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MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

DAN MORROW

Community Unites to Find Stolen Dogs

At the October regular monthly meeting of Middleburg Town Council Police Chief A. J. Panebianco that two dogs stolen from a vehicle parked in Middleburg had been found and returned home, safe and sound to their grateful owners, Malicia von Falkenhausen.

The odds of finding stolen pets, which are all too often sold, abandoned or even killed, the Chief noted, are often all too high.

He congratulated and thanked the entire Middleburg community, its news outlets, and Facebook for their critical roles in solving the case.

News of the disappearance of the dogs created an explosion of public concern, which spread far and wide. Facebook alone, according to the Chief, spread the message to over 80,000 people.

The people who took the dogs, Panebianco noted, soon knew all too well there was no way they could hide them. Both were soon returned.

Reportedly, Police Lt. Jay Hollins will soon be able to bring charges in the case.

Mayor Bridge Littleton thanked the Police Department and the community for a "phenomenal job of getting the word out."

Safety Patrol Badge Presentations

Mayor Bridge Littleton, the entire Middleburg Town Council and staff, and Chief of Police Panebianco welcomed the new class of Middleburg Community Charter School Safety Patrol members and their families to Town Hall for official swearing-in and

badge presentation ceremonies.

The Mayor reminded the new members of the Patrol of the great responsibility they were taking on and note that he was sure they did not do so lightly.

Chief Panebianco outlined the important role a safety patrol officer plays not only in helping their fellow students (and others) move safely through traffic, but help teach other students about safety.

Their training and work, he said, builds character, teaches good citizenship, community service and respect for authority.

Paving the way for VDOT

Town Administrator Martha Semmes recognized Stuart Will, of IES, for "going above and beyond the call of duty with regard to emergencies that have occurred due to the ongoing VDOT paving project."

VDOT, she said, did not tell the Town that street levels would change, which necessitated the installation of special risers on critical utility valve boxes.

Mr. Will, Semmes said, "an admirable job."

Town Planner Will Moore thanked Facilities & Maintenance Supervisor Tim Cole for this work during the VDOT paving project. The work, Moore noted, "disrupted garbage collections and Mr. Cole was and is working hard to assure that trash is collected on time, including personally moving cans to accessible locations."

Sewage Issue

Mayor Littleton thanked Stuart Will for helping a Middleburg family, who found themselves facing a sewage back up in their home. Littleton noted that he

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SOCIAL MEDIA HELPS POLICE RETURN CASH AND TUKA

IT'S AN OWNER'S WORST NIGHTMARE FOR A PET TO GO MISSING, OR WORSE, OR TO HAVE IT STOLEN. RECENTLY, JUST DAYS BEFORE SHE WAS TO LEAVE FOR TEXAS, YOUNG PROFESSIONAL POLO PLAYER MALICIA VON FALKENHAUSEN AND HER BOYFRIEND PARKED HER TRUCK IN THE LOT BEHIND THE SALAMANDER MARKET TO PICK UP DINNER AT A NEARBY RESTAURANT.

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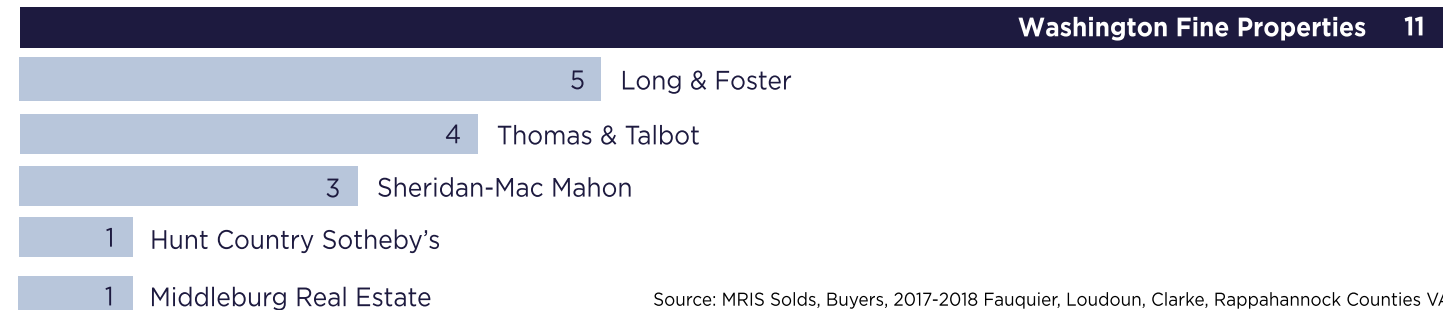
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To parody the words of Kitchener, Middleburg Wants You! Or rather we would be delighted for as many volunteers as possible to sign up and join the all volunteer cleanup crew on Saturday October 27th starting at 8 a.m. at the Middleburg Community Center. We aim to wrap up around 11 so you'll still have the who day to do other fun stuff.

If you can help, please email the organizers at middleburgcleanup@gmail.com so we have enough food to go around - thank you to Salamander for once again supplying breakfast, and to Common Grounds for essential water to keep us all hydrated!

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SOCIAL MEDIA HELPS POLICE RETURN CASH AND TUKA

NANCY MILBURN KLECK

What is social media? To combine a dozen definitions, "Social Media is the collection of the Internet, cellular, and various technological tools and online platforms and applications available to help individuals and businesses accelerate their information and communication needs." The key word here is "accelerate."

It's an owner's worst nightmare for a pet to go missing, or worse, or to have it stolen. Recently, just days before she was to leave for Texas, young professional polo player Malicia von Falkenhausen and her boyfriend parked her truck in the lot behind the Salamander Market to pick up dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Leaving her truck for just a brief time, the air condition running and windows partly down, they returned in horror to find her dogs Tuka and Cash gone. The thieves had rifled through her truck, but as it had been cleaned out that morning, nothing other than the dogs was taken. The police were called immediately and Lt. Jay Hollins was assigned the case.

September 6, 9:16 pm: On her Facebook page that night, Malicia posts several photographs of Tuka, her Jack Russell Terrier puppy, and Cash, her 1 1/2-year-old Catahoula hound, and writes:

"STOLEN- Please keep a lookout for my dogs. They have been stolen from the Salamander Market parking lot. I am desperately trying to find them. I am heartbroken. Please call 540-xxx-xxxx"

She immediately shared or forwarded, the post with the local Facebook pages Middleburg, VA; Middleburg Uncensored; the Middleburg Police Department; Pawboost.com; area animal shelters; and Lost & Found Dogs - DC Metro Area. A second post shortly after that offered a \$2,000 reward for information leading to their return. Within 24 hours, the news of the theft had "gone viral." Sharing posts from one's page to another resulted in thousands of people far beyond Middleburg seeing the post in lightning speed.

Within 24 hours, Cash was found. Dumped on Gallows Road and Hwy 50 near Fairfax, he was picked up and taken to the Fairfax Animal Shelter. Aside from a minor injury to his leg, he was in good condition, and as the shelter had Malicia's post, and matching his microchip information, the two were reunited that day. But Tuka was still missing and not microchipped, a fact that intensified the heartache.

On September 7, 10:39 am: On the Middleburg Police Department's Facebook page, an update is posted:

"UPDATE ... ONLY THE JACK RUSSELL TERRIER (the smaller pup) IS STILL MISSING. WE ARE STILL SEEKING ANY INFORMATION ON THE THEFT

"... To the person(s) who took them. We understand that you "may" have thought that you were doing the right thing because they

were left in a vehicle. What you did was to commit a felony. Actually two or more.

Our concern is for the safe return of the dogs. Nothing would be better than to see them left at the PD front door. Do the right thing. Return these family members to their own family.

We are gathering information and watching videos from surrounding businesses and the bank. Do the right thing."

September 8: Malicia is on television. Her posts had been shared with television stations WUSA 9, Fox 5 and even Barry Lee of 92.5 WINC FM on Facebook. Fox interviewed Malicia via Skype for their evening broadcast and posted the video on their Facebook page. Thousands saw the broadcast, photos and read about the thefts.

3 more days go by. The police posts are making an impact. Lt. Hollins traces leads and the pressure is mounting. Over 54,000 views on the Middleburg Police Department's Facebook page, and increasing every day.

September 12: Finally, the break in the case everyone had hoped for. Lost & Found Dogs - DC Metro Area Facebook Page posted:

"REUNITED!! Tuka, stolen from Middleburg, is back with her family! Thanks to Karen Dick Chism and The Humane Society of Fairfax County for reuniting this puppy with its owner! The Humane Society of Fairfax Co was honored

to be the ones to get this little beautiful girl back to her Momma today. It's what we do best. It's all good. Real GOOD... I am the Manager of their 2nd Chance Thrift store in Fairfax City. I was actually handed the puppy out in our parking lot. I recognized the puppy right away. I was overjoyed to take her to safety."

September 12, 1:13 pm: The Middleburg Police Department posted:

"We are excited to report that both dogs have been returned home safe and sound. The investigation continues but for now, the pups are back together again. Thank you for the support and assistance with keeping the pressure on the thief. Lt. Jay Hollins, for lack of a better way of saying it, really hound dogged this case. He was and remains on the trail. I am proud of the work that he and the rest of the MPD staff contributed to the safe return. We believe it was the collaboration of the community, social media, and a dedicated investigator that made the difference. We truly have a community that looks out for one another. Thank you again.

A few of the nearly 500 responses to this post:

"...Awesome news!!! This is a great example of when policing and community come together and work hard. Thanks to everyone who did not rest until this was solved. Thanks!!!" "...The Middleburg Police Force rocks! " "...Thank you Middleburg Police, Lt. Jay Hol-



LT. JAY HOLLINS

lins!"

And from Malicia: "I am so grateful to the Middleburg Police Department and this amazing community. We all worked together to get her home. I couldn't thank everyone enough." It was a very tough lesson for Malicia to learn, but

thanks to the skillful detective work and relentless use of social media, the outcome was a happy ending. Tuka was microchipped the following day.

As of September 19, after this last post, the Middleburg Police Department's page got 91,832 views.

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MIDDLEBURG COMMUNITY & PETCONNECT TO THE RESCUE

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Any natural disaster is a call to action to help afflicted communities, and once again Middleburg stepped up to the plate when Florence, the most recent hurricane, left a huge swath of devastation, and many small animal survivors found themselves homeless. France Bognon and Geraldine Peace, two local PetConnect Rescue volunteers, leaped into action as soon as they heard the SOS sent out by North Carolina's animal shelters affected by the storm. Already bursting at the seams, the shelters had to make room somehow for the influx of cats and dogs being rounded up by animal control. The response from within the Middleburg community was immediate and overwhelmingly positive.

"I can't tell you how amazing people have been," said France Bognon. "We had a huge contingent of rescue dogs arriving the next day and nowhere to keep them. Geraldine and I had already taken in several Florence rescues each, but many more were coming. Geraldine suggested Huntland's kennels, so I reached out to Steve Putnam, the farm manager, who contacted

Dr. Betsee Parker, who was out of the country, and voilà!"

Coming up with shelter for rescue dogs because there's no room at their shelter, which is about to get a whole bunch of newly homeless animals, is not a laughing matter. Once again Dr. Parker stepped up and delivered the best help – shelter from the storm – by welcoming the Florence rescues to stay at her magnificently restored and historic Huntland kennels.

What a peaceful setting in which to watch the dogs, tossed by a storm into totally strange circumstances, happily interacting with Geraldine in the grass yard for a good romp, especially when socializing with another dog or two, in what's really a fun training session. Maybe you get to feel that frisson of joy while watching a rescue being sweet with prospective adopters, fosters, or PetConnect Rescue's loyal volunteers.

Being experienced in animal rescue, France and Geraldine liaised with the NC shelters. They thought of everything necessary to transport the animals to Virginia and evaluated dogs suitable for the move. Some had been at rescues for longer than usual and were at risk of not finding their forever homes. Some were puppies and too young for spaying

and neutering, but many regardless of age needed vaccinations and heartworm testing, etc.

"When it came down to it, a mixed group arrived," France recalled. "Because it was an emergency transport, many of the dogs were not vetted, which normally we make sure is done before the animals travel. In a rush to figure out what to do with all these animals that would be arriving that day, I called Dr. Bowman of Piedmont Equine to ask Dr. Bowman if he knew a vet who might be available to come to help us on such short notice. Within 30 minutes he responded that not only would they be sending over their vet on call, Dr. Christy Moore, but also that Piedmont Equine would be donating all the vaccines and microchips for both the cats and dogs."

This was an amazing show of support on such short notice was extremely generous of the Piedmont Equine Practice, Inc., located in The Plains. It gets better. As status updates appeared on Facebook about the Florence rescues arriving shortly in Middleburg, things really started happening. On September 21, the Middleburg Community Center honored PetConnect Rescue by holding a fundraiser at the last concert in their series, raising \$1300, thanks in large part to the generous donation by Dr. Parker. Michelle Truffant contributed the proceeds of her yoga class at the Unison Store to PetConnect Rescue. Purcellville Pet Value supplied dog food and other goods – the Florence rescues each had a comfy bed and a couple toys in their Huntland kennels.

France is no stranger to the ongoing issue of unwanted pets. She grew up in Connecticut, crazy about riding and horses. She started rescuing small animals at a very young age and admits that big dogs hold a special place in her heart, having been raised with huskies, rottweilers, shepherds, and mixed large breeds. She thinks rescue is a family thing, probably in their genes – "My parents, especially my mother, are just as much softies as I am!" – but it's France who has connected parents, brother, both sisters, many friends, and scores of new acquaintances with dogs. The goal is a forever home, but fosters are vital as they reinforce the socialization and training skills acquired as part of their rehab and training with Geraldine and volunteers.

A lawyer and former law professor, France earned her Law degree at George Washington University and followed it up with a Master's in International Human Rights Law, specializing in gender and women's rights. For the past six years, she has worked at ICAN on women, peace, and security mostly in conflict countries, particularly in the Middle East and Africa.

France was just completing her LL.M degree in 2012 when



she got involved with PetConnect Rescue, founded by Lizette Chanock after Hurricane Katrina. After a couple years as a volunteer wearing many hats, including adoption coordinator, which means working closely with shelters as in the Florence aftermath, finding fosters for all the dogs, managing their vetting, reviewing applications and screening families to find the dogs their forever homes, France was asked to join the board. It's often heartwrenching, but very worthwhile when you get to see these previously scared and homeless animals find loving families.

"I can only do all this because my incredible husband, Tobin McGregor, supports me in my work which requires travel to some crazy places and in rescue, which requires bringing home lots of different dogs, all unknown variables, and takes a lot of my time," said France. "But I also couldn't do what I do for PetConnect Rescue without my partner Geraldine and some of the incredible fosters we have in the Middleburg community. Kristin Noggle is never without a foster dog, and she takes on some of the more challenging dogs that no one else wants. Katie Hasse is on her fourth litter of puppies this summer. Katie's a machine! Geraldine is my rock. We worked out a great division of responsibility. I do most of the paperwork, emails, and organization. Geraldine's on the ground, working with the dogs, helping to figure out who should go where, and guiding fosters and adopters when they have issues. Plus, she does a lot of training and boarding for PetConnect and other rescues."

So far, PetConnect Rescue has taken in more than 90 animals. Some have been adopted, but many are still waiting for someone to claim them. PetConnect Rescue of-

fers several forms of support via France and Geraldine, be it training tips for various challenging cases or guidance through the early stages of welcoming a rescue into one's life. If you're new to dogs, you're in great hands with PetConnect

Rescue's people. If you can't consider adopting or fostering at the moment, there are many ways to help: donations can be money, items on the wish list, and your time as a volunteer. It's a win-win solution for dog enthusiasts who can't have a

pet at home for whatever the reason.

The last words belong to Dr. Parker: "Our great community is founded on animal lovers going a step further to help all sorts of animals and wildlife. I hope everyone out there will

find it in their hearts and homes to welcome one more desperate pet after the ravages of Hurricane Florence."

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NEW CHAIR BRINGS HALLOWED GROUND VISION TO GREAT MEADOW

LAUREN R. GIANNINI

It takes big bucks to support the spectacular outdoors events center, Great Meadow, whose mission is "to preserve open space in service to the community." Rest assured that Cate Magennis Wyatt is uniquely prepared for the challenges being encountered as new Chair of Great Meadow's Board of Trustees.

"Thanks to the leadership of General Kievenaar, over the past four years Great Meadow Foundation has doubled in size to 360 acres now in easement and built a world-class 3-day eventing arena and cross-country course, which has already hosted three international competitions, including the first FEI Eventing Nations Cup™ outside of Europe," Cate said. "The Board of Trustees knew we would incur debt, even with the incredible generosity of our supporters, and we're working on launching a number of exciting initiatives within Great Meadow."

The first Chair was the founder of Great Meadow, the late Arthur W. Arundel, who stepped aside in 2009 for Kievenaar. At that time, Arundel asked Cate to join the board. Last spring, Cate was about to term off when Kievenaar stepped down for health reasons at the end of April.

"That's when I was elected Chair," Cate said. "I never sought nor expected to serve in this capacity, but I'm honored to do so. I'm also blessed with an outstanding Executive Committee and Board of Trustees."

Outstanding applies equally to Cate whose credentials

are out-of-this-world impressive. Her stellar career includes such highlights as being the youngest Vice President within both Xerox Realty and Weston Capital Corporation. In 1991 she exited the private sector to serve in the public sector as the Secretary of Commerce and Trade and as Director of Economic Development for the Commonwealth of Virginia within Governor Wilder's Cabinet. Cate was instrumental in the Commonwealth earning several prestigious awards for being well-run. She also co-chaired the first Defense Conversion Commission in the country, with Four-Star General John Loh.

Cate's specialty, however, is right up Great Meadow's iconic tree logo: she demonstrates a genius for turning challenging opportunities into money-making initiatives and for incredible expertise in building the right team of personnel to see the plans implemented successfully. She's a dedicated conservationist and knows her way around non-profits from their creation to sustaining them.

Two projects near and dear to Cate's heart are The Millennium Society (1979-2000) and The Journey Through Hallowed Ground. "The fiduciary responsibility of any board member is to ensure the financial solvency of any corporation, but most particularly non-profits," Cate said. "Because when you take a donor's dollar, you are taking their trust, and I take it very, very seriously."

The new Chair relishes a good challenge. "I love working with people. I love creating teams. I love find-

ing new and innovative ways to raise funds," Cate said. "Great Meadow is dark during the winter months into early spring, and there are many things we can be doing, so we've launched an initiative to make people aware that we're open for weddings. We're exploring ways we can increase community offerings like Movies On The Meadow and Music On The Meadow. We've been brainstorming to determine the best ways to utilize Great Meadow during winter months. We're looking into the potential of creating a pop-up ice skating rink and winter fair although I just heard there may be a new skating rink coming to Marshall."

At this disclosure, kids of all ages might find themselves thinking what fun it would be to skate under the stars or a full moon at Great Meadow. Others might be planning to invite friends to an old-fashioned afternoon or evening skating party complete with hot chocolate loaded with marshmallows...

Of course, horses are — and always will be — the heart and soul of Great Meadow, created to be the new home of the Virginia Gold Cup after developers bought the historic Broadview Farm steeplechase course a few miles down Route 17 in Warrenton. The whole reason why Great Meadow exists today is because of horses.

In fact, Great Meadow is looking to host more equestrian competitions, thanks to Fleming Farm being annexed to take the burden of wear and tear away from the steeplechase course — and rightly so. The Gold Cup course is Great Meadow's Hallowed

Ground. Now that Great Meadow is also home to The Brook Ledge Great Meadow International FEI Eventing Nations Cup™, it's on the global map as the only leg of the FEI series to take place in North America. Watching world-class riders at Great Meadow is more than just fun and, for the serious rider, educational — it's extremely exciting.

This past July marked the third GMI FEI Nations Cup™ and the first with title sponsor Brook Ledge Horse Transportation. Entries in GMI's July event have increased steadily since its debut in 2014 as the final prep event before the World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France. This year, Brook Ledge Great Meadow International recorded the largest field of entries to date with 46 riders from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, Switzerland, and the USA. Three teams (12 riders) competed for the Nations Cup™, and 34 went round as individuals. It was a great event that received rave reviews, but the Great Meadow Foundation wants GMI to grow even bigger and better.

In June, Middleburg Horse Trials took place at Great Meadow with well-filled divisions from Baby Novice to Preliminary. With Olympic Gold Medalist David O'Connor involved, great things are possible, including the possibility of holding a classic long format 3-day at Great Meadow.

Given that Great Meadow has facilities to showcase steeplechasing and eventing, the sky's the limit and other equestrian competitions will likely follow. It's also chock full of glorious settings for weddings, anniversary parties, celebrations of life, awards dinners, and much more. There's a lot of excitement and energy being generated at Great Meadow and they want the community to get involved.

"Cate's arrival certainly signals a transition at Great Meadow, something we were looking for as we go up the rungs of the ladder," said Robert L. Banner, President of the Great Meadow Foundation. "We've taken on making changes that adapt Great Meadow to the style of the larger event calendar. With 12 months in the year,

we use only six or seven of them, and we'd like to expand the calendar to increase people's participation in events at Great Meadow during the off times of the year. Cate brings her own style of management, and she's aggressively pursuing the best dates for Great Meadow."

Both the new Chair and the President are pleased with what's happening even this early in the newest growth stage that will keep Great Meadow Foundation thriving, healthy and financially secure for future generations.

"Cate's a good teammate for me," Rob said. "We need fund-raising and Cate's a great fundraiser. The two of us are well suited to take the next steps up the ladder — which is where Great Meadow needs to go. Cate's style of governance is totally different from the first two chairmen: Nick picked Buzz to succeed him because they were quite alike in the way they managed. Cate's style of governance is much more broad-based and inclusive. Almost every board member chairs a committee and sits on a sub-committee to feed information to the Chair,



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CATE MAGENNIS WYATT AND HENRY A. "BUZZ" KIEVENAAR

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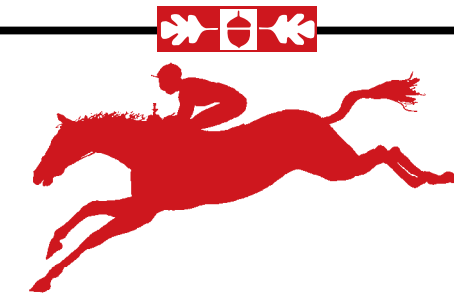


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info that Cate needs to know to make good decisions. This broadens the base of responsibility to a lot more people. Cate's brought with her an energy that has activated the skills sets of every member of the board.

"We want people to come here and have fun and enjoy everything that Great Meadow has to offer," Rob added. "We also want people to feel they are part of the Great Meadow community. We have the land to support Great Meadow's future, and we have a new Chair who has already shown that she is the right person to take on the next huge chapter in Great Meadow's history."

In keeping with their plans for financial security, Great Meadow decided to seek bids for management of Great Meadow International with outside agencies. The move is a surprising one, but brilliant. By booking more "landlord" events, all of Great Meadow's

staff have more time to focus on what they do really well: keep Great Meadow beautiful, ready for action and garner bookings.

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On September 30, after nearly 30 years of operation, the Northern Virginia Animal Swim Center, on Millville Road, just off St. Louis Road west of Middleburg is closing.

Built in 1976, the pool was part of a thoroughbred training facility and was used primarily to condition thoroughbred horses for the racing circuit.

After its purchase in 1989 by its present owners, Roger Collins and Laura Hayward, the facility was refurbished and opened as a rehabilitation and conditioning center for horses

and dogs to use.

According to Jesse Pickard of GRREAT (Golden Retriever Rescue Education and Training) and Karen Pratzner-Pickard of German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue the property has been sold and the end of September will mark the end of nearly three decades of swim therapy and fun for dogs (and dog owners) from all the surrounding counties.

The owners are dog lovers, and their Luc, Rosie, and Matilda were frequent swimmers.

Molly, pictured above is a foster dog for GRREAT with

some obvious medical issues. According to Jesse Pickard, "She's the reason that Roger helped us form the GRREAT Swim Club; he fell in love with her during her therapy sessions and wanted to do something for her and for her Rescue."

Collins, she noted, "generously donated a series of swim sessions for her hydrotherapy. A few other GRREAT folks and their dogs joined in and became regular visitors."

But even as the group grew, she said, "Roger still refused to let us pay." Instead, for the past four years, he has donated an

hour every week to the Rescue in honor of the work GRREAT does for all the Golden Retrievers, but most especially for the medically challenged.

GRREAT started a swim club in his honor with donations from the participants going to help Special Needs Dogs.

For more on GRREAT see www.grreat.org

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Speakers and topics for this year's conference, sponsored by Civil War Trails and the Town of Middleburg, include:

- Keith Snyder, "Voices of Antietam: A Soldier's View of America's Bloodiest Day"
- Dennis Frye, "Antietam Shadows: Mystery, Myth, and Machination"
- Daniel Vermilya, "On the McClellan Go-Round: George McClellan and the Antietam Campaign"

• Thomas Clemens, "Too Bad, Poor Fellows": Joseph K. F. Mansfield and the 12th Corps at Antietam"

• Marion V. Armstrong, "Command Decisions: Edwin Sumner and the Second Army Corps at Antietam"

• Kevin Pawlak, "Today You Must Fight Harder": The Confederate Defense of the Sunken Road"

Tickets are \$450 for full registration, which includes the talks Friday night and all day Saturday, a Saturday dinner, and a tour of the Antietam battlefield on Sunday. Partial registration costs \$225 and includes the Friday and Saturday lectures. Saturday night dinner with the historians can be purchased for an additional \$40. Bus tour seating is limited to the first 50 people to register.

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Delilah Ruth Ohrstrom wed Alexander James Harris on August 25, 2018. The 5:30 wedding took place at the bride's family home, Lee Hall, which was moved from Kenbridge VA. in 1995, by the bride's father Chris Ohrstrom, a preservationist and businessman and

her Mother Lilla Matheson Ohrstrom an artist and art therapist. The groom's parents are Jimmy Harris, retired vice president of Accenture and Marcy Harris owner of Stitch, A needlework store in Middleburg.

The ceremony was held in an enchanted glen by Little

River, and was followed by cocktails at the pool dinner, and dancing. The couple took their 10-day honeymoon in Costa Rica and are now happily residing at their new residence in L.A. CA., where they are working on careers in the entertainment industry.



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JOHN NILSEN IN CONCERT FOR PIANO AND POTLUCK



West Coast composer and musician John Nilsen will perform in Middleburg on Sunday, October 28th at 2 PM at the Middleburg United Methodist Church, 15 W. Washington Street, corner of Pendleton. Nilsen is well known as a songwriter, vocalist, pianist, and guitarist who for over 35 years has produced music that celebrates the people, landscapes, weather and tenor of life in the Pacific Northwest. He not only performs solo but also as a member of his two bands, "SWIMFISH" and the "John Nilsen Trio". A truly accomplished musician he began the study of piano at age 6 and the guitar at age 12. Nilsen, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Southern Oregon University has performed in all 50 states of the U.S., as well toured all over Europe and Japan. His most recent album "Local Ocean" featuring SWIMFISH was released in 2017 by SONY/RED/MRI. Some of his previous performances can be viewed at www.johnnilsen.com by clicking "live". CD's will be available for sale at the concert.

Prior to the concert performance the United Methodist Women will serve a potluck in the church fellowship hall at 12:30 PM, immediately following the regular 11:30 AM worship service. Admission to the potluck and concert are free. Donations are requested. For more information call 540-687-6492 or email middleburgumc@verizon.net.



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MIDDLEBURG SPECIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES FOR TOWN COUNCIL

KURT ABENDSCHEIN - PRIORITIES FOR MIDDLEBURG

I am a native to the DC Metro area. Born in Washington, my parents moved to the Middleburg area when I was in my teens. Following in my Family tradition, after high school I joined the United State Marine Corps. After my service, I worked for a North Carolina Congressman as a legislative. In 2009 I moved back to Middleburg to pursue my undergraduate degree in Gov-

ernment and International Politics from George Mason University. Since my graduation in 2014, I have watched Middleburg grow and change. Land Conservation. The land around Middleburg is becoming more precious every day as can be seen with the development coming in from all directions. Even though many of the larger estates are unsustainable, there are smarter ways to preserve the

beautiful countryside most of us have moved out here to enjoy. I will work with the Loudoun and Fauquier county governments to ensure a plan for smart growth that will save this land for future generations.

Middleburg Business. I am concerned with the number of vacant businesses in the town. Tourists and locals alike should support Middleburg businesses. I believe we

should attract more small independent businesses that will serve both. Either by imposing a vacancy tax and/or tax breaks for small businesses, this should be a town for all of us. Also, we need to find other sources of revenue that will help the town in times of economic hardship and when the tourism slows.

So many small towns in America are disappearing and our town should not be one of

them. If elected to the town council, I will strive to preserve Middleburg's unique character and continue making it a place where we all want to live.

I would enjoy hearing your views, opinions, and concerns for our town. Feel free to contact me directly at 703.627.8290 or email at ktabendschein@gmail.com. Thank you all for your support.

CHRIS BERNARD - TOWN COUNCIL PRIORITIES

As we move towards another election in November, we have an important decision to make in Middleburg. Since the new Mayor took office this summer, we have had an interim council member holding his spot until the special election to fill his vacant seat. Bundles Murdock, a former member of council, gra-

ciously volunteered to serve in that role and has brought some great stability and institutional knowledge with her, and we should all make a point to thank her for her continued service to the community. Now, we have to pick someone to fill that seat for the remainder of the term and help the council continue the great work it has been doing.

This election is going to be very different than the historic one we had in May. There were a lot of seats up for grabs, including the Mayor's, and we saw a record turnout for voters and tons of engagement around the election, which was a great thing for our town. All of us involved were extremely proud of not just the participation from the

candidates, but from the public as well. This time, with just one council seat available and only two candidates, my hope is that there is less focus on the politics of it all, and more emphasis on what the position of being on the town council is all about... serving the local residents and businesses, supporting the town staff in the day-to-day operations of the town, planning for the future of our community, and being an ambassador for Middleburg.

As one of the candidates this fall, I am particularly focused on three things: our business community: development projects and the town brand. Admittedly, these are three HUGE issues to "focus" on, but they are critical to our daily lives and long-term future.

Economic Development is a term that you hear a lot if you attend or watch Town Council or various committee meetings. We have a lot of empty storefronts in town, not just on Washington St., but Madison and Federal as well. We need to identify the right mix of businesses to serve our local residents as well as our visitors and actively recruit them to Middleburg. We need to collect data on our existing businesses to show outsiders how great a place this is to have a store, restaurant, or office. Finally, we need to find creative and responsible ways to support our existing business community and the new ones we will be adding.

Development projects include a wide range of things. We have had what seems like an endless stream (pardon the pun) of water and road projects the past few years. There is a sidewalk project on Mar-

shall St. planned for the fall. The town office is looking for a new and/or updated home, which is a massive undertaking. Submissions are being reviewed for a new website, which will need a ton of work and oversight over the next several months. These are all great examples of projects that need to be budgeted for, bid out, and managed in a careful, responsible manner.

Finally, the last thing I want to address is our town brand, which is a topic that is being talked about quite a bit. I think a lot of people are concerned about us changing the brand and losing our identity as a town or community. The way I see it is that our "brand" is what we portray to the outside world as a place to visit, dine, and shop. It is not our "identity," which is something that I don't think can be represented in a logo or website, so I think it is important to separate the two. Our brand will not change who we are; Middleburg will always be a place whose identity is wrapped up in all the amazing culture, natural beauty, and its people. That identity, along with all the things that are a part of it, is what I hope to preserve and build on as a member of the Town Council.

Over the next few months, I welcome the opportunity to speak with as many of you as possible about what your thoughts, opinions, hopes, and needs are so that I can represent our community to the best of my ability. Please feel free to reach out to me at chrisformiddleburg@gmail.com or stop me on the street to chat. I look forward to seeing you all around town and at some of the many amazing community events this fall!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is with great honor that I write this welcome message as the incoming Mayor for the Town of Middleburg. I want to recognize retiring Mayor Betsy Davis for her 20 years of service to our Town. She has been an outstanding Mayor and public servant to our community and has led Middleburg through many ups and downs. From shepherding us through the recession of 2009 to modernizing our outdated utilities to the opening and success of the Salamander Resort, Betsy worked tirelessly for all in our community and we owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude.

Building on this success, the current Council Members and I are committed to seeing that we continue moving forward in a way which honors our past and traditions while seeking continuous improvement through purposeful change. The Council has taken the last two months to thoughtfully look at the critical needs and key priorities facing our town and citizens and has developed a set of strategic initiatives to meet these challenges. There are 15 in total, ranging from economic development to continued utility infrastructure improvement to fiscal policy enhancement. Each member of Council will lead several of these strategic initiatives and work closely with staff and members of our community to ensure success. We welcome your help and support on these initiatives and encourage anyone who would be interested in participating to contact the Town Office to volunteer. The list of strategic priorities can be found below.

In the area of current Town projects and initiatives, I am pleased to report that our Ridgeview water main replacement project was completed on time and on budget. This was a critically needed capital infrastructure improvement as many of those lines were over 50 years old. I commend our talented staff and contractors for their efforts and thank the residents for their patience during the work. The completion of this project also allowed us to begin the refurbishment of our town's roads and streets – something that was last done over 30 years ago. By scheduling our water main replacement to occur just before VDOT began the street project, we were able to avoid huge road repair

costs to the town's taxpayers. VDOT is nearly halfway through their street project and we anticipate they will be finished on schedule. Again, thank you for your patience as we finish the much-needed improvements to our streets and roads. It will enhance the beauty of our town, but more importantly, it makes our streets and public areas safer for all.

As we head into the fall, Middleburg will be bustling

with activity from the many events on our calendar. These include such staples as the Virginia Fall Races (Oct 13), the Middleburg Film Festival (Oct 18-21), and the new Fall Art In the Burg Show (Sept 22). Be sure to come out and support these great events and invite your friends and family to visit. Information can be found on the Town's website, as well as www.visitmiddleburg.com. All of the events in and around our

town do a tremendous job of attracting visitors, which support our local businesses and enhance the "Middleburg Experience". We thank those event organizers and local businesses for your hard work and efforts that make the Middleburg Experience a unique one for residents and visitors alike. And, to everyone, please remember: "BUY LOCAL"

In closing, let me take this opportunity to thank the many

members of our staff and the police force for their hard work in serving us all. They make it easy to be Mayor. The Council and I look forward to hearing from you about any issue and are excited by all of the positive things which are happening in our community. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email me at blittleton@middleburgva.gov

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MIDDLEBURG TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

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SAFETY PATROL BADGE PRESENTATIONS

and the Town Administrator are discussing whether or not Town could do anything else to assist the family since the back up was, in his view, clearly the

result of the VDOT road work.

Branding

Business & Economic Development Director Jamie

Gaucher reported that he was expecting a report within the week from the consultancy helping the town refine its "brand," noting that he and

Councilmember Philip Miller "hoped to make a decision about testing their ideas in the Washington, DC market sometime next week."

Council suggested that special attention is paid to the views of local businesses owners and residents in the process, because they, as well as anyone, "knew why people came to Middleburg."

Some members favored developing "incubators" in Middleburg to help attract small businesses and provide important guidance, especially with regard to business finances.

Council then directed the Town Staff "to prepare amendments to the ordinance that established Middleburg's Economic Development Advisory Committee and an ordinance to establish a "cultural and community events committee" for consideration in October.

The new cultural and community events committee, it was noted, could "review and make recommendations related to the special events funding requests the Town received."

Marshall Street Sidewalks
Town Planner Will Moore reported that the Town received five bids for the town's Marshall Street Sidewalk Improvement Project

The apparent low bidder, he

noted, did not submit a complete bid was not responsive; therefore, Town staff was recommending "the award go to the second lowest bidder."

The two bids were close, Moore noted, but he recommended the award go to A&M Concrete.

The start date for sidewalk construction, Moore said, "would depend on the completion date of VDOT's current street paving project."

Moore estimated the Marshall Street sidewalk project would take around forty-five days to complete, "assuming VDOT issued the appropriate land use permit quickly" and temperatures remained within construction tolerance ranges

Moore also noted that it was critical that the timing of the work not interfere with Christmas in Middleburg.

Mayor Littleton asked Town staff to seek a firm VDOT commitment on timing.

Moore noted, that worst case, the work could be postponed until spring.

Semmes Successor

Town Administrator Semmes reported she was "continuing to support Springsted-Waters' work on recruiting her successor."

To date, she noted, the recruiting firm had received twenty-one candidates, with an additional three in the works.

The deadline for submitting an application is September 24th.

The Town's goal is to have a replacement in place by November 1.

New Web Site

According to Town Clerk Rhonda, North Middleburg has received thirty-three responses to a request for professional website services.

The Town's website committee is reviewing the applications and was scheduled to meet on September 20th "to identify which vendors to bring in for an interview."

Business & Economic Development Director Jamie Gaucher reported that "he had read about half of the proposals and opined that the Town would not have a problem finding a qualified vendor."

Murals in Middleburg

Town Planner Will Moore told Council that Middleburg's Historic District Review Committee had heard a report from Patty Callahan, of Akre Capital, regarding what he termed "their mural project process."

According to Moore, the Committee will have to "discuss the possibility of amending the Historic District Guidelines in order to address murals"

The most important thing they learned from Callahan's report, he said, was "the challenge of turning what the artist submitted on paper into art on a building."

Moore suggested that a qualified artist to execute such a project would have to be found and recruited.

HOMETOWN HEROS



I walk my dog every morning and there is Jilann Brunett from Second Chapter Book store cleaning up not only in front of her shop but down the street and across the street ...This woman is a home

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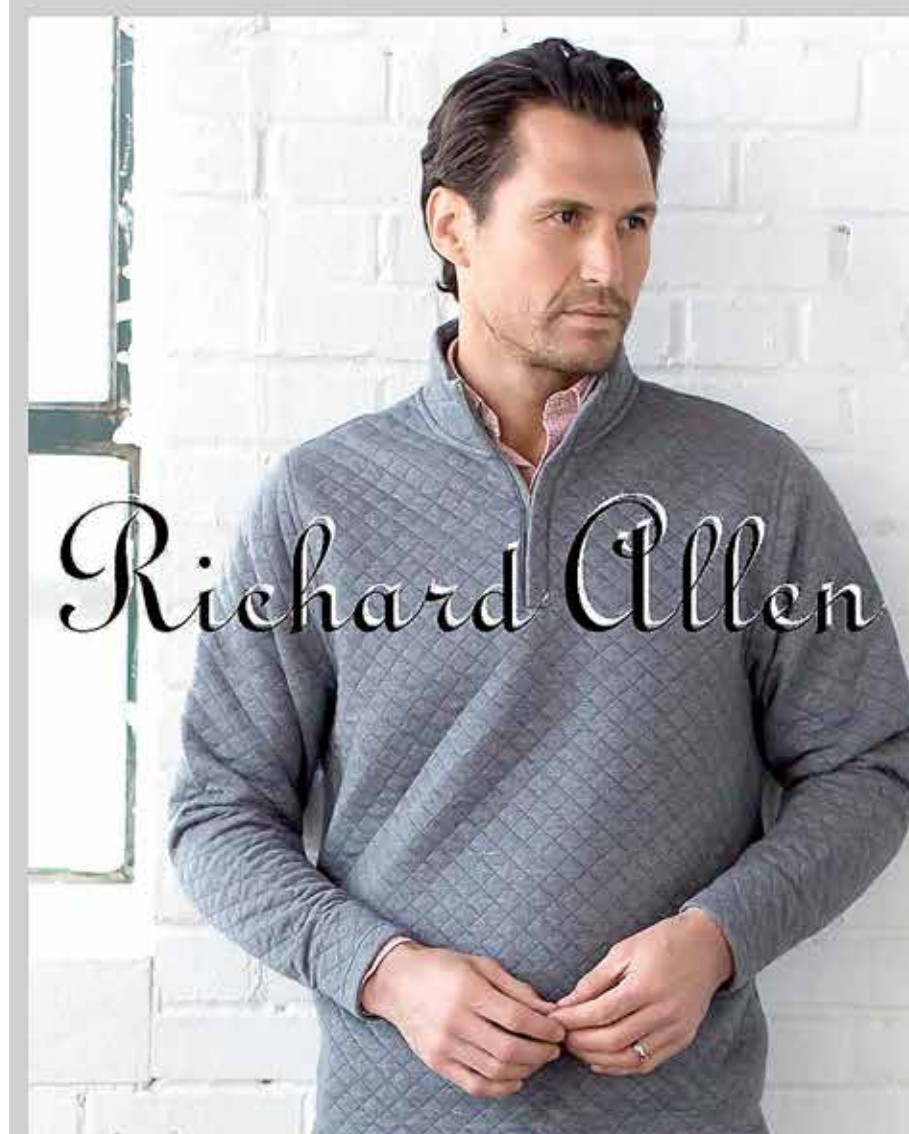
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NSLM's 8TH ANNUAL POLO CLASSIC LUNCHEON

IN THE SPORTING LIFE, A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL STORY AND PHOTOS BY NANCY MILBURN KLECK

Despite the matches and festivities being cancelled due to the fields being too soggy and unsafe for play, the red carpet stayed dry enough to welcome a very enthusiastic turnout for the NSLM's 8th Annual Polo Classic luncheon.

After Chairman Manuel Johnson and Vice Chairman Jacqueline Mars welcomed everyone, Mark Cann of the UK Armed Forces team took the mike. Full of good, clipped British humor, he expressed his disappointment that they could not play, and joked with fellow player and international polo icon Nacho Figueras about who might have won the matches. Figueras stood by, grinning, lobbing back the verbal balls.

The teams were a mix of professionals, skilled amateurs, and newbies, local and from across the pond -- and around the world. Donning their team jerseys, players from the UK and Dubai teams gathered with local players David Greenhill, Bill Ballhaus, John Gobin, Danielle Quinn, and others to mingle with guests, smile for photographs, and accept the bags of goodies from sponsors. No Most Valuable Player or Pony today, but no one seemed to mind.

British Dubai Team Captain Steve Thompson, in his inimi-

table charm, despite not being able to play because of injury, was clearly enjoying the fun with a videographer by his side recording the cheeky repartee with whomever he could find. Few escaped his antics without a chuckle.

Nacho seemed to take the countless photo requests in stride for being the celebrity that he is. For those guests who keep up with politics, they may have recognized David Tafuri, a very affable fellow who frequently appears on CNN, Fox, the BBC, and other stations to provide foreign policy issues. No politics today!

As desert was served, some of the players started an impromptu game of put-put polo using bottles of wine and champagne as goals. Even with shorter sticks, it was a challenge on the bumpy, lumpy grass. But so expert were these pros not a bottle was broken or a drop of Greenhill Vineyard's Blanc du Blanc spilled.

This annual event, the museum's sole fundraiser, was a rousing success by all accounts. "Rain never stopped anyone from having a party!" exclaimed a guest, proudly showing me below her beautiful blue jacquard ensemble a pair of very chic galoshes.



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THE PIEDMONT DRIVING CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 40TH YEAR

STORY BY NANCY MILBURN KLECK, PHOTOS BY PDC MEMBERS

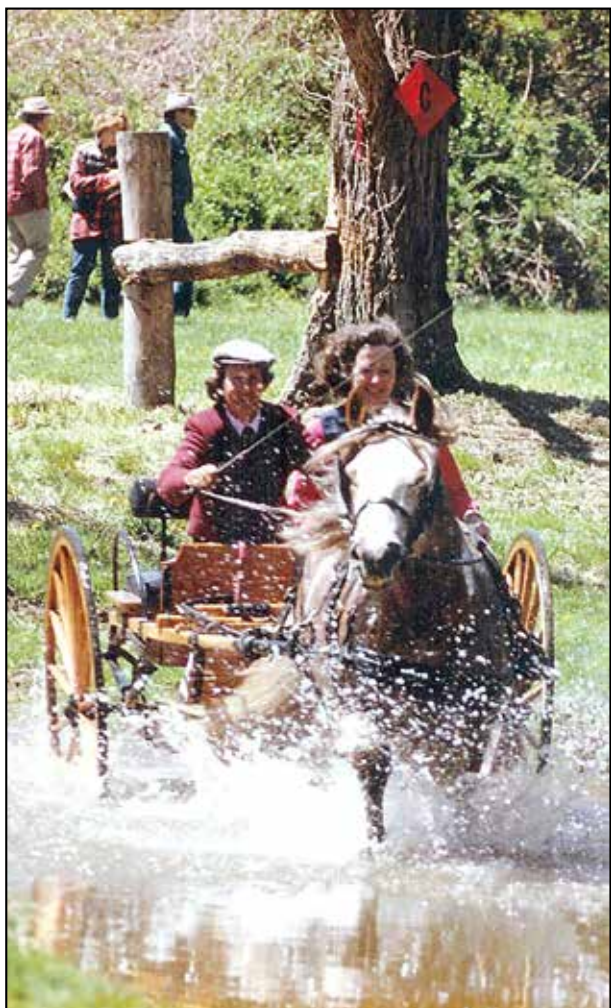
Anne Watkin's stable was abuzz at the club's 40th year celebration. In 1978, a modest quiet little ad was placed in the Winchester Star, "Anyone interested in forming a carriage driving club, please call this number." Today, the PDC is not only the oldest driving club in Northern Virginia but described by Jill Ryder of the Carriage Association of America, "The drivingest club in the country!"

It was an afternoon of reminiscing as a slide show was presented and photograph albums passed around. Club President Anne Watkins began, "I grew up with pony club, fox hunting (from age 6), showing, re-training and breeding horses, but I was never around any kind of carriage driving. My husband Bill was an avid foxhunter and grew up with all his father's hunters being trained to drive therefore he grew up driving in the traditional English Style of Driving. When he had to quit foxhunting, he wanted to take up driving again, thus I was introduced to the sport."

From Sam Davis: "When my sister Pril and I were quite small we had a wonderful little donkey named Hannah. It was Hannah that first taught me to drive. On hot summer days in England where we lived, we would hook up Hannah to her cart, take a halter and chain along to tie her with and a basket full of sandwiches and a blanket. We would drive her up to the forest and have our picnic and stay there all day. My Mother knew where we were and those were happy, carefree days. No one fretted about us. Those were simpler days. Hannah lived to a ripe old age."

Nancy Bedford started with a Shetland pony named "Spottie". That led to breeding Welsh ponies, polo ponies, and later, managing the annual driving club show at Foxcroft School, the only 2-day driving show on the East Coast.

Kitty Newman remembered the day she first saw a carriage while ice skating: "Some children pulled up with a goat attached to a cart. They tied the goat to the pole, skated for about an hour, then drove back home. I just couldn't get this picture out of my mind."



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I was so excited." When she got home she found her father's old belts to harness to her pet goat to her little red flyer wagon. Even with the help of her 5-year old sister, the goat refused to go. "But I never got that yearning to drive out of my head."

Doug and Queenie Kemmerer fell in love driving. Unbeknownst to Doug, Queenie's uncle was a famous 4-in-hand whip in Canada, and when she met Doug 37 years ago, it was a match made in carriage heaven. Doug began driving in his 30's in San Francisco, and has always driven matching chestnut Thoroughbreds, many off the track. Even after a lifetime of driving their four-in-hand in such glamorous venues as New York City, Saratoga, and Newport, "driving the trails through the countryside is the best."

Mary Munster remembers, "I drove as a child, was an avid rider, fox hunter, eventer, dressage, etc, etc, etc. And got back into driving because of etc!" Started with a single, she's now driving a 4-in-hand team of Friesians as Bobby Dreyer coaches her in the finer points of driving.

Bobby Dreyer "grew up Amish" as he jokingly described his early days in Far Hills, NJ, growing up in a foxhunting and driving family. They drove their hunters in the off season, and that led to combined driving. As a teen, he participated in international competition and had the distinction of driving with Prince Phillip at the age of 16 and competing around the world. He learned to sound the horn, and has many a melody in his repertoire. He is always the highlight of any drive with his playing.

Barbara Wolf described that "Despite coming to horses, driving, and foxhunting in our middle age, husband Tom and I have now enjoyed nearly two decades with our big (17.2+) mare, Sheba, who drives for me and hunts with the Orange County Hounds for him. She is sensible, sociable, and takes good care of us as we grow older." And as an onyx beauty, Sheba is quite the photogenic mare that loves the attention.

Pat McCann recalled, "I've loved horses all my life and have been riding for many years. I decided



DOUG AND QUEENIE KEMMERER

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to learn to drive with my new 5-year old Saddlebred/TB gelding. Maryalice trained my horse and me to drive in record time and all went beautifully. Horses helped me keep my sanity my whole career, and still do!"

Mark Duffell discovered horses on his grandparents' farm in Iva, South Carolina. When not driving guests around the countryside, he can be found tilling his garden or fields at Whitestone Angus Farm with his Amish-broke draft team chestnut Belgians Willy and Waylon. Recent matching additions Chris and Cash make a dream come true for Mark to drive a 4-in-hand.

For most of the members, driving is a life, a business, and a passion. Anna Koopman is an avid world class equestrian competitor who, with her father Bob Koopman, competes at FEI levels today. Maryalice Matheson Thomas owns Bowler Hill Farm with her husband John Dale Thomas. She is a driving judge, fOrange County Hounds field master, breeder and trainer of carriage horses and foxhunters. Lisa Andersen competes with her former Amish "warmbloods", and her husband now drives as well. "Driving is no longer an "interest"; it's a passion!"

In recent years, the Club primarily holds 3-10 mile "picnic" drives as well as the occasional exhibition. Tea, champagne and cucumber sandwiches are served at a mid-point, and a potluck lunch at the host venue awaits the group at the end of the drives. There is no better way to enjoy the beauty of our countryside and love of country life.

The club welcomes new members! Membership is open not only to persons who actively drive, but to any person who might want to provide driving venues, host picnics, serve as a groom, become involved in carriage restoration, photography of turn-outs, or just join a group of very friendly folk. Step aboard, it's a drive you'll never forget.

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LISA ANDERSEN AND CLOUD NINE



KITTY NEWMAN, HER SON TAVIS, AND BILL WATKINS, 1982.



MARY MUNSTER AND BOBBY DREYER LEADING WITH HER FRIESIAN FOUR-IN-HAND AT THE PIPER CUP AT BANBURY CROSS POLO CLUB



BOBBY DREYER BLOWING HIS HORN



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NEWS OF NOTE

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Every day, I have to decide between feeding my two daughters or keeping my MS at bay. Four years ago, I woke up two days before Christmas feeling dizzy. My arms and legs were tingling and numb. One day later, that uncomfortable feeling had moved into my chest, and I knew something was wrong. I went to the hospital. They sent me to a neurologist, who told me I had multiple sclerosis (MS) an incurable and debilitating disease. He sent me right back to the hospital.

That day flipped my life upside down forever. Not yet 42, I had a full-time job, was working toward my degree at nights, and making sure I was there for my two young daughters. Now, I had to quit my job and go on long-term disability. I couldn't drive anywhere. And I had no energy or stamina to play with my kids. I was consumed with guilt and anxiety.

I started working part-time for the local fire department and had almost no debt, but my income no longer covered my rent, my car payments, our groceries, my insurance, my co-pays, and the utilities. Within a year, I had run out of cash and out of options. I had to move my family out of our home, and I applied for affordable housing and waited for a place to open up. Fourteen months later, I was still waiting.

As a family, we were facing real issues of food insecurity. That reality was almost unbearable for me. There seemed to be nowhere to turn, no one to help. No mom in Loudoun should have to face such choices.

The Next Chapter

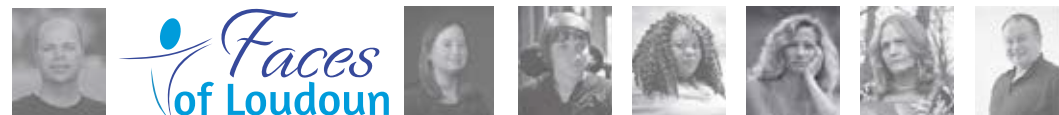
Finally, things turned around in October of 2016. With the assistance of local nonprofits, I was able to keep food in my pantry and purchase a small home in Hamilton. My daughters and I move in this summer. My health has stabilized, and there is a new medication on the horizon that promises a better quality of life. I have learned to ask for help. So I have found a network of people who have helped me understand what options I have to reduce the cost of living here in Loudoun.

I am still anxious about paying day-to-day bills. I want my daughters to grow up unscarred by my troubles. I worry about living alone and about my MS relapsing. I know I could find myself in a wheelchair someday soon. But for now, I am excited to start a new life in a new home and help my kids recover.

When I look back on these past four years, I realize how important it is for people to learn to look beyond labels. Disease does not discriminate. Black or white, young or old, rich or not, poor health can change anyone's life in a matter of days. "Disabled" does not mean "cripple," or "needy," or a "charity case."

And, as a community, we need to see—really see—how many of our public servants (firemen, police officers, veterans, and teachers) cannot live in the county they serve because of a dearth of affordable housing. It is time to change that equation.

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Nicole Miller was awarded the Mary B. Porterfield Award for Continuing Education in Mathematics and Technology. (photo: Cathy Barr)

Professional Development is the lifeblood of our practice. It rejuvenates our teaching, energizes our students' learning and most importantly supports Powhatan's mission of "learning for life". On Monday, August 20th at our opening faculty meetings, two professional development grants were awarded to Powhatan faculty members – the Barbara and Harry F. Byrd, III STEM Professional Development Award and the Mary B. Porterfield Award for Continuing Education in Mathematics and Technology. We are truly grateful to both of these families for their generosity, year after year, to this vital component of our practice and for their commitment to keeping teachers inspired and refreshed in their teaching. The two teachers awarded will receive funding to attend a workshop in their area of the curriculum.

The Mary B. Porterfield Award for Continuing Education in Mathematics and Technology is given each year to a teacher of mathematics or technology who shows a passion for this area of the curriculum and best supports the needs and goals of the school in these areas. This year's recipient is tireless in her enthusiasm for educational technology and she has advanced our program exponentially since her arrival to campus last year. Her excitement for learning and growing is palpable and she infuses it into all areas of the curriculum and any teacher who is looking for new ideas and growth. This year's Mary B. Porterfield Award was awarded to Nicole Miller Educational Technology Teacher.

The Barbara and Harry F. Byrd, III STEM Professional Development Award is given to a teacher of a STEM-related field who inspires students and teachers interest and learning in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Through his/her ardent love of one of these subjects, this teacher furthers the goals of our STEM program and champions the vital incorporation of them into the curriculum. This year's recipient continues to deepen and enhance our lower school science program. Whether on the Crocker Conservancy leading students in a habitat study or incorporating engineering concepts into a fifth-grade lab, our awardee's smile and enthusiasm are contagious. This year's Barbara and Harry F. Byrd III STEM Professional Development Award is given to Robin Coutts, Lower School Science and NEAL (Nature Enhanced Approach to Learning) Coordinator.

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recommended but not necessary (540-687-6297). Donations to the series accepted.

GOALIE GARRISON STEPS IN AND EARNS FOXCROFT SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONORS

Julia Garrison, who stepped in for regular goaltender Liz James last Thursday (Sept. 20) and recorded seven saves in a 3-1 Foxcroft School field hockey victory over Saint John Paul the Great, has been named Foxcroft Athlete of the Week for the period of Sept. 16-22.

With No. 1 goaltender Liz James sidelined by illness, Head Coach and Foxcroft School Athletic Director Michelle Woodruff

inserted Garrison, who has less varsity experience, into the net. The sophomore from Morgantown, WV, showed the poise of a veteran by turning back three shots in the first half and four in the second on a rain-soaked field to help Foxcroft (3-0) secure its third straight victory.

"Julia came up with seven very important saves and kept her cool the whole time," Coach Woodruff said. "She didn't let the rest of the team's frustration with

the field conditions rattle her and she held the other team to one goal."

This is Garrison's second year on Foxcroft's varsity field hockey team. Last year in a supporting role, she played 255 minutes and made 21 saves while allowing just six goals.

Garrison is the daughter of Heather and Michael Garrison of Horseshoe Road in Morgantown.



FIRST FOXCROFT SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Families looking for an outstanding secondary school experience for their daughters are invited to visit Foxcroft School on Monday, October 8, when the first of four Admission Open Houses scheduled for this school year takes place at the boarding and day school for girls in grades 9-12.

Additional Open House is scheduled for November 30, January 11, and April 26. To register for any of these events, visit www.foxcroft.org/admission/openhouse. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. Families are also welcome to schedule visits at other times by contacting Assistant Director of Enrollment Jenny Hurst at jenny.hurst@foxcroft.org or 540.687.4343.

The Foxcroft Open House experience begins with a student-led tour of our beautiful campus before joining the community for an all-school Morning Meeting.

Following the meeting, parents and students will split up to begin customized programs. Students will attend two classes of interest and then take a trip to our Innovation Lab, where they will design and create their very own

projects. Next, it is off to lunch in the Dining Hall with several Foxcroft girls before finishing up with an interview and heading back to meet their parents. An optional barn tour will be offered for riders.

The parents' program features a "Welcome to Foxcroft" presentation from our Head of School, a "Meet College Counseling" question-and-answer session, and consecutive faculty and student panels, during which visitors can meet and speak with teachers and students about their Foxcroft experiences and our unique programs.

Foxcroft is an all-girls boarding and day school located in Middleburg, VA, just 50 miles west of Washington, D.C. The School has prepared young women in grades 9-12 for success in college and in life since 1914. Its outstanding academic program offers challenging courses, including 16 Advanced Placement classes and an innovative STEM program. Our premiere equestrian program is nationally recognized, and our athletic teams have won numerous conference and state championships. Experience the best in girls' boarding schools: visit Foxcroft

FOXCROFT SCHOOL HOSTS INAUGURAL DIG PINK VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT, SPLITS MATCHES

VARSITY ROUND ROBIN ENDS IN A TIE, WHILE KING ABDULLAH ACADEMY TAKES JV TITLE



When all was said and done at Foxcroft School's Dig Pink Volleyball Tournament Saturday, it was a split decision for the host school's varsity and JV teams as each finished with 1-1 records in their respective three-team divisions.

Teams from Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, PA, and King Abdullah Academy in Herndon, VA, participated in the round-robin tournament, which was an early-season exhibition modeled on Foxcroft's popular Think Pink Basketball Tournament held each January. The latter has raised thousands of dollars for the Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation over the past decade.

In the varsity competition, Foxcroft defeated Mercersburg, 2-0, then lost to King Abdullah Academy, 2-0. Mercersburg beat King Abdullah, 2-1, as all three teams finished 1-1.

King Abdullah won the JV divisions with 2-1 victories over both Foxcroft and Mercersburg. The hosts defeated Mercersburg, 2-1, in the first JV game of the day and finished 1-1. Mercersburg's JV was 0-2.

After more than an hour's layoff while Mercersburg and King Abdullah played, Foxcroft took the court but clearly did not have the same energy level and fell to King Abdullah, 25-15, 25-12. Smith was a lone bright spot on offense with four kills while Leah sparked the defense with five digs.

In the JV games, freshman Caroline Brown showed some skills as a setter and senior Bailey Renfrow served well in the squad's first competition.

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

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BRANDY GREENWELL

This month Florence soaked the east coast, the Emmys had a political undertone (shocking, I know), fall arrived and I announced to the world that I am pregnant. Yes, March of 2019 will bring not one but two bundles of joy to the Greenwell family. It's a bit of a weird sensation being pregnant for the first time at 43 years old, but my old bones and I are taking note of every oddity and emotion.

I was thrilled to get rid of all the medications, needles and worry of the long process it took for us to achieve a BFP (Big Fat Positive in the lingo of all the fertility blogs). I have had daily 20GA needles in my a\$\$, not to mention multiple shots in the stomach and up to 9 vials of blood drawn regularly over the past four years. Many a med student has learned from their visit to the room while my doctor prodded my lady parts and I have had too many sensitive surgeries to count. I feel like I should have charged admission to help offset the costs, but I

think that could have been interpreted the wrong way. To date, getting pregnant has been the hardest thing I have ever done and also my most proud accomplishment.

I haven't had too much morning sickness in the form of vomiting, but I have felt on the verge of puking for almost four months now. Headaches have been my biggest pregnancy symptom, migraines to be specific. I think I'd rather puke. My dear husband diffuses mint oil, puts a bag of frozen baby lima beans on my head and puts me in a dark, silent room to help.

Since I have been on a diet every day for about the past 40 years, I have been enjoying some guilt-free eating. The first two months all I wanted was broccoli, chickpeas, and cottage cheese. My normally carnivorous diet has turned my nose and I can't even think about shellfish without gagging. One morning at about 2 am I woke to crave a hot dog and cereal, together. My husband did his best to feed me but by the time he made them, that craving had passed. Sweet Frog is craved almost daily.



I have been so, so tired since becoming pregnant. I have been advised by new moms to sleep as much as I can now because once I have two babies, sleep will become precious. Nick and I were at the hospital waiting for yet another shot for me and a surge of exhaustion came over me. I went into the hospital Chapel and took a power nap. I figured if anyone came in to pray, they'd be sensitive to a snoring pregnant lady and not judge me.

Emotions, I don't even try to control them anymore. You never know if my response will be tears or rage. Life in stretch pants that come up to my bra line has been a rollercoaster so far.

From the moment Nick and I saw our baby Green beans do Tae-Bo on the ultrasound, we knew we were in for the ride of our lives and can't wait for their arrival.

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TIM BURCH

A common misconception about remodeling your home is the idea that you need to add on to

get more usable space. While additions can be a great way to create the extra space or functionality you and your family need, they aren't always necessary. In some of our recent projects, the

solution to more functionality wasn't an addition but instead reimagining the space their home already contained. For instance, how many times a year do you use your formal dining room?

Usually, it's reserved for special occasions and holidays and the other 300+ days out of the year it collects dust. In two recent projects, our clients reexamined their existing footprint and decided their formal dining rooms could be better used in a different capacity.

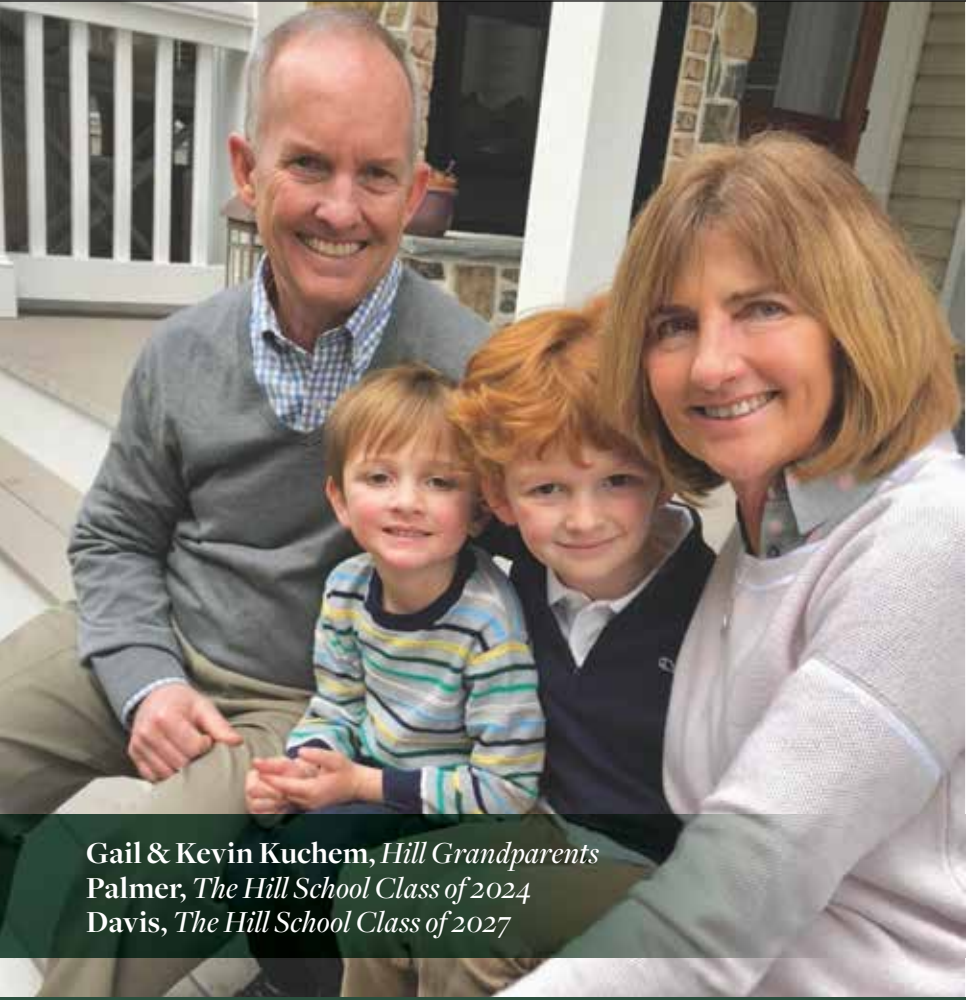
Our client originally had a small mudroom off the garage, that also housed her laundry area. With three daughters and a busy lifestyle, she realized her intimate formal dining area near the kitchen would be better utilized as a multipurpose room. The laundry machines were moved to this space, a full wall of storage was installed, and a large island was placed in the middle of the room for crafts, activities or folding laundry. It's now a light-filled, inspiring room that her family uses every day instead of wasted space that was used three times a year. By reimagining the existing space, the client's home is now more useful and practical for the family's day-to-day life.

Another one of our recent clients had a similar situation. With a young family, imagine coming home from a muddy soccer practice and walking straight into your dining room from the garage. They decided to reexamine



the floorplan on their first level and find opportunities for a more efficient and practical layout. The original location of their formal living room now holds their dining room, and a large family foyer with home office is now located where their dining room once was. The new space created a perfect buffer between outdoor and indoor living as the room features custom built-ins to neatly stash bags, shoes, and pet toys. This multipurpose foyer now keeps the clutter under control from the moment our clients walk through the door, creating a more relaxing and inviting home environment.

If you're considering a home renovation to create more usable space, you may not need to build an addition. The experts at BOWA can help you maximize the space you already have and create an environment that's functional, efficient and cohesive. Our team is well experienced at transforming traditional homes into beautiful and practical spaces for today's busy families.



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THE ARTIST'S PERSPECTIVE



TOM NEEL

I'm about to go down a road not often traveled in the "art community", but I just have to and you might not like me for it. I say this because it's not about art in the traditional sense, and I believe it may even be a disruption for traditional art. That said, it cannot be ignored and it is real art, yet you can only experience it in a virtual sense. The upsides are real too in that artists are being well paid for their creativity and it can be an interesting artistic learning tool. So, here

goes.

I have been a long time video gamer. I began this experience only for my love of cars and racing, but I must explain that these games have gotten so good graphically, my love of art honestly now eclipses my love of the car part of the games I play. Anyone can look back on just about anything and say, "Remember when?" This is certainly the case with video games, but the progression or advancement in graphics quality has come such a long way, my only quick comparison would be that of a horse

& buggy to a brand new Ferrari.

Today's games are not only magically beautiful in their presentation, many allow you to very freely explore the world you have entered. In doing so, anyone can enjoy the journey, but as an artist, you can also learn from what you are seeing. Let me offer these examples. Where most racing games contain you to the actual race track itself, other games allow you to venture out and freely explore. Meaning, you can drive down a road, even bust through a three rail fence and keep going. In your exploration, you can drive through fields, over sand dunes, across creeks with water splashing, all while seeing beautifully rendered skies, trees, buildings, and the cars themselves with lifelike detail. Additionally, it can start raining at any moment, the sunsets are beautiful and blue, cloud-filled skies are captivating. There's even a winter phase with snow so real it will make you cold, and coming this month will be changing seasons where summer turns to autumn, leaves fall, and the snow begins.

The rendered detail is nothing short of amazing. Driving down a dirt road at night once with headlights on, I came to a stop and could see every pebble on the road, foliage moving with the breeze and even fireflies! The lighting and reflective aspects can be mind-boggling when driving

the car under street lights or past lit buildings, seeing the perfect reflections moving across your hood's glossy paint. At night your headlights correctly light anything in their path, creating shadows and illuminating signs.

Now some of this you may have seen in the latest movies boasting a lot of computer-generated imagery (CGI) or even a PIXAR animation release. But the gaming world and the revenue it generates is easily twice what the international movie box office figures are. As such, the typical big game development cost budgets are huge. I've read estimates of \$10,000 per person, per month, with staffs of 400 up to over a 1000 people (many artists), working 3 years on just one new release. We are certainly not talking about starving artists here!

This technology is also making its way in other presentations like commercials. When you see an automobile advertisement in print or television, you may not even be looking at a real car. With this technology, instead of having to take a crew and cars to a shooting location, CGI artists can now brilliantly render the whole ad.

One of the companies specializing in the powerful creation development software needed to pull this off is UNREAL EN-



GINE, which offers technology like real-time rendering (RTR). To have a peek you can find them at unrealengine.com and learn more about the mind-blowing things they offer. What they offer through RTR is the architecture to create and design moving objects with the accurate dynamic action and lighting needed to create a virtual reality world. In fairness, this is honestly above my pay grade, but certainly not above or out of the reach of my appreciation. I'm hooked on the endless possibilities, both from an artistic sense, learning and artists career opportunities.

Of course, the only downside is that most of this magic is viewed on large flat panel TV's, many of which have found their way to the focal points in a room once held by paintings. But for budding artists, it's a brave new world and for old dogs like myself, I can share it's a useful learning tool for lighting, perspective, color theory and more.

Live An Artful Life, Tom

PASTIMES

1978 WAS A BIG YEAR IN MUSIC

IN UNISON

THIS FILM
SHOULD BE PLAYED
LOUD

STEVE CHASE

The Last Waltz is Forty

Nineteen seventy-eight was an extraordinary year for music. Many bands of that era were at their peak, and some remarkable music came out that year, stretching across the musical spectrum. Martin Scorsese released his film, *The Last Waltz*, in 1978, announcing at the start of the film in bold graphics stating that, "This Film Should Be Played Loud." Called by some as the greatest rock documentary ever, the film documents The Band's last concert at the San Francisco's Winterland auditorium in 1976. The Band, who had been Bob Dylan's backup

group for a few years, welcomed a wide range of music guest to the stage, including Neil Young, Eric Clapton, Joni Mitchell, Emmylou Harris, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Ronnie Wood, Muddy Waters, Neil Diamond, Van Morrison, and The Staple Singers, among others. The concert has become somewhat of a cult event, spurring several tributes in the past few years, including the 2017 performance in Washington, D.C. organized by Warren Haynes from Gov't Mule and The Allman Brothers.

The Band started in the mid-sixties as Levon and The Hawks. Members, all from Canada, were Levon Helm, Rick Danko, Richard Emanuel, Garth Hudson, and Robbie Robertson. In 1965, they

started to back Bob Dylan, and were often called "The Band." They made the name official in 1968 with the release of *Muscle Shoals*, a pink house in West Saugerties, New York. They were one of the original Roots rock bands, a genre often called country rock at the time. The *Last Waltz* Director Scorsese puts the viewer on the stage with the artists, and all but a small handful of critics have problems with the film. A triple album of the concert was released in 1978 along with the film.

Included on the film were a couple soundstage scenes, including the great song, *The Weight*, sung with the Staples Singers. The *Weight* is a fable about happenings in Nazareth, Pennsylvania with a group of characters composer Robertson had seen across the country as they toured with Dylan. Drummer Levon Helm bright baritone powers the tune like nobody else ever could, and bassist Rick Danko sings the verse about "crazy Chester" as a bittersweet counterpoint to Helm's organic sound. The tune has solidified itself in the Rock Songbook as one of the greatest, although Rolling Stone only puts it at 50 out of 100. I, however, would send it up to the top 25. The amazing ensemble sound of the final verse, "Catch the cannonball now, take

me on down the line..." reveals the true genius of The Band, and I can never get enough of it.

The film has a number of other classic Band tunes, including *Don't Do It*, *Up on Cripple Creek*, *This Wheel's on Fire*, *Ophelia*, *The Shape I'm In*, and *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down*. There are great blues with Eric Clapton, Muddy Waters, and Paul Butterfield; Neil Young sings fine versions of *Helpless* and *Four Strong Winds*, after noting that being up on stage with The Band was "one of the pleasures of his life."

Few people know that the Joni Mitchell tune, *Coyote*, played on the film, is not about an animal, but is actually about playwright and actor Sam Shepherd (with whom Mitchell had an affair) and their time together on tour with Bob Dylan in 1975. The greatest version of this tune can be heard on Mitchell's album, *Hejira*, with the great bassist, Jaco Pastorius – but that is another story.

In 2002, a new *The Last Waltz* album was released, with a ton of additional material. You can hear it on the various streaming music services like Apple Music and Spotify. It includes the original live version of *The Weight* from the '76 show, among others. The music these guys produced is timeless, and perhaps represent the seventies better than any other

group as we look back forty years. Take a listen, and it will be as Young said, a great pleasure of your life.

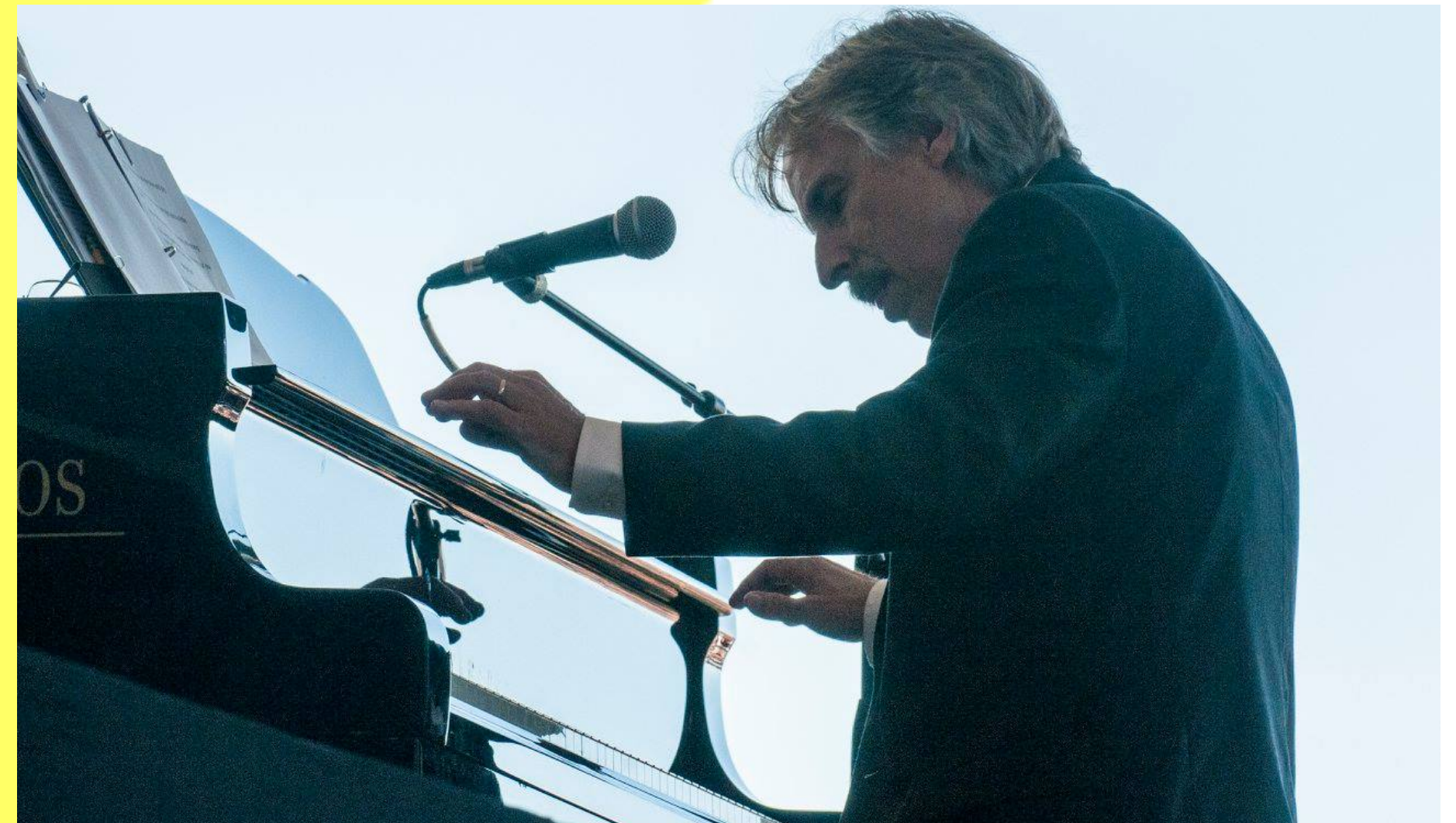
Reunion

I drive up to Connecticut the first weekend of October for my 40th High School reunion. In preparation for the drive, I looked at the music that came out in 1978, and I was amazed to see how much influential and great music that came out that year. I first heard the Pat Metheny Group playing under the stars on the Town Park stage in Telluride, a show supporting the release of their great, eponymous album, *Pat Metheny Group*. I had my musical paradigm shattered listening to fusion bands like Weather Report, Al Di Meola, Chick Corea, Bill Bruford, and U.K. There was also party music like the Rolling Stones, The Cars, Dire Straits, Talking Heads, and the great Little Feat. The Grateful Dead was also playing some great music that year, with concert tapes like the 1978 *Gizah Pyramids* shows. These appeared only days after the performance, a prequel to the digital music revolution of today. To celebrate this milestone, I put together a 1978 tunes playlist. You can hear it here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9w4qksk>.

Steve Chase is playing *The Last Waltz*, really loud in Unison.

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PASTIMES

NEW ROADS

AROUND THE TOWN



HAZEL SWEITZER

Can I just say, I am so pleased with the new roads in town! Do you have any idea how it hard it is to be a dog and con-

stantly step in potholes? I want to thank everyone who helped make the roads in Middleburg so perfect for a dog like me. Every morning I wake up even more excited and anxious to

walk around our beautiful town. It's amazing what new roads can do. Which makes me think about life. I know, kind of deep for a dog, but our lives can have potholes, loose gravel, faded lines and deteriorate from age, at least symbolically.

I hear Tom talk to his friends and family about creating new roads all the time. Last night I heard him on the phone with another human. He said you have been down that same road a million times. What is going to make you choose a new road? I think the person on the other end of the phone was sad and crying. Then, he said,

sometimes the rougher the road the more healing is about to happen to you.

I personally have watched Tom take new roads, and not just the ones we walk on. He is trying to not eat meat, trying to do 50 sit-ups at night (Which he really only does 20), and he writes a list of things every morning having to do with things he doesn't want to feel bad about. He also has repainted the guest room (it needed it), and he is writing new music. All these things are new roads for my human, Tom to explore. I am happy I don't live with a human who just resigns to same-old, broken down roads.



I hope you appreciate the new roads in the town as I do. Think about some ways you can make the old roads you constantly travel on in your own life feel and seem new again.

A FROGGY SUMMER

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

When the rains arrived in spring, a bright yellow contractor's wheelbarrow filled up and over flowed as it sat in the yard. Within two weeks there were tadpoles swimming around,

enjoying the six cubic feet of water (44.883 gallons), and that ended the need to use the wheelbarrow. Summer arrived and still it rained. Not once have I needed to cap off the water in my frog pond on wheels. Eventually I gave them a water hyacinth (maturing baby frogs like to climb on something),

and an emergency spill over bowl. Tadpoles will wriggle over the edge in heavy rains, which seems so counterintuitive. What they're eating is a mystery to me, maybe little bits of green slime on the edge of their yellow plastic house.

Another frog pond is a welcome sight; there are two others that have functioned as frog nurseries for years. On any pleasant day with elevated humidity they trill and twerp and I like to think it's all my doing. My house sits on a hill and the best way to describe the habitat is a dry upland. From a frog's point of view, it might be less than ideal; they prefer low, squishy places. Not only have I afforded them water bowls to live in but a reliable food source, namely the moths that are attracted to my night flowering plants.

Next to the night garden is my

studio, which is as delightful as my garden and causes lapses in focus when the fragrance rises to heady proportions. Inside of the studio there are very bright lights, which shine out the windows and door luring moths and beetles, which in turn bring hungry frogs. When the lights are turned off and the hour is late, walking in the dark is more like tiptoeing; all for fear that I might step on one. The occasional frog scream tells me I missed another one and they jump to safety.

Using a flashlight would make sense and maybe I'll remember one before summer is over or before I accidentally step on a frog. Never before has this been such an issue and speaks to the rain we've received all summer.

My tropical gardens have loved the rain, but some of my favorite perennials have not.



A few asters developed black leaves and had to be cut to the ground before they even flowered. The peonies have a serious case of peony botrytis so it's imperative that you remove all of their leaves as you clean-up this fall. Any signs of black spot or leaf fungus will also entail the removal of leaves as they fall to the ground. The spores are alive and will reconstitute themselves with rains next spring.

With each season there are pluses and minuses. Gardeners are appreciative of the rain, it's a plus. And if you had told me that I would have a frog pond in a wheelbarrow, well that's just nonsense!

PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY - WHAT CAN I DO?

DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

Preventive dentistry's aim is to avoid opportunities for disease that cause tooth decay and other oral health problems. Disease opportunities happen when the immune system and/or the balance of bacteria in our bodies change allowing for disease to start. The two main types of dental disease are decay (cavities) and periodontal disease (gum disease). The way to avoid dental disease is through patient education, proper nutrition, excellent, and regular dental visits.

The most important way to avoid disease opportunities is through proper nutrition. Anthropologists have studied teeth from people who lived before the industrial revolution and found that there are few incidences of cavities and gum disease. Our ancestors had no preventive aids such as

dentists, hygienists, fluoride, floss, sealants, toothbrushes or toothpaste. Why is it that these preventive measures were not needed before the industrial revolution? In our desire to meet the needs of a changing society and workforce our food changed. Processed foods, sweeteners, preservatives, genetically modified (GMO) fruits and vegetables, and now genetically modified animals have changed the quality and quantity of nutrients we take in which are needed for health and balance. We try to make up the difference with supplements (vitamins and minerals) but fall short. Consider diet as a major factor in prevention, what you eat is important to a healthy immune system and balance in our bodies. I am not saying that an occasional treat is bad, but consider how often we treat ourselves. You can make a difference by changing how you shop for food and where you

go out for a meal, cut back on refined carbohydrates, cut out GMO foods and include high quality, organic fresh foods as your staple foods (suggested reading: Dr. Steven Lin, The Dental Diet).

The second most important thing you can do to avoid disease opportunity is to have excellent home care. Removing bacterial plaque from your teeth will lower the opportunity for disease (decay and gum disease). Brush twice a day, in the morning after eating breakfast and in the evening just before going to bed. Use low abrasive toothpaste with fluoride (e.g. plain paste Crest or Colgate). Fluoride hardens the enamel making it more resistant to decay. Use an electric toothbrush (e.g. Sonicare or Braun). There are several studies which show that brushing with a high-quality electric toothbrush removes more bacteria (plaque) from the teeth

than a manual toothbrush leading to healthier mouths. Floss once a day before going to bed to remove plaque from between teeth and gently stimulate the gingival tissues making them more resistant to bacteria.

Your dentist will suggest an interval for regular dental visits to avoid disease opportunities based on your individual needs. If you are very healthy and have had few or no dental restorations you should need fewer dental visits. If you have had much dentistry and/or are challenged with the removal of plaque (e.g. arthritis) and/or have some medical diseases (medications can dry the mouth), you should come in more frequently. Fluoride varnish treatments administered by your dental practice are also beneficial for those on well water and those with greater dental challenges. Dental sealants are also beneficial to prevent decay on the biting surfaces of

molars and bicuspids. Visits to the dental office do not take the place of good nutrition and homecare but will help those who are having more problems or are at higher risk. Consider your frequency as an investment in your health. Spending some on prevention can save much on treatment.

You can enjoy a healthy mouth, which contributes to a healthy body, by eating a healthy diet, taking care of your teeth at home and visiting your dentist regularly.

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, visiting faculty at Spear Education, alumnus of Pankey Institute, a member the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine and the American Dental Association. Dr. Gallegos practices dentistry in Middleburg, VA. www.MiddleburgSmiles.com.

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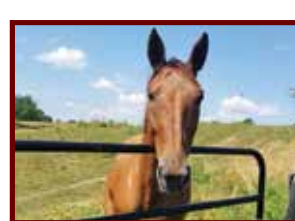
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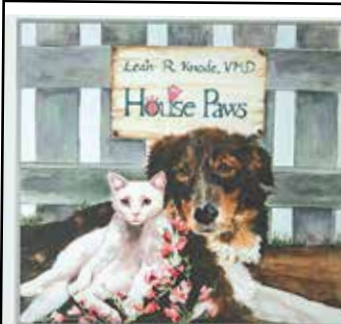
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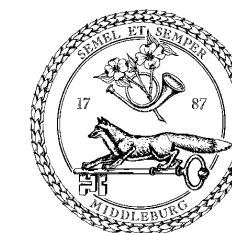


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The Middleburg Town Council is accepting letters of interest from individuals who wish to be considered for service on the newly established **MIDDLEBURG STRATEGIC FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SFAC)**. Applicants should have a strong financial services or banking background, preferably with some experience related to local government finances. The SFAC is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Town Council for changes to the Town's financial policies, as advisable; recommending long-range financial policies regarding the investment of the Town's reserve funds; recommending tax and revenue policies based on a review of the Town's tax structures and larger economic trends and factors in a long-term planning sense; and, making recommendations as needed on debt restructuring or the Town's borrowing policy based on a review of the annual budget, debt structures, financial borrowing capacity and long-term capital and financial needs.

SFAC members will be appointed to serve staggered terms, with some members initially being appointed for one-year and some for two-year terms. Thereafter, terms will be for a two-year period. The SFAC will meet a minimum of once every other month, with the meeting dates and times to be established by the Committee.

Anyone interested in serving on this Committee is asked to send a letter of interest, including any relevant qualifications, no later than October 15, 2018 to the following:

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MIDDLEBURG’S “NATURE”

Middleburg’s Town Council is currently pursuing a new articulation of the Town’s “brand.”

The singularly most important goal of the initiative is to give systematic and professionally guided thought to how best articulate what’s best and most appealing about our town.

The results will help shape how we are “officially” seen and heard in print of all kinds, in broadcast media and online. Those efforts, in turn, will affect “unofficial” communica-

tions as well.

Approaching these issues systematically is wise.

The Mayor, members of Town Council, Town Staff and a host of unofficial friends and organizations have no choice but to talk about Middleburg, and it’s both smart and effective to have everyone “singing from the same songbook” as far as is appropriate and possible.

One of the most difficult tasks in the process is, for lack of a better word, “shorthand,” namely agreeing on short, appropriate, effective words and images, reflective of our best qualities.

Should, for example, the traditional Town Seal, with its fox and key, hunting horn dogwood blossoms, and Latin motto serve as our “logo” or should a new design, a new “shorthand” be adopted for use with or instead of the seal.

The task is made even more complicated by the length of the list of Middleburg’s strengths.

Some of them are objective. We are demonstrably well-governed, well-protected, financially stable, and “popular,” well-thought-of by our friends and neighbors. They come here to shop, visit and attend our special events. And they are proprietary, protective of us in the best sense of the word.

Other qualities are subjective.

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IT COULD HAPPEN HERE

To the editor,

I am part of the resistance within the Washington Metropolitan Council of Government (WMCOG) and Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) regional planning agencies. ALERT: Developers hijacked the planning field.

There appear to be few if any adults in our boardrooms; just elected officials and their big donors — bully developers, road builders, and energy companies. Under the guise of “good planning” they seem to cunningly update master plans and zoning codes to permit unlimited development and population growth, everywhere.

Trendy concepts are exploited, namely: infill, urban policy areas, smart-growth, neo-traditional, mixed-use, transects, and form-based codes, resulting in communities placed on the defensive in order to save scarce green spaces from so-called, “well-planned development.”

Don’t look to the American Planning Association (APA) for guidance. That entity still claims that new mixed-use development is sustainable. That’s not true and worse, it allows elected officials

to cynically gift density to their donors in the name of environmentalism, rather than enact publicly beneficial local renewable energy incentive programs.

How To Plan a Rural County into a City

Here’s how it all plays out.

First, the entire county or town is coated with sprawl.

EXAMPLE: In Maryland, Anne Arundel County recently permitted hundreds of acres of residential development directly upon Maryland’s most important environmental lands, called “Targeted Ecological Areas.” Maryland’s developer-Governor, it would seem, isn’t going to disapprove.

Next, once most of the open land is trampled, the locality decrees: “Shameth on the suburbs. We shall grow vertically with green mixed-use development, and it is good.” But, demonstrably, it isn’t.

EXAMPLE: Howard County’s 6,000-unit new mixed-use Columbia project is not situated near mass transit; features a 3,000-car garage; doesn’t save any land, anywhere; and has half as much office space as downtown Baltimore.

Poor Baltimore City. Surrounding counties are killing it. First, they lured away its residents. Now, with a so-called “good planning” sword, they stab away at the city’s heart, its high-rise office district.

America’s uneconomic development shell game to ruin its cities, first with suburbia, and then by urbanizing suburbia, lets greedy developers reach the promised land of unlimited development. Once a county is a city, developers just keep building, and conveniently use APA propaganda in order to assert they are “environmental stewards.”

If builders are lucky—like in Arlington and Fairfax counties—there is almost zero open space left after the suburban sprawl blitz. This means they don’t need to worry about the potential implementation of a transfer of development rights (TDR) program. TDRs require builders to fund open space preservation in exchange for density increases they otherwise get for free.

EXAMPLE: Baltimore County is flipping its once laudable two-thirds rural and one-third urban vision the other way around by rapidly developing its remaining rural lands. Even as builders claim net urban area density increases are sustainable and necessary to save rural open space, the county continues to issue rural development permits. The county desperately wants, you see, rural estate lot tax revenue to fund new schools needed to service its new so-called green dense urban area development.

HINT: Environmental impact review of land plans, and campaign finance reform benefit children, not more development.

Fraudulent Environmental Reviews

WMCOG and BMC routinely use disinformation tactics—using, for example, relative, rather than absolute statistics—to misrepresent in-house environmental reviews as scientific.

They also do not disclose the presence of deadly fine particulate matter air pollution in communities adjacent to busy roadways and airports they fund and expand. This way, no one knows their family’s health could be harmed, and it certainly keeps anyone from claiming a big box headquarters and a Loudon County plan update would increase particulate pollution. Both will.

TIP: Gift your elected officials “Airbeam2” handheld emissions gauges.

Further, these entities prevent environmental staff from educating citizens that only renewable energy can in fact solve climate change, and that substituting fracked natural gas for coal also harms human health. This is too bad for minority neighborhoods located near five new natural gas power plants in Prince George’s County and too bad for children everywhere.

Solution

Let citizens play WMCOG and BMC’s fantasy forecast modeling game. When they plug in assumptions for campaign finance reform, lower population growth, and renewable energy, they’ll see a future with abundant open land, trees, wildlife, and cleaner air. Then, they’ll toss out WMCOG and BMC’s current plans enriching elected officials’ cronies at the public’s expense.

PURVEYORS OF FAKE NEWS

BRIAN VELLA

Books have been written on the subject of fake news, and I am not the first to observe that fake news is nothing new. The Soviet Union had two newspapers of record: Pravda (“Truth”), the official newspaper of the Communist Party, and Izvestiya (“News”), the official newspaper of the Soviet government. The saying among the readership was “In Pravda (Truth) there is no news, and in Izvestiya (News) there is no truth.” Instead of objective journalists, the publishers of Pravda and Izvestiya were nothing more than Party operatives, reporting only the “news” favorable to the Party and ignoring to the extent possible anything unfavorable. Where it was not possible to ignore unfavorable events, they would simply spin or report false facts to mislead the public. Eerily like their counterparts at Pravda and Izvestiya, a number of

today’s “journalists” are willing to distort the facts to advance a narrative for their party, even if the result is biased reporting, unreported facts, and outright fake news.

Consider the objectivity of those who edit and deliver the news to the American public. At ABC News, the chief anchor and political correspondent is George Stephanopoulos, a former advisor to the Democrat Party and later White House communications director for President Clinton. In his autobiography, Stephanopoulos wrote that Hillary Clinton was once so pleased with him that she exclaimed, “I love you, George Stephanopoulos,” to which he replied, “I love you, too.” As one would suspect given his background and his loyalties, Stephanopoulos’ reporting is predictably biased as the filters, spins and ignores the facts to advance the agenda of his party.

ABC is not alone. NBC has Chuck Todd, a college dropout who now hosts NBC’s Meet the Press and is the political director for NBC News. Like Mr. Stephanopoulos, Mr. Todd is a life-long Democrat Party loyalist. Todd once worked for “The Hotline” under the tutelage of Roger Craver, a “campaigner for progressive causes”, before rising through the party ranks to serve on the staff of Democrat Senator Tom Harkin. Now a “journalist”, Mr. Todd has admitted he and his colleagues “went easy” on Hillary Clinton during the 2016 Presidential campaign, showing both his bias and his knack for understatement.

At CBS, Dan Rather anchored the CBS Evening News for 24 years. His biased reporting culminated with his infamous use of forged documents to impugn George W. Bush’s service record during the 2004 presidential campaign. Despite forensic proof that the

documents he used were forged, like any good ideologue, Rather stood by his story. That textbook example of fake news eventually cost Rather his job at CBS, but he has since been rewarded with a new home on cable TV where he continues to peddle fake news.

What about print media? The Washington Post still routinely touts its reporting on the Watergate scandal but has twisted itself into knots to ignore, deflect and downplay unfavorable facts concerning the Obama administration’s domestic spying operation on the Trump campaign. This latest act of pro-Democrat advocacy by the WP is a continuation of its biased reporting on a string of Obama administration misdeeds so egregious that legal professor and commentator Jonathan Turley remarked that “Barack Obama is really the president Richard Nixon always wanted to be”. If you rely on the WP for “news”, you literally will not know a fraction of

FAKE SCIENCE VS. BIASED SCIENCE

A SCIENTIST’S PERSPECTIVE

DR. ART POLAND, PHD

With all the “discussion” lately about “fake news”, I’ve been thinking about how the word fake relates to scientific publication, and even scientific research. In thinking about it, I might put science results into possibly three major categories: good or quality research, biased research, and finally fake research.

Quality research is what most scientists do. The first step is to take data or make an observation of something. This may even involve a computer simulation.

In designing the experiment you will probably have some idea of what you are looking for, but you MUST NOT let that limit your results. You will design an experiment to look for something, but you must not design it to ignore what may disagree with what you are looking for. For example, if you are looking for black, you must not let the experiment ignore white. You must think long and hard about what your experiment may be overlooking. You then ask, what does this data mean, what is it telling me. If you like or dislike the result you must ask yourself why. When you submit it for publication the referee will try to find something wrong. He/she will demand that you explain (rewrite) anything that is unclear. You must write the paper such that others can independently verify or prove your result wrong.

Biased research is more common than one would like, but those who engage in it don’t usually get very far. In this case, you start out with a preconceived notion and try to prove it with an experiment or computer simulation. An example of a biased experiment might be that I am going to prove that

chocolate makes you fat. I will find 100 fat people and discover that 95% of them eat chocolate. Case proved, I never bother to find out that 95% of skinny people also eat chocolate. In most cases, the referee process in publican does not allow these types of results to be published.

People who do fake research do not usually last very long. In this case, a person makes up their results. An example might be the discovery of a pill that cures cancer. Fake research usually involves the desire to make a lot of money, or obtain glory. Other scientists will demand enough information to confirm the result. These “scientists” usually try to hide the details of what they have done. The immediately becomes a red flag, so others will dig in even harder to reproduce the results. If it is fake, the results can’t be reproduced, and the scientist is publicly discredited. We as scientists work diligently to expose this kind of activity.

I find it exasperating that fake news and fake science seem to get the most attention. We/people need to be more critical in our processing of information.

PRESIDENTIAL INTEGRITY

DAN MORROW

It was almost no trick at all, he saw, to turn vice into virtue and slander into truth, impotence into abstinence, arrogance into humility, plunder into philanthropy, thievery into honor, blasphemy into wisdom, brutality into patriotism, and sadism into justice. Anybody could do it; it required no brains at all. It merely required no character.”

- Joseph Heller - Catch 22

At press time the White House had just announced that Rod Rosenstein, Deputy Director of the FBI was on his way to the White House to “resign.” Simultaneously sources in the FBI were reporting that Rosenstein would never resign and, if Trump wanted to get rid of him, he’d have to fire him. At the same time, calmer voices in the press were reporting that given both the

volatility and the absence of the President (he was in New York at the UN) no one really knew what would happen. By the time you read this, presumably on or after Thursday, September 4, we will know.

First and foremost on nearly everyone’s mind was the impact of a possible Nixon-era “Saturday Night Massacre” redux on the midterm elections. AND impact of such a firing on the Mueller investigation of the nature and impact of Russian intervention in the 2016 election

Firing Rosenstein may well revive what long-dormant senses of honor and duty remain among the Trump-dependent elements of the GOP leaders.

The question of Russian impact on the election, however, is now incontrovertible.

Despite overwhelming evidence of Russian intervention supplied by his own intelligence

chiefs, Trump, of course, still believes (or says he believes) he “won” fair and square.

As Jane Mayer noted in her latest New Yorker article, “How Russia Helped Swing the Election for Trump, the President has repeatedly dismissed “the idea that Russian interference affected the outcome of the 2016 election, calling it a ‘made up story,’ ‘ridiculous,’ and ‘a hoax.’ “ All stories to the contrary are “fake news” or worse, “treason” on the part of “enemies of the people.”

Mayer also points out that a new meticulous analysis by Kathleen Hall Jamieson of the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Center and FactCheck.org puts all the President’s protest to the lie.

According to Mayer, Jamieson’s Cyberwar: How Russian Hackers and Trolls Helped Elect a President -- What We Don’t, Can’t, and Do Know, describes

in scholarly detail just how Russian “trolls and hackers” managed to persuade “enough people to either vote in a certain way, or not vote at all” in numbers that clearly affected the outcome of an election won in the electoral college by a President who lost the popular vote.

Jamieson is a scholar. She’s been a well-respected authority on the impact of political media and methods for more than four decades, the “epitome of a humorless no-nonsense social scientist driven by the numbers,” according to Steven Livingston, a GWU professor, quoted by Mayer.

According to the online journal, AXIOS, when asked by Mayer “point blank if she thought that Trump would be President without the aid of Russians she didn’t equivocate. ‘No, she said, her face unsmiling. If everything else is a constant? No, I do not.

Jamieson draws her conclusions base on pure analysis of the impact of public communications. “Collusion” isn’t an issue. The “Impact” of Russian-driven media stands on its own.

People pay for legitimate campaigns using social media. Why? They work.

It has long seemed obvious that even a minimally effective campaign would have made a large difference in such a narrowly-decided election.

Now the “obvious” is painstakingly documented by one of the foremost scholars in the field.

Trump’s “victory” was illegitimate without question.

Unless Trump manages to spike the Mueller investigation the story of the President’s own role in the events that made it so, and that of his campaign staff, family, and the GOP, will soon be told.

EXOFFICIO

MARK SNYDER

Hello Middleburg! I speak here, I hope simply, as a citizen. I left town council in July and now write to share what I learned during my two decades there. I am starting with infrastructure, and my experience there is primarily the water utility, followed by land use planning.

Middleburg manages two principal funds: its general fund and its utility budget. Both are independently audited every year. I plan to explore and share items affecting the Water and Sewer Utility. Because it is a complex subject, this is part 1.

Part 1: An Introduction to the Middleburg Water Utility

Virginia traditionally views municipal utilities as enterprise funds that are separate from the general budget funds. Annual utility audits have focused on unbilled water (comparing the volume of water pumped to water billed) and, on the sewer side, storm-induced flows

through the wastewater treatment plant. In simple terms, unbilled water is the difference between the amount of water pumped from town wells and the amount of water billed to customers. The town meters, but does not bill the public elementary (Charter) school. The major sources of unbilled water are that which is lost to leaks in the delivery system and water used in flushing mains and to clear filters in the water treatment plants. Water Inflow and infiltration (I&I) cause the storm-induced flows. Simply put, rainwater flows through leaks into the sewer system, costing more to treat the higher volume of wastewater.

The audit considers the utility as a business, or enterprise, implying that it provides revenue to the town. This presupposes the utility provides a revenue source to the town (or at least is revenue neutral), independent of the general fund. I do not believe that Middleburg ever acquired revenue from the water utility to bolster the

general fund. To the contrary, the utility has long struggled to fund its own costs of business: operations, maintenance and replacing important assets as they begin to fail at the end of their useful life.

During my time on council, I worked with the Town Administrator and council to improve the water and sewer utility. These efforts encompassed improving water quality, operations, and funding stability.

We have accomplished much in terms of water quality. Two years ago, Middleburg replaced the water mains on Washington Street and the residences on the eastern side of town. This year the town replaced water mains for the residences on the western side of town. Many of these old mains were undersized, clogged with mineral sediments and old — many installed in the 1930s. These new mains provide better water pressure and reduce instances of sediment (brown water). The new mains also provide a far greater assurance that adequate water will be

available for firefighting.

Middleburg benefitted tremendously a few years ago from Sheila Johnson and the Salamander inn development, who paid for the wastewater treatment plant and for the new water treatment plant on Stonewall Avenue.

Another improvement is the Utility Master Plan. Middleburg contracted with an engineering firm to produce this study fifteen years ago. This plan highlights areas for improvement. It needs updating, and we are fortunate that our engineer, Bob Krallinger, who produced the original plan, is eager to update it. Next, Middleburg hired Municipal and Financial Services Group (MSFG), a regional firm, to provide an update a professional rate model, which the town updates every year to determine water and sewer rates. Finally, the town bid out and contracted utility operations and maintenance with Inboden Environmental Services (IES). These firms all provide high-quality professional services to

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DEEP SEABED MINING WATERWORLD

RICHARD A. ENGBERG

Deep Seabed mining, are you kidding? Mining at 10,000 or 20,000 feet below the ocean surface? Is it even possible? The short answer is yes and it's likely to happen in the next few years.

On September 8th, I was privileged to attend a briefing on this subject at the Pew Charitable Trust offices in Washington, DC. The briefing was conducted by Dr. Conn Nugent, Director of Pew's seabed mining project. According to Nugent, the upper few inches of

the deep seabed contains deposits of valuable minerals, gold, silver, nickel, copper, manganese, lithium, and rare earth minerals. He discussed three sources of these minerals from different areas of the seafloor. I'll only mention polymetallic nodules.

The first step in considering mining of the seabed is exploration. Much exploration has been done and areas considered rich in minerals have been identified. Nugent showed the attendees a potato-sized polymetallic nodule from a flat area (plateau) in the seabed of the Pacific Ocean. The rock was

black indicating that it was primarily manganese. Hundreds of thousands of these rocks litter the plateau.

Following exploration, the next step is the development of extraction technology. In areas like the plateau, a vacuuming device would be lowered to the seabed from a ship. This technology has been developed to the point that exploitation of the minerals will be possible in less than five years.

Sixty percent of the world's deep seabed lies beyond the exclusive economic zones of countries. A United Nations organization called the Interna-

tional Seabed Authority (ISA) has broad powers to establish conditions for exploration and exploitation of seabed mineral resources. Member states can apply for ISA contracts. At the beginning of 2017, there were 26 exploration contracts but no exploitation contracts. Nations with companies holding contracts include India, China, France, Germany, Japan, Russia, Belgium, United Kingdom and several others including some small nations such as Tonga. Absent from the list is the United States who has not ratified the document creating ISA. Nugent believes that the first

nation to be granted an exploitation contract will be Belgium.

Nugent was asked if seabed mining isn't already being done. He replied that yes but only in shallow water inside the economic zones of the countries in question. He cited the dredging of sand to replace sand eroded from beaches. He also cited oil drilling in the North Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. But he reiterated that mining has never been done before now in the deep ocean.

There is serious disagreement about whether seabed mining should even

LETTER FROM THE PLAINS

ANTHONY WELLS

The August white supremacist demonstration in Washington DC and the, fortunately, did not reach anywhere near the tragic proportions of last year's events in Charlottesville. However, we were all reminded of the "alt-right" (alternative right) and its fundamentals – a collection of hate groups embracing a range of evils including white supremacists, white nationalists, neo-fascists, neo-Nazis, anti-Semites, and other ne'er-do-wells and fellow travelers. The First Amendment protects their rights to peaceful demonstration and articulating their views. The element that I want to address is not so much the anti-Semitic nature of the "alt-right", but indeed to separate this aspect from a completely different issue that is in my humble opinion equally insidious, and does not serve well much wider and far more educated views regarding the role of United States policy towards Israel, the Middle East in general, and US relations with the United Nations and our key allies in Europe. Over the past decades, there has developed in the US, since the 1960s, largely because of the influence of

the Israeli lobby, led primarily by AIPAC (The American Israel Public Affairs Committee), the notion that any criticism of Israel, its policies, and its leadership is, by definition, anti-Semitic. AIPAC is a highly influential, wealthy, and well organized and managed lobbying group that seeks to promote pro-Israeli policies and funding in the US Congress and the Executive branch of government. AIPAC is a controversial organization, as much amongst American Jews as anyone else. The relevance of all this for Eccentric readers and voters will become apparent shortly, but let me for a few moments do some scene setting. I for one and this applies to everyone that I know, do not have an atom of anti-Semitism in my bones. I have many great Jewish friends and colleagues and was a pallbearer at the funeral of one of the finest people I have ever known, who happens to have been Jewish. An uncle of mine died fighting the Nazis, and another liberated with General Montgomery's Eighth Army one of the Nazi concentration camps. I made an official visit to the Stutthof concentration camp in Poland in the early 1970s as a senior British naval officer while on a port visit to Gdynia

and Gdansk. One never forgets. The memory is forever ingrained. As the third Chairman of the Board of the USS Liberty Alliance, following the late Admiral Thomas Moorer (late Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Chief of Naval Operations) and Rear Admiral Clarence "Mark" Hill, a distinguished naval aviator and battle group commander, I have often found myself under attack from disparate and in my opinion dishonorable sources because the USS Liberty Alliance (USS Liberty is the most decorated warship in the history of the United States Navy for a single action as a result of the Israeli air and naval attacks of June 8, 1967) has supported the Liberty's veterans, and also on another key aspect. The latter is the overwhelming evidence that shows that the Israeli attack on Liberty was deliberate and authorized by Moshe Dayan. The fall out from this has been that over the past several decades the Board that I now chair has been attacked from multiple quarters by the Israeli lobby. Only recently in an effort to achieve reconciliation between the Liberty survivors and those who attacked Liberty and are still alive we received what can only be described as

venomous attacks on the memory of a great American like Admiral Moorer. Incidentally when he was CJCS Admiral Moorer saved Israel by leading the relief and support efforts when Israel was worsted in the 1973 Yom Kippur war. Now to the present and relevance of all this for Eccentric readers. Leslie Cockburn and her husband Andrew jointly published in 1991 a brilliantly researched and analyzed book published by Harper Collins entitled: "Dangerous Liaison. The Inside Story of the US-Israeli Covert Relationship". This book is outstanding and well worth the read. It provides accurate details and insights into, for examples, Israel's nefarious nuclear weapons program with the Apartheid regime in South Africa, arms sales to Iran, and others less favorable to US interests, and a whole cluster of clandestine operations that have created more problems than they have solved. Israel focuses today on its challenges from Hamas and Hezbollah while hoping that the world forgets that the Israeli terrorist organizations Irgun and the Haganah perpetrated many atrocities in the name of gaining independence for Israel in the post World War Two era. As I have writ-

ten many times, "Past is Prologue in the Middle East". The Palestinians today, seeking an independent state, are no different than nascent Israel. The more militant Palestinian echelons today reflect the terrorist groups that fought for the creation of an independent Israel. Menachem Begin, who won the Nobel Peace Prize with Anwar Sadat, led Irgun in his youth. Begin saw himself as a freedom fighter, not a terrorist. Despite the scholarly and objective nature of this book, the blowback for Ms. Cockburn, as a candidate in the upcoming November election for the Virginia 5th Congressional District is that her opponents are likely to attack her for the same reasons the USS Liberty Alliance has been attacked – for daring to criticize Israel. Readers should be most wary and not listen to what is likely to be pure propaganda as the weeks' tick by to November 6. Do form your own opinions by reading this book. As a member of The Five Eyes community since 1968, I can confirm that this book is spot on, and I can also confirm that there is absolutely not one shred of anti-Semitism in its pages. Leslie Cockburn has my vote. She is a remarkable and talented lady.

LIVES WELL LIVED

VIRGINIA (GINNY) HEYL RHODES 1954 - 2018

Virginia (Ginny) Heyl Rhodes, age 63, went to be with the Lord on August 17, 2018, at Norfolk General Hospital. She was born on December 25, 1954, in North Platte, NE to Daniel and Bobbie Heyl.

She had a passion for art and proudly graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Arts from Penn State University. She married William (Bill) Rhodes on September 1, 1979, and has now joined him in the presence of God. Ginny boldly lived out her

dream of moving to the beach and savored the little things in life: like reflecting on a favorite Bible verse or song, finding sea glass, going for a morning run or chatting with a loved one. She is remembered by her children, Matthew and Lauren;

her father, Dan, and his wife Barbara; her brother, Steve, and his wife, Jennifer; her brother-in-law, Edward, and his wife, Christine; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and precious friends.

Romans 14:8-9



EDITH FOX BROWN 1911 - 2018

Edith Fox Brown, of Middleburg, VA, died September 14, 2018, in Rose Hill Health and Rehab of Berryville, VA at the age 106. Mrs. Brown was born October 16, 1911, in Fauquier County, VA to the late Curlett and Lula Fox. She was also predeceased by her husband T. Benson Brown along with Leslie Payne, Richard Fox, James Fox, Mary Brooks, Catherine Lloyd, Helen Turner, Fred Fox, ~ BE LOCAL ~

and Amy Hall. Edith worked as a domestic worker for the Wiley Family at Gordon Dale Farm, she loved helping to serve parties with the Will Allen family, was a member of the Virginia Garden Club, and was a deaconess and active member of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Upperville, VA.

Edith is survived by daughters Edith R. Scott (the late Arthur) of Woodbridge, VA,

Mildred "Till" Smith (James) of Middleburg, VA, and Saverna "Vern" Grayson (David) of Middleburg, VA; brother Jerry Brooks (Marcia) of Georgia; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family received friends Monday, September 24th from 7-9 p.m. at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 1175 Delaplane Grade

Road, Upperville, VA. A service was held at the church on Tuesday, September 25th at 11 a.m. with interment following in Westview Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church Building Fund, 1175 Delaplane Grade Rd, Upperville, VA 20184.

Arrangements are by Royston Funeral Home of Middleburg, VA.



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Mount Gordon Farm The Plains, Virginia \$9,850,000

128 acres and immaculate 3 level, 13,000+ sq ft stone & shingle main house • 5 BR • 8 FP • Exceptional finishes on every floor • Caterer's kitchen • Elevator • Spa • Separate guest cottage • Pool • Farm manager residence • 3 additional tenant houses • 12 stall center-aisle stable • Pond • Extraordinary land w/incomparable views extending beyond the Blue Ridge Mts • Orange County Hunt

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Mayapple Farm Middleburg, Virginia \$3,400,000

A purist's delight • Original portion of house built in 1790 in Preston City, CT • House was dismantled and rebuilt at current site • Detail of work is museum quality • Log wing moved to site from Western Virginia circa 1830 • 4 BR, 4 full BA, 2 half BA, 9 FP & detached 2-car garage • Historic stone bank barn and log shed moved from Leesburg, VA • Private, minutes from town • Frontage on Goose Creek • 37.65 acres

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Marley Grange Millwood, Virginia \$1,875,000

Understated elegance • Finely appointed home built in 1997 on 76 acres • 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 half baths, 5600+ sq. ft. • Very private • 10 stall barn • 224 ft. X 128 ft. blue stone ring • Fine horse property • Choice ride-out • In conservation easement, bordered by farms in conservation easement

Tom Cammack (540) 247-5408



Creek Crossing Farm Purcellville, Virginia \$1,325,000

Home circa 1988 • 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths • 4 fireplaces, 3-car garage, vaulted ceilings, natural light • 6-stall barn, tack, hay storage, wash sink, exercise arena • Fenced and cross fenced • 20.56 acres, private with great ride out • Frontage on Beaver Dam Creek

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Fidelio The Plains, Virginia \$9,500,000

Prime Fauquier County location minutes from Middleburg • Unbelievable finishes throughout • Antique floors and mantels, vaulted ceilings • 6 BR, 5 full, 2 half BA • 6 FP, gourmet kitchen • Improvements include office/studio, stone cottage with office, spa, guest house, pool and lighted tennis court • Landscaped grounds with stream, waterfalls, boxwood and special plantings • 61 acres

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Game Creek Middleburg, Virginia \$2,985,000

A remarkable property located within a private enclave just minutes from town • Stone and stucco manor house with main level master suite • 7 additional BR • 5 stone FP • Beautiful gardens, terraces, salt water pool, cabana, carriage house & stable with 2 paddocks • Lovely finishes throughout & sweeping lawn to private trails to Goose Creek • 31 acres • Private, elegant & convenient

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Gileswood Farm Purcellville, Virginia \$1,850,000

Immaculate custom-built craftsman home with gorgeous finishes • Gourmet kitchen • Vaulted ceilings • Open floor plan maximizes light & views • 1st floor master suite • Home office • Large family room opens to impressive pool area with cabana and extensive stone terrace overlooking neighboring lake • Large barn easily built out for horses • Land fenced & prepared for 2 acre vineyard

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Waterfordway Waterford, Virginia \$1,285,000

Brick & frame home, completely redone in 2010 • 5 bedrooms • 3 full & 2-1/2 baths • 2 fireplaces • Elevator access all levels, notable room sizes • Great pool with spa, pool house, entertainment area • Beautiful 3-stall barn, lighted riding ring • Machine shed/office, greenhouse • Fruit trees galore, spring fed pond & board fencing • 10.91 acres

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Old Goose Creek Farm Middleburg, Virginia \$4,500,000

Pristine equestrian property in turnkey condition • Exceptional location • Stone home expanded to approx. 7,000 sf. includes 4 main level suites • Lovely gardens, pool, garage apartment & pond • Blackburn designed 6 stall stable w/70x210 indoor arena includes observation deck, tack room, 2 wash stalls & office • Additional 4 stall barn • Entire property is fenced and cross fenced on 26 acres & 8 paddocks

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Waverly The Plains, Virginia \$2,950,000

Circa 1755, prime Fauquier County location, between Middleburg and The Plains • Additions in early 1800's & 1943 • Home recently restored • 62 gently rolling acres in Orange County Hunt • 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 6 fireplaces • Improvements include salt water pool, pool house, large party house/studio, 2 tenant houses, stone walls and pond

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Harmony Creek Hume, Virginia \$1,650,000

Hilltop setting with beautiful distant views • Farm house circa 1920, completely restored and enlarged • 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, large country kitchen • 129.15 rolling & useable acres • Improvements include 3-bay equipment shed/work shop, guest house, 4-stall barn complex, riding ring, spring-fed pond and stream

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Stoneway The Plains, Virginia \$995,000

Well designed stucco single story • 3 BR • 4 full BA • 2 half BA • Master bedroom w/his and hers dressing room/bathroom en suite • Library • Sun-filled sitting room-dining room • Kitchen with breakfast nook and chef's caliber appliances • 2 FP • Large mudroom off 2 car garage • Cutting garden • Nested on 10 private wooded acres in sought after Orange County hunt

Alix Coolidge (703) 625-1724



Salem Hill Marshall, Virginia \$3,690,000

Prime Fauquier location, well protected • 6 bedrooms • 4 full and 2 half baths • 3 fireplaces • Great views • Pool with large flagstone terrace • Large country kitchen • 4-car detached garage with apartment/office • 9-stall barn • Covered arena • Outdoor ring • 4 stall shed row barn • 51 fenced acres

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



Belvedere Middleburg, Virginia \$1,950,000

Gracious home with 5 BRs • Gourmet kitchen • Two-story floor-to-ceiling window display of the Blue Ridge Mountains • 3 FPs, coffered ceilings, random width rustic cherry floors • Large home office, gym, rec room, multiple porches and patios • Three finished stories, approx. 10,000 sf. • Carriage house • Garage • 27 acres

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North House Middleburg, Virginia \$1,375,000

"North House" at Rutledge Farm • 17 +/- acres in highly desired location, minutes to Middleburg • Contemporary home with high ceilings and tons of light • 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 fireplaces • Wonderful 5-stall courtyard stable, tack room and wash stall

Paul MacMahon (703) 609-1905



204 Chestnut Street Middleburg, Virginia \$585,000

Great light & minimal maintenance • Main level living on a charming street • Walk to town, library & restaurants • Large master bedroom & sunroom • Fenced lot with plenty of room for expansion or a pool • Lower Level offers private entrance, separate living space & room for 3rd BR with private BA • Beautiful plantings, large front & back yards • Oversized storage building with many uses and possibilities • Very private

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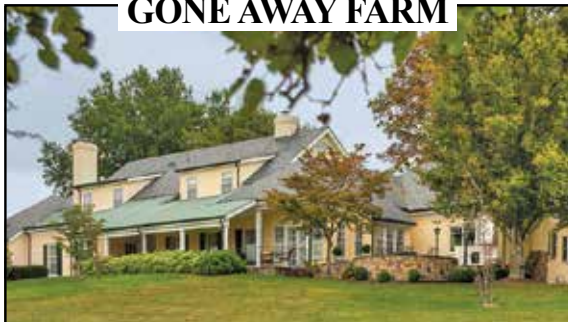
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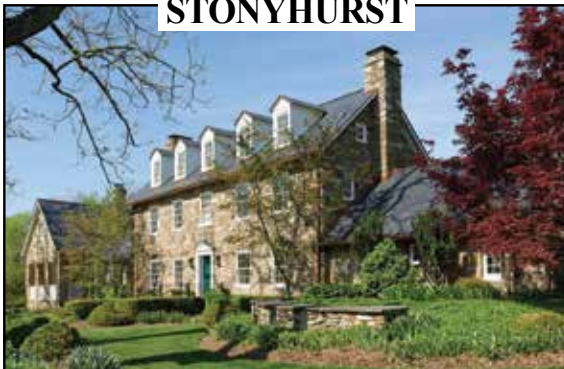
GONE AWAY FARM



The Plains ~ Set on a knoll with views of the Blue Ridge Mtns, this **83 acre** farm offers every amenity. The main house has 4 BR/7 BA, 4 fireplaces, gourmet kitchen & gracious entertaining spaces inside and out. There is a 3 BR/2 BA tenant house, charming guest house, swimming pool, outdoor kitchen, 4 ponds & extensive landscaping. For the equestrian, the farm offers 2 barns, a riding ring & 3 run in sheds. Located in Orange County Hunt territory, the farm has miles of ride out opportunities. Protected by a conservation easement. **\$4,495,000**

Emily Ristau (540) 687-7710

STONYHURST



Middleburg ~ Own a piece of local history. Meticulously renovated c.1890 VA fieldstone manor house set on **94 acres** only 1 mile from town. Features formal LR & DR, gourmet kitchen, 3+Bedrooms, 3½ Baths, Office & 2 porches. Original hardwood floors, 5 fireplaces & custom cabinetry throughout. Extensive landscaping, rebuilt stonewalls and new driveway. Pool, 2 barns, workshop, old tenant house & 4-board fencing. 1 division allowed. **\$4,425,000**

Cricket Bedford 540-299-3201

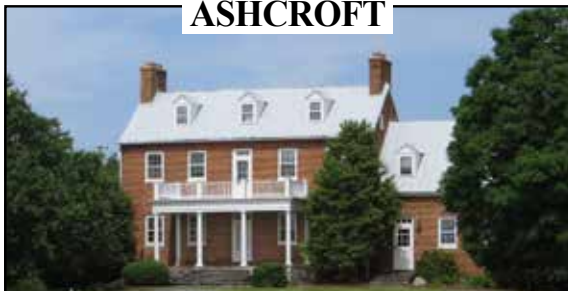
YORKSHIRE HOUSE



Warrenton ~ Fully renovated brick home by Swiss architect Henri de Heller in 1938 sits on **5+ professionally landscaped acres** in downtown Warrenton. Influenced by the Modernistic Movement & listed on the Nat'l Register of Historic Places. 4 BRs, 5.5 BAs, formal Living Room, Dining Room, Den, Conservatory, gourmet Eat-in Kitchen, Family Room & 6 fireplaces. The grounds have over 100+ species of trees, shrubs, flowers, terraced gardens & stonewalls all centered around a sunken garden. 3-car Garage. **\$1,575,000**

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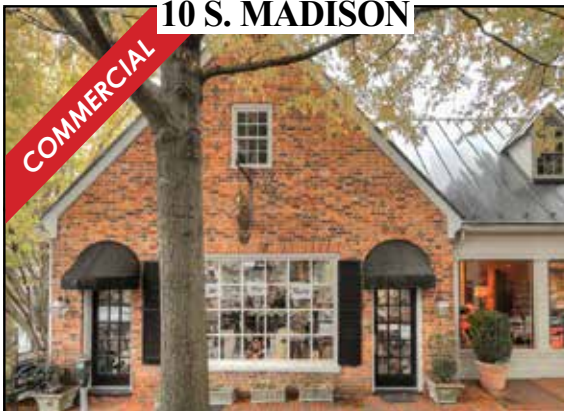
ASHCROFT



Clarke County ~ Historic 1830 brick country house on **86.5 acres**. Three acre stocked pond, with sweeping views of mountains and open fields. Main house, which includes a 1987 addition, has 3 Bed room, 2 Bath & 2 half baths. The Living room & Dining room have elegant mantels, deep windows, & original heart pine floors. The large kitchen has a fireplace, there are seven working fireplaces in the old house, including one in the fully finished basement. A second building, constructed in 2006 is about 1,700 square feet of custom built space. A stone and wood bank barn overlooking the pond is in excellent condition. **\$1,500,000**

Cary Embury 540-533-0106

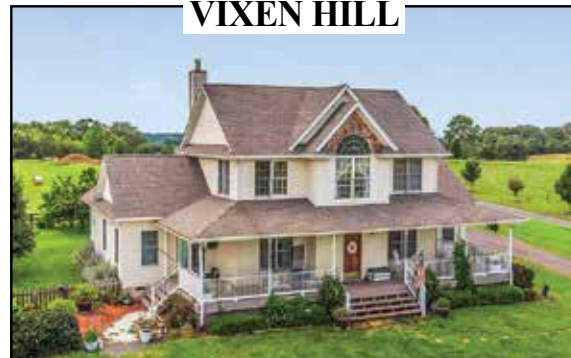
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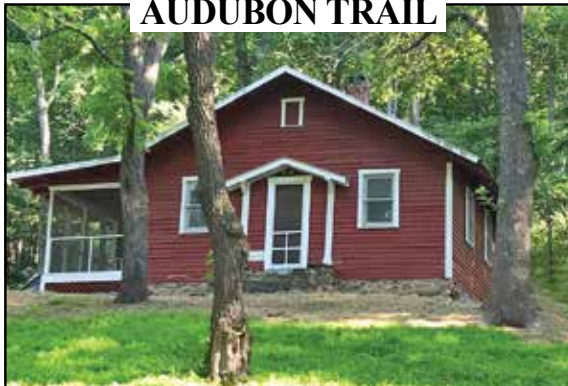
VIXEN HILL



Orange ~ House on **26 acres** sided with Hardiplank, wood floors and Berber carpeting in the 3 bedrooms. Professional kitchen includes "Wolf" stove, deep ceramic sink & stainless appliances. Center Aisle 4 stall stable with H/C wash stall & tack room. 2 large pastures, 3 run-in sheds & smaller lay-up paddocks. Active hay growth & harvesting on more than half of the land. Minutes from Culpeper. Commuter train from Spotsylvania. **\$629,000**

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AUDUBON TRAIL



Markham ~ **42 acres** on Audubon Trail in Apple Manor sub division present dual opportunities: the modernized weekend cottage tucked way back into a wooded dell at an elevation of 1,000+ feet above sea level, that allows you to escape The City heat or a cottage to use while building a new house on a pre approved site just inside the property line that has mountain views to Old Rag Mtn. **\$560,000**

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208 SYCAMORE STREET



Middleburg ~ Charming brick home on quaint street in heart of historic Middleburg. Features 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths with Family Room with fireplace, Kitchen with Breakfast Room, Dining Room and full basement with 2 bonus rooms. Hardwood floors. Beautifully landscaped. Fully fenced separate front & back yards. Large rear covered patio area with pergola makes an ideal entertaining space. Opens to gorgeous swimming pool. Two detached garden sheds. Mature trees. **\$415,000**

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STONE HOUSE



The Plains ~ Rare opportunity to live on a farm located between Middleburg and The Plains. Super attractive stone house on large farm. Located in the most desirable area of Orange County Hunt territory. 4 bedrooms and 3 baths. Spacious Country Kitchen, Dining room with Fireplace, Living room with Fireplace, Hardwood floors throughout. Available mid October. 1 yr Lease min. **\$2,000/mo**

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