxcroft School.

FOXCROFT SCHOOL TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Following Foxcroft School's lively and successful October Admission Open House, Director of Admission and Financial Aid Gina Finn suggests that families looking for an outstanding secondary school experience for their daughters register soon to attend one of the remaining Open Houses of the 2016-17 school year.

Open Houses for families of students applying for the 2017-18 school year or sooner are scheduled for Friday, December 2 and Friday, January 13. An additional Open House especially for seventh graders will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017.

Families may register online

at www.foxcroft.org/admissions/ welcome or call 540.687.4340 to reserve a spot. Prospective families are also welcome to schedule visits and tours at other times; please contact the Admission Office at 540.687.4340 or via mail at admission@foxcroft.org.

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FOXCROFT SCHOOL'S THREE ALL-STATE ATHLETES THIS FALL ARE (FROM LEFT) LINDSAY WOODS - FIELD HOCKEY, ALLISON BUFFENBARGER - FIELD HOCKEY AND ISABEL STETTINIUS - TENNIS

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HOLIDAY MUSIC

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STEVE CHASE

There is nothing better than live music, especially when the concert is right in the center of Middleburg and it's Christmastime. The Middleburg Concert Series will present Home for Christmas, on Sunday December 18th at 4 PM at Middleburg Methodist Church. The program will feature the prominent tenor Michael Forrest, soprano Aime Sposato, pianist Dudley Oakes, and organist Steven Cooksey. In addition, local favorites Alan Saucedo, Cynthia Saucedo, and Karen Chase will be in the program. Expect some of your favorite Christmas tunes, along with some fine Christmas classical pieces. I have become a big fan of the Concert Series thanks to the great variety of music they bring to the community four times a year. I was blown away by the Latin American show earlier in the Fall, and got to see one of my mandolins played like I could never play it. The program is free, and donations will be accepted to help support more great concerts like this one.

Holiday Gifts

I have a few suggestions for musical gifts this Christmas, including some music and equipment to help you enjoy your music better.

Zonkey, Umphrey's McGee—A mashup is a blending of multiple songs to create a new composition. Umphrey's McGee just released Zonkey, and it is a great gift for the music lover in the family. The band has played mashups at their live shows for years now, but this time Zonkey has them in the studio crafting twelve new songs that you have probably heard before, except you haven't. Take Life During Exodus, which combines four tunes, Life During Wartime (Talking Heads) + Exodus (Bob Marley) + City of Tiny Lites (Frank Zappa) + 25 or 6 to 4 (Chicago)—the result is a perfect fusion of the best of all four songs.

When I need to really wake up, I play Sad Clint Eastwood, which mashes up the Gorillaz' Clint Eastwood and Metallica's Sad but True.

Get it at iTunes, or from UMLive.net and enjoy umm!.

Acoustic Christmas, David Grisman—Released in 1983, Acoustic Christmas is my favorite Christmas Album. It features some awesome arrangements of the classics, combined with a great lineup of musicians, including Bela Fleck, Darol Anger, Mike Marshall, Rob Wasserman, and the Dawg—David Grisman, whose mandolin anchors every tune. You will love this record. Get it on iTunes, or order from the Acoustic Disc website at www.dawgnet.com.

Schiit Modi II DAC (\$99) -- Despite it's unfortunate brand name, the Schiit DAC is your best bet to better fidelity off your computer. I use my Modi II to interface my Imac with an

Onkyo receiver and some good studio monitor speakers. The result is the audio richness of analog with the convenience of digital music. The Modi II simply makes all music sound better, and for \$99, the price is right. Check it out at schiit.com.

Bose Soundport Wireless Headphones (\$149) Now that the iPhone 7 has been released without an audio port, it is a sign that Bluetooth earphones will soon be the new norm. There are tons of headphones out there, many not meeting my requirements for quality and excellent sound. The Bose Soundport Wireless Headphones simply offer the very best sound and great battery life without the annoyance of tangled wires. They come with a case and a retainer lanyard. Get them at Amazon or your favorite audio store.

Streaming Services (\$11.99 or so/month) Consider the gift of streaming music. There are lots of streaming services out there today, including the big boys like Spotify, Apple, and Amazon, and more boutique services like nugs.net. It really

THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF YEAR!

FASHION SENSE

NERISSA BROWN

It's the most wonderful time of the year! Beauty abounds in the town of Middleburg as holiday fashions make their debut on Washington Street this season. The resonant tinkles and mulling spice in the brisk air quicken the step while local shoppers popped in and out of stores appareled in classics or smart hunt country styles. Equally represented were those city savvy fashionista sightings. Eclectic shoppers, chummy friends and families mixed and mingled full of sticky cheer.

The season's stage is set as The Pink Box hosted carolers and the lighting of the Middleburg Christmas Tree. The Salamander Resort and Spa served as a lovely backdrop



wine-ing down the day at the progressive tasting. Adults only please!

With so many holiday services, luncheons, parties and balls to attend, the question of what to wear often becomes what don't I wear? This year's holiday season is by far the most versatile fashion season. What you want to know is, more is more. Enjoy layering fabrics and every texture your imagination provides. Do you by creating your own unique combinations. Then anchor your look by selecting fashions that represent your lifestyle.

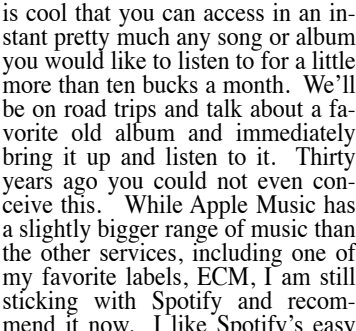
Maybe you need a place to start. Let's begin with a few statement pieces and continue to build from there. You will need a signature bag, a statement top coat and a classic boot. Then create your look each day using one of the three items as your inspiration. Continue to build on these three pieces and watch in amazement as your wardrobe expands around your unique you. All that is left is to coordinate, coordinate and coordinate. Embellish your central theme with accessories like artistic belts, headbands, hats, chokers, and scarfs. This season, jewelry should be bold so that it doesn't loose its place among the bolder silhouettes you will be creating.

Now you're in control! Brighten those winter gray skies with neon colors accentuated by black. Or perhaps you prefer to enhance your hues in jewel tones like ruby and emerald green. Feeling playful, try a majestic plaid to set of that inquisitive you. If glitter and bling is your thing, artful sequins is the obvious choice for the shimmering sparkle everyone can see. Whatever moves you, velvet, pointed toe ankle strap shoes, suede over the knee boots or a pair of tailored zippered booties will take the chill off anywhere. Soothe yourself in faux fur in soft blue, pink or green. Turn on the chic and the practical with usable tech cashmere gloves and an over-sized statement tote. The season's go-to bag is big, functional and fashionable. Fashion is magic so turn on the innocence in you and dress your tote with a few whimsical handbag charms.

Exquisite styling means finishing the personal touches. Deck your hair with your own personal style. Regal yourself with a signature lip and nail color. Dark blue gives an alluring edge but classic red is my color of choice. It's happy, bold and downright gorgeous. Now that you are all the rave, are you ready for the holidays?

Wherever your runway takes you during the holidays, keep your fashion spirit with you. Whether you've been naughty or nice, this is the season to give and receive love. It truly is the greatest and most fashionable gift of all.

Happy Holidays!



is cool that you can access in an instant pretty much any song or album you would like to listen to for a little more than ten bucks a month. We'll be on road trips and talk about a favorite old album and immediately bring it up and listen to it. Thirty years ago you could not even conceive this. While Apple Music has a slightly bigger range of music than the other services, including one of my favorite labels, ECM, I am still sticking with Spotify and recommend it now. I like Spotify's easy to use interface, which is intuitive and looks good, and am fully satisfied with the huge selection of tunes. Amazon Music is pretty new, and I just got a free 30 days to check it out, but my first impression is it is a copy of Spotify except they are trying to pair it with their superfluous gadget, the Amazon Echo.

This month's playlist is a Holiday mix of 50 tunes, get it here: <http://spoti.fi/2gDPiFe>. From Unison, I wish you the very best holiday season.

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IS YOUR HOME SUSCEPTIBLE TO ICE DAMMING?

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TIM BURCH

An ice dam is a ridge of ice that forms at the eave or valley of a roof preventing proper drainage. This occurs when snow melts and slides to cooler portions of the roof and quickly refreezes creating the barrier or dam. The risk arises if additional melting occurs and water pools behind the dam. Costly damage may occur if the sitting water seeps between the shingle layers, wetting the roof deck and leaking into the home below.

Visible signs of damage may include dislodged roof shingles, water-stained ceilings, peeling paint, damaged plaster, etc. As other damage may not be as obvious, such as wet attic insulation, water within the wall frames or mold, any instance of ice damming should be investigated to avoid long-term structural and health issues.

The most common cause of ice damming is insufficient attic insulation and/or ventilation. To avoid this, the goal is to keep the attic very close to the outdoor temperature. Proper insulation will minimize excessive heat from escaping into the attic and

through the roof. And adequate ventilation will quickly remove any warm air that might build up to help maintain a more uniform temperature. Consider the following helpful tips as you prepare for the winter ahead.

Attic

- Inspect your insulation for gaps, cracks or areas that have settled, been compressed, gotten wet or have otherwise been compromised.
- Replace uninsulated ceiling (can) lights with those marked IC (the letters indicate the light is safe for direct insulation contact). Then insulate around and over the lights.
- Doors leading to unheated spaces should be addressed and trimmed as if they were outside doors, complete with saddles and weatherstripping.
- If your home has heating ducts that run through the attic, inspect them for leaks or improper insulation.
- Small air leaks from wall cavities into the attic should be sealed by a weatherization contractor. This will minimize the amount of heat that escapes into the attic and may save money on utility bills.

- Ensure that bathroom and kitchen exhaust ducts are vented to the outside. Otherwise warm and/or moist air can blow into the attic leading to warm spots and possibly reducing the effectiveness of the rest of the attic's insulation.

Attic Ventilation

- Clear existing gable or ridge vents of insulation, dust, vines, leaves or other debris.
 - Soffit vents, which draw cool air into the attic through the eaves, should also be cleared of debris.
 - The recommended minimum ventilation is one square foot for every 150 square feet of attic floor area.
 - Ensure that there is at least one and one-half inch of space between the insulation and the roof inside the attic at the eaves to create a clear air path for improved circulation.
- Finally, it is essential that you make sure gutters and downspouts are free of debris so melting water flows down and away from the house. Together, these tips will help to minimize your home's risk of ice damming. If you have any questions about ice damming or other home-related items, please 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 and enjoys calling on his 30 years of design build experience to solve their home-related challenges. A third-generation builder and certified remodeler, Tim is the Construction Advisor for The Mosby Heritage Area Association and 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

FLORIST CYCLAMEN

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE



The seasonal flowers of Christmas are few. Nothing like the countless options for Mother's Day or Easter. It boils down to forced flowers that are best grown in a greenhouse or those that requires cool temperatures to be



happy. With only one exception, the wonderful Christmas cactus that can be grown with ease.

Of the cool season growers, paperwhites become floppy when grown too warm, cyclamen thrive in 50 to 60 degree temperatures, a cold house by anyone's standards. Bottom line, it require more than a green thumb to grow these well. The florist cyclamen is *Cyclamen persicum*. Numerous common names represent the same plant. Sowbread refers to wild boars eating the tubers in the wild. Persian violet is another moniker but poorly represents the plant since it's not from Persia but Turkey, Israel, and Greece. Nor is it related to violets, but a member of the primrose family. People prefer to use its botanical name, pronounced SY-cla-men or SIK-la-men. A tender tuber, hardy in some California locations, unable to tolerate frost. They are glorious in flower and leaf, charming and popular. It's only a matter of time before you are gifted or gifting one. I prefer to find fragrant varieties, something that elevates my desire to own one.

To grow them well I will offer a little story of success, from a grower of cyclamen. A greenhouse range, built in 1913, was located in Hamil-

ton, Virginia. At the time it was built, the range was state of the art. Glass greenhouses radiated out from the main structure, called a head house (in layman's terms). Over the years the structure aged, glass cracked or broke completely. The structure became a drafty, cold place in winter, despite upgrades to the heating system. One of their most successful crops were cyclamen. To the point that they were considered the best in the United States. A multiple page spread in a popular greenhouse growers magazine recognized this and the grower attributed it to the flaws of the greenhouse, where it was always a bit chilly.

Advice runs the gamut when it comes to growing cyclamen. "When you receive the inevitable gift of *Cyclamen persicum*, switch it into a clay pot immediately and it will survive rather than sulk," says Tovah Martin in her book "The Unexpected Houseplant". Water them carefully say others, too much is worse than too little.

They are a bulb, with a cycle of growth that begins in fall and ends in late spring. To summer them over, let the potted bulb go dormant and lay the pot on its side to dry out. Keep it as cool as possible. With fall, the first signs of life will appear as small leaves coming from the tuber's center. Upright the pot and begin to water lightly. Remember to keep the plant shaded and cool. The flowering cycle is triggered by short days, a large part of why they are perfect for December. They are actually not difficult to grow if you have that chilly window ledge.

If you are fond of the plant but find it unsuccessful, consider *Cyclamen hederifolium*, or one of the hardy cyclamen. These grow from small, hardy tubers, and return year after year. Diminutive but tough and charming, with the same alternating patterns of variegation and flowers in August and September.

A LOOK BACK, HELPS US LOOK FORWARD

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As 2016 comes to an end, it is nice to take a look back at all that was accomplished. Whether it is goals that were achieved or goals that are still on the horizon. It is also a time of reflection of all that we are grateful for. Life hits us hard sometimes and it is hard to be grateful for anything. At times, it appears that life is just unfair, we lose the job, divorce or a loved one dies. Hopelessness can set in and we just don't know where to turn. There are no explanations of why bad things happen to good people. This all can lead us into a spiraling trap of negativity. One drink eases the pain, two or more takes it away. But, drinking to ease ones pain is not healing. Healing comes from within us. Keeping a journal of our thoughts can help us walk through the pain and begin the healing process. Along with writing down thoughts, add fives things you are grateful for. It might be you are grateful for your cup of coffee. Sounds silly, but studies have

shown being grateful allows our bodies and minds to heal.

Our body and mind work together, not separately. Keeping a journal by your bed is one way to highlight those areas of your life that you are grateful for. The art of writing what we are grateful for ends the day on a positive message which will allow our body and mind to relax and over time be at peace. It takes a while, but consistently feeding our minds and body with positive messages of the things that are right will have a positive effect on our health and well being.

Several years ago, I was at a store during the Christmas season. The man checking out in front of me seem to be homeless. When he was finished, I went over to him and offered him some money. He looked at me and smiled and said, thank you, I am ok right now. Wow, I was in a hurry and on my way home and this person had no home to go to was smiling and seemed very ok. I don't know if he kept a gratitude journal, but somehow I knew he was grateful. Being grateful is good for our souls. It picks us up and makes us truly realize what is important in life.



This holiday season give yourself a present of being grateful. Every night write down five things you are grateful for and continue throughout the year. Life will still hit us hard, but having this one simple tool, will allow us to overcome whatever life throws our way.

I wish all of you a peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year! For more information about health and fitness, please contact Kay Colgan, Middleburg pilates and personal training at 14 S Madison Street, Middleburg, Virginia or call 540-687-6995.

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In early December every year opens to the public. The Greens Show heralds the opening of the Christmas Season in Middleburg and offers not only beautiful floral arrangements, but lush greens and wreaths for decorating homes, plus home-made jams, cakes and even small holiday gifts.

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A CHRISTMAS WISH

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BRANDY GREENWELL

If you are a regular reader of my column, you know that I usually give shopping advice in December. You also know that I love to support local businesses, think music mixes and underwear make great gifts and that my husband and I exchange home-made presents every year. I love the season, the message and giving thoughtful gifts.

Nolan Scully is a dear friend of my husband's family who is fighting for his four year old life. He has Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare soft tissue cancer, and has already successfully undergone one major surgery, one that traditionally carries high a mortality rate. This year, he is spending what should be a joyous time for families far and wide in the hospital awaiting another surgery to remove the spreading cancer. Nolan is fighter and his will to live an inspiration.

Nolan's mother, Ruth, keeps his fans updated on her NOLAN STRONG Facebook page with powerful and moving words. With

permission, I share one of her posts.

"Like many nights, I'm laying here awake with a million feelings running thru me. Fear & Sadness (my biggest), Anger (wait, that might be my biggest), Love (well that's my biggest too!) It's truly that my body doesn't know how to feel. And it's exhausting...completely utterly exhausting. However I would walk thru the burning coals of Hell a million times for my son to live."

The devastating news we received Monday I can't articulate into words how it made me feel. The wind was knocked out of me. Throughout this fight the ONE thing I held onto was that the Cancer hadn't spread. That was "my one thing" I preciousely held onto and it got violently ripped from my grasp. So now my sons chest will be cut open trying to remove this horrible demon again.

I get the question frequently "How do you do it?" Truth is, I don't know...I just do. I do it for the little hand on my cheek, the little voice that sings to me that I'm "his sunshine", I do it for the hundred



"Mommy I love you bigger than the whole Universe" sayings I get everyday.

Please do me a favor, this Christmas season be a little more thankful for your children and family. Be a little more patient with them. If your child drops their ice cream cone, don't immediately scream, be thankful that they are there to drop it... I'd give anything to just walk around a store and do "normal" things with my ALL of my children and I've never been so close to that not ever happening again. I pray to God everyday that my biggest problem would be a dropped ice cream cone or untied shoe."

THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE



TOM NEEL

In 2009, as our country dealt with the aftermath of the worst recession in seventy or so years, my wife Linda and I did something that seemed crazy. We opened another art gallery. I say another, because it wasn't our first gallery, or recession for that matter. It made

complete sense to us to open on what we felt would be an upswing. The, it can't get any worse than this theory.

Now in my 29th year as a working artist, with over 22 of those as a full time professional, I have painted through multiple down turns in the economy, along with historic tragic events and war. It's taught me that

our economy is cyclical and our history is in a constant state of development, and to survive, one must roll with it. But while rolling, one must be smart too. It's not just about being able to take the punches, it's positioning yourself to avoid getting hit in the first place if possible.

There's that old adage, *don't put all of your eggs in one basket*, and we always adhere to this rule. In building any kind of business, including one as an artist, over specializing, having only one source for your sales or market, keeping too much inventory, not understanding who your customers are and so forth, are examples of high risk. Business people know what risk management means and they implement risk management practices into what they do. It's one thing to take a risk and yet another to take controlled risks.

The other thing I've learned over the years is often you open a business with a plan and in time find out that plan is not the real direction of demand. This happens all of the time. A business developing or growing into something that wasn't originally in the cards. When we opened Live An Artful Live we had broader intentions and the word gallery wasn't in

its name. We always wanted Live An Artful Life to become more than a retail shop, but the concept needed to simmer a bit and both it and the gallery side of things were only a couple of eggs in a big basket of stuff going on.

So seven and a half years later, the brick and mortar portion of Live An Artful Life is no longer logical and it's time to close it to make time for things that do. I'll keep on painting, but both Linda and I will have more time to develop Live An Artful Life as the lifestyle company it was meant to be. Frankly, it's been our lifestyle for decades anyway, but there's a message of inspiration and wellness to spread, and it's time to ramp that up. In short, there's no sinking ship, no despair, no fear of the future. In contrast, my studio door will always be open and time for more writing is now free and clear. All kinds of life abundant planning is taking place.

For those of you who title yourselves with the word artist, I offer a few words of supportive advice. First, ask yourself why you create? Is it singularly self indulgence, or is there a monetary component at play? If it is the first, than play, grow, learn, be inspired, be expressive, try new



things, develop and be happy finding your deepest creative self. If on the other hand it's the latter of the two, then be in business. Don't hobby your way through your intentions of generating an income. If you act like you are in business, your chances for success are possible. If not, your chances are nearly impossible. If you are a business, your clients will happily treat you like you are serious and you then must be. You still have to be inspired, be expressive and grow. You still can have a good time, you just have to apply yourself differently. You have to take yourself seriously, but either way, Live An Artful Life!

Tom

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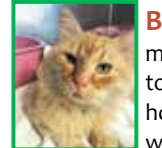
Peter is a one-eyed kitty, however it doesn't inhibit him at all. He's very sweet, & would make a fabulous barn kitty or companion for another house kitty.



Dixie is a sweet, mellow mare who found refuge with us after living hungry in poor conditions. She gets along with other horses, is sound & rideable! Previously she was used in the Madeira School's summer camp. She stands for farrier, great for vet, is a honest real lovable horse in need of a forever home. She is approximately 20 years old & only has one eye, but does not act any different than horses with both.



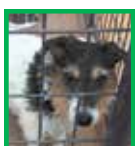
Poor **Whiting** was dumped in our driveway because of his age. He has some front feet deformities due to malnutrition & neglect, but in all other ways he is as healthy as a pup!! He is gentle with people & grateful to receive the love & care that he deserves but was denied for so many years. He likes other dogs but doesn't care for kitties. Don't let his age fool you! He has many happy years ahead of him!



Ben is a big sweet handsome boy who would make a fabulous mouser and all around protector in any barn! He would also do well as a house cat, but would be happiest in a home with at least access to the outdoors.



Pippi is a beautiful, kind ex broodmare who arrived to us at MHF due to owner neglect. She is SUPER sweet, easy to work around & gets along well with all other horses in a large herd. Her ideal home would be as a companion horse. She stands quietly for vet & farrier & loves being groomed & blanketed. She loads & travels well. She has never been saddled.



Irving is a 4 year old JRT. He is new to us, but so far has been a really good boy! He does have a very strong prey drive toward kitties & smaller dogs, but seems alright with medium & large dogs, & is great around all people, including children!



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



Cora is a lovely adult female kitty who is beautiful both on the inside & out! She gets along with other cats & is very gentle & sweet with people of all ages.



May is a 3 yr old, 90#, American Guinea Hog. This breed is a rare breed & is similar to the Pot Bellies. May is accustomed to living outdoors with her friends.



Laverne is a beautiful ~15h 9 year old mare that is easy to work with on the ground, stands for vet and farrier, loads like a pro, & gets along with all the other horses. She recently went through training with a professional to be started under saddle!



Little Miss Sweet Pea is actually a "Potcake" breed/type dog from the Turks & Caicos islands! She was recently rescued & transferred from the islands by a lovely couple who had their wedding there. She is wonderfully sweet & cute, but seems to be fairly reactive to other dogs so far.

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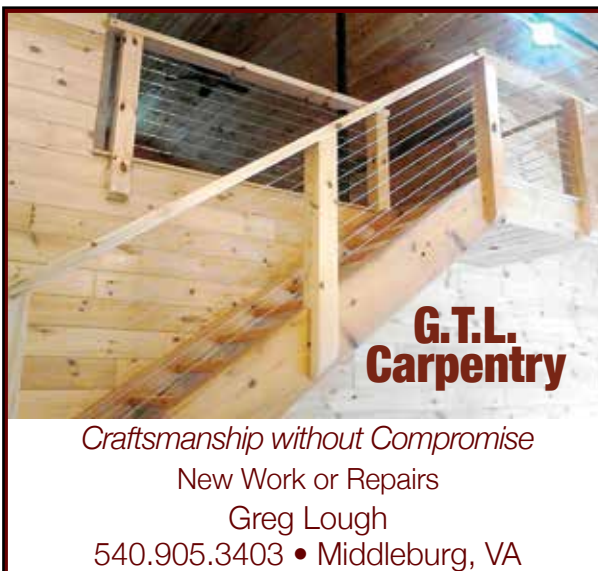
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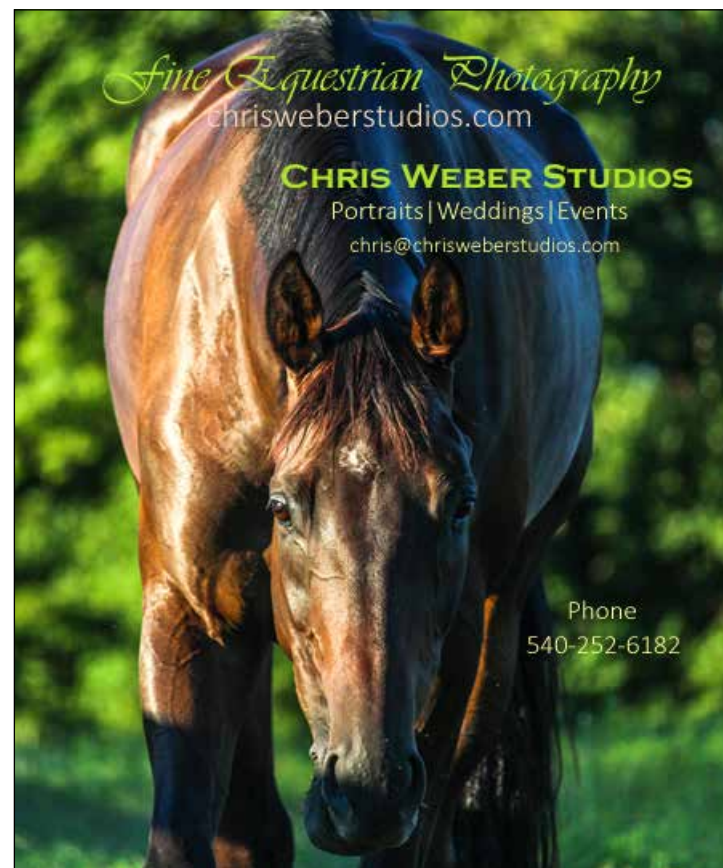
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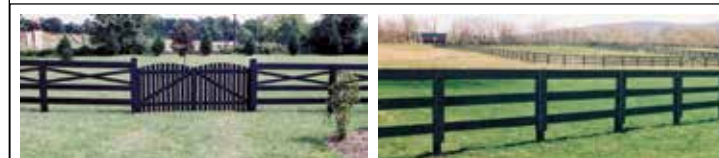
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TIS THE SEASON

The past year was, to say the least, “challenging” for Middleburg, its families, friends, and business community . . . with vicious weather and what seemed to be a never-ending construction project snarling traffic and blocking access to our downtown businesses for months.

Christmas and the New Year, however, are already off to a good start.

Our 2016 “Christmas in Middleburg” celebration was, arguably, one of the best ever.

Construction is OVER.

The streets look GREAT.

Parking is now FREE.

Salamander’s residential property development plan not only promises well-planned growth, but is actually getting under way.

The year 2017 promises to mark, if not a new beginning for Middleburg, the beginning of a new and promising combination of growth with respect for tradition.

Thanks and Kudos to all those who have stood by us during the worst of the past year . . . to those who helped us get through it . . . and those who will help us build an even more beautiful and prosperous future.

Special thanks to the Town’s Professional Staff, its Police Department and Emergency First Responders, its business community, and all those whose support was, is, and will remain Middleburg’s greatest asset.

NULLIFY THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

BLUE
DAN MORROW

Five American Presidents have moved into the White House despite their losing the popular vote. Three of them were, or in the case of Donald Trump, promise to be, disasters.

He Gave Us “Jim Crow”

In 1876 Rutherford B. Hayes was beaten by Sam Tilden of New York by well over a quarter million votes. Undeterred, Hayes and his cronies cut a deal. In exchange for ending the enforcement of Reconstruction laws protecting newly freed slave in the defeated South, Hayes and his cronies miraculously received all of 20 “disputed” electoral votes, giving him a one vote electoral college “victory.” The country is still living down not only the shame of the “Jim Crow” era but the devastating effect of its still all too pervasive spirit on millions of our fellow citizens.

He Gave Us the Iraq War and the Great Recession

George W. Bush lost to Al Gore in 2000 by more than 540,000 votes. Bush’s “victory” gave us the Cheney Presidency, a White House occupant who admittedly

AT LEAST EXCELLENT RED

JIM MORGAN

Democrats are highly upset about the recent presidential election and are frantically howling about the unfairness of the venerable and much-abused Electoral College.

Someone trots out the same treadmill complaints every four years anyway but the fury of today’s losers is downright apocalyptic because their loss was so shocking. Having prematurely popped open the celebratory champagne, and only then discovered that they had lost, they’re behaving like bees after someone has thrown a rock at their hive. One pundit correctly opined that Democrats haven’t been this angry since Republicans took their slaves away.

They didn’t complain about the Electoral College when they thought it was theirs but now it is archaic” and “undemocratic.” Something about whose oxen are being gored comes to mind.

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ignored clear warnings of imminent attack by Bin-Laden’s Al-Qaeda, the disastrous Iraq war and the greatest economic crisis since the great depression.

And Then There was Donald

Donald Trump appears to have lost to Hillary Clinton by well over two million votes, a result he describes as a “mandate”

So far Trump has promised us a Breitbart White House, and, with a few rare exceptions, a singularly inauspicious gaggle of cabinet, department head and advisor nominees, most of whom appear to be, like the President-elect, unprepared for their office, inexperienced, inappropriate, tainted by conflicts of interest or worse.

Worse, they almost universally stand for ideas most Americans hold in contempt, as they did their President elect before they gave him his back-handed access to the oval office.

At press time Trump’s apparent nominee for Secretary of State, for example, has spent his entire professional life as an oil company executive, within a company noted for, among many other sketchy behaviors, cutting deals with Vladimir Putin and his corrupt pals, and secret funding of fake science for profit.

Treasury? Slated for control by a tax-cuts-for-the-rich advocate with a reputation for foreclosure on debts that should never have been contracted.

Justice? A Selma-born Alabama-brand “law and order” Senator, already turned down for a judgeship for racist remarks, but (surprise) extremely popular in the state that gave us George Wallace.

Labor? We get fries with that order, from the CEO of a fast food restaurant chain noted for not only bad food but low wages and what appear to be widespread and chronic violations of the laws the laws he will be charged with enforcing.

Health and Human Services? A Georgia Republican and vocal opponent of a woman’s right to chose, personally and totally devoted to the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Environmental Protection? An Oklahoma oil-country lawyer who thinks himself qualified to deny climate change and seek the end of “burdensome” regulations on polluters and their pals.

We can do better than this and one big step would be to nullify the “Electoral College” and make sure the President was supported by more voters than his or her

opponent.

The American “Electoral College” is itself is rooted in some of the worst of our founding founder’s anti-democratic biases: disdain for the very notion of one-man-one-vote, disdain for political parties in general, and a firm conviction that the President should be elected without national campaigns ever taking place.

The same founders, you will remember, allowed neither women nor slaves to vote, though, in their infinite wisdom, they allowed states that did allow slavery to count slaves as 60% of a “person” for purposes of determining how representation said state would receive in Congress, and thus how much “electoral college clout” each state was to receive.

The system they came up with, to this day, gives a Wyoming resident well over three times the “Electoral College Clout” more than a Pennsylvania resident.

In essence, the system gives more representation to empty space in some states than to people living in others.

What can be done about this anti-democratic anomaly?

Don’t even THINK about amending

the Constitution. An amendment requires approval by three-fourths of the states, most of them over-represented.

The ONLY alternative, shocking as it may seem to our current President-Elect’s solid base of deplorables , depends on, of all things, “nullification” and “states’ rights.”

If enough states agree to something called the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (the NPVIC) by the 2020 elections the winner of the popular vote will automatically become President.

States who are part of this compact agree to award ALL their electoral votes to whichever candidate for President wins the popular vote nationwide, even if that candidate did NOT win in all the states who are part of the compact.

I soon discussed this with Town Planner - Zoning Administrator, Will Moore. Will told me he had an application for a home occupation for a small wine import business he was investigating.

A few days later, he explained that

The Electoral College is thus but one part of a system of checks and balances deliberately designed to counter power with power and keep any single faction or region from dominating all the others. It’s why we have a Senate which is just as “undemocratic” as the Electoral College.

The favored alternative is “direct election.” Erase state lines and just add up the votes. But almost every popular vote plan ever put forward calls for the winner to be the candidate who receives not a majority, but a plurality, of the popular vote; usually a 40% minimum. Why? Because these proposals recognize that direct election inevitably means multiple candidacies by multiple parties. More candidates means less chance for any single one to gain a majority. Direct election therefore means more presidents with only a minority of the total vote.

As Alexander Hamilton (the statesman, not the rap singer in the play) wrote of the Electoral College in Federalist #68, “if it not be perfect, it is at least excellent.”

We should leave it alone.

Just as none of us can tell whence the

A DISTRESSING TIME TO BE AN AMERICAN SCIENTIST

A SCIENTIST’S PERSPECTIVE
DR. ART POLAND
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

The new administration has just announced a move that I find very disturbing as a scientist, and as an American citizen. The headline reads, “Trump team wants to know which Energy Dept. staffers worked on climate pact.” This sounds to me like something from the McCarthy era. It is a significant bump down in the declining government attitude towards scientific research.

Before I point out my current concerns, I would like to give a very brief history of how science had been supported in the U.S.

Before WWII, most science was supported at industrial labs such as: Bell Labs, GE Labs, Westinghouse Labs, DuPont, etc. There was also some support in the military at places such as Naval Research Labs, and Fort Monmouth, and at universities. Direct government support was mostly non-existent.

During WWII the government supported research that significantly helped with the war: radar and the “atom” bomb,” for example.

This led to the creation of the National Science Foundation immediately after the war. The basic concept was that the

ASK A COUNCIL MEMBER

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! Last month this column discussed my experience and expectations with local shops (Buy Local!). I need changes at Wiley Wagg, recently acquired by Kriser’s Natural Pet. The new owner, Brad Kriser, replied in an email to the Eccentric. We soon spoke briefly by phone. I will see what develops, but he plans to become involved here, retaining the Wiley Wagg name and format. I am optimistic.

A Ridgeview friend contacted me, asking about an ABC License notice she saw. The notice raised concern, as its vague wording left much to the imagination. Surely not a bar in the neighborhood

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CITIZENSHIP - AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LAND

THE PUBLIC SQUARE
JERRY VAN VOORHIS
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When The Public Square began 18 months ago, we did not know where it would lead. But we have seen how the spirit of our land has a great deal to do with the character of our land. It has always been so.

Moreover, when all the votes are counted together, the opportunities for fraud increase exponentially whereas, under the current system, fraud is localized within a state and therefore easier to detect. Our Founding Fathers knew what they were about.

Divisions are as much clarifying moments, as they are splintering times. The mental atmosphere we partake, however, determines the course which ultimately prevails.

Just as none of us can tell whence the

DE-EXTINCTION – PART2

WATERWORLD
RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Since its inception, this column has been about water but last month, for the first time, I addressed a subject that was not water related. I’ve been fascinated with the subject of de-extinction for a long time probably since reading science fiction when I was much younger.

So what, again, is de-extinction? It is the process of attempting to bring back to life a species that has become extinct. It could occur by using DNA collected and preserved from individual members of the species before it became extinct. Alternatively, DNA could be collected from preserved individuals of an extinct species, for example, from woolly mammoths frozen in the ice of the Siberian

tundra. Using the mammoth for an example, genetically fertilized DNA from the mammoth corpse would be implanted in the egg of an elephant. If carried to full term and birthed live, the first mammoth in 3,500 years would again walk the earth.

Scientists not only believe that this possible but are working to make it happen not only with mammoths but also with other animals, birds, amphibians, even plants. The first successful de-extinction may be only a few years away.

This seems miraculous. Why should this not be done with creatures that recently became extinct? But an equally important question is, why should we want to do this?

Some scientists who favor de-extinction believe that there would be benefits

government would give scientists, mostly at universities, money to do research and good things would happen. It would be of benefit to the U.S. in general.

Another big boost for science came with the Soviet launch of Sputnik, the creation of NASA, and the race to the moon. These were very good times for scientists in the U.S. The success rate in writing research proposals to NSF or NASA was on the order of 80%.

Once the U.S. “won” the race to the moon, research support began to decline. Industrial labs, such as Bell Labs, etc. significantly reduced their efforts. Others closed their research efforts completely.

opted the wellhead protection ordinance after many months of discussion. The new ordinance will help safeguard our ground water – water we drink.

More noticeable, for folks here, council adopted the first major change to parking in the central business district. Council voted to drop metered street parking in favor of free parking. Most of this parking will include a three-hour limit. The police and our staff are evaluating electronic chalking systems to enforce these limits. The Town is acquiring new signs for three-hour (with some 15-minute) street parking.

Council hopes to approve a new chalking system. Council will also revise parking ticket fines. Chief AJ Panebianco told council that he would visit businesses to explain the changes. The businesses can then answer customer questions. When the Town implements the new parking, the Chief will start with warning tickets. After a short period, police will then issue

The new system includes modest

tinuously transform society.

The second is how government instinctively elevates our spirit over the letter. As esteemed historian Joseph Ellis suggests, the most vital word of government in its wish to support “a more perfect union” is, in fact, “more.” By allowing for human imperfection in the Constitution, we made government less a way to “resolve arguments than make argument itself the solution.” We gave ourselves a document of principle, but it is a moving, living, perfecting, one.

Today we seem not to honor and trust these capacious arrangements enough. The Public Square believes we should understand and trust both of them more. To bring it all straight home this Holiday Season, we have a great system.

A country that gives the voter room, and itself room, is rare. These tools should

Extinct Species”published in the April 2013 issue of National Geographic, Michael Archer, a paleontologist from the University of New South Wales in Australia, offers an opposing view, “I think we played God when we exterminated these animals.”

Suppose that scientists could de-extinct the passenger pigeon. Would it be possible in a short time to “create” enough individuals for a breeding flock? Or would there be just a few individual birds confined to zoos only to die out again? What about habitat if there were enough individuals to return to the wild? The 19th century habitat of the passenger pigeon has changed significantly in the 100 years since the species became extinct.

What do I think? As I said earlier, I’m fascinated by the idea of de-extinction. I

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The government became almost the sole funding source, and it began to reduce funding. Things have declined such that now the success rate in writing research proposals to NSF or NASA is on the order of 10 to 15%.

While the U.S. funding has declined, support in other countries, such as: Europe, Japan, and China have increased significantly. The result of this is that I’m seeing some of my colleagues leaving the U.S. for jobs in other countries.

I’m not talking about people who don’t have good jobs here, I’m talking about established scientists who see better opportunities outside the U.S. They

actual tickets for parking violations.

The purpose of our regulations is to keep people moving so that parking is more available for everyone. Council debated parking for over a year before deciding on free parking. Council is now debating the appropriate fines for violations. We need fines to make the new system work. Time limits and fines must move cars out of a street spot often enough to make spots available for others.

So why change? Parking is a poor revenue source. In fact, the Town spent more on metered parking than it received from the meters. Meters had deteriorated and needed replacing. Manufacturers are dropping coin meters for credit card based meters or kiosk systems. These are expensive, and council faced over \$50,000 if it wished to acquire a new meter system, worsening the imbalance. In short, parking fees would rise dramatically if council chose metering.

The new system includes modest

never be forsaken. In the citizen and the government rubbing against each other, they are able to resolve any issue between them. They insure our democratic dream remains a flowing river.

We may need to step back from time to time and take a larger view, however, in order to go forward. So we go back to our spirit, if we properly fasten upon it, as the best way to connect us to our times and our future.

The Public Square has not tried to put people in silos or take sides between those who prefer yesterday or those who want tomorrow. We have spent less time on issues or events than underlying principles. We have looked for first assumptions, and the roots of our American order.

Properly grounded and inserted into our times, these roots again can give us the breathing room we need to frame the

future. We don’t have a fading nation. But we don’t have one that is guaranteed to thrive as things stand. We can, however, reach for the essence of the American promise, and make the house of liberty more enduring.

Where this leads The Public Square next year, we do not know.

There may be a few more columns on renewing American citizenship. For, taking our citizenship to the next rung of civic virtue is, indeed, a point of bedrock strength at home and abroad.

As one year comes to a close and another is ready to begin, The Public Square thanks those carrying this column for the privilege of doing so.

Happy holidays everyone.

see that the opportunity to do excellent research is not in the U.S. While I am still staying in the U.S., my research is done using the data from a Japanese satellite.

On top of this decline in the U.S., the new administration seems to be planning on attacking scientists whose research results they don’t like. Cucinelli did this in Virginia a few years ago, on a small scale, by using his political position to legally attack a climate scientist.

To me this is a very scary time. Will scientists be required to wear yellow stars next year? This may sound alarmist, but that is what people in Germany said in the 1930’s.

costs to acquire the electronic chalking system. As with meters, the police must spend time to enforce time limits. Locals and visiting shoppers will no longer fish for change (or spend more to pay for a new metering system) because parking is now free.

Council expects the three-hour limit to provide ample time for most shoppers, while moving people out of spots often enough to make street parking available to others. Council also expects the limits to keep merchants from parking in the three-hour spots. This will make them more available to customers. Council will designate longer-term parking areas for merchants and staff as we implement the limited areas.

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

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6428 Main Street

The Plains, Virginia

\$995,000

Gorgeous country home • Historic village • Panoramic views • 3 acres • Beautifully landscaped grounds with terraced herb garden and pool • 3 BR, 2 full + 2 half baths • Master bedroom w/gas FP on main level • Large dining room w/built-in china cabinets • 2 BR upstairs w/shared BA • Lower level family room w/wood-burning FP • Wet bar & french doors to pool area • Recently renovated

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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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The Plains, Virginia

\$774,000

Charming cottage and 10 private acres on The Plains Road • Prime location w/convenient access to Rt. 66 while surrounded by protected neighboring farms • 3/4 BR stucco home • Large front porch • 2 FP • Hardwood floors • Home office could serve as first floor bedroom • Mature woods with flowering trees • Perennial gardens • Fenced yard for dogs

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GREENVIEW



Warrenton~ **Priced Below Appraisal** ~ Available for the first time in 60 years. Former home of nationally known landscape architect Meade Palmer. **316 lovely acres** with rolling meadows, large ponds/stream and gracious pastures. Main residence dates back to 1752 with recent upgrades and additions. Old stone and frame tenant house with 3 Bedrooms and 1 Bath. 9 agricultural outbuildings.

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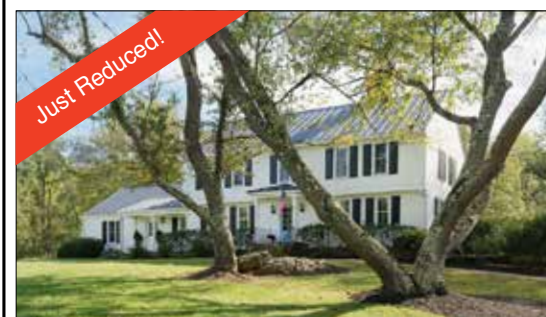
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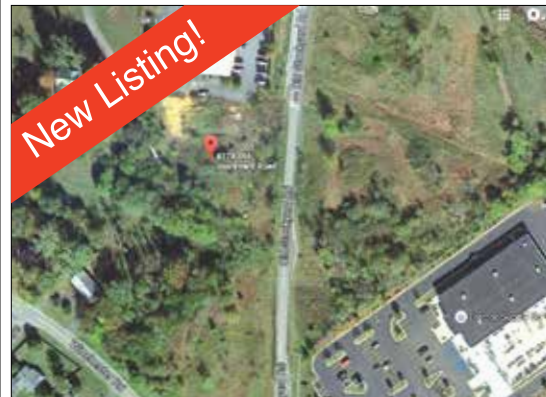


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