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OPINIONS & COMMENTARY

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The Veterans' Corner Scott Drummond USCG Veteran



Those words are the synopsis of visiting with a very kind, happy gentleman, member American Legion post 23, who at age 18 volunteered to serve in one of our Navy's most deadly jobs.

Discharged in 1945, afforded another "doorway" for Bob's pursuit of education by joining the ROTC at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute thus earning an electrical engineering certificate plus an officer's rank of Navy Ensign.

Bob's gorgeous wife had a stroke and later in 2014 passed away. Bob's son wanted him in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Semper Paratus

Speaking sarcasm fluently

The Middle Path

By: Don Perry

We've taken a much needed break from writing about political things here. It's better for our mental and digestive health that we do so.

We've been feeling a little better about politics lately. No, politics has not changed, but we have redefined some terms and lowered some expectations.

When it comes to the American political scene, "feeling better," for those of us who insist on thinking about such things, is perhaps more accurately described as "not feeling sick all the time."

Let us pause for a moment to reflect on the possibility that those of us who appreciate irony are drawn to politics because irony occurs so often in that realm.

Trump orders a missile attack on Syria during a visit from Chinese President Xi. Did you catch that? The fact that Trump's first "superpower" meeting is with Xi and not, as many would have suspected, with Putin?

Nevertheless, it all makes for great political theater, unless you are one of the unfortunate people killed during the attack. (We might add to our working definition of "president" something about the ability to kill people in foreign lands without being charged with murder.)

The left accuses Trump of starting World War 3, although Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer praise the attack. Hillary Clinton agrees and reminds us that she had already suggested such an attack long before Trump ordered it.

"Disgraced" talking head, Brian Williams, refers to pictures of the attacks as "beautiful," and quotes a line from a Leonard Cohen song: "I am guided by the beauty of our weapons."

Meanwhile, ever the gracious host, Trump tells Xi that an American aircraft carrier is headed toward Korean waters. Xi appears to be concerned, but not overly concerned.

Did we offend anyone today? If we did, let us hope that the offense taken is from a concern for humanity rather than any political grievance. As always, letters to the editor are encouraged, and you are invited to comment on our blog at onthemiddlepath.com.

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Serviceberry tree

From the Ground Up Melissa Mattee



If you've been taking advantage of the beautiful weather like I have, you may have seen the striking clumps of white, star-shaped flowers dotting the mountainsides.

Though the showy flower clusters of the serviceberry are an attractive feature in any landscape, they are short lived. The blooms appear from mid-March until early April.

Serviceberry trees have multiple uses in the landscape. They can be used as a screening plant, blended into shrub borders, in group plantings and a food source for wild birds and other animals.

Because serviceberry is in the Rosaceae (rose, apple, pear) family, it is susceptible to many of the same diseases and problems. Rainy weather can promote Entomosporium infection, causing partial defoliation and leaf spotting.

Several species of serviceberry are recommended for landscaping. Amelanchier laevis is closely related to the native and often wild Amelanchier arborea, but it has bronze leaves with no hair.

Many other varieties of this beautiful tree are available, though too numerous to list here. For more information on additional cultivars and serviceberry care, contact the extension office.

Letters to The Editor

Letter to the Editor: In support of Mr. Carnes:

Mr. Carnes' Letter to the Editor addressed a small part of a much larger problem. Most of the City and County public use facilities lack any monitoring or fee collections in order to prevent vandalism or defray the even minimal maintenance costs involved.

Thank you Mr. Carnes, John Holmes; Fellow Hiawassee Taxpayer

A VACANT CROSS... AN EMPTY TOMB... A RISEN SAVIOR! HAPPY Easter! POWELL 2017

From the Desk of:



Sheriff Clinton of Towns County

Avoiding motor vehicle accidents

Aggressive driving, speeding, alcohol, and sleepiness remain primary causes behind automobile fatalities, according to research conducted by an array of federal agencies and consumer groups.

ing to the NHTSA study, three in every ten. Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some point. Have a designated driver or refrain from drinking. 2. Always travel with a first-aid kit.

GUEST COLUMNS

From time to time, people in the community have a grand slant on an issue that would make a great guest editorial. Those who feel they have an issue of great importance should call our editor and talk with him about the idea.

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Table with 3 columns: Activity Name, Location, and Time. Lists various community events such as Bingo, Bridge Players, Free GED prep, SMART Recovery, etc.

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