

UPPERVILLE COLT & HORSE SHOW UNDER THE OAKS & ON TOP OF THE (HORSE) WORLD



EDITH BONO ON OREO IN THE UPPERVILLE LEADLINE 1-3 CLASS 3
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LAUREN R. GIANNINI

Last year: no Upperville Colt & Horse Show because of the pandemic. No worries! North America's oldest horse show came back better than ever and also bigger to boot.

That's because of the community of "good hands" dedicated to keep this unique rural sporting tradition alive and well. Punkin Lee, Tommy Lee Jones, and Joe Fargis contribute greatly to the show's success although they insist that the lion's share of credit belongs to all the people who roll up their sleeves and pitch in.

"What makes this show special are the volunteers and the countless hours they put in, the volunteers who come to help during the show – everybody ready to help and participate," Punkin said. "A lot are repeat people and others who just want to help. Joe Fargis has been a calm and conscientious leader all through it. As president of the board, Joe kept things together. If people want a participating role, he finds a good job for them."

Everybody works hard for Upperville, undoubtedly inspired by the indefatigable work ethics of people in leadership roles. Tommy Lee Jones has been a vital element at Upperville since the early 1980s when Theodora Randolph asked him to run the show in her "front yard."

Tommy Lee wears many hats as Show Manager with Facilities & Operations. When it comes to people, he's like the Pied Piper, getting them to hop on board and make the entire Upperville complex, every inch of it, both sides of Route 50, even nicer than Disneyland. The grounds are pristine morning, noon and night. The volunteers and workers offer old-fashioned southern courtesy.

"Tommy is all 'Let's get the job done – let's all move along, get the job done, everybody work together and present a positive experience for exhibitors and spectators,'" Punkin said. "Tommy gives massive amounts of heart, soul, and hard work always for the show."

Punkin, the show's VIP Community Liaison, is committed to strengthening local businesses and promoting the area as a tourist destination. In 1977, she established Journeymen Saddlers Ltd, which has a huge clientele and sterling reputation for quality work. [Joe, being a chap person, still wears his custom Journeymen chaps.] She knows what it takes for a business or a horse show to succeed: people, not just locals, but also out-of-towners, tourists, sightseers, and visitors even if they're passing by and curious.

"It was a great show," affirmed Tommy Lee. "We had more stalls than we ever had before, we had several top international competitors in the world, more than we had any other time. The show ran as smoothly as it could. It was a Joe-influenced horse show. There was a calmer atmosphere, and everyone was really happy to be out."

Tommy Lee witnessed what makes every show manager's heart jump for joy: a multitude of arriving spectators.

"The whole community turned out for this show," he said. "On Saturday, after all the rain on Friday, people were getting stuck by the general admission gate. They left their cars and were walking up the hill, carrying chairs. It looked like Woodstock. We had over 800 people on Saturday from general admission, and on Sunday, almost a thousand people attended through general admission."

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ANTIQUÉ CONNOISSEUR OPENS PERMANENT SHOWROOM IN HISTORIC VIRGINIA COUNTRYSIDE



Thistlethwaite Americana announced today the opening of its first gallery in Middleburg, Va. The store offers long-time collectors, newcomers to the antique world, passersby, and more the opportunity to browse a variety of eighteenth to twentieth-century American antiques and artworks that tastefully amplify the aesthetic and character of any individual's home.

Founded in 2013 by antique dealer Taylor Thistlethwaite, 35, Thistlethwaite Americana is the physical manifestation of his family's affinity for American history and antique collecting that has transcended several generations. The Glasgow, Ky. native is a staple vendor at some of the country's top antique shows, including The Winter Show at the Park Avenue Armory in New York, The Delaware Antique Show and The Philadelphia Antique Show. Thistlethwaite's transition from exhibition-only to a brick-and-mortar showroom marks a significant pivot in traditional antique dealing to a more accessible format that reaches a broader customer base.

"We are thrilled to enter retail in an area where the confluence of current modern tastes and historic American culture are reflected in the surrounding community," said Thistlethwaite. "There has been a huge shift in the market with the demand for antiques rising. The store affords the opportunity for in-person interactions because the material naturally stimulates interest."

Situated among historic architecture in the heart of Virginia's horse country, the 1100 square-foot store is filled with unique inventory representing America's past and complements the heritage of the town.

"I enjoy sharing stories about the treasures in this store, based on their functionality and how they relate to the country's history and the tastemakers who shaped American culture," said Thistlethwaite.

Store hours are as follows:

Monday – Wednesday: By chance or appointment
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TIME TO DOUBLE DOWN, VIRGINIA!

THE FENCE POST

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The pandemic may have given us all a breather in the battle against climate change. As the nation ground to a halt, carbon emissions fell 5.8% to their lowest level in 3 decades. But as we return to "normal," reports from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) show the Earth's CO2 levels are quickly returning to an all-time high. As transportation demands resume, and the use of carbon-intensive fuel restarts the world, soaring carbon emissions are on track to erase any gains made during the last year.

While this should come as no surprise, I see hopeful signs that we, as a nation, are becoming more socially conscious in the struggle to reverse climate change. As disturbing trends become more persistent, more of us are showing deeper concern. Recently, I walked into a gas station to get a coffee where a customer was in a spirited debate with the poor attendant over the fuel giant's massive responsibility to reverse the trends. The resourceful attendant admitted the customer was not entirely wrong - but not entirely right - and insisted the customer google topics related to the gas giant's sustainability programs. That was a quick-thinking response, but the point being, the topic is more mainstream than ever. More of us feel directly affected and ask, "What is being done? What can I do?"

Pursuant to SB 1374, Virginia Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry, Bettina Ring and Secretary of Natural Resources, Matthew Strickler are doing their part. Reducing carbon emissions is integral to relief, but they wisely ask, how are we removing what is already there? Ring

and Strickler are convening a task force to study carbon sequestration (removal) within the natural environment and looking at all options. As a leader in the development of trees as a natural solution removing carbon, Co-Founder of ACRE Investment Management, Chandler Van Voorhis, was invited to participate in this important task force, and he has accepted.

No doubt, Van Voorhis will update the Secretaries on the steadily growing demand for the carbon credits trees can create. Here again, a more socially conscious world is driving corporate America to offset what it cannot yet reduce by buying credits. As a result, increased demand for a limited supply of credits is driving the price higher and higher. In the business of growing trees for carbon sequestration, this draws significant attention begging the question, "Why aren't we planting more trees?" That's the plan.

Corporate America is engaged. Small and medium sized businesses realize they need to join the fight, too. It is no surprise customers direct their purchase decisions to businesses that are cleaner and greener. Take Artisan Dental in Madison, WI, the first dental practice in the nation to become carbon neutral by purchasing carbon credits. Their widely distributed newsletter promotes their carbon neutrality and that draws new customers who will support their commitment.

Area horsemen should take note that even horse shows are taking their carbon footprint seriously. The upcoming ArenaMend Showjumping Classic CSI5* held at the Greenbriar Resort, October 13-17, has pledged to be the first FEI-sanctioned competition in the World to be carbon neutral. Kudos to the show's founder Dan Carr for leading the way. Joe

Fargis, a Director of the Upperville Horse Show, points out the massive oaks at America's first horse show have been sequestering carbon since long before 1853. So true! While their committee is busy planting more trees, Fargis is keen to know how carbon offsets can accelerate their goal to achieve a net zero footprint. Our firm is helping them all.

Recently, The Washington Post Business section published an article reporting firms are betting on the appeal of labels that report a product's carbon impact. Says one sustainability officer, "We think of carbon as the new calorie." Will transparency help motivate change? I'd say, yes.

Answering the call to reverse climate change will require this, and more. In fact, a small revolution is necessary to face the challenge. We're proud to be pioneers on the front lines. In the last year, this organization has committed to plant 100 million trees by 2030 as part of the US Trillion Trees Chapter. Our goal in Virginia is planting 2 million trees in the coming year.

That's where you come in. There is a crying need for the land to grow more trees. Luckily for us all, the opportunity in Virginia has become doubly attractive, hence time to double down. As a landowner, the trees you grow can return the benefit of carbon credits over a 40-year plan for helping to clean the air. As well, the same trees will help you participate in the nutrient trading market that rewards you for cleaning the water. The leaves of the trees clean the air through photosynthesis. The roots of the trees clean the water by filtering the nutrient runoff before it reaches the Chesapeake Bay. By filtering nutrient runoff before it reaches the Bay, you help reduce the loathsome dead spot where no marine life can survive.

Coupled together, the programs create a changing view of how you value your land, especially land that may already be under conservation easement. Both programs are completely consistent with conservation easement obligations. I don't know of another organization that can connect you to both carbon and nutrient trading markets, so we are unique. If you know of land where trees may enrich us all, we need to talk. To explain the two programs fully may take more space than the sainted

Middleburg Eccentric can afford this month. But certainly, I am available if you are interested in knowing more. You may ask, "When is the best time to start growing trees?" The answer is now.

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4-H'ERS LEARNING TO BECOME ENTREPRENEURS



With more people being interested in locally grown products, the Fauquier County 4-H program will offer a Next Generation Farmer's Market in which youth will make and sell products to sell at the Warrenton Farmers Market. Over 20 youth have signed up to participate and will have a variety of farm fresh and homemade goodies to sell throughout the summer. Youth participants will first attend a series of entrepreneurship classes where they will learn how to do market research, learn about food safety, learn how to successfully market their products, and create a business plan and pitch.

There will be three opportunities for participants to put their skills into action and make their own money, by selling their products at the Warrenton Farmers Market. The 4-H Next Generation Farmer's Market Dates are July 3rd, August 7th, and September 4th. They will set up in the kids' section and follow all social distancing requirements. Since there is such a large interest from the youth, a local businessman, Zach Wakeman, from Upperville Farm and Feed offered the Next Genera-

tion Farmer's Market the opportunity to participate in their pop-up farmers market. The youth had the option to select additional days to sell their products in Upperville on July 24th and July 31st.

Youth involved in the Next Generation Farmers Market will learn to become local entrepreneurs. They are learning valuable life skills such as goal setting, planning, record keeping, and reflection. This 4-H project can teach youth a multitude of other lessons as well. Thirteen year old Micah Soehnlin is getting involved by selling fruits, vegetables, and eggs. He said, "I want to earn my own money for a change". Sedona Sifford, who is 10 and just recently processed one of her steers for beef said, "My favorite part of this project is I get to make my own decisions and I think it will be fun to share my products with others". Many of these kids have already done a lot of work to have a product ready in time. They learned how to plant their gardens and communicate better with their parents when it came time to buy supplies.

Fauquier 4-H is proud to bring the Next Generation Farmer's Market to Warrenton and Upperville for the first time. The Next Generation Farmer's Market will allow the community to buy locally from youth who are members of 4-H. They will be offering homegrown foods - fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, flowers, home baked goods, jams & jellies, arts & crafts, jewelry, and other handmade goods. The dates available to come out and buy local products from the youth are as follows:

Warrenton Farmers Market:
July 3rd - 8 am - 12 pm
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Add in the numbers of those who enjoyed the show all week long from the big hospitality tent that overlooks the main jumper ring. When people have an enjoyable, positive experience.

In 2016, Upperville achieved four-star FEI status for three grand prix jumping classes (CSI 4*) with prize money that attracts riders from around the world. This adds to Upperville's appeal. Historically, it's an attractive, major event for only one week of the year, picturesquely situated on an extraordinary venue in an area renowned for superlative scenics—with shopping like you wouldn't believe, food vendors, hospitality, multiple rings and action on both sides of the road. It's like a village festival.

"Most horse shows are 12-week-long extravaganzas, cookie-cutter shows," Joe said. "Upperville is very special. It's run by the community and the people all love it. One of the biggest changes was the complimentary parking. I think that really helped us. People were wandering all around the grounds, enjoying the horse show. There were a few news

outlets – on channel 4 one morning, Upperville was something interesting to do on the weekend."

Great teamwork can result when supporters rally around central figures like Joe, Punkin and Tommy Lee. They're very different individuals but they share a great passion for Upperville.

"Punkin is a hard worker who expects no credit, but who should get more," Joe pointed out. "When she's on a mission, she's on a mission. Tommy Lee never stops working. He loves the horse show and he knows the place like the palm of his hand."

Everyone agrees that this was probably the best Upperville yet.

"Lord knows we had spectators from Monday to Sunday," Punkin recalled. "The diversity of the spectators was, I thought, amazing. They were great. People were having a good time—you can attribute a lot to the opening of doors after the Covid shutdown. They were glad to be there and they appreciated what they were seeing. Many of us were there from sunup to sundown, every day. I know I saw a lot of repeat people. It was great. We are all very pleased with the renewal of Upperville."

With five thousand or more moving parts to a show like Upperville, there's an amazing amount to do behind the scenes to keep it all going smoothly. "I had people coming into the shop all week after the show and they all said that the Upperville Horse Show was like a well-oiled machine," Punkin said. "There are going to be some blips, but they got addressed quickly and we had a drama-less week because everybody remained calm."

One small blip on Saturday resulted in priceless memories for 24

proud youngsters when the judge arrived late for Leadline (1-3 years). Rather than delay the class, Olympic gold medalist Joe Fargis stepped in and judged the class, then posed for a photo with each young entry. That's just one of the things adding to Upperville's magic. Those images will become cherished memories to share, perhaps encourage future Upperville enthusiasts.

Alison Firestone Robitaille inherited horsey genes from her parents, Bertram and Diana Firestone, well before 1991 when they moved from Waterford, VA to Newstead Farm in Upperville. Alison showed as a junior and, as an adult, focused on show jumping. After the birth of her two daughters, she took five-year break from international competition, but realized that balance in life is just as important as balance in the saddle. Alison staged a successful comeback and continues to divide her time between her children and international competition.

"Upperville is always a special show for me, but after missing it in 2020, I think I appreciated it even more this year," Alison said. "Being first and second in the 1.40 meter jumpers the first day with Happiness and Cocobelle was a great way to start the week. To finish the week being second in the Grand Prix on Sunday with Lima 47 was so exciting, because it was his first FEI four-star. It was even more special that my daughters were there to cheer me on."

Wherever you look, there are gorgeous horses and ponies. On the Jumper side, judging is objective, based on fault-free rounds—no rails down, no refusals, no time penalties... just you and your equine against the course and the clock,



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unless there are clear rounds and a jump-off to determine the winner.

On the Hunter side, the pace is slower, more cadenced. Judging can be more subjective in terms of manners, way of going, and type, although faults like dropping a rail, refusals, chipping in or finding a long spot to the jump, taking a wrong lead or breaking gait, can all affect the results.

People come from near and far for Upperville. Breah Mortenson (Chicago) started riding with Joe Fargis two years ago. Her goal is to do well in the High Amateur/Owner Jumpers, and this was her second time to show at Upperville.

There isn't room for all the nice things she said about Joe as a coach, that he's gifted, how he always puts the horse's well-being first, and the calm way he sorted out confidence

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VIRGINIA GOLD CUP 2021

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The winner of the 96th Anniversary of the Virginia Gold Cup Races is Schoodic, trained by Jack Fisher, owned by Mrs. John R. S. (Dolly) Fisher, ridden by Hadden Frost. On May 29, they bested a field of nine horses over the four-mile timber course at Great Meadow, establishing a nearly six-length lead at the finish. Leslie Young-trained Tomgarow (IRE) was second, followed by Fat Chance Farm's Flaming Sword, trained by Richard Valentine with McLane Hendricks in the irons.

Schoodic (2010) is a bay gelding by Tiznow out of Aunt Henny, by Hennessy, bred in Kentucky by Edith R. Dixon, with career earnings of nearly \$450,000 in 45 starts that date back to 2012. His last win was at Great Meadow when he won the International Gold Cup Timber Stakes in 2019. Mrs. Dixon sent him as a youngster to Jack Fisher under whose tutelage Schoodic earned the 2013 National Steeplechase Association's Three Year Old Championship and in 2017, Open Leading Hurdle Horse with the Virginia Steeplechase Association.

When Schoodic lost his edge over hurdles, Fisher started teaching Schoodic about timber. The horse made his timber debut with Brett Owings in the Fast division of the Foxhall Farm Team Chase, placing 13th out of 39, but fell in his second start, Novice Timber at Green Spring Valley Point-to-point. Two weeks later, British-born Hadden Frost, son of Grand National (Aintree) winning jockey Jimmy Frost, rode Schoodic to the win in the My Lady's Manor Amateur Maiden Timber for new owner, Dolly Fisher. Frost remains the most successful jockey aboard Schoodic in his timber career.

Fisher's record as a trainer began in 1987 with 4,208 starts to date for 779 wins, 713 seconds, and 570 seconds (97 pages on CentralEntryOffice.com). He made his rider debut in 1976 with Recoup, a large pony owned by Alexandra Meyer, placing third out of seven. They were Also Rans in their next point-to-point, then second in the Large Pony Race at Brandywine Hills. That autumn, they finished their season with a second out of eight starters in the Lady Owner Rider Timber at the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup Races.

After 493 career starts, 109 wins,

94 seconds, and 50 thirds, Fisher stopped riding in races in 2015. Training and riding Saluter is among his greatest achievements: 21 timber wins, including six consecutive victories in the Virginia Gold Cup.

Fisher is a legend in the making. He has earned 13 NSA trainer championships and in May 2021 was inducted into the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame. He leads the field of Top Ten trainers in both categories: Races Won and Money Won. Local trainers Neil Morris and Doug Fout are in the top 10 for Races Won, Morris is also in the Top Ten for Money Won.

With half the season to go, changes in the standings can and will occur. It's the horses, in the long run, who decide. Racing and steeplechasing demand a trainer with brains and experience, knowledge and intuition. They must figure out what's best for each horse in their string. Jack Fisher knows what he's doing – as a trainer, as a very successful jump jockey, as an all-around horseperson.

Fisher thinks outside the box. A fourth generation horseman, he's a lifelong foxhunting enthusiast who hunts racehorses to give them mileage and experience over jumps and



SCHOODIC AND HADDEN FROST, DOLLY FISHER AND JACK FISHER AFTER WINNING THE 2021 VIRGINIA GOLD CUP. PHOTO BY LAUREN R. GIANNINI

varied terrain, an especially effective training approach for horses making a career transition from hurdles to timber. He doesn't research bloodlines; he isn't into breeding. He looks for horses that can run. He likes them to be correct on the flat and then the question is "what else they can do?" He's one of the best when it comes to introducing Thoroughbreds to jumping.

Schoodic, like many top timber specialists, has a special lifestyle, thanks to Fisher's expertise and understanding about the differences between racing over solid jumps for three to four miles and hurdles for 2 miles or so max. Sometimes horses need time off. Fisher has a reputation for being an honest and loyal trainer, who works hard to take care of his horses and their owners.

The pandemic and its shutdowns resulted in a revamping of the racing schedules, both sanctioned and point-to-points, especially this year. Schoodic had a pipe opener in the Open Timber at Old Dominion Point-to-point in April before returning to NSA timber stakes. He had a bobble at My Lady's Manor, a second out of six at Willowdale and finished with a flourish in the Virginia Gold Cup.

To date, Fisher has set records with 12 wins as trainer in the Virginia Gold Cup and nine times as

a rider. There isn't enough room to list all his achievements and successes, which include training Eclipse Award winners.

You can watch Schoodic's 2021 Virginia Gold Cup win online, as well as many other NSA races. Visit www.nationalsteeplechase.com and look for Racing near the top of the home page and pick Video Archives from the dropdown menu. While you're there, bookmark the site so you can keep track of NSA news and the rest of the 2021 schedule, which right now does not include the fall race meets, including the International Gold Cup.

If there's a secret to success in the horse world, Fisher's work ethic is one major factor. He's hands on and stays busy riding, mowing, tending the horses, grooming the all-weather Polytrack. Fisher is a fearless in the saddle, and jockeys who ride with him all have stories about how he's a bit crazy – or maybe just horse-crazy. When he takes a break from training horses, he loves to ski Black Diamond slopes. You know, the most advanced dangerous downhill runs... One favorite t-shirts declared what can be considered Fisher's philosophy and motto: "If you're in control, you're going too slow."

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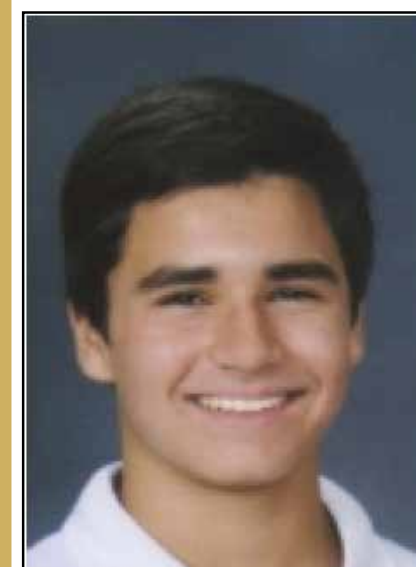


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For several years, The Michael G. Santangelo, Jr. Scholarship Fund Foundation has been supporting the educational work of the San Miguel Academy of Newburgh. The Foundation has supported the students' education, by providing scholarships to six students to enable them to attend private high school. Sponsors of the foundation include Georgia Derrico and Rod Porter of Marblehead Farm in the Plains and Tim Whitbred of Atoka Chase Farm in Middleburg. A picnic to meet the students and to thank the donors will be held on July 17, 2021, at Marblehead Farm.

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WAKEFIELD SCHOOL RECEIVES E.E. FORD FOUNDATION MATCHING GRANT

Wakefield School is excited to announce its selection to receive a \$100,000 matching grant from The Edward E. Ford Foundation in support of its renovation of the campus's former Lower School gym into The George L. Ohrstrom Jr. Theater & Auditorium.

According to its website, The E.E. Ford Foundation seeks to improve secondary education by supporting U.S. independent schools and encouraging promising practices. The Foundation makes a limited number of Traditional Grants each year to eligible schools and Associations to help them grow and develop in pursuit of their own missions. Wakefield School was one of only 13 schools nationwide to receive one of the Foundation's 2021 Traditional Grants.

"The E.E. Ford Traditional Grants are needs-based, but selection is less about the specific project than about the school itself," says Wakefield's Head of School Ashley Harper. "The Foundation Board's first consideration is, 'Is this school worthy of investment?' If so, then they want to fund what that school thinks it needs to move its mission forward."

In addition to the school's submitted grant proposal, the Founda-

tion also weighs a campus visit, done virtually this year, during which the Foundation's executive director, John Gulla, tours the candidate school's campus, attends classes, meets with both students and faculty, and discusses with administrators and Board members the importance of the specific project the school seeks to fund.

In reporting back to Wakefield on his impressions from his visit, Gulla commented on the "happiness, excitement, and pride" the many constituents had for Wakefield, which was "both apparent and consistent" across his meetings. In notifying Harper of Wakefield's selection to receive the grant, Gulla cited both the strong support of the school's Board and the overall upward trajectory of the school as contributing factors to Wakefield's selection to receive the matching grant.

"Wakefield School is truly humbled to have been chosen for the E.E. Ford grant," says Harper. "The powerful message of support from the Foundation Board means so much to us all, both for this project and for the long-term trajectory of the school." And, she adds, "The space this grant is funding is not just a new facility—it is central to our mission, and we need it. The Foundation Board com-



pletely got why this was the case."

According to Wakefield's Director of Development and long-time theater advocate Ann-Charlotte Robinson, "The George Ohrstrom Theater is a dream come true for us at Wakefield. Over the last two decades, I've watched our theater program mature and seen so many talented students and faculty bring

ever more challenging and interesting productions to life—in a gym. This is a perfect facility to honor their work. To provide a theater for our community while also retaining an improved space for many other community gatherings is an extraordinary achievement."

She adds, "The pursuit of a match for this very generous grant will also

allow us to highlight the importance to Wakefield's long-term stability and development of a collaboration with a highly respected, national foundation. I think it will be very attractive to our community to meet this challenge with donations of all sizes, knowing that each gift will be doubled through the match."

FOXCROFT SCHOOL : TEN AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DIPLOMAS



Middleburg residents Chessa Benevento, Emma Northrup, Hays Turner, and Rose Uran, along with Jacky Arellano-Alvarez of Marshall, Betsy Altenburger and Elsie Rose of Purcellville, Ellen Burke and Hayden Eskew of Upperville, and Chanler Jewett of The Plains, were among the 43 students from four countries, 11 states, and the District of Columbia to graduate from Foxcroft School on May 28, 2021.

These students are members of an impressive class, which includes one National Merit Commended student, 14 AP Scholars, nine members of the Cum Laude Society, and ten students who completed the requirements to earn an Academic Concentration designation on their diploma. Collectively, the Class of 2021 received 218 offers of admission from 137 colleges and universities — including Bucknell University, Carnegie Mellon University, Columbia University, Gettysburg College, Mount Holyoke College, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, New York University, Savannah College of Art and Design, Spelman College, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Michigan, University of Virginia, and Williams College, among others — and were offered more than \$3.1 million in merit scholarships. The class also stood out athletically with Division III recruits in lacrosse and field hockey, and four Exceptional Proficiency

participants for riding.

Francesca "Chessa" Benevento served as a Prefect in her dorm and Assistant Painter for the Hound spirit team. She also participated in the "Good Day Foxcroft" video production club and campus news show. The daughter of Frank Benevento and Mary "Cricket" Stettinius of Middleburg, VA, Chessa will attend Savannah College of Art and Design.

The recipient of Foxcroft's 2021 Digital Arts Award, Emma Northrup is a passionate and skilled photographer whose Senior One-Woman Show was the culminating work of her Global Studies Concentration in which she used photography to study and compare religious symbols in various cultures. Two of her photographs earned Honorable Mention in the 2021 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards regional competition. Emma was also the Student Council Representative for her class, an International Ambassador, and Manager of the Fox spirit team. The daughter of Alex and Linda Northrup of Middleburg, VA, she will attend Virginia Commonwealth University.

Hays Turner received the Dudley Prize for her unselfish efforts for the good of the School, as well as the Dean's Leadership Award and the CAP Award for her positive impact on the Foxcroft community. An enthusiastic leader, she served as Head Prefect, a Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation Board Member, Club Head for the

Foxcroft Christian Fellowship and the Techies Club, Assistant Manager for the Hound spirit team, an inaugural inductee of Foxcroft's troupe of the International Thespian Society, and a member of the Soggie Cheerios singing group. Hays is one of the 2021 recipients of a scholarship from the Middleburg Library's Charles L. Plante Book Scholarship Program. She has received a Presidential Scholarship to attend High Point University and is the daughter of Kameron and Katie Turner of Middleburg, VA.

An AP Scholar with Honors and dorm Prefect with a natural ability at writing, Constance "Rose" Uran excelled in French at Foxcroft and enthusiastically contributed to the Activities Committee for planning weekend events. The daughter of Dr. Betsee Parker of Middleburg, VA, Rose will attend New York University, spending her first year furthering her global connections with a study abroad program in Florence.

Jacqueline "Jacky" Arrelano-Alvarez was a Prefect Captain, a member of the Soggie Cheerios singing group, and Assistant Painter for the Hound spirit team. She also interned with the STEM department and School Store. Jacky is the daughter of Agustín and María Arellano of Marshall, VA, and will attend Shenandoah University.

A gifted scholar and spirited competitor, Elizabeth "Betsy" Altenburger is the recipient of Foxcroft's 2021 STEM Mathematics

Award and a Computer Science STEM Concentration graduate. An AP Scholar with Distinction who was inducted into the School's Cum Laude Society as a junior, Betsy has served on the Honor Council, as Head of both the STEM and CyberPatriot Clubs, a STEM department intern, Captain of the Fox spirit team, member of the Soggie Cheerios singing group, and a dorm Whip. She is also a multi-sport athlete and recipient of the Teresa E. Shook Award for athleticism and sportsmanship. The daughter of Matt and Eileen Altenburger of Purcellville, VA, Betsy will attend the University of Virginia.

Elizabeth "Elsie" Rose is the recipient of Foxcroft's 2021 Community Service Award for her leadership in organizing and volunteering for service opportunities both on and off-campus during the two years that she served as a Head of the School's Service Organization. She was also Head of Model UN, a member of the Soggie Cheerios singing group, and Manager of the Hound spirit team. A talented artist, she earned third place honors among the "Best in Show" works from the Senior One-Woman Shows and honorable mention in the mixed media category of the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. The daughter of Doug and Amy Rose of Purcellville, VA, Elsie is also a talented athlete and will attend Gettysburg College where she has signed to play field hockey.

Winner of Foxcroft's Eustis Prize for extraordinary achievement in the study of English, Ellen Burke has been active in writing, art, and service during her years at Foxcroft. Her sculpture "Defiant" earned a Gold Key, the highest regional designation — in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards competition. She was chosen Spirited Senior for the Hound spirit team and was a member of the Soggie Cheerios singing group. The daughter of Landon and Martha Spencer Burke '80 of Upperville, VA, Ellen will attend Roanoke College.

Hayden Eskew is an AP Scholar with Honors who graduated with a Global Studies Concentration focused on sustainable fashion. An active leader in the Foxcroft community, she served as Senior Class Vice President, a Cherry Blossom Breast Cancer Foundation Board Member, a Head of both Service Organization and Soggie Cheerios, Classics Club Co-Head, an International Ambassador, and Painter for the Fox spirit team. Hayden is the daughter of Carter and Faith Eskew of Upperville, VA, and will attend Tulane University of Louisiana.

Active in both service and the arts during her years at Foxcroft, Chanler Jewett is also an avid tennis player. She is the daughter of Fletcher Jewett of McClean, VA, and Francesca Hunt of Marshall, VA, and will take a gap year.



Their Future is Bright

Wakefield School

Class of 2021

The Plains, VA

PASTIMES

OFF THE GRID

STEVE CHASE

I do fishing trips, in northern Maine where I skip off the grid for several days. It's something I try to do at least once a year. While I don't like to be out of contact with my family, or miss anything special on the continuous news ticker that the Internet provides, I find this disconnection is a very good thing, an exercise in mindfulness and living in the moment, important medicine for our hectic, Internet-connected lives, especially with the increase in screen time caused by the pandemic. Who wouldn't want replacement media that might include the sound of loons, the smell of a campfire, or a melody of a mandolin drifting through the campsite?

On the drive up I listen to great music—I make a couple of playlists, both concerts off my database, and on Spotify for more random selections. As we drive into the woods in a different vehicle, we revert to CDs to play music, and I watch the signal strength on my phone drop from a few bars to “no signal”. On my early trips, this would be a hard disconnect, with no communication for the week. As time went by and we all got older, we felt a modicum of communication was necessary, especially if we were off pavement 100 miles and the car broke down, so I picked up a Garmin InReach unit, which allows me to text off a satellite. With a small solar panel to keep your smart phone and the InReach unit powered up, this technology is good insurance, and we started using it.

One September, as I drove back from a Fall fishing trip, I heard an interview with Grist.org blogger Da-



vid Roberts about a pre-pandemic article he wrote for Outside Magazine called “Reboot or Die Trying,” (www.outsideonline.com/1926796/reboot-or-die-trying). Roberts described putting in 12 hours or more of screen time a day, writing, tweeting, researching and checking and responding to email. He said: “My mind was perpetually in the state that researcher and technology writer Linda Stone termed continuous partial attention. I was never completely where I was, never entirely doing what I was doing.”

Roberts decided to break away from the screens for a whole year, and he found a liberation that many of us from pre-Internet times don't remember today. After a year, he dove back into the screens, but made

a few rules that helped provide balance, like taking 15-minutes off the screens every two-hours, or using the app Freedom (http://macfreedom.com) that blocks the Internet on your devices to allow for some real concentration.

Of course, my few days on Churchill Lake or the West Branch of the Penobscot, disconnected from the Internet, were but a token gesture compared to Robert's experience. On our trip that Fall we focused on living in camp, during almost continuous rain. I really did not miss being connected—the camp chores, cooking, a good book, my mandolin, and fishing kept us busy. Sitting around a campfire with friends after a gourmet camp dinner—in person social networking—beats reading my Twit-

ter feed or hearing that blasted email chime any day.

I'm not ready for a year offline right now. I have to use the Internet for a number of reasons, my work being the highest priority, but we can all take a little break from the screens and practice some focus on whatever we might be doing even in this media soaked, online-intensive culture. And listening to music qualifies in my book as taking a break—sitting and listening to John Adam's Dr. Atomic or Jethro Tull's Thick as a Brick in their entirety can be a great way to focus, and relax.

One warning, before entering the woods, always make sure the music from your last hour in the car is carefully chosen, as these tunes could be the soundtrack in your head for

your entire trip. You don't want to be humming Wagon Wheel for five days, do you?

July Fourth Weekend Shows

Some great nearby shows coming on July 3-4. If you have not seen the great Yonder Mountain String Band live, now's your chance. They will be at B-Chord on July 3 and July 4. My friend Nick Piccininni is their mandolinist and multi-instrumentalist, and he has been a fine addition to the group, which is one of the leading Jamgrass acts in the country today. They play an amazing set and are well worth the short drive over to Round Hill. Go to the B Chord website for ticket info, and I'll see you there.

Steve Chase is in Unison playing mandolin on his back porch.

FIORI DI SICILIA SPONGE CAKE WITH POURED CUSTARD

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Fiori di Sicilia is an all natural Italian extract that is a cross between vanilla and citrus. It gives this light as air sponge cake a fabulous exotic twist that goes beautifully with summer berries. I love to serve this cake with a classic poured custard, an old school favorite of mine.

Fiori di Sicilia Sponge Cake

8 large eggs separated

½ teaspoon cream of tartar

1 lemon, juice and zest

½ teaspoon Fiori di Sicilia extract*

½ teaspoon vanilla

1½ cups granulated sugar

¾ cup potato starch

¼ teaspoon salt

Preheat the oven to 350

Separate the egg into two bowls.

To the egg whites add the cream of tartar and pour into a standing mixer bowl with a balloon whisk - whisk for about a minute and gradually add roughly half of the sugar and beat until they are stiff but not dry, about 3-4 minutes.

Gently scrape out of the mixer bowl to another bowl and set aside.

To the mixer bowl add the yolks, lemon juice and zest, the extracts, and the rest of the sugar.

Beat the yolk mixture until it becomes pale and airy about 3-4 minutes.

Gently add the yolk mixture to the whites.

Sift the potato starch and salt over the egg mixtures.

Gently fold the batter until it is just incorporated, being careful to not to deflate the batter.

Pour into an ungreased 10” tube pan with a removable bottom (angel food cake pan) and bake for 50-55 minutes. The cake is done when it has lightly browned and springs back when gently pressed.

Remove from the oven and cool upside down either using the pans little feet or over a bottle

When it is completely cooled, loosen the edges with a knife and remove from the pan and onto a serving platter

Serve with poured custard and berries

Poured Custard

This custard should be served ice cold and has the consistency of thin pancake batter. It is a nice change up from whipped cream



or ice cream.

2 cups whole milk

4 egg yolks

¼ cup sugar

Pinch of salt

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

In a double boiler, place all of the ingredients except the vanilla and whisk until well incorporated.

Bring the water to a simmer and slowly heat the custard.

Sir the custard constantly until it begins to thicken, being careful not to let it boil. It will thicken as it cools.

Beat the custard to release heat, add the vanilla, and then finish cooling in the refrigerator.

To serve pour custard in a shallow bowl or plate, place the cake on top and serve with berries.

*I purchased my Fiori di Sicilia extract from King Arthur Flour www.kingarthurbaking.com

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SINCERELY ME

BRANDY GREENWELL

I got fired from my first job 30 years ago at age 15. Before you make an assumption, let me explain.

I have always had an entrepreneurial spirit and couldn't wait to work. In my youth, I had lemonade stands and home stores where I would sell Country Time to few neighbors on a less traveled dirt road and random knickknacks back to my parents, who were already their rightful owners. A natural salesman as well as shopper, I admired those glamorous ladies that were so helpful at the flagship Woodward and Lothrop in DC. I would visit with my grandmother and they knew her style and shopping habits with skill and precision, always providing amazing customer service. It was like they were psychic models in high heels and Elizabeth Arden red lipstick. They were magical and I wanted to be just like them when I was 5.

From about the age of 12, I started filling out applications at local stores trying to get a job, but alas, I was told I was too young. Finally, at the age of 15, a store in Tyson's Corner called Scribbles hired me. Scribbles was a far cry from Woodies, but it was the early 90's and that kind of fashion was “in” for the yoots. My mother, who deserves eternal homage for her goodness, would drive me



from Bluemont to Tysons so I could fulfill my dream of being a shop girl. In my first two weeks, my sales were off the charts, which brought the attention of the regional manager who wanted to discuss my future with the company. Upon finding out I was 15, he fired me on the spot because their minimum age for employment

was 18, which, despite my appearance, I was not.

My point in telling you this tale of employment woe is to share what I feel are the most important jobs I held and how they shaped my professional life and work ethic.

Retail. There is no better way to learn business and people skills than

to be in retail. Sales, management and loads of patience are just a few of the lessons learned. You also can learn a whole lot about a person by the way they leave a dressing room.

Working in a bar or restaurant. Also in the same vein as the skills you learn from retail, except the customers are generally hungry or



drunk.

Community Service. It is always great to spend time giving back, with the only compensation being a full heart.

Hard, physical labor. Getting your hands dirty and retiring at sundown exhausted, achy and sweaty is a surprisingly good feeling of accomplishment.

Working with animals or children. Though I don't want to compare Fifi with Joe Jr, but the responsibility of caring for others is invaluable and an essential part of all life stages.

For those looking for summer jobs, I strongly encourage you to do any combination of the above, if for nothing else, fantastic life lessons. You should start young, work hard and evolve with every single paycheck. Get out there!

PASTIMES

SHOULD I WHITEN MY TEETH?

MIDDLEBURG SMILES



DR. ROBERT A. GALLEGOS

“Should I whiten my teeth or not?” is one of the most common questions hygienists and dentists get from patients. Most patients’ questions are pretty straight forward and can be answered with a “yes” or “no”. However, the question to whiten or not is a personal choice. Nevertheless, there are some precautions that should be taken into consideration when making your decision.

Health questions are generally those like, “Should I fix my chipped tooth?” “Should I replace my missing tooth?” “Should I save my tooth or have an implant?” “Do I need to remove my wisdom teeth?” “If

it does not hurt now can I leave it alone until it hurts?” Although the options for dental treatment may be varied and complex, the yes or no answer is always based on what is in the best interest of that patient’s health and well-being. Deciding to whiten your teeth can certainly have a positive mental health effect. Having a nice smile is a confidence and mood booster. Studies have revealed that people who smile more are happier, more self-confident, healthier, less likely to be depressed and live longer. So when patients say they do not smile because they do not like the appearance of their teeth it is important to address. If one of the reasons people do not smile is discolored teeth then whitening is an easy, low cost, safe and non-invasive option.

There are only a few reasons to not whiten: pregnancy, nursing, allergy to materials, translucent teeth and extreme tooth sensitivity. Most of these reasons can be overcome with good management of the whitening process and timing. For patients who are pregnant or nursing the solution is timing. The caution to not whiten during pregnancy or nursing exists because no studies were done on pregnant or nursing patients so the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) could not give clearance for this patient group. The active ingredient in whitening products is hydrogen peroxide. Very few people are allergic to hydrogen peroxide but if you are one, avoid whitening. People with translucent teeth should not use whitener because their teeth may actually get darker if “whitened.”

The most common issue with whitening is sensitive teeth and sensitivity can be kept to a minimum with proper management of the process. There are four main ways to control sensitivity during whitening that can be used individually or together: use a whitening product that has a desensitizer incorporated into the whitening product, use a separate tooth desensitizer, use a lower concentration of peroxide and/or decrease the contact/wear times. Dental office dispensed whitening is FDA registered which means that general safety and effectiveness regulations are adhered to and these products are International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certified which ensures every product performs exactly as it is advertised. Dental office dispensed products have desensitizers incorporated into the whitening solution. Online products are often inconsistent in ingredients and effectiveness. Additional products may be helpful, like

desensitizing gels and toothpastes. Also, lower concentration peroxide is less sensitive. Some products are fast acting and can lower sensitivity by shortening the contact/wear time with the teeth.

Whitening works best when stored and used according to the instructions. If stored or used improperly the products may be ineffective. Patients with either extreme tooth discoloration, dark spots or white spots can still get good results but may not get bright white and will take longer. People with red hair have pigments in their teeth that effect how white the teeth may get. If the ultimate goal is whiter teeth, it is best to consult with your dentist about the options and expected outcomes. If whitening cannot get the fully desired results speak to your dentist about other options, like veneers.

What are the different whitening options?

Internal whitening. This option is used on individual root canal teeth that have discolored. It is performed in the dental office and may be done in combination with external whitening.

Supervised in-office teeth whitening. This option achieves whitening the fastest. A very high concentration whitening gel is applied while in the dental office. This works best when combined with pre and post at-home whitening. There is no advantage to adding light or heat to the whitening process.

Supervised at-home whitening. This may be accomplished in two different ways. One option is your dentist makes custom fitted trays for you and dispenses whitening gel for you to use at home. The other option is dispensing disposable trays,



also to be used at home. Whitening materials vary in concentration and how long they need to be worn. For teeth with minimal staining, the desired whitening may be achieved in as little as a few days but most often 10-14 days. More intense staining will take longer.

Over-the-counter and online whitening. These products are sold in drug stores and over the internet for at-home use. Drug store recognized brand name versions tend to be reliable but do not contain desensitizers which protects the teeth from becoming sore. Internet versions can be effective however there is a large black market of copycat materials which may not be effective.

If you are looking to brighten your smile whitening is a great option and the dental team will discuss the expected outcomes and monitor your progress for dental office dispensed products.

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STRESS RELIEF

FITNESS PRO



KAY COLGAN
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Stress is just a six letter word. Seems harmless enough. Truly not a scary word. However, stress can become the enemy within if management protocols are not in place. Out of control stress can wreck your healthy life.

All of us manage a lot of things in our lives. Some good and some not so good. If we don’t manage the good and the bad, stress can overwhelm even the most healthy person. Our bodies get caught up in a fight or flight syndrome. Cortisol

increases as our bodies prepares for danger. But danger doesn’t come or end so our bodies stay on this roller coaster of adrenaline fused stress. Cave man days they would fight or flee, then it would be over. Today with 24/7 news programs and a host of other frightening things on tv are just the right mix to fuel stress and can cause even the calmest person to be overwhelmed.

First live in the present. Easy to say and very hard to do. However with practice, living in the present will become natural. Second, breathe. Take in a deep breath through your nose filling deep into your lungs and then exhale thor-

oughly through your mouth as if your sighing. Do this to a count of 10, 5 deep cleansing breaths. Build this into your body, so when stressful events happen, you’ll have a tool to extinguish the flames of stress. Third, turn off social media, news programs or any artificial technology for big blocks during the day. Definitely, have a technology free zone from dinner on. Hard to do but the rewards are great. Fourth, go outside in the grass barefoot and feel the energy of the earth beneath your feet. Feel the sun on your face, embrace the beauty all around you. Fifth, be grateful. Simple but true. Stress has us looking for the next great thing,

be it a car, new house, vacation ect. But if we look at what we have and truly be grateful for it, stress melts away. We all have different paths. Some have great fortune others do not. But all of us can find something to be grateful for. If you are stressed and you purchase that new expensive car, the feeling will be fleeting as the stress was never dealt with.

Live in the present. Breathe. Turn off technology. Embrace nature. Be grateful. Totally realize, these five things are simple, but if you try them for six weeks, the stress just might dissolve. I’ve had my share of stress, some simple, a lot traumatic. I rely on those five to get

me through. If I had to add a six, it would be workout. Move your body everyday.

No one can eliminate stressful events from life. However, having a toolbox of helpers can ease and make stress manageable. I’m heading outside barefoot to enjoy nature. Hope you can too.

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VINES, THE GOOD AND THE BAD

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

With summer’s arrival the garden bulks up. It may seem like new growth has surpassed the gar-

dener’s ability to maintain. This is especially so with vines, some good, some bad, and some even ugly.

A particularly thuggish vine seems to be taking over, seizing garden space, tree lines, anything that

sits long enough. The oriental bittersweet or Celastrus orbiculatus has become abundant in recent years, a weedy vine of enormous proportions. As seedlings I find them carpeting the ground, easy to pull and simple to identify with orange roots. If left another year, it’s an entirely different struggle, one met with resistance to tugging and a vigor that rivals most weeds you encounter. Spread by birds, as most vines are, the red berry clusters of fall and winter disappear quickly as the pulp is eaten and seed dispersed. In terms of damage to surrounding trees, oriental bittersweet rivals wisteria and kudzu, the ultimate bullies that steal sunlight and form a hulking framework of branches which weigh down all beneath. Their Achilles heel is the singular source of each vine, a woody stem that is best cut as close to the ground as possible, followed by frequent re-cuts. All of this before they fruit (of course), to prevent new

arrivals.

There are native options, all three prior vines are not. Even so, vines climb and often need a heavy pruning hand to conform to limited spaces. The non-Japanese, native honeysuckle or Lonicera sempervirens will grow fifteen to twenty-five feet tall. Flowering on old or new growth, they are easily tamed to form a handsome trunk and frame with time. Flowers are orange, red, or yellow and non-fragrant. One of the first to leaf out in spring and last to loose their leaves in fall, well suited to screening or training up a wall.

Crossvine or Bignonia capreolata can reach fifty feet with orange-ish flowers in heavy clusters. In the same family as trumpet vine, the two are aggressive. I generally let trumpet vine or Campsis radicans flower (late June into July), and then cut the vine back severely. Best done every year and repeatedly to discourage size. Left to their own devices, the

spread seems limitless. All three of these natives are favored by hummingbirds with brightly colored, tubular flowers, and high nectar.

A challenge is finding small vines, the ones used to cover adorable tuteurs or ornate trellis’s. There has been a lot of breeding in clematis to do just that. Two breeders, Raymond Evison and Poulsen Roser have been working to fill the void with compact hybrids which are tagged “Evipo”. My clematis “Diamantina” is on a four foot support, which it fits perfectly; a double purple from the same breeding line.

Bottom line, when it comes to planting trailing plants, it’s best to do your homework. Far too many invasive vines are sold and the ensuing job of keeping them in check can rapidly disintegrate. In most cases, that cute trellis will not hold that monster up.



imagine how comfy we are. Well, we are. That is our place for dreaming and watching the human world around us. So, I take more naps, and walk up the steps to bed slower, but I count every second I have on earth and with Tom and my family as precious. I’ve got more living to do! More meat to eat! More walks around town! More columns to write! And more rose bushes to pee on!

GETTING OLDER

AROUND THE TOWN



HAZEL SWEITZER

I always try to be honest when I write my column, and this time is no different. I am getting older. My body doesn’t work like it used to. I don’t enjoy food as much, my walks are much shorter, I get confused at times and sometimes my body functions don’t work at full capacity.

All that said, I am HAPPY! I know things are changing so I am trying to get as much out of life as possible. Tom recently also has started to feed me dogfood that he makes from scratch. I love it. What did I do to deserve such treatment?

I have to say I hate for Tom to feel bad for me. I do not think we dogs think of growing old as a bad thing. I know in the Human world a sadness arises immediately when a person feels they are slipping or getting ill, or aging. We dogs don’t quite

feel like that. I notice it is happening, but truly all I think about is looking at the people I love with passion and love, eating, walking, and being the center of attention.

I recently have had many tests that makes Tom very nervous and sometimes upset. But I am o.k. with every test they want to try as long as I get back to my life. Our bodies are just like yours. Figuring out what is wrong can be so confusing and sometimes it takes too much time to figure out what is the problem. I see Tom is aging too. But, we both do all we can to stay young and vibrant. We both take walks, drink lots of water, try to eat healthy, and engage with friends. And we both like to stop and smell the roses, but sometimes I like to pee on them.

I am not giving into “getting old” or anything, but I am being ok with slowing down a bit. Most humans look at us lying in our dog-beds and

HOW DO YOU ACHIEVE YOUR IDEAL HOME?

ASK A REMODELER



TIM BURCH

Embarking on a renovation project can and should be exciting, though for many, it’s overwhelming and disappointing. In our experience, the path to a successful renovation and enjoyable remodeling process begins with choosing the right team for your

project and getting those experts involved early. For example, when our design build experts are involved in the earliest stages of planning, we can help homeowners to optimize their design and budget simultaneously, while addressing as many of their needs as possible. If any one of these three aspects is off, the client is likely headed for disappointment.

Creating Ideal for You

We often tell homeowners, they don’t need to have the solutions, that’s what their remodeling team is for. However, your job is to convey all of the challenges you are having with the home, as well as a prioritized list of needs, wants and like-to-haves. This information is critical to effective design development and, ultimately, the project’s overall success.

Do you love to cook with family, but hate bumping into each other so you dine out instead? Are you disappointed that your teens gather at friends’ homes instead of yours? What causes anxiety when entertaining? Are you embarrassed sending your in laws down to a dark guest room in the basement? What does your family long for in your home to make everyday life easier? Divulging these “secrets” to your design team can help them to create the ideal solution for you.

Exhaust Your Options

When you choose a well-respected, experienced design build partner,

you can often explore more creative and complex solutions to your home challenges. For example, if an open floor plan and more natural light is really what you’re after, an experienced partner may confidently propose moving load-bearing walls and flipping the layout. A less-established firm, however, might only suggest larger windows and doorways because that is what they can deliver comfortably.

Similarly, perhaps you are dreaming of a large spa-like primary bath, envy-worthy closets and a glamorous dressing room. A smaller shop may propose a jetted tub and a few closet kits, while a seasoned design team may also help you envision a solution that taps into the unused bedroom next door to make your dreams come true.

The point is, if you’re willing to invest in whatever your version of ideal is, make sure you’re working with a team that can help you to explore all of your options. Anything less could lead to disappointment.

As a third-generation remodeler, it brings me great joy to help cli-



ents achieve their ideal homes. Asking the right questions to ensure a thorough understanding of the challenges, leaving no stone unturned in developing solutions, and executing at the highest level are my formula for getting there.

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EQUALITY – WITH ALL “DELIBERATE” SPEED?

JOHN P. FLANNERY

We have made a national holiday to celebrate the freedom of slaves after the Civil War.

We have legislation on the Hill that could protect persons of color from cop violence, and make sure they get the right to vote.

We have had a discouraging history in this regard.

We have an opportunity to do better.

But the Las Vegas betting odds are that we are long on celebrations and short on doing anything to make persons of color equal.

From the start, our nation has never been able to fulfill the promise that Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence, asserting that “all men are created equal” with certain “inalienable rights” encompassing “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

Did slaves have a right to life, to liberty, and could they possibly pursue “happiness”

We knew this was a lie when we wrote it.

Indeed, in his original draft of the declaration, Jefferson wrote condemning King George III for the slave trade.

How could we criticize the King for what we did.

This charge was cut out of the final declaration.

Afterwards, when we wrote our Constitution, slaves were fractional persons, 3/5ths a person really, and only counted for the purpose of determining proportional representation in the new national congress of the United States.

No slave was given a vote to participate as a citizen.

It was gruesome how slaves came to North America.

Slaves were brought to the Americas shackled in iron, their arms and the legs forcibly restrain, with the iron cutting into their skin for the duration they sailed across the

sea; we’re talking months.

One slave described the suffering this way - “the iron entered our souls.”

In Virginia in 1622, Virginia passed a law that the status of a child followed the status of the mother. A daisy chain of slavery forever.

When Blacks revolted in Bacon’s Rebellion, laws were passed that enslaved persons of color for life.

In 1808 Congress prohibited the importation of slaves – because we were producing our own domestic slave trade – that is - the enslaved persons of color already in the country.

The demand for cotton grew and so did the demand to use more slaves.

In 1831, Nat Turner led a revolt with 70 enslaved and free black persons. They went on a killing spree, ending with Turner’s hanging.

In 1850, Congress passed a fugitive slave law, requiring citizens to help capture fugitive slaves.

In 1862, Congress passed a Militia Act that allowed Lincoln to “employ [in the Armies of the North] as many persons of African descent” as were needed for the war.

On January 1, 1863, Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation that “all persons held as slaves” in the states that had seceded would be forever free.

When issued, Frederick Douglas said he would not “ever forget the outbursts of joy and thanksgiving that rent the air ...”

The Proclamation only applied, however, in those places under Confederate control. During the war, the proclamation could have little effect. It would be years before it could become real – and only if the Union Troops prevailed in the war.

Word that 250,000 enslaved persons were free did not reach the slaves in Texas until around June 19, 1865, after the civil war ended, when Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and told them so.

Some slaveholders withheld this

information from the slaves until after the harvest season.

June 19 became a day of celebration best known as Juneteenth. First in Texas and then in other states.

Days ago, the congress and the President declared this day a national holiday.

In all the years of celebration of the freedom from slavery, persons of color were never free of the badges of slavery, constraints and biases that daily showed this nation refused to treat persons of color as equals.

There were Jim Crow laws that suppressed the right to vote.

The more things change the more they remain the same.

Persons of color did not enjoy equal protection under the law.

Education, the first rung up the ladder of success, was separate and different for persons of color; this was segregation.

There was a great shift, however, in what the law said in the 50s, and I got to know one young man who found his way to center stage – to make a difference.

He lived in a flat in New Jersey and attended the East Orange High School in 1932-1933; that was Robert L. Carter.

I met Bob many years later when he was a federal judge and I was a federal prosecutor.

Bob wrote what it was like his High School in the 30s, “The swimming pool at that school was available to black students only at the close of school on alternate Fridays, by gender. To protect the white children from contamination the blacks might have left in the pool, it was then drained, cleaned and refilled for the use of white students the following Monday.”

Bob thought that was not fair or right. He had an inborne sense of what was fair and just.

He happened to read that the New Jersey Supreme Court said public school facilities had to be made available to white and black children.

He figured that must mean the pool at his High School.

So next class, Bob, rather shy otherwise, went with the whites at phys ed to use the pool, a teacher objected, but Bob remained steadfast citing the court decision. It looked like he was going to be expelled. But the teacher backed down. There’s one great irony to Bob’s early advocacy.. Bob didn’t know how to swim, so he hung on the side of the pool – since he couldn’t swim. No white student would get in the pool when he was there.

The way the school handled the matter? They didn’t desegregate the pool. Rather than follow the law, they closed down the pool.

Bob ultimately studied at Columbia Law and went on to work with the NAACP for \$3,000 a year for starters, but best of all, he argued Brown v. Board of Education, one of the cases in the series, challenging school segregation, before the Supreme Court.

Bob argued that segregation was unconstitutional because separate was not equal.

Bob later wrote that too many people in America held the view that “blacks should be content with half a loaf or even a quarter of a loaf of full equality.”

With the Brown decision, Bob said, “Blacks were now equal to whites under law and did not have to rely on the good will of some white individual to reach that status.”

The catch was that the Court stalled the remedy, stating that the enforcement of its decision over time would be “with all deliberate speed.”

Because the NAACP had succeeded at law, securing equal rights, where others had tried and failed, the NAACP came under attack by segregationists who sought to ruin the organization, and perhaps render the Brown decision a nullity by delaying it into complete and absolute obscurity, denying blacks equal protection of the law.

When, years later, they considered nominating Bob for a federal judgeship, one question asked,

“Could you be fair to white people?”

In the fifties and sixties, it looked like we were going to fulfill our original promise, because persons of color won advances toward equality.

There was the civil rights act of 1957, and of 1964.

There was the voting rights act of 1965.

The show went dark with the assassinations in 1968 of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy.

A pall has hung over race relations ever since.

The Republicans made race a reason to vote against a candidate.

Most recently, we have come through a season in which law enforcement officers have been caught on audio and video tape literally choking suspects to death or shooting them in the back for alleged minor offenses.

We have had many legislatures impose electoral reform intended to dilute the voting power of persons of color, cutting back by state legislation what the constitution guaranteed to persons of color.

Sure, we have a national holiday, Juneteenth, celebrating freedom of slavery, and that’s important but aren’t our elected representatives getting off easily if that’s all they do, make a holiday?

What are we going to do to guarantee to persons of color freedom from racist cops and the right to vote?

We have legislation pending in the Senate to reform our racist system of criminal justice, and electoral reform the right to everyone to vote.

We have no business telling the world that we are back, or to criticize the human rights violations of other nation states until we can guarantee equality to all our citizens.

threats to international order, and the legal enforcement framework that exists. The United Nations has no operational role in the implementation and enforcement of UNCLOS. However, other UN related agencies are directly involved in significant ways. The International Maritime Organization (IMO), the International Whaling Commission, and the International Seabed Authority play important operational roles. Bear in mind that about 98% of the world’s internet communications travel via undersea cable. The United Kingdom, China,

and Russia are full signatories, not so the United States. The United States is not a full signatory to UNCLOS, though it recognized it as a body of accepted “Customary Law”. The United States is not a member of, and does not recognize the jurisdiction the ICC and ICJ regarding US citizens.

Chinese territorial violations in the South China Sea have been ruled upon by the International Court of Arbitration to China’s detriment, and there are, for example, ongoing serious issues

in the eastern Mediterranean regarding Turkey’s violation of Greece and Cyprus’ exclusive economic zones by exploiting drilling. In another key domain the recent Five Eyes gathering regarding cyber threats and related encryption issues, that included as guests India and Japan, addressed how the Five Eyes intelligence and international law enforcement agencies can access end-to-end encrypted communications, covering everything from crime rings, misinformation, industrial espionage, to human trafficking,

illegal arms transfers, piracy, and terrorists related activities. This is the tip of the iceberg facing the International legal system and the Five Eyes in the 2020s.

The chair of the UK’s parliamentary Defense Committee, Tobias Ellwood, MP, recently made it clear that the security of alliance 5G networks was paramount and that the security risks of espionage and system failures by illicit 5G exploitation requires the full removal of Huawei by 2027. GPS related maritime resilience and

navigation integrity are an intrinsic part of this issue, and both the legal and intelligence communities need to muster their combined skills and responsibilities to address the serious challenges to the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and other key capabilities that the Global Positioning System provides to the global community.

Next month I will continue this discussion and meanwhile hope that Eccentric readers are vaccinated and enjoying springtime.



Mr. Stine was married to Marsha Irwin Stine on June 3, 1960 and he is survived by his wife of 61 years; two sons, Charles William Stine (Mary) and Scott Irwin Stine (Teresa), both of Middleburg and two grand daughters, Taylor Dare Stine and Sarah Parker Stine.

A funeral service will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a date still to be determined.

OBITUARIES

JIM STINE

For Jim Stine, it was a tale of two productive careers—first as an in program analyst for the government, second as a beloved bakery owner in Middleburg. And along the way, there was military service, as well.

Mr. Stine, a long-time Middleburg resident, died at the age of 92 on March 20, 2021 at the Reston Hospital Center, 37 years after he founded The Upper Crust Bakery. His favorite expression over the last four decades was “a smile and a cookie.”

He put smiles on the faces of countless children, not to mention their parents, when he frequently offered up a free cookie as they came into the bakery to place an order. His son, Scott, now runs the Upper Crust, and also has carried on the same generous tradition.

James Melvin Stine was born

on June 28, 1928 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, to Cleveland Walter Stine and Mamie Bradley Stine, both natives of Lewistown.

Mr. Stine was a 1954 graduate of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana, earning a degree in industrial engineering. He worked for 30 years in a program analyst in the Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, until he retired in 1984. He also was an active duty Air Force reservist from 1954-1958 and stayed in the reserves until he retired from the military as a colonel in 1984.

Then came the bakery, despite some early obstacles in finding just the right location in an old house at its current location in the heart of the village. The building was restored and soon cakes, pies and cookies and countless orders of soups and sandwiches were heading out the door.

JAMES J. WILSON

James J. Wilson of Middleburg,Va. passed away June, 10, 2021. Jim was born in Bronx, New York, the third of seven children to Daniel J. and Mary O'Donnell Wilson. He attended Cardinal Hayes High School and Manhattan College graduating in 1955 with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. During his school years he had many jobs, among them working in a grocery store and flower shop but the one he was most proud was being night engineer during the construction of the third tube of the Lincoln Tunnel.

After graduation, Jim went to work for Interstate General of Chicago building radar stations around the country. In 1956 one of the jobs took him to Puerto Rico

where he met and married his wife, Barbara. He left Interstate and with a few borrowed dollars, together they started Interstate General Contractors (IGC) building low income homes and, ultimately went on to build office buildings, subsidized apartments and shopping centers. Jim was active in the San Juan community becoming President of the Puerto Rico Home Builders Association, served on board of the Presbyterian Hospital and helped start a chapter of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO).

In 1968, Jim began to explore opportunities in the U.S. and purchased a large tract of land in Southern Maryland that would become the new town of St. Charles.

In 1973, the family moved to

Middleburg, Va. and purchased Dresden Farm where for 20 years enjoyed a successful thoroughbred breeding operation that produced many race winners on the flat as well as over fences . Jim was a member of the National Steeple Chase Association, New York, Maryland and Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders Associations. Jim was an active board member serving on the board of The Hill School, Middleburg Tennis Club, Middleburg Community Center, the Middleburg Hunt, the. Kennedy Center National Symphony Orchestra, Manhattan College, Chief Executives Organization (CEO) and traveled the world with his wife, Barbara, on CEO trips visiting all seven continents.

Jim enjoyed tennis, skiing,

sailing, music and walking through the gardens at Dresden Farm.

Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara, Son Kevin Wilson and daughter, Elizabeth Hernandez of La Plata, Md.,Tom Wilson of Windemere, Fla., Mary Pat Guest of Middleburg,Va, Michael Wilson, of Winter Park, Fla. and Brian Wilson, of. Middleburg, Va., 15 grandchildren. Six great-grandchildren and three sisters, Catherine Mistaglio of West Boylston, Ma., Pat Wilson, of Washington, D.C. and Denise Hagen, of Winchester, Va.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Middleburg Community Center, the James J. Wilson Hill School Scholarship fund, Manhattan College Scholarship



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LETTER FROM THE PLAINS

ANTHONY WELLS

In the first five months of the Biden Administration the United States has moved positively and effectively back to its “Alliance Roots”. In so doing the Department of State, the Department of Defense, and our myriad intelligence agencies and departments are now working in close coordination with our traditional “Five Eyes” allies, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. In addition to the NATO nations in Europe several other countries are becoming increasingly critical in the United States’ deference strategy regarding China, and its ally, Russia. Foremost of these are India, South Korea, and Japan, followed by Malaysia, the Philippines and to a lesser extent, Vietnam. The latter has hosted port visits by both the United States Navy and Royal Navy.

The national security community in Washington DC watched with increasing interest as its principal ally, the United Kingdom, released its long awaited integrated “Review of Security, Defense, Development and Foreign Policy”. There are several parts of the main document

of which Eccentric readers should be aware, as they raise important issues that pertain to us all. For example, on page 6, the Report states, “We will sit at the heart of a network of like minded countries and flexible groupings, committed to protecting human rights and upholding global norms. Our influence will be amplified by stronger alliances and wider partnerships – none more valuable to British citizens than our relationship with the United States”. Page 60 states emphatically that, “The United States will remain the UK’s most important strategic ally and partner”. The Report analyzes current and future threats and how the UK plans to react. Central to these threats, leaving aside for this discussion key items such as the UK’s refurbishment of its strategic nuclear warheads, is the threat from cyber attacks, whether perpetrated by state players, such as Russia and China, or by their surrogates, criminal groups, and mal intended hackers.

Eccentric readers should be aware that the US and the UK have been joined tightly through two key agencies, the US National Security Agency (NSA) and the UK’s Government Communications

Headquarters (GCHQ) for the decades since World War Two. The US and the UK use their combined resources and talents in communications intelligence collection, analysis, and distribution within the Five Eyes.

Cyber defense, and the US and UK’s responses, with the ability to both defend and counter attack, (national offensive cyber) raise international legal issues that will become increasingly important for the detection and prosecution of international cyber crime. Let us stand back and review the status quo. This is not just for the legally trained, or legally minded, but for all of us. This was demonstrated recently by the cyber attack on our oil supply infrastructure. This is the thin edge of the wedge. Worse could come unless we take positive action.

The maintenance of international order and the enforcement of the United Nations’ mandates have been enforced by key bodies such as the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the International Criminal Court (ICC), that also addresses human rights violations, and the United Nations International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea that enforces the

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). The International Court of Arbitration, operating under the International Chamber of Commerce, is the world’s leading arbitral institution. Other non UN entities have been significant. The European Court of Human Rights is the court of law of the Council of Europe, based in Strasbourg, France, established in 1959, ensures that EU member states respect the rights enshrined in the European Convention on Human Rights.

Underpinning cases coming before these various judicial bodies is the intelligence that permits Interpol and the multi national individual law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to take action against wrong doers. One of the primary sources for intelligence is the Five Eyes intelligence organization mentioned above, of the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. The Five Eyes have stood the test of time since World War Two. Their significance in the maintenance of international order and service to the international courts bears analysis at a time when threats to international order are growing. Let’s look at the past, as the

guide to the future.

Five Eyes intelligence is based on reliable, accurate, timely, non political, and certainly non partisan, actionable intelligence, the cornerstone qualities that have characterized the Five Eyes since Winston Churchill’s and Franklin Roosevelt’s secret meeting onboard the battleship HMS Prince of Wales, on August 10, 1941, in Placentia Bay, off Newfoundland, less than four months before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941. The words Bletchley Park, Enigma, Ultra, Station Hypo, and Magic entered the intelligence lexicon, and the annals of history. Today a new generation of Five Eyes intelligence specialists, the systems and technologies that support special collection sources and methods, and the international law enforcement and Courts need to combine their strengths in a committed assault from very serious emerging threats to world order.

To illustrate the issues that face the International legal community, and the Five Eyes and their associated key allies (the Europeans nations, Japan, and India), be reminded of several serious current

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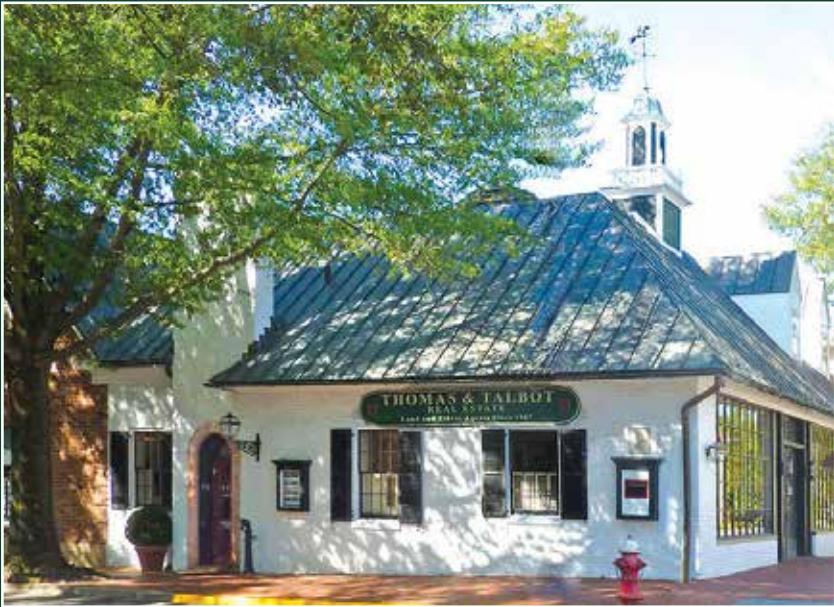


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