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DAN MORROW

Oktoberfest!

Middleburg hosted its first Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, September 21, with friends and families in numbers more often associated with the Christmas season enjoying perfect weather, good food, beer, fine art, and artists in Middleburg at its early fall best.

Town Administrator Danny Davis called it "a fantastic day," and a resounding success." Indeed, he noted, it "exceeded all of our expectations."

"We heard," he said, such excitement and enjoyment from the attendees, and the vendors were extremely pleased with the turnout and activity."

Davis noted that "huge thanks" were due to: the Town's Cultural and Community Events Committee for recommending the celebration; to the Middleburg Arts Council for seeing the vision and agreeing to blend Art in the Burg with Oktoberfest; to Town Council for approving and pushing this forward; to Old Ox Brewery for their investment in the community; to the Lions Club for bringing their Oktoberfest experience to our event, and to JP Events and Town staff for their organizational and logistical implementation of the event."

"It truly takes a village, Davis continued, "and shouldn't we thank God for the great weather?"

Council Member Peter Leonard-Morgan, who attended replete with Lederhosen, posted:

"It's been 24 years since my last Oktoberfest and today's event in @townofmiddleburg with @alilmorgan and @oldoxmiddleburg and @southerly_house and @kingstreetoyster and so many more was phenomenal.

The inaugural Oktoberfest keg arrived by horse-drawn wagon and was formally "tapped" by none other than Middleburg Mayor Bridge Littleton.

"Could not have been happier," he told the Eccentric. "Middleburg's inaugural Oktoberfest was an absolute success: Perfect weather, outstanding food, awesome beer, and great art brought out a truly unique experience for residents and visitors alike."

Littleton noted that "special thanks" were due to: Chief A.J. Panebianco and the Police who kept us all safe; Town Administrator Danny Davis and his team at the Town office for all the hard work; the Middleburg Events Committee who planned and supported it; all the participants in the event and especially Old Ox Brewery without who this would have never happened. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!!"

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News of Note

The Stars Were Out At Great Meadow International

Lauren R. Giannini



Photo by Tiffany Dillon Keen

Great Meadow International showcased top eventing athletes, human and equine, in three hotly contested FEI-sanctioned divisions, August 22-25, The event reflected 2019 rule changes by the Federation Equestre Internationale that increased the top eventing level to five stars with the addition of a new entry-level CCI (Concours Complet International). Great Meadow set a spectacular stage for the 57 entries in the CCI2*S, 42 in the CCI3*S, and 38 in the CCI4*S where the horse and rider athletes exhibited their expertise in dressage, show jumping and cross-country.

Locals did very well. Middleburg's own Lynn Symansky earned a good share of the glory while enjoying great days "at the office" with three horses in two divisions. She won the 4* with Under Suspection, owned by Mary Ann Ghadban, commanding first place in the field of 38 after dressage with a score of 25 and never looked back. After show jumping faultlessly, Lynn and "Pippy" finessed the cross-country, adding only 2-time penalties for a final triumphant tally of 27.

Top 10 finishes in the 4* by Virginia-based horses and/or riders included Lauren Kieffer and D.A. Duras, owned by Jacqueline Mars and Debbie Adams, placing 3rd on 36.4, followed by Kimmy Cecere and Jacqueline Mars's Landmark's Monaco in 4th on 42.1. Will Coleman (Charlottesville) finished 9th with TKS Cooley and 10th with DonDante.

The 2* attracted the biggest field of entries and a preview of potential equine stars shown by both up-and-coming and experienced riders. Will Coleman and Chin Tonic HS, owned by Hyperion Stud, topped the 2* leaderboard, finishing first on their dressage score of 25 points. Breathing down their necks in second place on 26.1 penalty points were Lynn Symansky and her SpectraVET Tempranillo. Jacqueline Mars's Get Gaudi and Lauren Kieffer finished fourth. Lynn Symansky and The Jerry Syndicate's Global Cassero 3 led after dressage on 21.4, but dropped 2 rails in show jumping for 8 faults, then jumped clear cross-country within the time for sixth place on 29.4. Allison Springer and Crystal Crescent Moon, owned by Nancy Winter, jumped double clears to finish 8th on their dressage score.

In the 3*, 42 started with 28 finishing all three phases. Phillip Dutton (PA), one of eventing's iron men, won aboard Fernhill Pick Pocket. Lauren Kieffer and Jacqueline Mars's Landmark Monte Carlo finished 4th, and Sharon White and Claus 63 earned 5th. 2019 Pan Am team and individual gold medalist Boyd Martin (PA), another iron man, competed five horses in the 3*, completing with Ringo Star (10th), Bonito (13th), and Maya (27th).

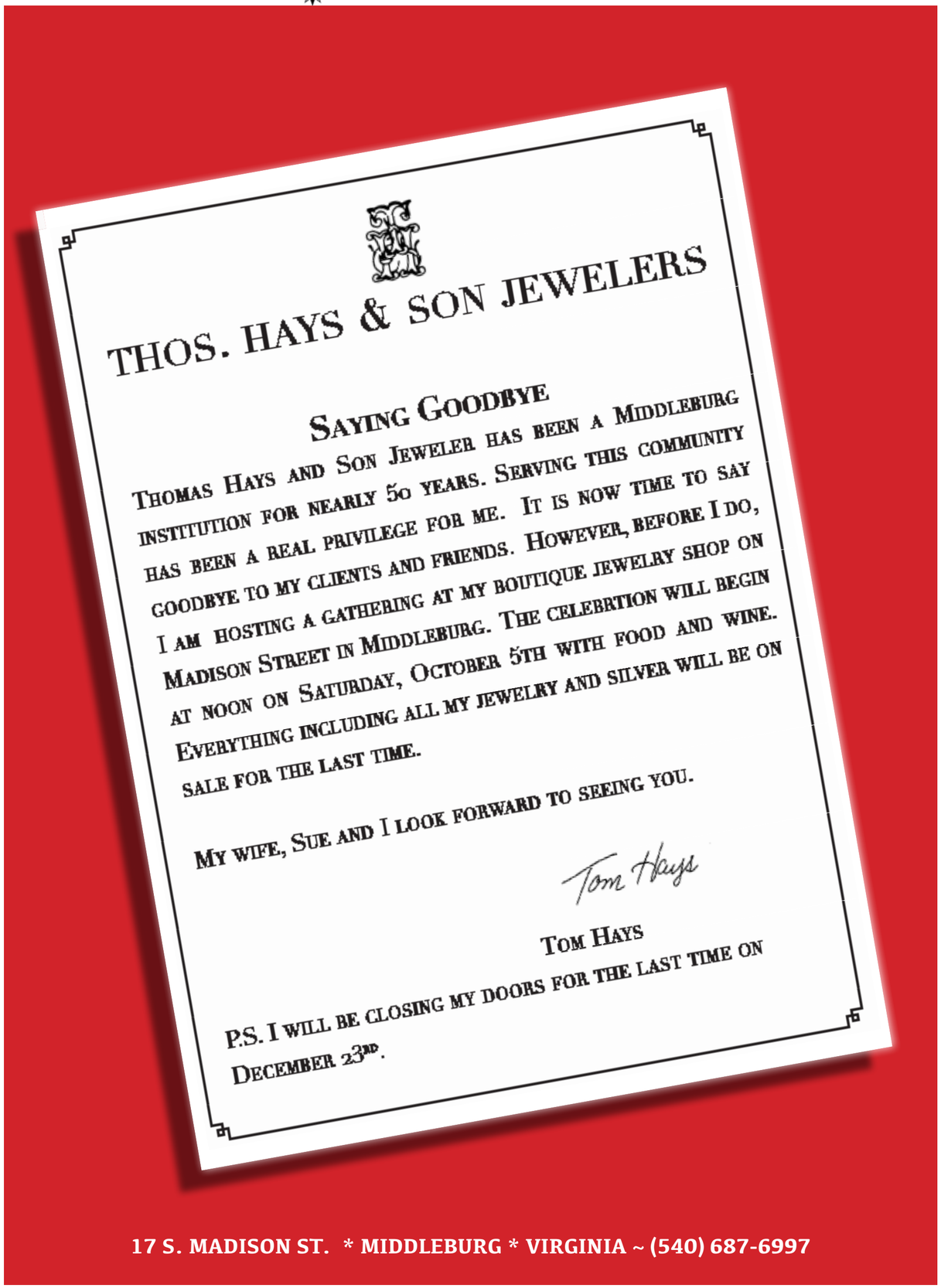
The cross-country was designed by David O'Connor, Olympic medalist, former chef d'equipe, and former president of the US Equestrian Federation. Using the terrain is key to every good track, and Great Meadow offers terrific variety between the Gold Cup race course and Fleming Farm.

"I thought David's course design was good. I thought it was right, and I thought it was exactly what was needed at that time of year," said Jim Wofford — and he would know. He's an Olympic medalist and outstanding coach, based in Upperville. Since 1978, he has been able to claim at least one student on every U.S. Olympic, World Championship and Pan American eventing team. "Jimmy" outdid himself for the 2000 Sydney Olympics when all four members of the U.S. bronze team, including individual gold medalist David O'Connor, were graduates of his program.

"I think that David, like many other course designers, is starting

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THOS. HAYS & SON JEWELERS

SAYING GOODBYE

THOMAS HAYS AND SON JEWELER HAS BEEN A MIDDLEBURG INSTITUTION FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. SERVING THIS COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A REAL PRIVILEGE FOR ME. IT IS NOW TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO MY CLIENTS AND FRIENDS. HOWEVER, BEFORE I DO, I AM HOSTING A GATHERING AT MY BOUTIQUE JEWELRY SHOP ON MADISON STREET IN MIDDLEBURG. THE CELEBRATION WILL BEGIN AT NOON ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH WITH FOOD AND WINE. EVERYTHING INCLUDING ALL MY JEWELRY AND SILVER WILL BE ON SALE FOR THE LAST TIME.

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TOM HAYS

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News of Note

The Italians are Coming!

Middleburg to host 1000 Miglia Warm Up USA 2019

Over the summer, Middleburg and Creighton Farms have had multiple meetings with the organizers for the 1000 Miglia Warm Up USA 2019 event, which will take place in and around Middleburg; Creighton Farms; Summit Point, W.Va. and other points in the D.C. region on October 23 to 26. The event will feature two days of time trials, as well as three days of racing, in the true 1000 Miglia-style format and will finish on Italian soil at the Italian Ambassador's residence in Washington, D.C. on the 26th.

The event is reserved for up to 40 cars in two classes: the 1000 Miglia Era Class and the Post-1000 Miglia Era Class. The first is open to 1000 Miglia-eligible cars, built between 1927 and 1957, as well as significant sports and ground touring cars built during the same period; the second is open to select sports, grand touring and supercars built from 1958 to present.

The USA race covers more than 500 miles and will begin on Thursday, Oct. 24 in Middleburg, ending on Saturday, Oct. 26 in Washington, D.C. On Thursday and Friday, the race days will start in Middleburg and incorporate scenic drives around the region as well as a time trial held at Summit Point Motorsports Park on Thursday, before returning to Middleburg for the finish each evening. On Saturday, Oct. 26, the start will again be from Middleburg, but the cars will then head to Creighton Farms where they'll participate in time trials within the community and be on display for ticketed spectators before heading to Maryland and on to D.C. for the finish.

The Town of Middleburg is planning special morning send-offs and evening welcomes including a Friday evening in town event and an informal cars and coffee event on Saturday morning from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (Miglia cars depart at 8 a.m.) so that the community can see the cars, and also provide the group with the best hospitality experience possible. (Check the website, www.destinationmiddleburg.com/mm2019 for a complete schedule.)

"We are delighted to use the Town of Middleburg as our base," said Francesca Parolin, general manager of the 1000 Miglia. "The area provides such a beautiful setting for our drives and the charming town reflects the character of some of the towns our event goes through in Italy."



1000 Miglia Warm Up USA 2019 host committee. L to R: Tom Gorman; Middleburg Town Administrator Danny Davis; 1000 Miglia General Manager Francesca Parolin; 1000 Miglia Communication & Marketing director Fulvia Loda Gelmini; 1000 Miglia organizer Mark Gessler; Dave Olimpi.

The Warm-Up event is aimed at veteran and novice enthusiasts who are passionate about "the most beautiful race in the world"—the 1000 Miglia held in Italy. It includes training days and 1000 Miglia-style tests during which one can learn or study how to participate in the 1000 Miglia race—a competition that, since 1927, has taken place in May throughout the entire country of Italy. The 1000 Miglia is a dream event for millions of automotive enthusiasts around the world and the intimate format of the U.S. event allows for enthusiasts to interact with 1000 Miglia management and staff in this "Spirit of 1000 Miglia" competitive experience, meant to match the technical race characteristics of the modern-day race in Italy.

Entries for drivers wishing to participate in the event close on Sept. 9 at 5:59 p.m. EDT. For details, updates and entry information, go to www.1000miglia.it/warmupusa or http://www.destinationmiddleburg.com/mm2019.

Partners for the event include the Italian Embassy in Washington, Alfa Romeo, Chopard, Alitalia, Summit Point Motorsports Park, Competizione & Sports Cars and Creighton Farms.



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Rutledge Farm Sessions: Dressage Great Debbie McDonald

Lauren R. Giannini



Rutledge Farm Sessions, under the direction of Aleco Bravo-Greenberg, continues to bring world-class equestrians to Middleburg to teach clinics open to all levels of riders in show jumping, eventing, and equitation. On September 14-15, dressage joined the list of disciplines when Olympic medalist and technical advisor to the U.S. Dressage Team Debbie McDonald worked with eight riders whose equine athletes represent the gamut of levels from Training to Grand Prix.

Within a few minutes of each session, Debbie saw what needed help and went to work with exercises appropriate for the horse's level of training. She's very encouraging, a bit demanding albeit gently, and makes certain that the horse has a positive experience to end an exercise. She also holds the rider accountable to learn to be consistent in their aids so that the horse can learn how to respond and move correctly.

"You can't hurry a horse," Debbie said. "They all learn at a different pace. But you have to know your horse — how much the horse can handle and process in a session. You can't be greedy, asking more and more. You have to be sensitive and know when to move on — the moment you feel even a hint that the horse understands an exercise. Don't keep going on and on until the horse loses it. Be patient. Everyone learns at a different pace. You simply can't hurry a horse."

Dressage means training according to a very progressive system with well-articulated requirements to master at each level. It takes years to develop the horse's muscles and strength, mind, and body, to achieve the uppermost levels, especially Grand Prix.

Each day began on the Training level with Salerno, 5-year-old Hanoverian gelding by Sir Donnerhall, ridden by Nikki Smith of Smith Equestrian, Middleburg. The upper-level event rider owns Sal's 9-year-old half-brother, Sir Valentine, with whom she's currently eventing at the 2-star level. This summer Val won every class they entered between First and Third level to qualify Nikki for her U.S. Dressage Federation bronze medal.

"Sal just had a growth spurt to 18 hands. He's very big," Nikki said. "I love bringing along young horses, especially ones as lovely as Sal. A good foundation in the basics of forward, straightness, and connection is the key and Debbie focused on all three of these."

With Sal and Nikki, Debbie corrected the rider's use and timing of the outside rein. "The outside rein is used to straighten, but just for an instant and then both hands soften and encourage the horse to go forward to the bit."

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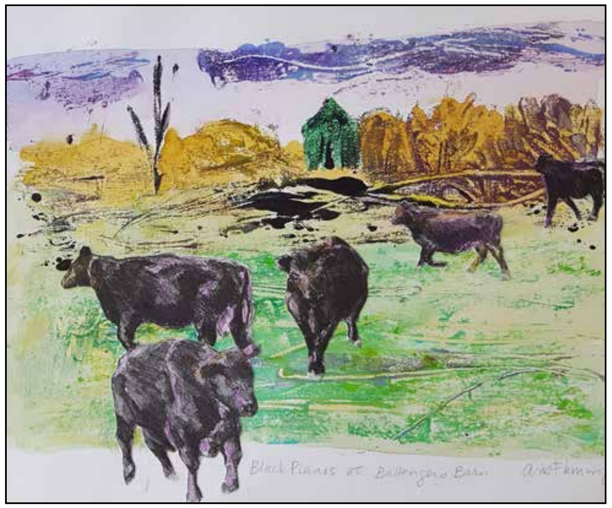
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Notes from the Animal Kingdom





An appreciation of the beauties of the animal kingdom in prints, paintings, and pottery, Oct. 2 to Dec. 2 at the nonprofit Printmakers Inc. workshop and gallery in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center. Reception Sunday, Oct. 6., 2-4 p.m.

The work in the show is drawn largely from Avis Fleming's life in Louisiana's bayous, the islands of Maine and South Carolina, the horse, and cattle farms of rural Loudoun County and the many art trips she has led to western Ireland. The prints include lithographs, monotypes, and etchings, focusing on elephants at the zoo, horses, cows, sheep at her "Near West" animals-in-landscape workshops in Western Loudoun, and seals, owls, and pelicans.

Fleming has taught sketchbook, figure drawing, and watercolor classes and led workshops and art travel trips for the Art League School for more than 30 years. Her work is in collections across the U.S. and foreign countries including China, Brazil, France, Germany, and England.

The ceramics, on which she paints cobalt glaze washes, were created by her husband, Paul Hodge. For more information contact a.p.hodge2@gmail.com. Her website is avisflemingart.com.

For questions about the press release call 571-982-3300



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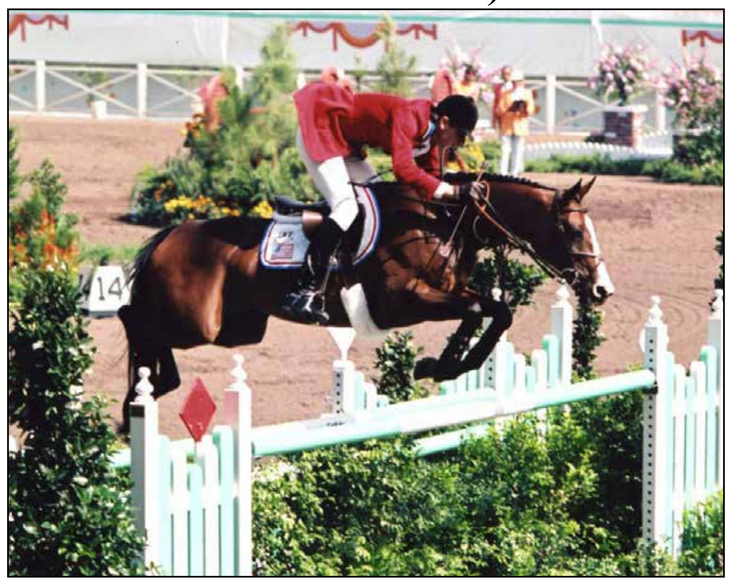
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Upperville Colt & Horse Show Welcomes Olympian Joe Fargis as New President



After many years of contributing to the history and heritage of the Upperville Colt & Horse Show(UCHS), Olympic legend and Virginia native Joe Fargis will be taking over the role of President of the Board for the Upperville Colt & Horse Show for the world-class event, scheduled for June 1-7, 2020.

Fargis has a long history with UCHS as an exhibitor, spectator and board member. His dedication to equestrian sport has given him valuable experiences that will contribute to his new role as President, only continuing the integral role he has played at UCHS for over six decades.

At only 12-years old Fargis began attending the UCHS, riding ponies under the old oak trees in 1960. Fargis grew up in Vienna, Virginia, only an hour away from the show grounds making him one of the many locals to attend the annual event. Some of his most fond and vivid memories were formulated within the fence line of the UCHS, giving it a special place in his heart that would resonate with him throughout his career as an international show jumping athlete.

Over 60 years later, Fargis has achieved great success within those very arenas and beyond. Fargis rode to many hunter championship titles, a win in the Upperville Grand Prix and top placings in a plethora of other high- level divisions and classes at UCHS. Impressively, he has now ridden in every hunter and jumper division at the UCHS in addition to judging every jumping class offered by the show, accomplishing a task that most would find to be unimaginable. Fargis' continued dedication to the sport has created a legacy of its own, especially at the UCHS.

Fargis became an Olympic double gold medalist in 1984, the first of three Olympic medals that he would win at the peak of his riding career. The same year, Fargis was named Horseman of The Year by the American Horse Show Association. In addition to his three Olympic medals, Fargis also helped the U.S. team secure a gold medal in the 1975 Pan American Games. Fargis has since been inducted into the Show Jumping Hall of Fame and received Hall of Fame Honors from the Virginia Horse Show Association, the Virginia Horse Center, the Washington International Horse Show and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show, as well as receiving both the USEF/USHJA Lifetime Achievement Awards. Closer to home at the UCHS, the highly decorated horseman has also received the J. Arthur Reynolds Horsemanship Award for his mentorship in the horse industry.

Deeply rooted in the tradition of UCHS, Fargis is dedicated to continuing the uniqueness of UCHS. In 2020, spectators and exhibitors can expect the return of all of UCHS' feature events, including its FEI CSI4* rating and World Championship Hunter Rider designation.



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Grace Church Concert Series





On Sunday, October 27, 2019, the Grace Church Concert Series in The Plains, VA features violinist Andrew Sords and pianist Timothy Durkovic in a program of Romantic Masterpieces for Violin and Piano. Sords and Durkovic will thrill in a program of romantic favorites by Beethoven, Franck, and Hubay's virtuosic Carmen Fantasie. Shorter works by Vitali and Bloch will add intrigue and Hebraic themes.

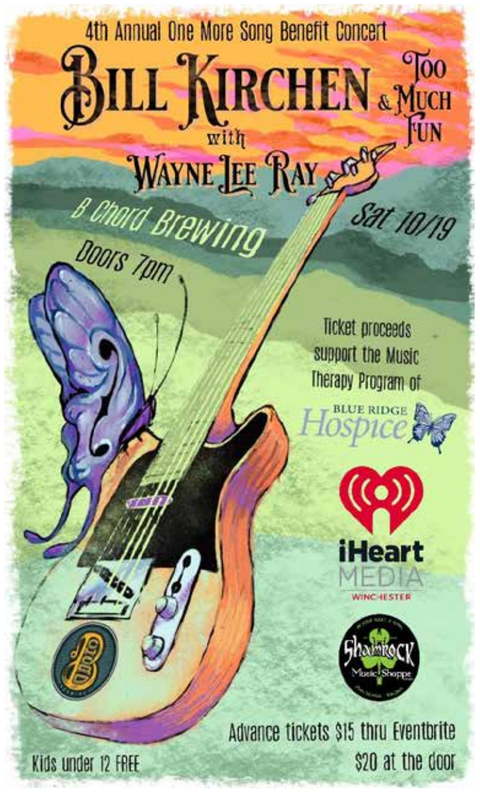
Violinist Andrew Sords has had a celebrated career on four continents as a soloist, and with his trio. Sords is noted for combining visceral virtuosity with a ravishing tone, and is lauded as "utterly radiant" (Canada's Arts Forum) and "exceptionally heartfelt and soulful" (St. Maarten's Daily Herald). Sords has received numerous awards and distinctions reflecting his career trajectory, including the 2012 Pittsburgh Concert Society Career Grant and the 2005 National Shirley Valentin Award. In 2019/20, Sords will tour extensively with the Beethoven sonata and trio cycles, the Triple Concerto and Violin Concerto, and his complete chamber music in celebration of the composer's 250th anniversary.

Pianist Timothy Durkovic is an active soloist and chamber musician, collaborating regularly with some of the world's finest instrumentalists and vocalists including Lynn Harrell, Martin Chalifour, Helen Callus, Movses Pogossian, Timothy Landauer, Richard O'Neil, Jonathan Mack, the Calder Quartet, the Miró Quartet, and the Casal Quartet. He is the Grand Prize Winner of the 1996 Los Angeles Liszt Competition, as well as a winner of the Beverly Hills Auditions, the Carmel Music Society Competition, the 2001 San Diego Duo Piano Competition, and the 2001 IBLA Grand Prize Duo Award (Sicily, Italy) with his duo partner Chie Nagatani, as well as the recipient of the prestigious Outstanding Master's Graduate Award from the USC Thornton School of Music.

The performance will be at 5 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 6507 Main Street, The Plains, VA 20198. A catered reception with the artists will follow in the Parish Hall. Tickets are $25 – Student tickets are $15 – Youth under 18 are admitted free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Additional information and tickets are available online at www.gracetheplains.org or by calling the church office at (540) 253-5177, ext. 107.



"Titan of the Telecaster" Bill Kirchen to Headline One More Song Benefit Concert



On Saturday, October 19, a rare opportunity to see Grammy nominated guitarist, singer, and songwriter Bill Kirchen, with his band Too Much Fun at B Chord Brewing Company. Joined by local band, Wayne Lee Ray, proceeds from the event benefit the Music Therapy Department of Blue Ridge Hospice. The concert will be held at B Chord Brewing Company in Roundhill, VA and tickets are $15 ($20 at door) from Eventbrite.

Kirchen co-founded the original Americana band, Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen. His telecaster licks drove their version of "Hot Rod Lincoln" into the Top Ten of 1972. One of the Commander Cody albums, Live From Deep in the Heart of Texas, made Rolling Stone's list of the "100 Best Albums of All Time." Bill has made 13 CDs with his own post-Cody bands, the most recent of which, Transatlanticana, stayed on the Americana Top 40 Radio chart for 5 months, cracking the Top 10 in 2016.

He's been called a "Titan of the Telecaster" by Guitar Player Magazine, "an American treasure" and "one of our best" by Rolling Stone Magazine.

All proceeds from the concert benefit the Music Therapy department at Blue Ridge Hospice. Music promotes a state of relaxation and improves sleep; it can alleviate pain, reduce anxiety, and elevate moods. Music often fosters feelings of closeness, intimacy, and social interactions with family and others; it stimulates memories, encourages conversations and connections with others. Ultimately it provides comfort for patients to experience spiritual peace, joy and hope. With four (4) board-certified music therapists on staff, Blue Ridge Hospice provides their patients and families with the best that music therapy has to offer.



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Middleburg American Legion Post 295

Veterans Day 5K Run: Just a quick heads up - Together with Boy Scout Troop 2950, which is sponsored by American Legion Post 295, the Post will be hosting a 5K Run in the morning of 9 November 2019 in Middleburg to commemorate Veterans Day and to honor all those who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. Details will be coming out soon but mark your calendars now for this terrific event!

Membership/Hall Rentals: If you are interested in joining Middleburg Post 295, please contact our current Post Commander, Mr. Eric Lindengren via email at ericann94@hotmail.com or come to one of our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM. We are located on Plains Road just across from the Sporting Museum. As a reminder to our entire community, please consider our Patriots Hall as a venue for your future social events. For more information on dates and fees please contact Ricky Bell at (540) 364-3550 or by email at scruffy451@aol.com.

Donations to Assist Veterans In Need: Lastly, together with all other Loudoun Veterans Service Organizations, American Legion Post 295 regularly assists Veterans in need. This assistance takes varied forms including emergency funds to pay for family necessities in an emergency. If you are interested in assisting and donating to this worthy effort please contact our current Post Commander, Mr. Eric Lindengren via email at ericann94@hotmail.com

Profiles in Military Service – Mr. Franklin T. Payne Sr.

These "Profiles in Military Service" represent a new addition to our monthly Foxhole submissions through which we intend to highlight our citizens and their service to our great nation and our community.

Mr. Franklin T. Payne Sr. is a spry and alert 93-year-old member of American Legion Post 295 in Middleburg, Virginia, and a revered member of the community who claims to have never taken a pill. Franklin came to Middleburg, Virginia with his parents and ten siblings in 1937. He spent his formative years on a dairy farm just east of town, attended school in Middleburg and at the age of seventeen, he joined the United States Army Air Corps. He had to wait for his eighteenth birthday to begin his active duty, which he did in 1944 at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Upon his initial indoctrination and issuance of his uniforms and necessary gear, he embarked on a military train headed for Keesler Field in Biloxi, Mississippi where he attended Basic Training and military specialty schools in aircraft maintenance and repair. Upon completion of his training, Franklin was immediately sent to the European Theater of Operations in southern France where he was assigned as a C-47 transport crew chief with the European Air Transport System until 1947. As a Non-Commissioned Officer and C-47 Crew Chief, Franklin was responsible for ensuring his aircraft and crew were always mission ready. Franklin stated that the plane never took off without him aboard. On one mission, his plane lost an engine and was forced to land in Northeast France. A replacement engine and two mechanics were sent in to assist Franklin to remove and replace the faulty engine. On another mission, the plane was almost out of fuel in southern France while headed back to home base in Nice. They were forced to land at an airport that had been bombed by the Germans but the craters had been filled in by American GIs and French citizens. The landing was very rough with hard tarmac interrupted by soft filled in places. At the end of the war, during his European service, Franklin served in France and then in Nuremberg, Germany during the Nuremberg War Trials.

In 1947, Franklin returned to Middleburg where he held positions in the insurance business, ran the pharmacy and then received a Presidential Appointment from President Eisenhower to serve as Postmaster in Aldie, Virginia, a position Franklin held until his retirement. Since then, Franklin has kept busy providing transportation to folks in the Middleburg area to and from the three airports serving the Greater Washington area and to assembling and furnishing teams of people to provide parking services for a variety of public and private social events in and around Middleburg. Franklin joined American Legion Post 295 in 1949 where he has served as Commander and led the team, which moved the Post to its current home on Plains Road. A friendlier, more cordial person would be hard to find in the Town of Middleburg, or the Counties of Loudoun and Fauquier. Franklin T. Payne is a man for all of us to appreciate and to look up to. His exemplary Profile in Military Service has extended into his love of our community for three-quarters of a century. God Bless America and Franklin T. Payne.

Happy Birthday United States Navy

This summary was taken from Military.com

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'" - John F. Kennedy

October 13th marks the birthday of the U.S. Navy, which traces its roots back to the early days of the American Revolution. On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress established a naval force, hoping that a small fleet of privateers could attack British commerce and offset British sea power.

The early Continental navy was designed to work with privateers to wage tactical raids against the transports that supplied British forces in North America. To accomplish this mission the Continental Congress purchased, converted, and constructed a fleet of small ships -- frigates, brigs, sloops, and schooners. These navy ships sailed independently or in pairs, hunting British commerce ships and transports.

Two years after the end of the war, the money-poor Congress sold off the last ship of the Continental navy, the frigate Alliance. But with the expansion of trade and shipping in the 1790s, the possibility of attacks of European powers and pirates increased, and in March 1794 Congress responded by calling for the construction of a half-dozen frigates, The United States Navy was here to stay. With thousands of personnel serving worldwide, the U.S. Navy is a force to be reckoned with.

Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board

In August 2018, the Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board (CVEB) was formed with a mission of advocacy and support for local veterans. Loudoun County CVEB enables veteran advocates, service providers, veterans and other stakeholders to work initiatives that improve service delivery to veterans, families, caregivers and survivors on a local level.

According to Jim Mullen, Chairman, the CVEB focuses on promoting a healthy and enriched lifestyle for Loudoun County Veterans and their family members through community outreach and advocacy on Loudoun County Veteran issues. The CVEB is currently supported by 14 veteran service organizations and 12 individual members who offer a variety of support services to Veterans across Loudoun County."

Mr. Mullen stated, "The CVEB is focused on ensuring that issues affecting our Veterans are presented to Loudoun County, state, and U.S. government officials." He noted that the CVEB is part of a very active support network for veterans in Loudoun County including governmental officials and elected leaders across the political spectrum.

The Loudoun County CVEB is currently working two major initiatives. One is improving access to VA medical services in Loudoun County. Given our veterans currently travel to the VA Medical Center in Washington DC or Martinsburg WV for routine care, introducing telemedicine services in this area will have a positive impact for our veterans and Loudoun County as a whole. Second, the LCCVEB is working with the VA to host a two-day Veterans Experience Action Center event in June 2020 that will allow veterans to work one-on-one with VA representatives to file their claim(s). Besides working with VA representatives on their claims, veterans will also have an opportunity to hear from local, state, and VA representatives about issues of importance to them. According to Mr. Mullen, "The Loudoun County CVEB is excited to offer this program to over 20 thousand veterans and their dependents (over 60 thousand total) that reside in Loudoun County. It's important for our veterans to know there is an organization that is working to better the care and services they receive in Loudoun County."

Any Loudoun County resident who has an interest in the welfare of Loudoun County veterans, active duty military and their family members, government agencies, schools, churches, civic groups, and other community organizations is welcome to take part in identifying issues of importance to our local veterans. For more information on the Loudoun County CVEB, go to: www.lccveb@gmail.com.

A World Class "Sporting Even



Experience an annual fall tradition in the lovely Middleburg hunt country at the Virginia Fall Races on Saturday, October 12. Where your only interruption to a relaxing day will be the cheer of the crowd and the storming of thundering hooves. Come sense the history while watching jump racing action at the oldest continuous race course in the state of Virginia. The 112 acre Glenwood Park and the rolling race course on its ground, sit amongst the lush hunt country one mile off Route 50 in Middleburg. Once you park your car, the grounds are open to everyone, the course is visible from any spot and there is plenty to do for the whole family - fun fair for the children with pony rides, petting zoo, art and history tent (Sponsored by NSLM & Mosby Heritage), vendors, food trucks, beer garden and more. The 65th running of the Virginia Fall Races will once again benefit INOVA Loudoun Hospital Foundation in nearby Leesburg. This event is rich in the tradition of the understated elegance and sportsmanship of jump racing as well as being one of Middleburg's premier sporting and social events on the fall calendar. Enjoy the sport of steeplechasing and a great day in the country - See you at the races, Saturday October 12.

For further information, please contact the Race Office: 540-687-9797

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Gospel and Blues

Call Me From the Grave, a new musical based on the mysterious life of bluesman Robert Johnson (1911-1938) and his legendary deal with the devil at the crossroads, is coming to Loudoun County for one weekend only—October 26 and 27. Featuring 18 original songs by Charlie Romano, the all-black cast is Yale undergraduates (classes 2019-2022), coming down from New Haven just for this performance. "The gospel singing was afire," says Kathrin Day Lassila, Editor of the Yale Alumni Magazine.

The show is a fund-raiser to benefit the preservation of Austin Grove Church, built entirely of stone in 1911 by the sons and grandsons of freed slaves. Recently decommissioned as an active church, Austin Grove is being reborn as a community center and venue for special family gatherings.

This in-concert version of the musical will be performed in the church itself, near Bluemont (see ad for details). Because church seating is limited to only 100 for each performance, those wishing to attend are advised to purchase tickets in advance. Tickets can be purchased on line at: https://austin-grove.ticketleap.com.

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News of Note

Loudoun Hunt Celebrates 125 Years of Foxhunting

Kirsten Cook

Loudoun Hunt has been part of the foxhunting tradition in Loudoun County for 125 years. Two important historical figures have played significant roles in our hunt's history, Gov. Westmoreland Davis who served as master of Foxhounds in the early 1900's, and First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy who frequently rode with Loudoun Hunt and participated in its annual horse show.

In addition to foxhunting, Loudoun and Loudoun Fairfax Hunt co-host a Point-to-Point every April at magnificent historic Oatlands. Two sidesaddle races, over jumps and on the flat, are very popular and have helped make the day the most successful in recent years. Members volunteer to prepare the course, run the event, and clean up. In true fox hunter fashion, we make a party out of our preparation.

Loudoun Hunt has a special pack of American hounds. Our huntsman, Ron Johnsey, is particularly excited about the newest additions, the first group of hounds produced from stock that Ron started in the hunt field. The hunt gives participants the opportunity to observe hounds in the field and offers hound "meet and greets" to riders and their mounts new to the sport.

Current members are from Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia, and represent a wide range of occupations. Getting our youth involved in foxhunting is important and we welcome riders from different disciplines and level of experience. We have fields designed to give young or new adult riders an enjoyable introduction to foxhunting and several members serve as mentors. We welcome riders who are transitioning former show horses to their new career as a fox hunter.

Hunting begins August 31 and our days are Saturday and Monday with the occasional bye days and holidays, weather permitting.

We enjoy many social activities off the field. September 2 is our puppy naming party, and on October 11 and 12, we hold a WV Breeders Classic Ball and social event. November 2 is our Opening Meet and Blessing of the hounds, and November 3 will enjoy our 125th Year Celebration Party. All are welcome to join us in this special year in the history of Loudoun Hunt.

Visit www.loudounhunt.com for more information.

The Stars Were Out At Great Meadow International

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to make much more intelligent use of the terrain to get his questions, rather than size and distance," Jim explained. "And I'm gratified by that, because we're supposed to be cross-country riders and, in the past, some of these obstacles were mathematical puzzles. This is striking out in a new direction."

Asked what he thought of Lynn Symansky's 4* win, Jim said, "Well, I'm a little biased because Lynn is a former student of mine and I'm proud of her accomplishments. They were the best horse and rider of the day."

Lynn Symansky is known throughout the eventing world, especially in Virginia where she grew up in pony club. Her work ethic is impressive, and she's harvesting good results thanks to more than 25 years of dedication, determination, and passion for horses — not just competing, but also giving them 24/7 first-class care. Kids of all ages would do well to aspire to be like Lynn: she's the real deal. Riding since three, competing since five, she just keeps getting better.

When asked what it's like to be in her boots, Lynn replied, "I don't have any complaints! When you stop to think back to when you were a kid, you didn't believe the dreams would come true. Being where I am now, you're just working toward the best goal. I'm so lucky to have all the experiences I've had with horses. It's great to be on a few teams with different horses, not just my longtime partner, Donner, and I feel I'm competing with consistency at the international level. I just keep working on being better."

Lynn isn't one to rest on her laurels. She takes nothing for granted and is refreshingly humble about her successes because she's all about her horses. In July, Lynn and RF Cool Play, owned by The Donner Syndicate, contributed mightily to the U.S. Eventing Team's success at the Pan American Games (Lima Peru) where Boyd Martin, Doug Payne, Tami Smith, and Lynn won team gold, thereby securing U.S. Eventing's qualification for the 2020 Olympics. Boyd harvested individual gold and Lynn the individual silver.

It's a long way literally and figuratively to next summer's Tokyo Games for which Cool Play is in the pipeline. He has yet to prove himself at the 5-star level; if all goes well, he'll have a go at the Land Rover Kentucky 3-Day (CCI5*L) in April. Lynn's already busy with training goals and competition schedules for each of her talented horses, as well as teaching.

If you witnessed Lynn competing at Great Meadow International, you know exactly why she has a huge fan-base cheering her on.

For more information:
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News of Note

Middleburg Town Council Report

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current plans for the proposed Travellers Rest/Banbury Cross Reserve Development just outside of Middleburg.

The developers had sought approval of plans for development on 31 cluster lots and 7 rural economy lots on ca. 570 acres east of Sam Fred Road and west of Carter's Farm Lane.

The proposed "cluster" subdivision is permitted by right under Loudoun's current zoning ordinance for development options in the agricultural zoning district. However, part of the development falls within Middleburg's "extraterritorial jurisdiction area," thus allowing the Town to provide comments and recommendations for the County's final consideration and review.

Citizens and friends of Middleburg packed Town Hall on September 23 to provide just such "comments and recommendations." Fourteen spoke against the project, with Mayor Bridge Littleton first among them. No one spoke in favor.

At the meeting, both the Planning Commission and Town Staff found themselves somewhat "boxed in" by jurisdictional and other legal requirements, including one that meant a decision had to be made by Middleburg's Commissioners no later than September 26.

The lack of time to fully digest public input before making a decision, and what both the Commission and the public on hand felt were serious problems with the developer's application greatly troubled the Commission.

Deputy Town Administrator and Town Planner Will Moore advised the Commission that, on strictly legal and technical grounds, they had little formal cause to deny their approval. Instead of voting for "full approval," however, Moore advised that they grant only "limited" or "conditional" approval. By doing so the Commission could ask the applicant to re-submit their application and respond to the Commissions and Citizen concerns.

That posed a problem for the Planning Commission, however, because once even "conditional approval" was granted, any such re-submission by the applicant would not be made to the Commission itself, but to staff and relevant County authorities.

The Commission members, troubled, clearly believed and openly stated that they lacked both the time and enough critical information to approve the developer's application as it stood.

This left the members with three choices:

1. Full approval of the application, which no one favored.

2. Conditional approval, favored by both Town Staff and, according to Will Moore, the Town Attorney, but which would bring to an end all oversight of the application by Middleburg's Planning Commission, and

3. Denial of the application, with a request to re-submit it addressing the Commissions concerns...

According to Will Moore, option 3, denial, might result in a re-submission by the applicant, but more likely, they are filing a lawsuit.

After long and serious discussion, the Commission voted to deny its approval and provide the Traveler's Rest/Banbury Cross applicant with a detailed list of concerns and objections to serve as the basis for a re-submission.

School Safety Patrol Badge Ceremony

In formal ceremonies at Town Hall Middleburg Police Chief Panebianco and Ashley Sullivan of the Middleburg Community Charter School presented badges to the latest class of Safety Patrol officers serving Middleburg Community Charter School

Parents and friends of the new officers hear Chief Panebianco remind Council that all the students being honored had volunteered for the assignment and by doing so "showed their determination to be a part of the community."

Safety Patrol officers receive rigorous training to prepare them for their role in "preventing danger to other students."

Steven Robinson, Principal of the Middleburg Community Charter School, thanked the students and their parents, noting that they were leading by example and working to develop character.

Warrenton Valor Award to Officer Ryan Gray

On behalf of the Town of Warrenton Middleburg Police Chief Panebianco presented a Valor Award to Middleburg Police Officer Ryan Gray.

Middleburg, he noted, seeks to hire the best employees possible and, in his view, most certainly did so when it hired Officer Gray.

In 2017, before joining the Middleburg force, Gray and three fellow officers in Warrenton responded to a call about a man seen with a gun. The officers pursued and arrested the man with the gun in such "a calm, safe manner" that the Fauquier County Chamber of Commerce awarded them the 2018 Meritorious Award for Valor.

Water Systems

Stuart Will, of IES, the Town's water and sewer utility contractor, reported that work continues on the Town's ever-problematic Well 4.

He also showed Council one of some seventy-two flow diffusers at the treatment plant, that were all clogged with softener resin.

Will noted that he was replacing the filters with better ones and that while even the new ones would continue to clog, they would not do so as frequently. Will also noted that "they were also trying to flush as much of the resin out of the system as possible".

Town Administrator Danny Davis noted that the softener resin was not harmful and stressed that the water was safe to drink.

Draft Comprehensive Plan– Chapters I-VI

Mayor Bridge Littleton participated electronically from Hague, Virginia in Council's discussion of the first six chapters of Middleburg 2019 draft Comprehensive Plan at a marathon meeting of Council on September 12.

Deputy Town Administrator Will Moore led what amounted to yet another chapter-by-chapter, line by line review of the Plan, which, after months and even years of work is finally near completion and approval.

Revisions to the latest draft, viewable in its current form on the Town Website, for the most part, comprised minor corrections in spelling and grammar.

Even so, Council broke for a meal in the middle of its review.

The last and arguably the two most important two sections of the plan, covering the Town's Land Use and Transportation goals and objectives are to be reviewed at the next meeting of Town Council, at Town Hall, on September 26.

Request for CIP Funding from Loudoun County

Loudoun County accepts requests annually from towns for funding for key Capital Improvement Projects, provided they are limited to "facilities owned or operated by the County but located within a town."

Town Administrator Danny Davis reported that, based on his conversations with County leaders, he believed there may be opportunities for the Town to submit a request for CIP funding.

The construction of the new Town Office might qualify, he noted, if space, such as a meeting room, was made available within the building for "County" use. Sidewalk repair and/or extension project might also qualify. And, Davis noted, a case might be made for investment in the construction of a storage building for the Police Department, that having a local police department "relieved pressure on the County the Sheriff's Department."

Process for Appointment of Interim Councilmember

A special election will be held in May of 2020 to fill retiring Council member Kevin Hazard's seat on Town Council. In the meantime candidates to fill the seat on an interim basis are being sought for appointment by Council.

Town Administration Building Project

Town Clerk Rhonda North reported to Council that she had drafted an RFP for architectural/engineering services for Middleburg's proposed new, $6 million, Town Hall. She was also, she said, "in the process" of drafting one for construction management services.

Under ideal conditions construction could begin as early as September

Rutledge Farm Sessions: Dressage Great Debbie McDonald

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explained Nikki. "I was having a tendency to stay too long on my outside rein when straightening, causing Sal to bend a bit to the outside and feel trapped."

Debbie knew exactly what the rider needed to do, and it worked wonders. "A small correction with my outside rein, followed by softening the reins and going forward really helped with straightness and getting Sal to move forward over his back to the bit, which improved our connection," Nikki said. "Sometimes a small change can make a huge difference and that was the case for us this weekend."

Melissa Palmer, who lives near Rutledge Farm, and Reagan 10, her 7-year-old Oldenburg mare, are at 2nd level. As thrilled as she was for the opportunity to work with Debbie, she couldn't help wondering what they might learn in two lessons. "I have to say I already felt like I got a lot out of Saturday, but Debbie gave me some good tools Sunday to take home to work through this tough phase we're in."

As for Debbie herself, she loves training, loves teaching, and enjoys seeing these two- and four-legged athletes moving in greater harmony, but it all comes down to the rider as a trainer: consistency, balance, straight, forward, impulsion, correct contact, self-carriage. Dressage is not for sissies, human or equine. It's as demanding as classical ballet, more so, being an inter-species endeavor.

Each afternoon featured duos at various stages of Prix St. Georges and lastly, at Grand Prix, Ellert HB and Lucy Tibbs. Debbie offered pertinent training insights for each horse and rider, according to their levels, but one of the most pragmatic bits of advice she shared is a heads-up for riders not to make their horses dead to their aids by over-use of leg and spur. "The horse's reaction to your aids is crucial," she said. "When you put your leg on their side, they must go forward. The rider has to train the horse correctly."

Bottom line: "Be patient," encouraged Debbie. "It's constant communication that develops from consistent aids that will come from seamless riding when you teach them through repetition. Be patient and don't rush the horse. I want riders to be fair to their horses and be their voice. It's so easy to want it all now, but it just doesn't happen that way. Please be kind and get more training. Find an instructor who has been certified if you plan on going places in your career."

Upcoming Rutledge Farm sessions include Will Simpson – jumper/hunter, Ali Brock – dressage, Phillip Dutton – eventing, and Stacia Madden – equitation.

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Faces & Places

The Tree of Seasons

Middleburg ~ Photos by Teresa Ramsay

This past spring, Hunt Lyman noticed that people strolling on the sidewalk outside his house on Washington Street were slowing down and peering into his lawn. "Come on in," he would call. "You need to see the whole tree!" So many curious visitors would come down the driveway and into the lawn and marvel at the four sculptures carved into his large tree trunk: images of spring, summer, fall, and winter. "Winter is the one you can see from the road," Hunt reports, "but fall is actually my favorite. They are all beautiful."

The work of art that is now called the Tree of Seasons is the creation of Andrew Mallon of Winchester, a chainsaw artist who created the piece late last winter. A year ago, Hunt and Sue lost a huge limb of their 200 year old sugar maple tree in a storm, and arborists told them the tree had to go before the rest of it fell on the house. They sadly had the limbs removed, but they were reluctant to rip out the large stump that was left. That is when they had the happy inspiration to search for a chainsaw artist who could turn an ugly stump into a thing of beauty.

"I contacted Andrew and he agreed to come look at it," Hunt reported. "He was surprised that it was a lot larger than he expected, and we talked about a number of possibilities. Then he went home and talked with his wife, and it was her idea to carve representations of the seasons. Over the next two weeks he did the work."

"I often came back from Hill School to check on his progress, and I was so impressed with his process. He would stand and look at a section of the tree for a long time, and then he would say he could see it now, and start work. It was like Michaelangelo releasing the sculpture from the stone. I asked him how he learned to do this and he said a friend taught him to carve a bear once, but he figured out everything else by himself. I think he is a genius."

Shortly after the opening of school in September, Hunt and Sue hosted a lawn party to celebrate Andrew's achievement, with refreshments, lawn games, and music by The Crooked Angels. Andrew, his wife Kristin, and his toddler daughter Lyra were the guests of honor, and they enjoyed watching the guests circling the tree and admiring the sculptures. Hunt proposed a toast to the artist, saying that he appreciated Andrew's work every day when he looked over this porch and pulled into the driveway. "Andrew took something sad and unsightly and transformed it into a beautiful work of art that brings me happiness every day."







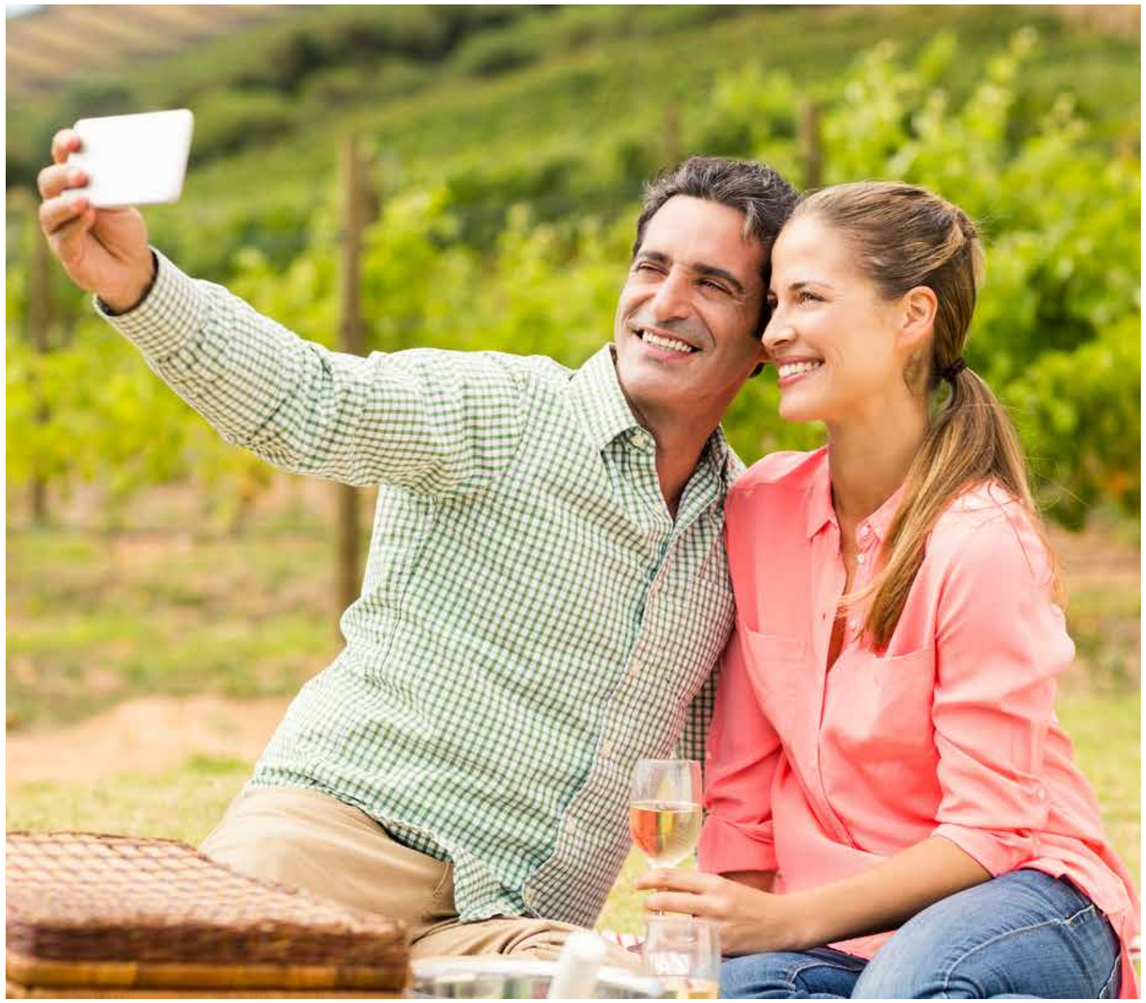




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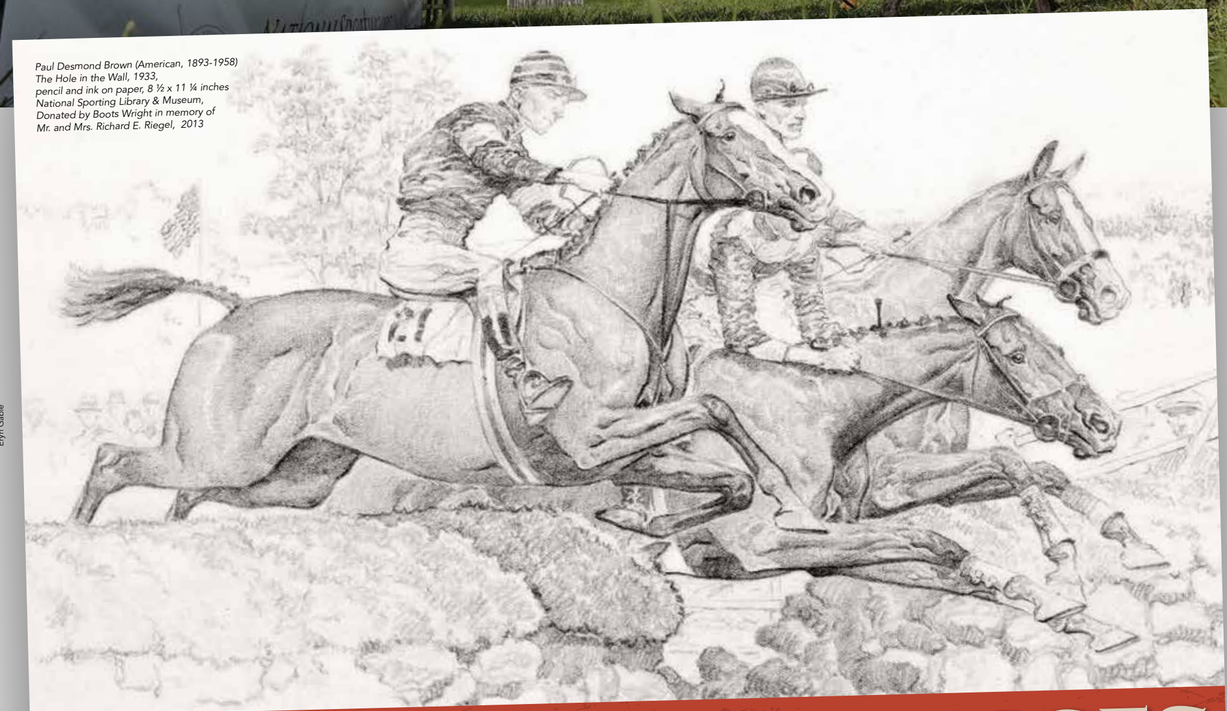

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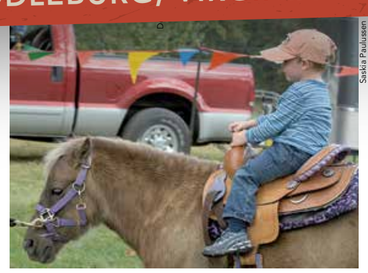
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Saskia Florence, Brooke Waldron and Sue Fitzgerald



Sprout Horse of the Year David and admirers



Maggie Caridakis won Leadline 4 and under



Juliana Ramey winning Leadline age 4 - 7



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National Sporting Library & Museum Polo Classic

Great Meadow, The Plains, VA ~ Photos by Nancy Kleck



Barbara Sharp and husband Hurst Groves



Isabella Wolf receiving Most Valuable Player trophy from Jacqueline Mars, Great Meadow Polo Club Manager John Gobin



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Community Music School of the Piedmont Announces Katherine Jameson Piano Scholarship



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Now in its third year, the scholarship is organized in partnership with the Jameson family to honor the late Katherine Jameson, a well- known and much-loved music educator in our community.

Students between the ages of 10 and 18, regardless of previous piano instruction are eligible to apply. The application has 2 parts. Part 1 is a 500 word essay on the role that music plays in their life and why they consider musical study to be an important and valuable undertaking. A successful essay will also demonstrate the student's interest in studying the piano. Part 2 is a letter of recommendation from someone outside their family (ideally a music instructor) who is familiar with their musical interests.

The Scholarship Committee will accept applications from October 1 to November 1, 2019. A committee comprised of CMSP piano faculty and board members will review the applications and announce the winner on November 15th. Lessons through the Katherine Jameson Scholarship will be available beginning in November.

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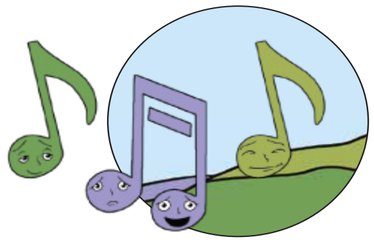
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Senator Warner Commends Foxcroft School on Receiving AP Computer Science Principles Female Diversity Award



"I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the faculty and staff of Foxcroft School," wrote U.S. Senator Mark R. Warner of Virginia. "Your focused efforts to give young women the opportunity to develop computer science skills will help bridge the gender gap in the field in the coming years. I commend you for this important work and your dedication to helping your students succeed."

Foxcroft is one of only six schools in Virginia, and 490 worldwide, to earn the AP Computer Science Principles Female Diversity Award. Schools receiving the Award have either 50% or higher female representation in one of the two AP computer science courses or a percentage of the female computer science examinees meeting or exceeding that of the school's female population.

"This recognition is a proud moment for Foxcroft," said Head of School Cathrine S. McGehee. "Our school is leading the way in STEM education for girls by encouraging our students in record numbers to participate in computer science. The technology field is one where women continue to be underrepresented and efforts such as ours can make a difference."

Schools honored with the AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award have expanded girls' access in AP Computer Science courses. Out of more than 18,000 secondary schools worldwide that offer AP courses, only 685 have accomplished this.

"By inviting many more young women to advanced computer science classrooms, Foxcroft School has taken a significant step toward preparing all students for the widest range of 21st-century opportunities," said Trevor Packer, College Board Senior Vice President of the AP Program. "We hope this inspires many other high schools to engage more female students in AP Computer Science and prepare them to drive innovation."

AP computer science course participation has increased worldwide by 135% since 2016, broadening STEM career opportunities for more students. The number of female, rural, and underrepresented minority students taking AP computer science exams has more than doubled in that period.

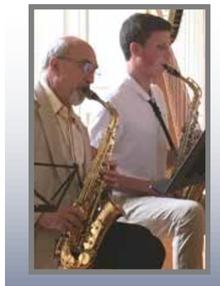
Providing female students with access to computer science courses contributes to gender parity in the industry's high-paying jobs and drives innovation, creativity, and competition. According to UNESCO's Institute of Statistics, less than 30% of the world's researchers are women; in North America and Western Europe, it's just 32%. Research shows women are more likely to pursue computer science if they're given the opportunity to explore it in high school.

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Parents and friends of the new officers hear Chief Panebianco remind Council that all the students being honored had volunteered for the assignment and by doing so "showed their determination to be a part of the community."

Safety Patrol officers receive rigorous training to prepare them for their role in "preventing danger to other students."

Steven Robinson, Principal of the Middleburg Community Charter School, thanked the students and their parents, noting that they were leading by example and working to develop character.



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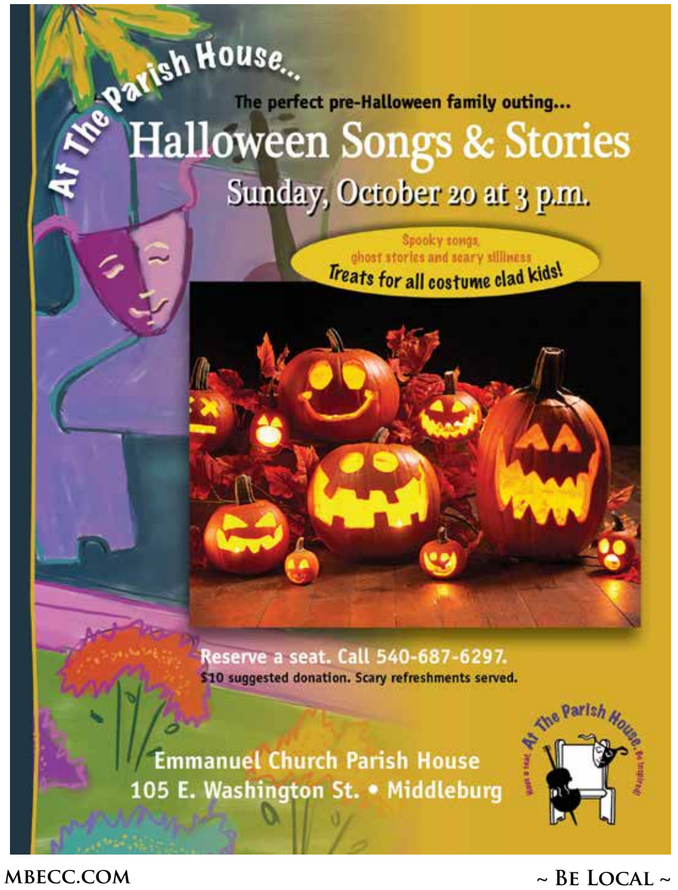
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Pastimes

Sliding Doors

Sincerely me

Brandy Greenwell

There are many sliding door moments in life that can alter the trajectory of future events. For me, attending Foxcroft School and going to the library for study hall one night as a freshman in 1989 was one of the most monumental.

I always wanted to go to Foxcroft. Despite considering other schools with such grown-up conviction as a seventh and eighth grader at Loudoun Country Day School, I knew with my heart and soul that Foxcroft was the place for me. Both of my cousins were alumnae, making me a HOUND Legacy and certainly a familial factor for consideration, but for me, there was a magic to the campus from horseback. Starting when I was a young girl and riding my pony through the early morning dappled mist that blanketed the outside course and hearing Miss Margaret bark instruction at her finely tuned Equestriennes, I knew the ground was hallowed and I needed to be a part of it.



Moving into a dormitory at 14 years old with, in my case, only eleven other girls and having to start adulting out of the nest is tough. At Foxcroft you learn how to navigate the natural cattiness of an entire school of young women who tend to cycle at the same time, gain confidence from your peers- all of them- because the entire community becomes peers from the staff to teachers to friends from all over the world, and build strength from your brain to your core from the curriculum. If I could advise the young women in attendance now, it would be to inhale, taste and digest fully every single moment. Your life is being changed at the moment, for your future, and forever. My Foxcroft friends are my dearest and most of them weren't there when I was. Some ten years before, some ten years after, but we are all sisters.

These words and advice can apply to any young person, in any school, in any place. My experience was at Foxcroft where I met a friend in study hall in the library. Both of us being slightly rebellious by nature, we snuck Walkmen and our favorite cassettes (which happened to be the same) into the quiet building where such media was banned. From there we became best friends and in what felt like an eternity that we were inseparable, it was only a few, short years. And in those years, during that time, I can pinpoint her influence on my life today. I haven't spoken to her in over 20 years other than social media comments and random likes. Last week I learned of her sudden passing and my heart is immensely heavy but extremely grateful for how that night in study hall forever changed my life.



In memoriam of Wendy Elizabeth Clear Fleming. Foxcroft, Class of 1992. Gone Away. From her Senior Page, "Time is everlasting, but nothing outlasts time. Whatever comes must go, it seems. It isn't ours to question why."

Too much T.V.

Around The Town

Hazel Sweitzer

O.K. I hope my human Tom does not get mad at me for bringing up this subject, but here it goes.

The human world is obsessed with living other people's stories, be it on social media, or movie streaming service. Humans are in great need of feeling. The world is so fast, especially when you're a dog. Try living seven years in one human year. Exhausting!

My human Tom never stops working, but when he does, he sits and watches movies and Netflix series and sometimes he sits there and cries or laughs so hard it sounds like he's hurt himself.

Now, I know Tom deals with a lot of emotion during the day because of his job, so watching "shows" is a release for him, but some of his friends talk about spending hours a day watching stories that are not their own. I've noticed so many humans are glued to stories about triumph, suspense, competition, and gossip. Some humans spend more time watching other people's lives than paying attention to their own. Tom says that this is why so many short videos go viral on social media and Youtube because people are desperate to release emotion. Whether you're watching two toddlers of different skin tone hugging each other, or someone being surprised by their Dad coming home from war, or just watching a performance for the tenth time of a singer from one of the many T.V. talent competitions humans look for moments that awaken their own emotions.



It's easy to get stuck just "doing" day in and day out and not take time to connect with others to make your own moment happen. I think all of these options are great for entertainment and for releasing emotions, but I think the world is spending too much time worrying about characters that are fictional or rooting for people in competitions that really will have no impact on their everyday life. I guess it's all balance really, that we can search for something beyond our own lives to remind us we are emotional creatures. I suppose as a dog, I do the same when I watch animal planet.



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The golf swing is a very complex coordinated movement that has compressive forces close to eight times your body weight. Swinging the club repeatedly during an 18 hole game can leave your lower back sore. A well-rounded fitness program that focuses on flexibility and strength will add positive gains to your game.

The most common site for injuries for recreational golfers in the lower back. These injuries are in part due to poor swing mechanics, striking the ground with the club, and overuse. Programs that incorporate foot and leg alignment, core strength, joint and spinal flexibility, shoulder rotation, along with arm, hand and wrist strengthening will benefit the golfer. All of these movements play a pivotal roll in the golf swing which is dependent upon the sequential kinetic transference from each body segment to the club. In an average four hour game the spine coils and uncoils 110-130 times in one direction. Pilates is an exercise program that focuses on core stability. Pilates focus is on each movement pattern. In turn, balance and stability improvements. The golf swing is based on moving from the center with alignment from the ground up. In pilates, this alignment is created and the movements are consistently repeated in a controlled environment. What makes a great golf swing is the ability to make it repeatable. With pilates, a golfer can obtain the necessary tools to improve the golf swing with reliability. Also, pilates helps to undo the spinal imbalance which is brought on by the one-sided golf swing. Pilates also really improves the strength and flexibility of core muscles. Golf is a complicated complex game. It's also exhilarating, challenging, and fun. Play better golf by incorporating Pilates into your fitness routine.

For more information about fitness and health contact Kay Colgan at Middleburg Pilates and Personal Training at 14 S. Madison Street, Middleburg or call 540-687-6995. Enjoy the game of golf!

Five Commonly Asked Dental Questions

Middleburg Smiles

Dr. Robert A. Gallegos

Are dental X-rays safe?

Dental x-rays are very safe, and dentists are very conscientious about x-ray exposure. Digital x-rays are very low exposure. A full series of dental x-rays is about the amount of exposure you receive taking an airline flight across country. A full series of x-rays is an essential part of a complete examination and smaller series of x-rays are part of a periodic examination. Your frequency of x-rays should be determined in consultation with your dentist based on your history of cavities and other risk factors. Without x-rays, it would be impossible to detect cavities between the teeth or tumors, abscesses, and growths in the jaw until they become so large that the treatment would be difficult or impossible. Early detection of small cavities leads to successful long-term treatment with tooth-colored fillings. Undiagnosed cavities can lead to pain, infections, root canals and extractions.

Do I really need to floss?

Flossing is one method to remove food and bacterial plaque from around the teeth in areas that the tooth brushing will not reach. Flossing is considered the best way to remove food and bacterial plaque from these difficult to access areas but other methods are also good since not everyone can or will floss. Sonic action toothbrushes will do a better job than a manual toothbrush in difficult to reach areas. Adding a water pic is helpful and interdental brushes like proxy brushes are helpful. Your dentist or hygienist can suggest the best products based on your needs and abilities.

What is the best toothpaste?

The isle in the grocery or drugstore with dental products can be overwhelming. Toothpaste varieties and brands are confusing. Many kinds of toothpaste advertise that they might be whitening, cavity control, sensitivity control, holistic and gum disease control. What you want in toothpaste is one that is not too abrasive, not irritating to the gums, helps control cavities and if needed sensitivity control. In general, I tell my patients to buy a plain paste toothpaste with fluoride and the American Dental Association seal which assures safety testing. Avoid whitening toothpaste because they are generally very abrasive to the teeth, they will dull dental fillings and can cause sensitivity. Avoid gel and tartar control toothpaste because they can be irritating to the gums. Use fluoride toothpaste for cavity prevention and a sensitivity toothpaste if your teeth are sensitive. In summary, a plain paste toothpaste with fluoride is usually the right choice and the less expensive option.

When should my child first go to the dentist?

Your child's first visit should be when the baby teeth start to erupt. It is important to establish excellent oral hygiene early in life and to ask questions about brushing, homecare, pacifier use, foods, baby bottles, and sippy cups. The first visit with your general or pediatric dentist is usually informational and get to know you visit for you and your child. Introduce your child to the dental office early so they build trust, are not afraid, they expect to be there regularly and are comfortable with the dentist and hygienist examining their mouth.



Should I whiten my teeth?

Whitening is a very safe and effective way to remove internal stains from discolored teeth. Whitening is usually a special peroxide gel that can be applied in a dental office (high concentration) or at home (low concentration). Whitening can be done whenever you want to lighten your teeth. The only precautions are if your teeth get sensitive, stop whitening, or during pregnancy, not approved for use during pregnancy.

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Pastimes

The Artist's Perspective

Tom Neel



A couple of months ago, I offered what I hoped to be a few simple things to inspire and stimulate you in the way of a fun little creative challenge. I planned to back it up the next month with part 2, but unfortunately, I'm writing so much these days that after I wrote what turn out to be last month's story on Positive and Negative Space, I overlooked part 2 of my challenge. Well, I'm here to fix that oversight with this, my second creative challenge. All of this is just meant for fun, creative fun! It's just a way of shaking up your creative juices, and this time my aim is for you to collaborate with a friend. You can make it a small group if you wish, but just two will also be great! The cool thing is, you can technically even do this with a long-distance friend and collaborator.



Okay, the first rule; you do not have to be an artist. Okay, that's not a rule, and even if it was, it's the only one. Grab your partner, sister, brother, spouse, friend, boyfriend, girlfriend, Aunt, Uncle, and let's get started. The two of you, (or however many), are going to choose one of 3 simple ways to practice and learn how to collaborate. 1) Doodling. 2) Storytelling. 3) Photographic connection. Here's how each might work.

1) Doodling - Get a large sheet of poster paper and Sharpies or some kind of markers. Flip a coin to see who goes first, and the first person starts with a line. It can be long or short, curvy or straight. The point here is the second person will have to add to it, create a design, or even turn it into something. These first two lines are critical, as the first person enjoys the freedom of doing anything, while the second enjoys the freedom of possibly creating the direction for the whole doodle!. After your first lines, keep it going until you fill the piece of poster paper, top to bottom, side to side. Your collaborative artwork can be completed in one session, or take overnight trips between collaborator's homes, taking a month to do. It is up to you. You can even share your progress on social media if you choose. The point is working together and seeing where it goes. Allow yourselves to feel a sense of control when it's your turn, and to see the differences in the direction your fellow collaborator might be taking from what you may have done. Also share your feelings, as collaboration can be wonderful or feel like a loss of creative control. Oh, and notice, with no rules I haven't set a time or several lines each turn can take. This is your artwork, and any rules like this that you agree to place on yourself is up to you. But as a suggestion, I would probably keep each turn short and to one line. Meaning once the tip of you marker hits, you can go anywhere you want to go, but once you lift, you're done. Again, it's up to you!

2) Storytelling - This can be a long-distance challenge that you both can do using paper, but might be more fun to do through a long text, email, or even just a phone conversation if you want. The coin flip, one person goes first starting the story. This can be as simple as; "Once upon a time," or as complex as; "It was a cold and windy night, the shutters were rapping against the side of the house and…. " Then the other person keeps the story going. The idea is to not only collaborate story development but character development as well. You can add as many characters as you wish because it is you and your fellow collaborator's story to do with whatever you please. Again, just as with doodling, this challenge will not only allow you to build something together, it will allow you to see how you each feel about collaboration.

3) Photographic connection - Now this can be fun because it just involves your mobile phone's camera. Again, flip the coin to see who begins the challenge. The first person takes a photo of whatever he or she chooses. It can be family, horses, a landscape, something with color, big things, little things, things with names, black and white, anything and everything. You send the photo to your fellow collaborator. That person looks at the photo and has to choose anything out of it that can be considered a link. An example might go like this. The first person takes a photo of their brother in an old Chevy car in front of some trees. Common links for the next person could include brothers, an old Chevy (including things like the Chevy logo), maybe a Chevy advertisement, or it could just be a car, or the trees. Person number one may choose the trees, and so their photo is of trees. The next person may link the trees, but their photo also includes a barn and big puffy clouds in the sky, and it goes on from there.

These challenges are meant to get you thinking together as a team. When you think of all of the great collaborators, (especially spouses), you see the benefits of working together. Again, all in good fun, and to help you *Live An Artful Life! Tom*

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In Unison

Steve Chase

Sometimes, we need a little mindless fun on the Internet, and I have found that discussing lists of the best music fit that bill. We all have our favorite music, melodies, and best-loved groups. We keep those "best-of" lists in our heads, and the names on those lists can ebb and flow depending on mood and interests. Hopefully, we continue to discover new sounds and fresh ensembles, but this usually does not happen. A recent study said that our musical tastes are established and our musical discovery ends by the time we are 33 years old. Psychologists can predict things about your personality and even your intelligence by the music you like. I guess I'm not normal; I love to discover new music, guided by Duke Ellington's philosophy, "if it sounds good, it IS good."

I am fascinated by the movie High Fidelity, not so much by the plot, as by lead character John Cusack's regular discussion of "top five" lists (https://film.list.co.uk/article/69996-all-the-top-five-lists-from-high-fidelity/). We love lists, and I am no exception. So, a few weeks ago I came across the site Ranker.com. There are not many greater ways to waste time on the Internet than going on Ranker, where you can read lists on a multitude of subjects, including music. There are music lists on every musical genre and taste: best albums, or singers, or guitarist, or bands. Some of these lists had hundreds of thousands of views and thousands of votes. On many of the lists, you can give the entry a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down", which can impact the order of the list; or you can add that album that nobody thought of to the list –interactive music lists. The Best Rock Album of All Time— Led Zeppelin IV, of course, with 1,948 votes, with Hendrix's, Are You Experienced? a close second.

I looked through the vast list of rankings and could not find lists on some of my favorite musical interests, so I took the plunge and registered for the site. I love jazz-rock fusion, and there was no list, so I made one. I included the classics, like Return to Forever's Romantic Warrior, the Alphonse Mouzon's Mind Transplant, and Jean Luc Ponty's Enigmatic Ocean and about 45 other beloved albums. I announced that I had created the list on the Facebook Progressive Rock/ Jazz Fusion Group, which has more than 1400 members from around the globe. And people responded-- after two weeks, my list had more than 335 votes and had changed order responding to the input from my fellow fusion fans. The top album right now is



the unappreciated, but brilliant, Waka Jawaka by Frank Zappa. Here's the link: https://www.ranker.com/list/top-jazz-rock-fusion-albums/incaroads --give me your input.

I started another list for the true connoisseur, my Top Frank Zappa Guitar Solos. I listed my preferred 30 tunes and announced them on four different Frank Zappa Facebook groups, including the Zappateer Group, which has some of the most knowledgeable Zappa fans. I got a lot of comments on the groups, including some eye rolls from the Zappateers, who think lists are a waste of time. After a few weeks, the list had hundreds of votes and voters, and people were adding their favorites. You can take a look and vote on this list here: www.ranker.com/list/top-frank-zappa-guitar-solos.

Finally, I went to an established list, this time the best albums by guitarist Pat Metheny and voted. I disagreed with the original list…it needed major reranking and fortunately for me, the rerank function was active. After I submitted the rerank, I was able to compare the original list with mine in a popup column. There are big differences, but that just reflects our musical taste and opinions.

To keep people active on Ranker.com, members have been given award badges for their contributions. I doubt my obscure lists will get anywhere near the numbers of the pop music lists, but they do serve the niche fans that are out there around the globe, brought together by the magic of the Internet. I was also awarded a "Hater" badge, the result of too many thumbs down votes on various lists -- I guess that's just the critic in me. If you want to waste some time on the Internet, go to Ranker and browse the lists, My badges seem to have gone away now, but despite the lack of awards, I'm sure you'll find something of interest.

Listen to my October playlist – Top Frank Zappa Guitar Solos to prep you for your first Ranker.com session, listen to it here: tinyurl.com/o9azdx7.

Steve Chase is reading and voting on lists in Unison.



Pastimes

Bird Migration

The Plant Lady

Karen Rexrode

Gardening one fall day I was struck by a cold wind that rustled the leaves around me and ushered the warm air out as it charged south. Looking skyward I was stuck by the most incredible vision, a line of migrating birds stretching as far as the eye could see. Traveling with the wind, they were hitchhiking, every sort of bird, large and small was coasting with their wings spread.

I have hoped for a repeat of that event, but it's never happened. With fall arriving, I will be watching the sky as cold fronts come and go and I suggest you do the same. We are on the cusp of fall migration, particularly as the neotropical migrants head to south and central America. Chimney swifts left over a month ago, they rely solely on insects, so their exit comes early as they fly to Peru.

Those that migrate later in fall spend their summers eating insects, switching to berries for fall. A critical part of their journey is the increase in body fat before migration. Weight gain is often 50 to 100 % of their body weight, which will quickly disappear as they exhaust their reserves. In berries, they are searching for those that are high in antioxidants, fat, carbohydrates, and protein. Dark-colored fruit will provide the antioxidants which help break down carbohydrates and negate the stress of long flights.

The primary source of high-quality food comes from native plants. Shrubs that offer berries with the richest dietary supplements are the grey dogwood (Cornus racemosa), arrowwood viburnum (Viburnum dentatum), and spicebush (Lindera benzoin). These three have fruit that contains nearly 50% fat. Antioxidant-rich berries come from Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus quinquefolia) and arrowwood viburnum; with this viburnum providing more antioxidants than any other species.

Protein, fiber and carbohydrates are also necessary, found in the berries of poke (Phytolacca americana), poison ivy, southern magnolia, and American holly, which are all native. Fruit from nonnative plants are often low in the necessary dietary supplements for long arduous flights and it may take six times the amount of fruit to equal a few of the high power natives, which leaves a bird starving in stressful times.



For safety, most bird migration occurs at night, by day they seek a place of shelter with high-density vegetation and a rich diet to replenish. Vast acres of manicured lawns help little as sources of valuable food. Knowing the need for these specific berries, I have altered my gardening practices and am leaving the Virginia creeper, pokeberry plant and poison ivy vine in place. A little wildness is good for us both.



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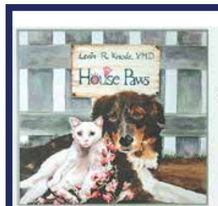
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A New Middleburg Tradition

Blessed by perfect weather, beer in abundance, great food, fine art and artists galore Middleburg's very first formal "Oktoberfest" celebration was by all accounts a more than pumpkin smashing success.

If you couldn't be there see the photographs in this month's paper or online.

Town Staff did the impossible and pulled together a truly flawless event, from rough idea to perfect execution, in just a few weeks, on incredibly short notice.

Special praise is due to Town Administrator Danny Davis, Business and Economic Development Director Jamie Gaucher though both would (and do) modestly give full credit to a host of others without whom the event would never have happened . . . not to mention all those who joined in the celebration.

Inclusiveness and partnership building was evident everywhere, not least among the town's merchants, the arts community, and for the first time, our fellow Oktoberfest celebrants in Lovettsville.

The town's business community could not have been more supportive, helpful, and happy at the results.

Those attending ranged in age from infant to eighties (or more).

Smiles abounded.

Mayor Littleton officially tapped the first keg.

At least ONE member of Council appeared in Lederhosen.

Traffic was well controlled. The crowds felt safe and well protected. And, as has become a tradition with the Middleburg Force, the only times our officers and Chief were noticed were those in which they were helping to make sure everyone was not only safe but happy.

Everyone had a ball.

"One swallow does not a summer make" nor one spectacularly successful event a "tradition."

But we're betting the town is well on its way!

Kudos to all

Principles

Both the Middleburg Planning Commission and Town Staff, especially Deputy Town Administrator and Town Planner Will Moore acted on principle and for what they felt were the best interests of the Town at the packed September 23 Meeting of the Planning Commission.

Well aware that most if not all the friends and citizens of Middleburg opposed Commission approval, even on a conditional basis, of plans for a new development off Sam Fred Road, Moore gave his best professional advice, advising the Commission that, technically it would appear they little reason to deny at least "conditional" approval of the project, and risked litigation if they acted otherwise.

The Commission, on the other hand, felt it was honor-bound not to approve an application that, in their view, was deeply flawed, without access to input and information to make a truly informed decision, even at the risk of litigation.

The Commission, we believe, did the right thing.

We hope that the Travellers Rest/Banbury Cross applicant will do the same.

Letters to the Editor

John Metelski
Waterford, VA

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Ecocide: A Crime Against Humanity

Blue

Dan Morrow

"For the lawyer as well as the soldier, there is an equally imperative command. That duty is to shelter from injustice the innocent, to protect the weak from oppression, and when necessity demands, to rally to the defense of those being wronged."

Attributed to Captain Frederick Aikenfrom his closing remarks in the trial of Mary Suratt, 1865

In 2018 the word "ecocide" meaning "destruction of the natural environment of an area, or very great damage to it." was added to the Cambridge Dictionary. Later that year it was one of four candidates for Cambridge's "Word of the Year."

As early as 1972 Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme used the term to describe, among other horrors, the use and effects of Agent Orange in Vietnam. At the Stockholm Conference for the Human Environment at which he spoke Indira Gandhi and others demanded that "Ecocide" be designated an "international crime."

The Rome Statutes (1985 – 1996) recognize four major classes of international crime: crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide, and aggression.

Drafts of the Rome Statute included the "Crime of Ecocide" but the terms were dropped, over the objections of more than 40 countries.

The Rome Statute also created the International Criminal Court in The Hague to try those accused of crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide and aggression when other courts were unable to do so. The United States did not ratify the treaty.

In 2016 the ICC reported that "it would give special consideration to pursuing crimes involving environmental destruction and land grabs" thus empowering the court to chase down criminals, including government, businesses and other international operations involved in "environmental damage or the misuse or theft of land as crimes against humanity."

One source noted hopefully that "Company bosses and politicians complicit in violently seizing land, razing tropical forests or poisoning water sources could soon find themselves standing trial in The Hague alongside war criminals and dictators."

At press time millions of young people all over the world were joining together in the largest mass protest of governments' lack of action in the effort to save the planet from human-driven climate change.

The demonstrations took place around a United Nations special session on Action to address climate change, a session notable so far for the complete absence of contributions by the United States.

Indeed, our President and Senate are seen around the world as among the greatest obstacles to progress . . . opinions not surprising in light of the President's outspoken "nonbelief," his withdrawal from all international obligations such as the Paris Accords, his gutting of federal regulations and agencies like the EPA, and most recently, his efforts to block states from imposing their own regulations to protect the environment, even if (or perhaps especially if) those regulations set higher-than-federal standards.

Metaphorically what's going on under Trump is a crime.

Perhaps "to shelter from injustice the innocent, to protect the weak from oppression, and when necessity demands, to rally to the defense of those being wronged" laws against variations of the crime of Ecocide should be passed at the local, state, federal level here, as well as at the UN. Indeed, that may be the only way to hold the guilty to account . . . and save the planet.

The "Gotcha" Game

Red

Brian Vella

The past few weeks have provided textbook illustrations of "Gotcha", a game where the media and their Democrat sycophants (or the Democrats and their media sycophants) take turns making up stories with little or no factual support, and after whipping each other into a froth, they attempt to convince the rest of us that they have uncovered nefarious behavior justifying impeachment. The classic version of the game involves seeing who can concoct a story and feign the most outrage about President Trump, but most any Republican holding a political or judicial position is seen as a legitimate target, and so we were treated in the last weeks to re-hashed, fabricated allegations against Supreme Court Justice Cavanaugh. Even after these allegations were acknowledged to be baseless, calls to impeach Justice Cavanaugh persist, which highlights the entire point of the "Gotcha" game, which is to do as much damage as possible to political enemies of the Democrats by disseminating "news" stories without regard for the truth. Not surprisingly, the recent reporting on the completely unsupported allegations against Justice Cavanaugh was initiated by the New York Times, the same "news organization" that received a Pulitzer for its unsupported and often false reporting on President Trump's nonexistent collusion with the Russians in the 2016 presidential election.

Seemingly intent on further diminishing its reputation as a serious news organization, while still soaking up accolades from its friends on Capitol Hill for the damage it attempted to do to Justice Cavanaugh, the NYT this week refocused its game on its primary target, President Trump. The NYT's most recent episode of misreporting again involves an anonymous source, this time an alleged "whistleblower" who was reported to have information on a conversation involving President Trump discussing an investigation of Joe Biden. It has since been revealed by more serious journalists that the "whistleblower" had no first-hand knowledge of President Trump's conversation, but this inconvenient fact is of little consequence in the "Gotcha" game. The NYT and others in the media have dutifully proceeded with the delicate task of manipulating this story for the dual purpose of shielding actions and misdeeds by Joe Biden, while at the same time providing their political allies with this week's reason to call to impeach President Trump. Given the facts we now know, the duplicity needed to accomplish both objectives is remarkable even by today's standards. The truth is that in 2014, while Joe Biden was Vice President, he made a trip to Ukraine, and soon afterward his son Hunter, despite problems with substance abuse and no training or experience in the energy sector, attained a multi-million dollar position as a member of the board of an energy company in Ukraine. When a prosecutor in Ukraine began an investigation into the corrupt business practices of the energy company, Joe Biden recounted that he personally and successfully intervened in the investigation of his son's company by threatening to withhold $ 1 billion in US aid to Ukraine unless the prosecutor in charge of the investigation was dismissed. Anyone who has not had the pleasure of watching the video and hearing this revelation in Joe Biden's own words can go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lH_sdTC7Anw.

Joe Biden's braggadocio confession as to how he obstructed the internal investigation of a corrupt company in a country halfway around the world that just happened to employ his son was met with a collective yawn by the media and by Biden's friends on the Hill until this week, when an anonymous source claimed President Trump allegedly urged someone, presumably in Ukraine, to look into Biden's actions. In the Orwellian world in which we now live, according to the media and the usual Democrat malcontents, it is not Joe Biden's corrupt intervention in the Ukraine matter that is the wrongdoing, but instead President Trump's suggestion that there should be an investigation into Biden's corrupt act that is the reason de jour for why President Trump should be impeached. The same cast of media characters who have tried unsuccessfully for 3 years through conjecture, speculation and innuendo to concoct theories about corruption on the part of the Trump family are utterly disinterested in the details of the Biden family's role in an actual corrupt business enterprise in the Ukraine (details on their billion-dollar deal with China are even more troubling).

Anyone who depends on getting objective, fact-based news by reading what is reported in the NYT or the Washington Post or listening to what is broadcast on CNN, NBC or the other networks must feel duped and disappointed daily. For the rest of us, watching the latest failed attempt by the media to play "Gotcha" and take down President Trump through unsubstantiated news reports, only to have the story backfire and expose the corruption of Joe Biden could not be more satisfying.

ExOfficio

Mark Snyder

Hello Middleburg! I speak here, I hope simply, as a citizen more than as a former town official. This column discusses some environmental issues from a town perspective.

First, a disclaimer: I never served on the Go Green committee. They perform a valuable service in Middleburg and I do not presume to judge their performance and am thankful for their valuable service.

I also do not wish to impugn the current council because, as I know from experience, the Virginia state code ties their hands on most issues they may wish to address here in town. Due to the Dillon rule and the state constitution, the council may only regulate as explicitly permitted by the state legislature and state code.

Thus, the town is limited in how it can address climate and environmental issues. When I moved to town in the early eighties, I was happy to learn that Middleburg provided trash and recycling services to residents and businesses (an environmental issue of that era). As the population in Loudoun then began to mushroom, I started to consider a broader range of issues (such as keeping that growth away from town).

I am a huge fan of dark night skies, but light pollution soon began erasing the stars I would much like to see reappear. The council did require shielded lighting (lamps that focus lighting downwards, rather than everywhere). However, that is not enough. Light pollution does not just spoil stargazing; it disrupts plant and animal cycles. Dominion power owns the streetlights in the residential areas. I would like to see the town budget to pay Dominion to replace those lights, which spew light in every direction with downward focused shielded fixtures. With little effort or expense, the town can reduce light pollution and save money on reduced future lighting bills.

Some neighbors leave outdoor lights, such as porch lights, on all night. If you are in this camp, please consider using a lamp with a shielded fixture and a timer or (better) a motion detector. These are readily available within reasonable prices.

Many of us are also concerned with the pollution Dominion's power plants release. The town has no regulatory power there, but it can find ways to encourage alternatives, such as solar panels. I do not know how many people or businesses would consider solar on their roofs, but I am considering it. Council can help by encouraging us. A good way to start is to coordinate with environmental organizations that already work in this arena. Has council considered including solar for the new Town Hall it is planning? That would certainly set the right example!

Council has discussed providing charging stations for electric vehicles, but I do not know if any are yet available. That information needs to be on the town web site! Electric vehicle owners are certain to check whether they can charge their battery before deciding to visit here. Again, council should check to see if we could coordinate with organizations working to make this easier to implement.

If you live within the Middleburg town limits and like any of the ideas outlined here, please consider joining council. You may apply to council for a short-term appointment to fill in for Keven Hazard, a current member moving away. Another opportunity arrives in the May 2020 election – run for a four-year term!

I need topics to address in future columns to continue writing. Do you have questions or ideas you want me to address in a future column – should I continue the column? I would love to hear your comments, suggestions or questions, so please send them to the Eccentric!

A Scientists Perspective on Our Civilization

A Scientist's Perspective

Art Poland, PhD

On August 30, 2019, John Metelski of Waterford wrote to our columnist, Dr. Art Poland, commenting on Poland's column in the August Eccentric.

Poland's reply follows.

Dear John:

I appreciate, and enjoyed reading, your comments. I have replied with my thoughts below, noted with [ ].

Dear Dr Poland –

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[It sounds like we are close to the same age. I like the Euripides quote, I hadn't seen it before.]

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[I think you have struck here on an important aspect of human nature that my wife and I have frequently discussed. People seem to have a need for a unifying force. Major wars do provide such a force. From some of my reading, it is the opinion I have absorbed that the building of the pyramids provided the ancient Egyptian kings such a force. They recruited men from villages up the Nile during the winter to work together to build the pyramids. It seemed to have worked, they had a country and followed its king. I had hoped that the NASA space program and race to the moon would provide such a national and perhaps international unifying force. It did for a while, but then died. We now have nothing, as you state.]

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[I fear the outcome is too predictable. We are fortunate to have lived during one of the best times in human history. Hopefully I won't live to see the end.]

Anyway, only my opinion, FYI.

[Much appreciated, Art]

Letter From the Plains

Anthony Wells

"Quo Vadis China?" or "Wither Goest Thou?" to coin an ancient Latin phrase. My two-part Letter this month and next covers a subject that will increasingly affect all our lives here in the United States, and indeed the world as a whole.

The rise of China is self-evident, but the huge question exists as to what are China's long and short term goals, whose economic drivers, let alone military expansion, are reshaping the international security land and seascapes. At the same time the United States has currently rejected the multilateral economic and political framework, witnessed by withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership, renegotiation of NAFTA, and threats to leave the World Trade Organization, compounded by punitive tariffs on China and our allies, and rejection of the Iran Nuclear Agreement signed by our key European allies, Russia and China.

The effect of all this has been to draw nations into the Chinese orbit, create disharmony with our NATO allies, and draw Russia and China closer. Punitive US sanctions have led to hugely negative consequences. Most of all is the extraordinary successful growth of China's "Belt & Road Initiative" (BRI) a 21st century "Silk Road" started in 2013, a trillion-dollar investment that embraces about 80 countries, strategically designed to guarantee that China will not only secures its own energy, trade routes, and key natural resources, but also expand its investment in global port infrastructure and sea routes across all the world's oceans, stimulating demand for Chinese products and acquiring economic control through massive investments and loans that will not be repaid in some cases this century.

China is seeking to gain access to and control of precious metal extraction and production in Russia, Central Asia, Latin America, and Africa. China's "Debt Diplomacy" is reaping benefits at the expense of the United States. It enables China to soften hitherto strained relations with Japan, the Philippines, and Vietnam, lessening the friction resulting from Chinese occupation and militarization of the Spratley and Paracel islands in the South China Sea. The latter is overtly geared to creating a presence to counter the US Seventh Fleet, while enabling China 200 nautical mile territorial claims to fishing and undersea resource rights around every atoll and island, in spite of the International Court of Arbitration's declaration that China has no such legal or historic claims. The US has not attempted to enforce the ruling of the court in The Hague.

Meanwhile, China is building naval facilities across the Indian Ocean in Gwadar, Pakistan, in Hambantota in Sri Lanka, and Djibouti, with long term port agreements with Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Tanzania, Namibia, Greece, and Italy. Two successive National Security Advisors, Tom Donilon, a Washington lawyer, (2010-2013) and Susan Rice, a policy aficionado, (2013-2017), let all this happen with zero US counter strokes, with the hawkish John Bolton, until his firing on September 10, more preoccupied with provoking conflict with Iran rather than paying attention to the detail that James Fanell briefed the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on May 17, 2018, a detailed unclassified manifesto of where China is headed.

A trade and resource conflict is inevitable unless the United States shifts gears to a political-diplomatic-economic turn around strategy, underwritten by the power of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, the forward-deployed round the clock presence that guarantees freedom of the seas, a rule-based international order, and the prevention of conflict over trade, resources, and those critical minerals deemed vital for not just national security but the very heart and soul of the continuing digital revolution and its massive product line.

China is following the British maritime strategy and economic model that it pursued for centuries – the defense of seaborne trade and its support of overseas acquisitions and influence. China is investing "Without Risk", with zero shareholders to please. Chinese investment in African mines brings nothing like the risk that US and European investors bear. China is stealing technology not just through well known cyber penetration and espionage but a simple and successful economic strategy – US and other foreign investors have and are going to China, investing, and then finding that China replicates their technology, production, and engineering plans, and then creates homegrown industries and companies. Foreign investment has and will die on the vine in due course.

The response from the United States and its key NATO allies has been appallingly paltry. Former Secretary of Defense, Jim Mattis, a wise

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On the Loudoun County Public Schools "Equitable" Assessment

John P. Flannery, II, Esq.

Our County is discussing a report about how "equitable" are our Loudoun County Public Schools.

The report says that we have not been "equitable" or "sensitive."

After all, this nation has gone through on civil rights, how is it possible that Virginia still is trying to figure this out at this late date, so long after the war between the states?

Eric Williams, the Superintendent of our billion-dollar school system, concluded that the school staff has "a low level of racial consciousness and racial literacy."

Amazingly, the report says, in this day and age, that "people are unclear and fearful on how to participate in conversations about race, let alone respond to racially charged incidents."

I taught High School for several years in the late 60s and 70s.

There is nothing mysterious about how to be fair and impartial to students unless you are neither fair nor impartial.

The Report makes it clear that there has been disproportionate discipline for students of color but especially African-American students.

Students reported that they were the targets of "racist comments and acts of violence from both their peers and teachers." Not just other students but their teachers. What kind of teacher treats a student this way?

And here's the rub. "Nothing happens!" So, the aggrieved students report.

White kids use the n-word and deny they did.

Persons of color are humiliated about their skin color and their hair.

One student said the teacher "told me to go back to my country. I was in shock, I was born here."

This is not computer science.

This is common sense.

Sanction the students who use the n-word or threaten other students with assault or abuse. These offenses are serious infractions and there must be punishment up to and including expulsion.

The teacher who told a student to go back where he came from, well that case is simple, fire that teacher. The teacher and student will both learn something from such punishment.

If persons can get away with this kind of misconduct without any rule or regulation or discipline that punishes their misconduct, we can expect more of the same.

The schools must act firmly and quickly so that this misconduct ends now.

This report is a shame and a disgrace – it scars the reputation of this County and its citizens.

We have to clean up this mess and now.

Letter From the Plains

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and wonderfully astute US Marine General, has rightly observed that one key counterbalance is the "Strategic Convergence" of India and the United States, together with other key US allies, because otherwise Chinese hegemony in the Indo-Pacific region at the economic, political, and strategic levels, will predominate. The huge danger of this is a 21st-century version and tragic specter of the 1930s economic implosion in East Asia that set Japan on not just a conflict course at sea but territorial aggrandizement that led to catastrophe for the world and dénouement on December 7, 1941.

The global economy, the world, simply cannot afford to witness another conflict on this scale. There will be no winners, only losers all round. The United States and its allies, including convergence with India, must face this challenge with unprecedented diplomatic, economic, and political-military skill and fortitude.

Next month we will address Chinese global telecommunications and the 5G era.

Acknowledgement: My wife, Dr. Carol Evans, Professor of National Security, US Army War College, an Indo-Pacific expert, provided me additional invaluable insights for this month's Letter.

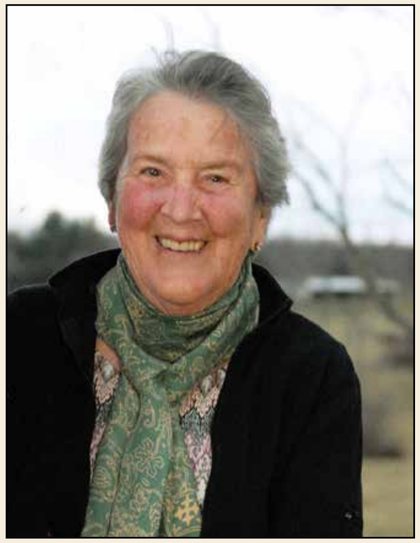
Obituaries

Catherine Meade Fletcher Littleton

On Saturday, August 17, 2019, Catherine Meade Fletcher Littleton, "Cathy" of Coles Point, Virginia, passed away peacefully at the age of 72, with her children by her side. She was born on November 18, 1946, to James William Fletcher II and Mildred Thornton Fletcher and grew up on Thornton Hill Farm in Woodville, Virginia. She went to the Calvert School in Warrenton, Virginia, St. Mary's in the Mountains in Littleton, New Hampshire and Montesano in Gstaad, Switzerland. She then attended Richmond Professional Institute (now Virginia Commonwealth University) in Richmond and later moved to Middleburg, Virginia to raise her children. She delighted and excelled in cooking, entertaining and taking and sharing her photographs. Throughout her early years she was an avid skier, foxhunter, point to point jockey, motorcyclist, boater and sports fisherwoman, shining at anything she tried. In her later years, she took joy in spending time with friends, helping those in need and tending to her home and her flowers. She was also a member of the Coles Point Methodist Church. She would say she was "full of life and honest emotions", but also with a great sense of humor and a pure heart. She is survived by her children, Camden M. Littleton, of Charlottesville, Virginia and Trowbridge M. Littleton of Middleburg, Virginia; her four siblings, Mildred F. Slater, of Upperville, Virginia, Louise F. Tayloe, of Charlottesville, Virginia, James W. Fletcher III, of Sperryville, Virginia, and Stuart F. Trope, of Richmond, Virginia; and her dog, Buford. A graveside service will be held on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the St. Paul's Episcopal Churchyard in Woodville, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Catherine F. Littleton to Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Pkwy Suite 300, Charlottesville, VA 22911, or The American Cancer Society. https://www.cancer.org/



Julie T. Vehr "Dody"



A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on October 19, 2019 at Emmanuel Church, Middleburg, VA. Reception to follow.

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Gracious Georgian Manor home, 11,000 sf, built in 1930 | Updated and suitable for large scale entertaining | 7 BR, 7 1/2 BA, 7 FP | High ceilings, formal gardens & private setting | Belmont style stable w/30 stalls and 2 apartments | 4 BR guest house/entertainment complex, 4-car garage w/office | 4 restored tenant houses, skeet range, pool & tennis court | 241 acres recorded in 3 parcels | Land mostly open & rolling with bold mountain views, numerous ponds and vineyard
$11,000,000
Paul MacMahon 703.609.1905



PATRICKSWELL
MARSHALL, VIRGINIA
308 acres of spectacular land | Extensive renovation and expansion by premier builder | Immaculate home and beautiful land on Atoka Road in 3 parcels | Two large stables | Multiple ponds | Incredible views | Charming guest house | Tennis court | Stunning setting
$10,000,000
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FIDELIO
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA
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
$8,750,000
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SALEM HILL
MARSHALL, VIRGINIA
Well protected Fauquier location | 6 bedrooms | 4 full and 2 half baths | 3 fireplaces | Great views | Pool with large flagstone terrace | Large county kitchen | 4-car detached garage with apartment/office | 9-stall barn | Covered arena | Outdoor ring | 4 stall shed row barn | 51 fenced acres
$3,690,000
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MAYAPPLE FARM
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA
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
$3,400,000
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MONTANA FARM
DELAPLANE, VIRGINIA
Historic Montana Farm; Italianate style main house (1850), stone patent house (1840) each meticulously restored | Unique scored stucco | 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 FP | Wood floors, high ceilings, stone terrace & old boxwoods | Renovated tenant house | Mountain cabin | Several restored barns including restored pre-Civil War bank barn | Run in shed & excellent fencing | 222 acres, west slope of Cobbler Mountain | 60% open & useable acres | Frontage on "Big Branch" | Spectacular valley
$3,400,000
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HALCYON HILL
RECTORTOWN, VIRGINIA
17 acres of rolling pasture land in the village of Rectortown | Convenient to both Routes 50 & 66 | Newly renovated | Private setting with magnificent mountain views | 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 1 half bath, 2 fireplaces | Heated pool & spa | 2 bedroom guest house | Large shed & 2-car garage
$2,250,000
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ARBORVITAE
WARRENTON, VIRGINIA
A rare example of late medieval architecture, circa 1890 & 1935 with massive central chimneys, steep roof lines, and unusual brick patterns | 5 bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths | Double barreled ceilings, winding staircase, generous sized rooms & decorative fireplaces | Situated on 111.74 acres | Strong stream, stable with cottage & stone-walled terrace gardens
$2,200,000
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PEACE, LOVE & JOY FARM
WARRENTON, VIRGINIA
6 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, 5 fireplaces | High ceilings, large rooms with good flow | Formal garden overlooks Cedar Run | Large pond | Pool with pool house | Barn could have 4 stalls | Rolling land, very private - yet very close to Warrenton
$1,395,000
Paul MacMahon 703.609.1905



TWIN CREEK FARM
ALDIE, VIRGINIA
Quiet country living on 33 acres with great proximity to the conveniences of nearby shopping, restaurants, schools & hospital | Rare find to get this acreage and have FIOS - work from home while enjoying the privacy of your own farm | Rolling acreage, stable, fencing & bold creek | 5 BR home has been well maintained | Southern exposure with great light & lovely views | Main floor master suite & 2-car garage
$1,395,000
Marqui Simmons 703.774.6109
Helen MacMahon 540.454.1930



BICKERING OAKS
HAYMARKET, VIRGINIA
Sun-filled 4 BR residence w/2 master suites | 18 private acres | Large family room, living room w/cathedral ceilings, formal dining room | 2 FP | Gorgeous kitchen w/center island | Hardwood floors throughout & luxury master bath | Wrap around deck w/pergola overlooking terrace & mountain views | Attached 2-car garage | Multiple outbuildings include car barn w/heat & overhead lift, heated 8 stall barn & paddocks, picnic pavilion, old stone stable converted to fully equipped office, machine sheds and storage shed
$1,200,000
Alix Coolidge 703.625.1724



HAMILTON STREET
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA
Nice office building in the town of Middleburg | Private parking (8 spaces) and additional street parking | 2 level building | Additional storage available in lower level
$1,165,000
Helen MacMahon 540.454.1930



BUST HEAD ROAD
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA
82.69 acres | Mostly wooded, mountain views, bold stream in very protected area | Conservation easement | Can not be subdivided | Prime Orange County Hunt location | Halfway between Middleburg and The Plains
$1,100,000
Paul MacMahon 703.609.1905



111 EAST WASHINGTON ST.
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA
Stone building circa 1800 | Completely updated | New roof | Pine floors | Corner lot | 6 offices | Parking lot in rear | Shows well
$995,000
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GRASTY PLACE
MIDDLEBURG, VIRGINIA
Charming home in desirable Melmore | Adjacent to the town of Middleburg offering proximity to town & privacy of almost 4 acres | High ceilings, light-filled rooms, new kitchen with granite counters & stainless appliances | Family room with fireplace, screened-in porch | 3 BR including bright master suite | Home office, finished LL and 2-car garage
$685,000
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MAPLE DALE LANE
THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA
Immaculate home in quiet neighborhood | Convenient to Marshall and The Plains | 3 bedrooms and an office | Lovely kitchen opens to family room with fireplace and large deck for entertaining | Large lot - all open usable space
$525,000
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HUNT COUNTRY ESTATE

Bluemont ~ Ideally located just north of historic Middleburg, this country estate is over **104 acres** of lush pastures and gorgeous mountain views. The three level manor house is approximately 9000 square feet. A picturesque spring fed pond, a beautiful sparkling pool and spa, a guest house and separate apartment over the four bay garage are all in pristine condition. There is a six stall stable and multiple board fenced paddocks to complete this idyllic setting and make this one of the finest country estates in all of northern Virginia. **$5,700,000**

Mary Ann McGowan 540-270-1124



GONE AWAY

The Plains ~ Luxurious home on **83 acres** with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Tastefully renovated to provide space for gracious entertaining as well as comfortable family living. 4 BR, 7 BA. Gourmet kitchen. Large, covered stone terrace. Pool. Guest house. 3 BR tenant house. Stabling for 8 horses. Located on a paved road with a paved driveway. 3 car garage. Security gates. In Orange County Hunt territory. **$3,950,000**

Emily Ristau 540-454-9083



COOPER RIDGE

Marshall ~ Completely renovated brick home on **22+ acres** in a private, park-like setting. 4 BR / 4.5 BA, including a separate guest suite with fireplace. Hardwood floors, antique mantles, 10 foot ceilings, 5 fireplaces and custom woodwork. Two level 13 x 49 porch. Full basement with work out room & sauna; 2nd laundry and storage. 2 car garage. New 24 x 20 run-in shed. In Orange County Hunt territory. OLREA **$1,987,500**

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GILESWOOD

Purcellville ~ Extraordinary stone residence on **14+ acres** on a scenic country lane. Approx. 12,000 sq.ft. on 4 levels with soaring ceilings, 5 fireplaces, 6 BR / 7 BA and a gourmet kitchen. Luxurious Master Suite, elegant décor, superior quality. Separate In-Law suite with kitchen, bath, deck and private entrance. **$1,895,000**

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201 W WASHINGTON

Middleburg - Main street commercial opportunity in the heart of historic downtown. 2,400 sq. ft. of space with 10'+ ceilings. Features separate Men's & Women's bathrooms, a utility room, and a small store room. Side access provided by a garage type door. Plenty of parking and a large paved side lot can be used for storage. Zoned C2 Town Commercial for a wide variety of uses and it within the Historic District. **$1,350,000**

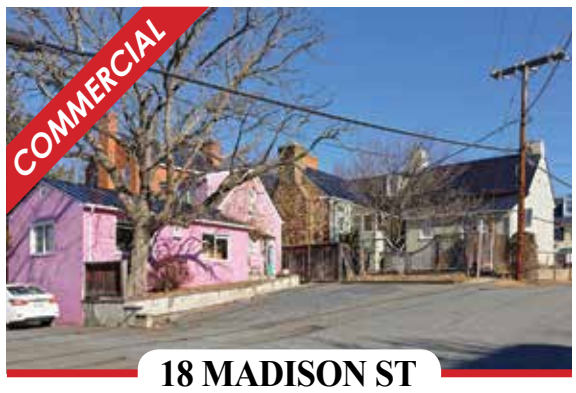
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LENAH RUN

Aldie ~ Stunning, light filled Home offers 3 Finished Levels with Walk-out Basement. 4 Bedrooms, 4 1/2 Baths. Spacious Kitchen opens to Gathering Room and a Pavillion Style Screened Porch. Large Back Yard. Two story Family Room with Fireplace and Coffered Ceiling. Master Suite with 3 sided gas fireplace and Sitting Room. Lenah Run Hamlet is a Highly Desirable Established Neighborhood convenient to Dulles International Airport, Shopping & Stone Ridge Hospital. **$825,000**

Rebecca Poston 540-771-7520



18 MADISON ST

Middleburg ~ Bring your company to Middleburg. Excellent commercial investment opportunity in downtown Middleburg. One commercial building which appears like two that are adjoined on the corner of Madison and Federal Streets. Offers 4 separate entrances. Mixed Use includes retail & office spaces. Includes 7 parking spaces off Federal Street. Established business in one building. Seller desires to rent back. Priced well below appraised value. Zoned C-2. **$785,000**

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FOX MEADOW

Middleburg ~ Income producing property with 3 rental units one mile West of the historic village of Middleburg. Sited on 2+ open acres. Extraordinary versatility, either as a 3 unit rental building or simply turn it back into a single family residence. Priced below assessed value! **$639,000**

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CAMPBELL ESTATES

The Plains ~ Custom built Colonial located between villages of Marshall & The Plains. Open floor plan and an incredible number of windows and skylights. This family home has 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths on two finished levels. Hardwood floors on the main level with new carpeting upstairs. Gourmet Kitchen with stainless steel appliances and a separate Breakfast Room. Additional features - Stone fireplace, solarium, game room and wrap around deck. This house is move in ready! **$585,000**

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