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## TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS CLEM-BURTON ZONING PROPOSAL

### Burton on Clem/Burton

Following more than nine hours of public testimony before the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, and on the eve of what was expected to be a final vote by the Supervisors on a proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (or CPAM) critical to the future of land use in the western part of the county, Supervisor Jim Burton (I - Blue Ridge) spoke at the June 8th regular session of the Middleburg Town Council, the last regular session of the council to be presided over by Mayor Tim Dimos.

Noting what appeared to be overwhelming public support from citizens living in both eastern and western Loudoun, the retired Air Force Colonel told the council he was confident that a firm majority of the Supervisors would vote to restrict development

by adopting some variant of what has come to be known as the Clem/Burton plan, aimed at limiting growth in the west to around 14,000 new homes instead of the roughly 45,000 potentially allowed by the one-house-on-3-acres, A-3 zoning, currently in force.

Burton warned the Council, however, that the plan, and its limits on growth, could be effectively nullified if the county's zoning ordinance were amended to allow landowners who were already in the process of subdividing their holdings to have their right to 3-acre zoning "easily grandfathered in."

A spate of subdivision by western landowners followed a March, 2005, Virginia Supreme Court decision, which overturned 20-to-50-acres-per-

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## GREENVEST STRATEGY FOR GROWTH SOUTH OF DULLES

DANIEL MORROW

Greenvest CEO Jim Duszynski and Vice President for Planning and Zoning, Packie Crown, last week described their plans for four major developments north and south of Route 50 just east of the junction of Routes 50 and 15, as a well-researched, professionally articulated, rational and flexible response to what this organization, history, and serious regional planners everywhere recognize as inevitable growth in eastern Loudoun County.

The issues are straightforward, according to Duszynski: how best to plan and fund public infrastructure and services for 15,000 new homes and everything associated with the people who will live in them: their cars, their children, their jobs, and the

physical facilities necessary to support them.

Asked if he believed Greenvest's "\$192 million to improve roads" was a definitive solution to the increase in traffic associated with the four projects, Duszynski laughed and responded, "Definitive? No, of course not. But it's an excellent plan, worked out by some of the brightest people in the business, working closely with representatives of all those with a stake in both a sensible and aesthetically pleasing solution."

Greenvest's proposal, he noted, allows timely and appropriate construction based on the best available planning data, with a suggested approach to infrastructure funding that has worked well in other jurisdictions.

The funding plan proposed by Greenvest, in

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## INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL SERVES 49% OF LOUDOUN PATIENTS

PRIMARY CARE FOR MIDDLEBURG AND LOVETTSVILLE,  
MEDICAL CAMPUS FOR DULLES SOUTH

Loudoun County citizens need more services of almost every kind to meet the needs of a rapidly growing population of young families and hospital services are among the most critical elements in a truly resilient service infrastructure. Inova, the new owner of Loudoun's Lansdowne Hospital and Medical Center, is keeping its promise to deliver greater quality, quantity and diversity of medical care, according to Pat Walters, Executive Vice President of Inova Health System and Interim CEO of the organization.

"We have increased and improved our Pediatric Emergency Services to provide 24-hour care, we now have 155 beds and we will soon offer 25 new intensive care units and 16 new regular beds," Vice President

of Strategy and Development David Goldberg said. "We don't have to turn anyone away from our ER, ER support, obstetric or new and neonatal services."

"Last year we served 49% of the county's inpatient admissions," according to Goldberg who explained that the remaining 51% leave the county for services due to physician location and privileges, proximity to other hospitals, access and geography, services offered and EMS transport.

Many Loudoun citizens were shocked when Inova decided to fight to keep Hospital Corporation of America {HCA Broadlands} from building a second hospital on The Greenway to serve Loudoun, but both executives emphasized that,

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## NEWS OF NOTE

### NINETEEN RACE FOR THE CURE RAISING MORE THAN \$13,000



A team of 19 walkers made up of employees and friends of the Middleburg Animal Hospital completed the Race for the Cure on Saturday, June 3, in honor and support of their friend and co-worker, Liz Washington. The team raised more than \$13,000 thanks

to the generous donations from clients and friends. "It was a wonderful experience for all of us who participated, and knowing that we had the community's support and donations behind us as we walked the 5 kilometer course made the event even more special for us".

### JANE DOUD HINES HATCHER WILL BE MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Jane Hines Hatcher passed away from complications of pulmonary disease on May 31, 2006 at Friends House in Sandy Spring, Maryland. She was 92 years old.

A resident of Aldie from 1953-1964, she worked with James F. Tyler Real Estate, Leesburg, Paul Fout at ARP in Middleburg and Nancy Lee at Lee Advertising also of Middleburg. Mrs. Hatcher was a member of Church Of Our Redeemer Episcopal Church in Aldie.

Mrs. Hatcher, born in Chicago in 1913, was the great granddaughter of Paul Brown, a marine and landscape artist from Chicago who traveled and painted extensively throughout Virginia during the 1870s and 1880s.

In addition to her home in Loudoun County, Mrs. Hatcher lived in St. Croix, USVI, Clearwater and Punta Gorda, FL and, Horseshoe Bend, AR before moving to Friends House in Sandy Spring in 2001.

Her first husband, Philip F. Hines, a longtime resident of Loudoun County preceded her in death as did her second husband, Robert Hatcher, who died in 1999 following 18 years of marriage.

Mrs. Hatcher is survived by sons Stephen P. Hines of Aldie and David P. Hines of Richmond, VA, and stepsons David J. Hatcher of Burke, VA and Robert Hatcher of League City,



TX, two granddaughters and one step-granddaughter.

A Memorial Service is planned to celebrate her life at the Miller Center in Friends House Retirement Community, Sandy Spring, MD on Saturday, July 15, 2006, 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jane's memory to the Friends House Assistance Fund which supports low-income residents who need assistance. Please send donations to Miller Center, Friends House Retirement Community, 17340 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD, 20860.

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MIDDLEBURG FIRE RULED INCENDIARY

Two fires set within seven hours of each other June 4th in Middleburg resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages and an indication from the Fire Marshall's office that arson may have been the cause.

Offices under renovation at 10 North Pendleton Street were "deliberately set" according to the Fire Marshall. The offices, which were near completion, will require another three months to finish according to Middleburg town officials.

A \$5,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest of those responsible.

The second fire which broke out at 11 East Federal Street occurred seven hours after the fire on North Pendleton was ablaze. Fire Marshals are still investigating the second fire.



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INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

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although there is need for a second hospital, they believe The Greenway is the wrong location.

"We oppose the Greenway location because it will overbed Eastern Loudoun. Dulles South is where the need exists," according to Pat Walters.

Both executives underscore the differences between services offered by Inova, a not-for-profit organization, and HCA, a for-profit company.

"We are proud to have organized our services to be able to respond positively to pre-natal and maternity patients who do not have healthcare," Pat said. We are effectively owned by the community and we must serve every citizen with quality staff and services. Last year HCA's Reston Hospital served 15 women without insurance who required pediatric services, we served 400."

"Inova provided Loudoun with \$6.5 million of charitable care last year and we provided \$60 million of charitable care across the system,"

Goldberg said.

Inova Loudoun's plans for the county include a community health center in Dulles South to open during the first quarter of 2007 and for advanced cancer care, heart and pediatrics as they scale up their services to meet community needs. The new Inova campus planned for the Shockeey property between Routes 50 and 15 will include medical offices, a medical campus and, eventually, a hospital facility.

The primary care facility Inova's directors plan for Middleburg is on hold until they find an appropriate building to lease.

"We were confident we had the perfect space to lease in Middleburg for our new facility, but there are issues about the access and egress on the property," according to Goldberg. "But we are committed to open primary care facilities in Middleburg and in Lovettsville," he continued.

Pat, whose entire career has been in healthcare, responded emphatically

to a question about the county's emergency preparedness and the hospital's ability to meet the needs of Loudoun citizens and individuals from Washington, D.C. in case of an attack.

"The Northern Virginia Healthcare Alliance receives federal funding to support emergency services for the entire region," he said.

"We are very well-equipped with supplies, beds and staff for an emergency.

We can quickly double our Lansdowne emergency and ICU staff with a complement of specially trained doctors who can observe patients both real-time and over our new electronic systems. We can flex our hospitals quickly in any situation to care for our community."

"I grew up in Springfield and have been in this area in the healthcare services sector for my entire career," Pat.... concluded.

"We are dedicated to Loudoun County's health and well being in all circumstances."

MIDDLEBURG HUNT FIRST IN THE AMERICAN FOXHOUND PACK CLASS



The Middleburg Hunt won First Place in the American Foxhound Pack Class at the May 28 Virginia Hound Show held at Morvan Park in Leesburg. Pictured above is the Middleburg Hunt Pack led by Huntsman, Richard Buswell. The Middleburg Hunt is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

GREENVEST STRATEGY

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brief, would finance roughly \$400 million in road improvements with government bonds, backed by revenues generated by annual "fees" (in essence, a special local tax), averaging around \$2,000 per year, paid by those who bought homes in the four developments.

"Given the projected growth and household income figures for Loudoun, the approach should work well here," Crown added.

Both executives agreed that, although the plan suggested by Greenvest was not the ONLY approach to funding, it was, in their view, the best.

Asked whether ANY highway funding or construction plan could really be considered adequate to handle current rates of growth, Duszynski noted that highway planners are inevitably constrained by the accuracy of growth projections, and that, in his view, the key to successful growth management lay in providing more than just roads to address new residents' needs to work, shop, educate their children, and be sure of adequate access to emergency care and other social services.

Greenvest insists that their "holistic" approach to planning provides both the vision and flexibility required to be truly responsible developers.

New roads alone, for example, are clearly inadequate to meet the communication needs of new residents in the 21st century.

Fiber to the Home

"I think telecommuting is the only answer to traffic that we're going to see in our lifetime," Duszynski asserted, noting that high-speed broadband fiber connections to the internet, would be available to every single home, business, and public service facility in the new developments.

"Our offices are in Leesburg and my family and I live in Haymarket," he said grimacing. "I understand fully the frustration of driving to work every morning."

Although Greenvest's Broad Run Village and Arcola, north of Route 50, and Lenah and Greenfields, south of the highway, are not adjacent to each other, Crown and Duszynski both insist that, ideally, they should be seen, as part of a well integrated and functionally interconnected corridor, linking the Howard Hughes research campus in the northwest to the main George Mason campus in the south-east.

Roads, trails, a necklace of parks, high-speed fiber, refined architecture and landscaping are planned to work together to make the inevitable development between those two centers both functional and beautiful.

Asked about the almost visceral reactions in slow-growth circles produced by the very mention of 15,000 new homes, Duszynski noted that such growth was projected "over the course of the next twenty years," with best estimates of the pattern of growth following a bell-curve course.

Observing that formal governmental and legal constraints on unrestricted growth would also remain in place, Greenvest's executives explained that permitting processes alone would affect the pace of construction.

Greenvest also believes that wider public awareness of the true scale, scope, and integrity of Greenvest's "vision" will not only allay fears, but will build enthusiasm for their approach.

Our "holistic" vision Duszynski insists, reflects the hard work and sensitive analysis of some of the world's best talent on the problems of transportation and communication infrastructure; safety; education; adequate and affordable workforce housing; parkland and recreation.

Quoting their company's published statement of principles both Crown and Duszynski concluded by reiterating their personal and professional commitment to building communities that would be attractive for a lifetime: "Unique, service-oriented, and aesthetically pleasing."



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## JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION TO HELP LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES COLLEGIATE GOALS

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation announced today that it will fund a program to make college possible for more students in Loudoun County, where it has been headquartered since it was founded in 2000. The program, called Pathway to the Baccalaureate, is the latest step in the Foundation's effort to expand college access to high-achieving, low-income students throughout Virginia.

Pathway to the Baccalaureate was created to provide financially needy students from Loudoun County's 11 high schools a smooth transition to Northern Virginia Community College, and ultimately, George Mason University. It was founded by a consortium, which includes the Fairfax County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools, Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), and George Mason University (GMU).

Pathway will annually target approximately 65 high school seniors from Loudoun County "who have the desire and capacity to achieve a four-year college degree, but who are at risk of never attending college due to financial or other circumstances," said Matthew J. Quinn, the Foundation's executive director.

In the first year, the Foundation will to provide \$75,000 in grants and annual scholarships to Pathway. Of that total figure, \$60,000 will fund a

## HCA VIRGINIA GIVES LOCAL ELDERLY A HELPING HAND

Elderly Middleburg area residents who are unable to meet their monthly rent payments will be able to count on The Windy Hill Foundation, the Piedmont Community Foundation and HCA Virginia for the financial help they need. Hospital Corporation of America recently presented a \$60,000 donation to endow the fund that will ensure that elderly residents of the planned Levis Hill House do not have to worry about losing their residence.

Kim Hart of Windy Hill Foundation and Karen Krei, Executive Director of Piedmont Community Foundation accepted the HCA check from Megan Descutner, Director of Community and Government Relations for HCA Virginia.

"HCA Virginia and Broadlands deserve special credit for giving the opening gift to begin what we are calling the Windy Hill Senior Scholarship Program," said Hart. "It takes leadership and vision to begin a new

## TOWN COUNCIL

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house restrictions in western Loudoun, and restored 3-acre zoning for the time required for the Supervisors to properly advertise and re-instate the overturned regulations. Most, if not all landowners who started the process of subdivision during that short window of opportunity will seek to have their subdivision rights guaranteed.

The Middleburg Town Council unanimously agreed to support the Clem/Burton plan, passed a resolution urging the Supervisors not to nullify its provisions by "grandfathering in" subdivision rights applied for during the post-court-decision window of opportunity, and sent outgoing Town Council Member Bundles Murdock to represent the Council at the Supervisors next public hearing.

### Fun Shop's 50th Honored

The Council began its last regular Thursday session under Mayor Tim Dimos by unanimously passing a resolution noting the approaching 50th anniversary of Nancy Allen's opening of The Fun Shop in October, 1956. The resolution not only recognized a half century old Middleburg retail landmark, but honored the Allen family, Nancy, Howard, Page and Betsy Allen Davis, for their contributions to the town through five decades of service to government, civic and church organizations, and all the Fun Shop's employees for their contributions to a shop that "has exemplified the charm and friendliness that draws visitors from far and near to our historic village."

**Repairs and Grants**

Margaret New, Chair of the Town's Health Center Advisory Board, submitted a report in which the Board recommended funding a num-

ber of critical repairs to its building, at an estimated cost of \$150 to \$200,000. The Board also recommended doubling of the \$15,000 currently budgeted for grants to deserving community public service organizations. The public service grant funds are derived from rent charged to tenants of the building which formerly served as a Health Center. It now houses the Middleburg Police Department.

### Other Business

Police Chief Steve Webber reported another quiet month in Middleburg. His department responded to 130 calls for service, issued 115 parking tickets, 11 traffic tickets, and were required to make only three arrests.

Economic Development Coordinator Claudia Dornin reported on last month's 5th Annual Leesburg Business Appreciation Awards ceremonies, held on May 16. Middleburg Bank received the "New Market" award "for providing loans and spurring business investment . . ." Dornin suggested that a similar program might well be considered by Middleburg.

Visits to "The Pink Box," Middleburg's visitor center totaled 1,105 in May, down 8% from last year, despite reports from business owners of increased traffic in town Memorial Day weekend.

Mike Casey, Town Manager hired a new Town Clerk. Christine Hall officially began work on June 5, 2006.

**Changing of the Guard**

Resolutions and certificates of appreciation were presented to outgoing Mayor Tim Dimos and Council Member Bundles Murdock. On Monday June 19, new Council Members Karen Robinson, Lisa Patterson and Mayor Betsy Davis were formally sworn in.

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Long & Foster's Middleburg office in conjunction with all of Long & Foster's 237 sales offices throughout the firm's seven-state Mid-Atlantic region and Washington, D.C., participated in the Company's most inclusive day of volunteering during the annual company-wide Community Service Day. On Wednesday, June 7, the Middleburg office volunteered at Middleburg Elementary School helping the PTO and Library Assistant Lisa McGuinness install a pumpkin patch for harvest when school resumes next fall. Lending their rakes, shovels, and muscles were agents Alera Buckland, Joyce Gates, Cindy Polk, Scott Buzzelli with son Bo, as well as Foxcroft students Cathleen and Julia Gruver, and Katy Hurst.

## MIDDLEBURG BANK NAMES DEBBIE STILLWELL VICE PRESIDENT, COMMERCIAL LENDING

Debbie Stillwell has been named Vice President, Commercial Lender at Middleburg Bank's Ashburn Financial Center. Stillwell will be responsible for developing and maintaining commercial loan portfolios, and providing deposit and cash management services. "We're very fortunate to have Debbie on our team," Joe Boling, President and Chairman of the Board commented. "Year after year she's ranked as one of Washington's top bankers. As a Marathoner and Tri-athlete, she understands the importance of focusing on goals and adhering to a regimented, disciplined plan to achieve them. That's probably one of the reasons she's so successful. And as you've probably already guessed, she's always willing to go the extra mile for her clients."

Stillwell has been in banking for more than 20 years. She lives in the area with her husband and three children. An avid runner and cyclist, Stillwell has completed three marathons and one Ironman competition.

## "POSH PARTIES" OPENS TO PLAN LOCAL EVENTS

Lisa R. Schulz, the founder and owner of 'Posh Parties,' a new event planning service in Middleburg, looks forward to helping her clients plan the most exquisite events whether they be extravagant, intimate, exotic or classic.

Experienced in all aspects of event planning, Schulz takes pride in offering flexible, personalized services.

"I don't limit my clients to a rigid schedule, or to a certain quota of e-mails or phone calls a day," she says. "I am as excited about the event as they are. My main objective is to provide a stress-free event that is not only stylish and special, but fun and enjoyable for you and your guests."

While she has planned a wedding for 1,500 guests and a corporate function for 3,000, she adds, "No party or budget is too small." Lisa is quick to point out that "Posh Parties" clients have found her services to be a money-saving measure rather than an extra

expense.

"I have an excellent selection of vendors who are both reliable and affordable," she says.

A native of Loudoun County and resident of Middleburg, Lisa is the daughter of Dale Schulz, owner of the Middleburg-based Schulz Homes Corp. and Barbara Schulz, a teacher at Aldie Elementary School. She graduated from Loudoun County High School in Leesburg and has a degree in Hospitality Management from East Carolina University. Lisa's career began in Charleston, South Carolina, as an Event and Catering Manager at The Citadel Military College. She was then promoted to Event and Catering Director of Charleston Southern University before returning to the Middleburg area.

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planning, partial planning, and "day of" coordination.

For a complimentary consultation, phone Posh Parties at (540) 687-3530, visit its website at poshpartiesva.com, or e-mail to Lisa@poshpartiesva.com.

## AH&T RECEIVES HERITAGE AWARD

AH&T Insurance was presented the Heritage Award at the town of Leesburg, Virginia's 5th Annual Business Appreciation Awards Reception on May 16, 2006. AH&T won the award based on its contributions to Leesburg in terms of dedication to the integrity of the historic district, to its employees and to the larger community. AH&T has grown to be the largest private employer in the Leesburg historic district with clients that now reach across the nation and the globe.



KAREN JONES -- LEESBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, ALEX GREEN -- AH&T EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, KRISTEN UMSTATTD --MAYOR OF LEESBURG, HOWARD ARMFIELD -- AH&T PRESIDENT

# PASTIMES

## MY CUP DOES NOT RUNNETH OVER SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

ALEX CUDABACK

The last time we spoke was way back in March and I was bemoaning my complete and utter inability to avoid being roped into yet another March Madness basketball pool. For those of you keeping score at home I'm pleased to report that while I didn't win said pool, I did do my homework when it came to selecting what pool in which to swim; the fact that nobody in our group had the Final Four right and that nobody had either of the two Championship-game teams picked proved, once and for all, that there's not a shark amongst us.

Now, these two months later, I find myself in the midst of yet another tournament. That's right, the World Cup is back and all the world is aflame with "football" fever. Entire continents have been swept up by this other game of roundball, a game so incredibly popular with so many people in so many places that societal schisms are somehow swept aside every time this tournament quadrennial circus comes to town. Civil wars are momentarily laid to rest, feuds years in the making are temporarily forgotten, and grudges nursed for generations are put away for a few glorious weeks.

In the United States, on the other hand, we are happy to blissfully, ignorantly, and incomprehensibly watch Simon Cowell's latest edifice of cranial gruel, America's Got Talent.

Americans, it would seem, just don't give a fig about the World Cup, in particular, and soccer, in general, and it doesn't seem to matter what anybody else has to say about it.

I don't fully understand why. Soccer fans will tell you that soccer really IS popular in the States, that it's never been SO popular, that more and more

Americans are learning the game, are falling in love with the game, are playing the game. Companies from Beaverton to Broadway are spending zillions of dollars to market soccer, to make it more appealing, to make it more accessible. Brand-new technologies are being pumped up as the peanut-butter to soccer's jelly; "Watch today's game in HD!!!!" The commercials scream. And media outlets everywhere, from newsstand to broadband, are happily shoveling more and more of this World Cup tripe straight down our throats.

And like stubborn, obstinate, intractable, pertinacious children, we Americans, for the most part, just don't seem to care. Oh, we'll watch some of the games, maybe catch the highlights, glance at an article or two and try to make ourselves maybe just a bit better informed. But we do it, for the most part, with a particular sense of joyless obligation. "Who won the game yesterday?" we'll ask, not because we particularly care, (Angola v. Iran, anyone?). But because we know we're supposed to care. It is, after all, the World Cup, and the entire rest of the planet is engaged in a giant, international lovefest when they're not to busy trying to beat the snot out of each other in streets across Germany.

Maybe it's because we're just not very good at this particular game quite yet, and maybe never will be. We were knocked out of the Cup in the same round (that would be the first) as international dreadnoughts Togo, Paraguay, and Trinidad and Tobago. The good news is we had more points than, well, Togo, Ghana, Australia (the Soceroos) and Ukraine are all still in this thing, and the American team is still trying to figure out when the game is gonna start.

Half of the goals we scored were



and the Netherlands and Sweden duke it out for title of Soccer Master of the Universe.

I couldn't be happier for you. Please just don't make me watch.

cuda24@yahoo.com

## MIDDLEBURG PLAYERS TO PRESENT "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"

The Middleburg Players are in preparation for their summer production of Fiddler on the Roof, to be performed at Buchanan Hall, 8549 John Mosby Highway, in Upperville, VA (20184), on July 21st - 22nd and July 27th - 29th at 7:00 P.M., and Sundays, July 23rd and 30th at 2:00 P.M.

This very successful Broadway musical and movie, highlights the musical talents of local legends! Laurie Maggiano is the Director, while Karen Chase is the Music Director; Peggy Doerwaldt is the Choreographer and the set design is our own Neil Petticord. "Tevye" is played by Noel Grove, and his wife, "Golde", by Kar-

in Thorndike. There are many more local artists, both adult and children, to be found in this cast. Please support your local theatre!

Tickets will be \$15./Adults, and \$12./Seniors and Students. More information can be found at our website at [www.Middleburgplayers.com](http://www.Middleburgplayers.com), or by calling 703.327.4206.

## THE MOSBY HERITAGE AREA ASSOCIATIONPRESENTS CAVALIERS, COURAGE AND COFFEE: MOSBY OWNED THE NIGHT

The Gray Ghost Interpretive Group interprets life in the Mosby Heritage Area during the Civil War on Saturday, July 8th and August 12th from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm in the village of Atoka (4 miles west of Middleburg on Route 50). By the glow of lantern light these costumed interpreters, representing citizens of Mosby's Confederacy tell the stories of how their lives have been impacted by Colonel John Singleton Mosby and his Rangers.

Participants in the program will move to multiple locations throughout the village meeting their storytellers. For this reason comfortable shoes are recommended for those attending.

The first person accounts are full of drama and movement which makes the events come alive and provides an excellent way to understand the heritage of our region. Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee was created last year by the Gray Ghost Interpretive Group, known as GGIG, to interpret the history of our area in order to bring awareness of our unique heritage and help the citizens of our area today gain a sense of place.

The event is free and provides the opportunity to visit the Rector House, the site where Mosby signed the documents forming Company A of the 43rd Virginia Battalion, known as Mosby's Rangers. The program begins on the

lawn behind the Rector House (the first building on the left as you leave Route 50 unto State Route 713). Parkers will be available to help with parking and directing participants to the Rector House.

For more than ten years the Mosby Heritage Area Association has been working to bring an awareness of and advocate for the preservation of the historic, cultural, and natural resources in the Mosby Heritage Area through educational projects such as the Cavaliers, Courage and Coffee program. To learn more about the program and the organization go on line at [www.mosbyheritagearea.org](http://www.mosbyheritagearea.org).

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# THE EDITOR’S DESK

## A FRIEND IN NEED

Middleburg and its environs enjoy the exceptional generosity of residents and citizens who open their hearts and checkbooks to support the many initiatives organized to help those less fortunate and to preserve the quality and character of our community.

We also enjoy and benefit from the many gifts we receive from corporate leaders who understand that unless our community thrives, their business will not.

Corporate citizenship, like all stewardship, requires commitment, constancy and concern for the community as a whole. Leaders who understand this are welcomed as partners and friends, not only as service or product providers.

From HCA Virginia who recently provided the seed capital to ensure that our elderly citizens have the funds they need to pay for housing, to Dean and Linda Linderman who created a beautiful arboretum at their Birchwood estate that they opened to the Virginia Land Trust, and to all the organizations and individuals who unselfishly provide for others, we extend our heartfelt thanks and good wishes for continuing success.

*Middleburg Eccentric welcomes and encourages Letters to the Editor. Letters must be signed and include writer's name, address and daytime phone number. Please submit letter via email: editor@mbecc.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg VA 20118*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**To the Editor:**

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is hard to believe, but after 28 years in the Middleburg area, we are moving to New England at the end of June. Ed Jr. and his new bride Serena asked that we live within two hours, and as college philosophy professors, Ed at St. Anselm in New Hampshire and Serena at the University of Connecticut, the compass clearly points north. Thus, on July 1st, we will officially become residents of Farmington, Connecticut.

To say that we have enjoyed our life in Middleburg is a terrible understatement. We raised our sons here and hosted both of their wedding receptions at Leitrim, our wonderful soon-to-be former home in The Plains. We will miss our involvement in community projects supporting Loudoun and Fauquier hospitals, the Pink Box, the Community Centers in Middleburg and The Plains, Notre Dame Academy, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, and the 13 independent companies that comprise the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association.

We will miss tailgating at the steeple chases and scouring the country side for new hidden treasures produced by local artisans from bread bakers to candle makers to cheese makers. We'll miss the opportunity to write occasional articles in the Eccentric describing new adventures, such as Ed's recent week-long course in wine and food pairing at the

Napa Valley campus of the Culinary Institute of America (as Santa continues his annual effort to improve Ed's culinary instincts!).

But most of all we will miss our wonderful friends and neighbors, whom we regrettably

**To the Editor:**

As we all prepare to pay our increased property taxes this week and as the debate over the Clem – Burton zoning plan for Western Loudoun starts to heat up again we need to stop and think about a few facts.

The school budget takes the largest share of our property taxes. That budget continues to increase because we need to build more schools, hire additional teachers, etc. These things are needed because there are more children in Loudoun that need to go to school. There are more children in Loudoun because there is uncontrolled growth resulting in more homes. The only way to feed the school budget is by increasing property taxes. Does anyone see a pattern here? Uncontrolled growth does not result in lower taxes; never has, never will. Controlled growth will also result in higher taxes but, if done right, at least at a rate we can hopefully afford. And don't tell me the developers will pick up the cost of increased

take for granted until it is time to say goodbye. It sneaks up on you as the packing gets underway. This is really happening. We're actually moving. However, while we may be leaving Middleburg, Middleburg will not be leaving us. We will carry

values will decrease as a result of Clem-Burton is wrong. Heck, I wish they were right as I could stand a little tax relief. If you had real estate speculation plans to sub-divide your property into a lot of little lots and sell them off at a profit, then you will not make as much money under the Clem-Burton plan, this is true. If this is what the pro-uncontrolled growth group means by decreasing property value then in their eyes, they're right. But in reality what really happens is instead of some people making tens of millions of dollars they will only make millions as they will have fewer lots to sell. Last time I checked millions was still real money even in this economy.

The Clem-Burton plan is a fair compromise. But if some of the supervisors don't think so, put it to a vote of those it affects the most, western Loudouners. My, what a novel concept that would be.

ry with us a collection of memories, experiences, and friendships that will be our point of reference for all that lays ahead.

Thank you one and all.

Ed & Sandy McGushin  
Farmington, Connecticut

Jeremy C. Rosenberg  
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## RANT & RAVES

### ALTERNATIVE SEPTIC SYSTEMS FAIL 20 TIMES MORE OFTEN THAN CONVENTIONAL SYSTEMS ACCORDING TO NEW HEALTH DEPT. DATA

On June 6, the Loudoun County Public Health Department delivered new statistics on the failure rate of alternative septic systems to the Board of Supervisors. For the period from January 2003 through April 2006, there were 65 failures of conventional septic systems (on an installed base of about 12,000 units) and there were 15 failures of alternative septic systems on an installed base of about 1400 units. After taking into account that these failures were occurring after 30 years of use in the case of conventional systems but only about 3 years of use for alternative systems, the conclusion is that alternative systems are about 20 times more likely to fail than conventional systems. This failure rate is even higher than the failure rate

predicted in the Middleburg Eccentric in April.

In spite of this troubling news, the Board of Supervisors chose not to address the request, presented in February from the Unison Preservation Society, for an Emergency Ordinance to stop the installation of these systems until their performance rate can be improved. The Board did, however, instruct the

County health officials estimated that there are over 1400 alternative septic systems currently installed in the county with another 1000 or so that have been approved that are "in the pipeline" for installation. About half of all new subdivision lots approved in western Loudoun County require these alternative septic systems. With a failure rate now estimated to

be 10% or greater over a 30-year life, the county is looking at the potential right now for 250 failing systems in the future. At least one expert engineer has testified before that Board of Supervisors that "the presence of hundreds of such units scattered over the western portion of the County poses the potential for a problem of truly crisis proportions."

## RED VS BLUE

### BLUNDERS, BLOOD AND POLITICS THE JUNE REPORT

DAN MORROW - (D)

American casualties in Iraq now number more than 20,000, including 2,500 dead since Mr. Bush, in spite of good advice against doing so, launched the war in March 2003.

More than 2,400, or roughly 95% of the fallen, have been killed since the President declared "Mission Accomplished" from the deck of the Abraham Lincoln.

Now comes the campaign season, and from beneath the rocks where GOP spinmeisters lie emerge the first "Look over there - a kitty!" TV spots, urging us to remember solons long missing in action, in terms they think will convince us all of their youth, wisdom, competence, integrity, and "leadership abilities."

Sure enough, like Capistrano's first swallow (or Leesburg's first vulture) Junior Senator George Allen popped up on the screen this week in full youthful vigor, hair untouched by even a hint of gray, tie-less in Garibaldi crimson (or is that Powell Hill's red battle shirt), reminding us (in less than 30 seconds) of all he's done to address traffic problems in northern Virginia, improve education, and protect our children from the exposure to predators on the internet.

It was truly inspiring. So pithy, to the point, and short! I thought about it the whole time I sat in traffic, listening to the latest no-child-left-behind statistics and the "MySpace.com" lawsuit.

As you've probably heard, the campaign slogans for the GOP this year are, in fact, already crafted and tailored to avoid saying anything of real significance. . . . and, especially, nothing to link GOP candidate X to GOP President Y (or, in this case, W)

But, just case you're wondering, we here on the blue side have received an advance copy of some of the GOP's suggested talking points for the fall, which we hereby share happily with all those who wish to TIVO past them later.

"George? Never heard of him. Any kin to Jeb?"

"Iraq.? Stay the course (whatever THAT is). Remember the insurgency is STILL in its final throes. Don't "cut and run" but don't be surprised if we "stand down as the Iraqis stand up, which they do every two years right around election time in November."

"Iran, North Korea, and nuclear weapons? We're relying on our intelligence (the CIA, NSA, Homeland Security kind) and our track record of success in international diplomacy. Trust us."

"The new Iraqi government's plans to pardon Iraqis who "only" killed Americans? It's part of bringing democracy to people who hate freedom and the American way of life. Live with it. And don't talk about. And for heavens sakes, don't ask whats-his-name to talk about it."

"NATIONAL "issues?"

Not my job. I represent the guys who hired me."

"Domestic spying? Trust us. Our boys do a Heck-uv-a-job and we're getting legal advice from the same ethical paragons who brought you Guantanamo and the torture memo."

"Guantanamo, Abu Ghraib, Haditha? Tempests in teacups. Our boys were only following orders we didn't give 'em based on sound legal advice we didn't follow because if we had, it wouldn't have been legal. . . . or prudent. . . or something like that. Look, a kitty!"

"Deficits? Cut taxes on the rich and let 'em trickle down on the poor. Increasing the minimum wage is Communist. . . . except when we're talking about what we pay to members of Congress."

"Gas prices? The new Hummer's much more efficient and Al Gore's just stone crazy."

"Katrina? Isn't that someone's cat?"

"National SECURITY? Isn't that a bank? Haven't we outsourced that?"

"Avian Flu? Either it's impossible (because things don't evolve) or we're prepared. Heavens, five morgue slots and some cots in the schools should be able to handle the tens of thousands of worst-case-scenario deaths in a little place like Loudoun)

"Earmarks for sale? I don't believe in tattoos or piercing. And I've never sold any to

MARK TATE - (R)

This has been a pretty good month for the GOP and President Bush.

The top Al-Qaeda terrorist in Iraq, Zarqawi, has been killed. Iraq has had free elections and successfully formed a government. And, lo and behold, it has been announced that we have found over 500 WMD in Iraq. Among those found were hundreds of shells filled with Sarin gas and mustard gas. And we, the coalition forces, are not the only ones looking for the WMD's; the terrorists are looking for them just as diligently as our forces. It seems President Bush did tell the truth. It is now more important than ever that our forces in Iraq are looking for and finding WMD's.

The good news for the GOP does not stop there.

It would appear the real party of corruption seems to be the Democratic Party. Yes, ONE GOP Representative was caught breaking the law, accepting bribes for votes. Republicans in Congress demanded his resignation, which he did, and the voters of his District elected a new, Republican Representative.

So while election hopes in the Fall seemed pretty bleak for the GOP one short month ago, things seem to be looking up now. The USA has had striking successes in the war on terror; Iraq has a new freely elected government; it would appear (no surprise here) that the President told the truth about WMDs in Iraq and our

forces are currently recovering them; and the Democratic Party, once so happy to point fingers, now seems to be self destructing under its own Culture of Corruption.

Here in Virginia the GOP has finally passed a budget and they did it without a tax increase. Although Governor Kaine (D) and our Senator, Russ Potts, had been demanding another round of dramatic tax increases only one year after the largest tax increase in Virginia history, our Republicans in the House of Delegates worked together to produce a budget without a single tax increase and a \$567 million increase in transportation funding.

As always, the Democrats and Rep. Potts said the only way to solve our problems was yet another tax hike. For Democrats and Potts it doesn't seem taxes can ever be high enough. Thankfully, the Republicans in the General Assembly like Delegate Joe May and Delegate Bob Marshall have been successful in passing a budget WITHOUT tax increases and WITH large increases in transportation funding for Northern Virginia.



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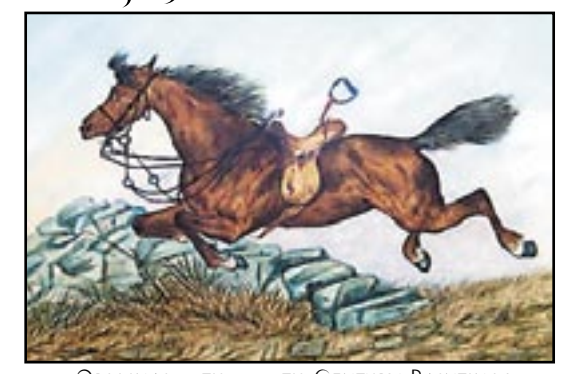
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advance copies of upcoming books we receive from publishers. Come by and see what we have—you might just find something you'll enjoy.

Summer Reading For Local Schools

The summer reading lists from our local schools include some really wonderful titles, such as *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*, *The Butterfly and the Diving Bell*, *Kite Runner*, *Sign of the Beaver*, *Old School*, as well as the Laura Ingalls Wilder series, the *Hooftbeats* series, and the new *Heartland* series (Chestnut). The selections for all grades are truly terrific.

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*Love and Hate in Jamestown: John Smith, Pocahontas and the Heart of a New Nation*, by David A. Price, tells a familiar story of these two mythic characters in a whole new way, and also brings in the lives and experiences of hundreds of other interesting characters. Price paints a vivid picture of life in the New World, evoking the adventure, danger, hardship and triumph of the Jamestown colony.

*Case Histories*, by Kate Atkinson, might be considered a thriller or suspense novel, but this author takes the genre and adeptly turns it upside down and inside out. The book is certainly exciting and suspenseful, but it is also an exploration of dysfunctional families who triumph over tragedy—and who, incidentally, are also very funny along the way.

In *Cage of Stars*, a 12-year-old Mormon girl confronts tragedy and must decide between revenge and forgiveness, after the murders of her two sisters. The path she takes is painful, but redemption is always at hand. Author Jacquelyn Mitchard

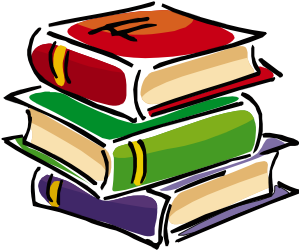
(*The Deep End of the Ocean*) takes us on the journey and shows us the consequences of the choices we make.

In *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals*, Michael Pollan looks at the politics of food. Ruth Reichl, editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine, says Pollan “tears down the walls that separate us from what we eat...Reading this book is a wonderful, life-changing experience.”

*Chosen by a Horse: A Memoir*,

by Susan Richards, is a story of redemption, for both horse and woman, and is a touching, loving tale that demonstrates how animals can heal us.

If none of these pique your interest, there are always the old faithfuls, those writers who never let you down: Carl Hiaassen, Anita Shreve, Alexander McCall Smith, Anne Tyler, Tom Wolfe, and others—we all have our favorites.



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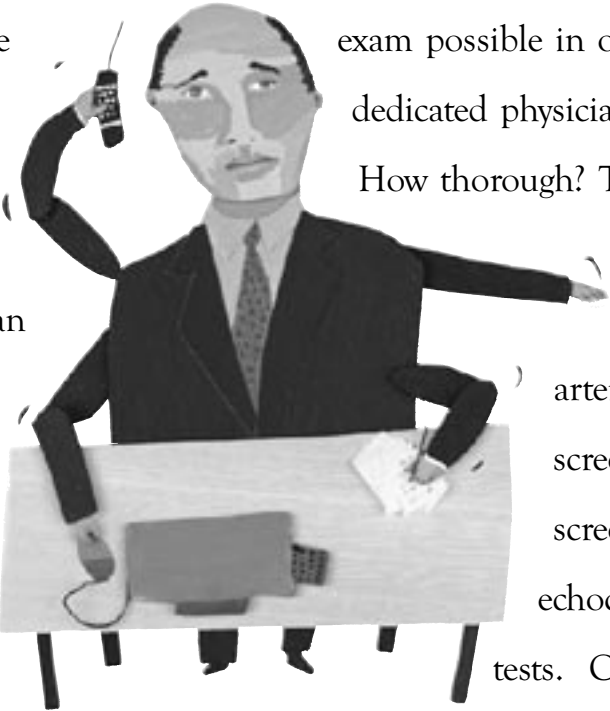
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# PASTIMES

## FREEZER BURN

FROM BEHIND THE STOVE

BRIAN LICHOROWIC

I mean no offense to those with busy schedules. I understand the toll today's world takes on families, but I simply don't understand why it's so hard for people to make a nice meal for their family and to sit down and eat together.

Recently, at Giant, I'm in a lengthy checkout line with my two bottles of \$4.59 wine, (relax it's for cooking) when I can't help but notice the grocery cart in line ahead of me packed full to the gills. An attractive woman is pushing it along with her three "plump" boys. I'm guessing ages ranging from 6 -13. At first glance, I assess that the cart contains nothing found in nature. Prepared frozen foods dominant the cart including a Stouffer's frozen spaghetti that the oldest boy digs out, announcing to his siblings that this is his diner choice for the evening.

Hungry Mans, frozen pies, frozen French fries, frozen pizzas and hamburgers, and the list goes on. Not even a frozen vegetable in the lot. At the bottom of the grocery cart abyss, at long last, was one organic item, packaged and pre-washed baby carrots. The grand finale was a quick rummage through the point-of-sale items and magazine rack with a quick selection of our country's finest rags, 'People,' 'Us' and 'In Style' pulling up the rear.

### Food for body and mind I surmise.

Why we are so obsessed with Angelina and Brad, Jen and Vince, the Alien baby born to Roseanne Barr or, my wife might disagree with me here, with the season's "it" shoes and "it" bags, when we ignore all education about what we put into our bodies.

We hold FDA missives as gospel. The same people who brought you those wonderful "Best Used Before" dates on dairy products. Having nothing to do with the freshness of milk but more about ensuring that the American Dairy Farmer can be assured of a product inventory rotation. An idea that everything including Pepsi™ and Coors Light caught on to. Making the USA one of the most repugnant nations for the amount of food we throw out based on a dim-witted date that is for marketing purposes. Really, has anyone ever had a bad can of soda?

Now the FDA has had an epiphany that we need smaller portions! See: <http://www.freemarketnews.com/WorldNews.asp?nid=14251>

What brain trust figured this out? Could it be that 64% of the US population is overweight and that 30% of those individuals are viley obese?

It's not my intention to make fun of this woman at the Giant check-out. I understand that in this day and age the absence of time and the national obsession with eating what you want immediately.

Why is food shopping and the preparation of food considered such a chore? The social equivalent of taking out the trash. In European countries food brings family and friends together. It all begins with the conscious anticipation of a pleasant endeavor; shopping for it, preparing it together and sitting down and enjoying the fruit of one's efforts. To me, life is about breaking bread together, communicating and connecting with the people we care about.

Parents can teach their children to appreciate and hold sacred the ritual of eating well by sharing the whole experience.

These recipes are my attempt to create a meal in the same or less amount of time it takes to cook a Hungary Man, to provide a level of healthy nutrition and to make a better tasting meal. We

are what we eat.

### Real Salisbury Steak

I'll be honest and say the first time I made this was a few days ago. I must say I awed myself. You'll be pleased to discover that it tastes much better than the frozen version and is much healthier and nutritious.

#### Salisbury Steak

1 3/4 lbs

1 1/2 tbs

2 tbs

2 tbs

Pinch

Pinch

1 clove

Sprinkle

Dollop

#### Gloria Swanson Sauce Knock Off

3 tbs

1 tsp

1/4 cup

Pinch

1 tbs

Pinch

1 tsp

Dash

Dash

For steak: Mix all ingredients together and shape into 6 individual small steaks, about 3/4" thick. Sprinkle with seasoned flour and brush with olive oil. Broil them for 5 to 6 minutes or more on each side, depending on degree of doneness desired.

For sauce: Melt butter with the rest of the ingredients. Blend well and bring almost to a boiling point. Arrange steaks on a hot platter and pour sauce over them.

#### Fresh Expeditious Pasta Sauce

You can make a dozen of these ahead of time and freeze them in Ziplocs. Use different herb combinations (just basil and tomatoes is great!). Make the kids real spaghetti for god sakes.

6

1/2

2 tbs

2 tbs

1 tbs

When cooking:

1 tbs

Tomatoes, ripe

Onion, small

Olive Oil

Oregano, fresh

Basil, fresh

Thyme, fresh

Butter

To cook: Thaw, place in saucepan with butter and bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Longer simmering will yield less but make a more intense sauce. It may be broken down with water, wine or my favorite, V8™.

#### High-Speed Beef and Noodles

8 oz

2

1 can

1 can

1/2 stick

1/2 lb

Egg noodles

Beef bouillon cubes

Mushroom soup

Mushrooms

(small- 4 oz.)

Butter

Ground beef lean

Boil noodles according to cooking instructions. Add bouillon cubes to boiling water (follow directions on bouillon cube jar). Pan fry ground beef in a skillet with mushrooms and drain. Drain noodles. Mix together noodles, butter, mushrooms, ground beef and soup. Salt and pepper to taste. Since soup is condensed, taste before adding salt.

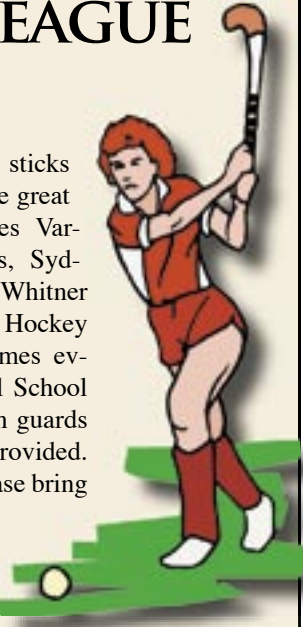
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## WELCOME HOME

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me and work in that direction until I feel the personality of the piece begin to form. When I paint for myself through my own instincts, I don't have to find that at all. It's just the opposite. Something will "make" me paint!"

There are people who want to decorate their house once and for all by filling the space with some things that fit and look nice. On the other hand, many of us love the hunt.

Collecting art over time can be exciting and adventurous. For collectors, patience finds that special piece that returns rewards for a lifetime. Auctions, country fairs, and antique shops are great places to find a certain artist or the unexpected. Of course originals or antique pieces usually hold their value, but, for me, if it's something my children drew or painted, it's priceless.

At the end of the day, artwork for the home is truly personal. Sometimes it takes one piece inherited from a family member, or stumbling on something when you least expect it to find a certain interest in a style or particular artist. Sofas and chairs, curtains and pillows come and go, but a work of art must reach into the soul to stand on it's own.

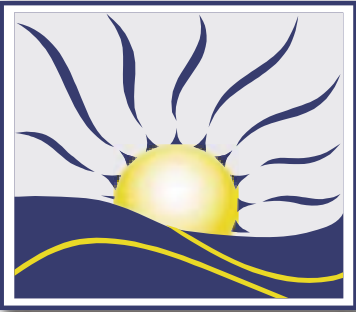
If you love it, you will find the perfect place for it!

# Good Citizenship Begins at Home



Megan Descutner, Director of Community and Government Relations for Broadlands Regional Medical Center, an HCA Virginia Facility presented a letter of commitment to Kim Hart, of the Windy Hill Foundation on June 13th, 2006. Karen Krei, Executive Director of the Piedmont Community Foundation announced that PCF has been selected by Windy Hill as the agent to handle all endowment funds for the Windy Hill Foundation.

For information on how you can support the Senior Housing Scholarship fund, contact Kim Hart at Windy Hill, 540-687-5866 or Karen Krei at the Piedmont Community Foundation, 540-687-5223.



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PASTIMES

MIDDLEBURG’S ART IN THE VILLAGE  
THE ART OF ART

TOM NEEL

Middleburg now has an art walk that takes place on the second Saturday of each month from 4 to 8 pm. The walk originated with Adrienne Lewis of Trowbridge-Lewis Gallery and Susan Byrne of The Byrne Gallery, both located along Washington Street. Starting with a few handfuls of traditional galleries, art-related gift shops and other businesses showcasing art for the evening, they embarked on something new for the town.

While new activities often start slowly, let’s explore what’s in it for you.

The idea of gallery or art walks is not new and, in fact, they have been going on around the country for many years with great success in places such as Scottsdale, AZ. and Camel, CA. And while the idea seems to be all about art, it’s really in my opinion, more about life...or the quality thereof.

It doesn’t take much observance to know that Middleburg rolls up the streets a bit on the early side after normal business hours, often becoming somewhat of a ghost town way before dark during the summer.

Without much in the way of outdoor dining or a movie theater this is understandable. But this is such a great time of the year to be out with friends and family strolling down Main Street. But when all the shop windows are dark and little door signs that say “closed” are amply in evidence, the message conveyed is, more or less, “go home” and we do.

So, you should think of Middleburg’s art walk first, as a catalyst to the opposite of that way of thinking. It’s a great time, “once every month” after regular business hours, when friends and family, husbands and wives who have been apart all day, can take a

walk, have conversation with no agenda and just relax in the pure enjoyment of being outdoors. The art walk offers mini destinations, some with wonderful art, some with wine tasting, a little snack here and there, where you can run into friends you may only be seeing when busy and on the move, but now have the time to take a nice stress relieving stroll together and just catch up on... life.

Now, being that Middleburg’s business health relies not only on the local population, but that of semi-local tourism, this type of activity also helps the restaurants and Inns, and lends charm and beauty to the town.

It’s not likely or necessary for all types of businesses to participate, but it is very helpful and I would think positive for most shops and galleries to try it. Think of it almost like the holiday season where, if only a handful of shops decorated their store fronts, one might say the spirit of the season would not be as high.

As for those of you who don’t live right around Middleburg, but love visiting, it really is a great time to do so, especially if you love art. Parking places are not only more available, but, by 3 p.m., parking is free. Some galleries will choose “Art in the Village” as a time to specially showcase artists and their newest works.

The Art in Middleburg walk is worth a try. You may discover something you love or somebody you like, take home a treasure or just leave your cares behind and enjoy!  
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SPIDERWORTS  
THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REXRODE

The spiderworts are near the end of their flowering period. These members of the Commelinaceae family have flowered for a very long period, producing a small flower from numerous buds, each opening for only one day. Intriguing plants, there are 70 species all told which include perennials, annuals and short lived herbs. The best known garden plants are derived from the species T. virginiana, a native of Virginia with a notable past and historical ties to England. Named after a keen plantsman, there were three John Tradescants, two of which were self taught botanists/plant collectors. They lived their lives in England during the seventeenth century and went on many plant excursions to other parts of the world.

The elder Tradescant (1570-1638) concentrated his plant collecting in Europe with trips to Paris, Russia, and Algiers. Working for nobility, his title as official plant collector allowed him access to nurseries and private estates. A few of the many plants traced back to the eldest John include Gladiolus byzantinus, Syringia persica (lilac), narcissus, crocus, and jasmine. His son John Tradescant (1608-62) the younger, followed in his father’s footsteps, having spent much of his life

working with his fathers collection, he was prepared for a trip to the new world, seeking unusual plants to bring home. Three trips brought him here to Virginia, all in the seventeenth century - 1637, 1642, and 1654, funded by Charles I. Arriving only 17 years after the pilgrims had come ashore in New England, the younger John was

the gardening public began to divorce itself from medicine and physic gardens primarily due to John Parkinson’s publication “Paradisi in Sole Paradisus Terrestris”, a publication that was devoted entirely to garden plants rather than medicinal herbs.

Given the numerous trips afforded the younger John Tradescant



to Virginia, his plant introductions included lupins, cornflowers, Michaelmas daisies, monarda, Virginia creeper, swamp cypress, red maple, Canadian columbine (Aquilegia canadensis), tulip poplar, poison ivy, and tradescantia. Both his fathers and John’s fondness for new and unique natural curiosities became a large museum complete with plants, shells, insects, and animals.

interested in plants other than herbs, vegetables or fruit bearing trees and shrubs, the one thing that had driven plant collecting from its earliest years. The collecting of plants in England meant herbs as the contemporary English garden housed medicinal and culinary herbs with flowering plants rarely allotted space. In the context of gardening at the time it was the botanists interest to hunt plants and classify them; the gardeners to hunt them and cultivate them; the apothecary’s to hunt and utilize them. It was this period in the seventeenth century when

ther and son that devoted so much to the history of plant collecting gives me a new found respect for the only plant that bears their name. The new, modern day hybrids bear little resemblance to the wild form, but I’m sure that a modern day John Tradescant would collect each and every hybrid available. He would carefully tend them and record their blooming periods, their ability to produce viable seed, and their ease of cross pollination. His time would probably be spent creating a better tradescantia.



THE SOUL OF THE HOME  
WELCOME HOME

WANDA K. CROSSLEY

It is said, “Every artist dips his brush in his own soul, and paints his own nature into his paintings.” If true, then there must also be a soulful connection between the artist, the art, and the admirer. For when a painting speaks to you it’s like sharing an experience or an emotion with the artist, across time and distance.

Of all the details of decorating a room, nothing communicates more naturally than artwork. Artwork for your home should be a reflection of your own personality or, perhaps, an expression of who you long to be. Whether your character is contemporary, modern, or traditional, artwork should inspire the design and feel of your living space.

Of all the wonderful local art, we have in Northern Virginia, I am drawn particularly to the unique

artistry of Pamela Steuart of Ashburn and of Kevin Chadwick of Waterford. These two artists have two very different styles but both are driven by emotional expression, whether it be impressionistic country landscapes, still life, or European cityscapes.

Pamela Steuart is as expressive as her paintings. “I like to paint contemporary trees and landscapes, then set them against very traditional (even impressionist) skyscapes. I also paint from a “fisheye” perspective and apply that technique to home portraiture.”

Pamela Steuart offers this advice for homeowner art admirers, “... the only criteria I think is worthwhile is that the piece speak to you personally. Art shouldn’t “match” and obviously a Picasso would be an investment, but why would you want to look at anything unless it makes your heart swell, puts you at peace, reminds you of a place, a time or a person. Art has to

evoke some emotional response with the owner.”

Independently, Kevin Chadwick agrees, “... you should also never buy a painting or work of art for the signature alone looking at it strictly from an investment standpoint. No one can predict the values and styles that fade in and out through the years. Art speaks to everyone differently and it doesn’t matter if you are looking at an old water painting or your son’s crayon drawing. If you respond to it and the art stirs an emotion, the painting is for you and will be treasured for years to come.”

Kevin Chadwick varies his style from impressionistic to tight realism, and is also a talented ‘copy’ artist. If given a painting technique to reproduce he can recreate most anything for a client.

However, both artists also agree that their best work comes from within their own souls. Chadwick says candidly, “... I find that when I am working on a canvas for a specific client’s need or request I tend to tense up a bit. A painting can easily show this tightness and I have to relax, trust my talent and let my creativity flow. When working on my own personal

paintings I am free to express myself and I can push myself in any direction. In the end, the only critic for those works is myself. I feel an artists best paintings are the personal ones done for only for themselves with total unbridled spontaneous emotion.”

Pamela Steuart concurs, “When I am working with a client, I have to take the requirements that they have given me, find a focus that “catches”



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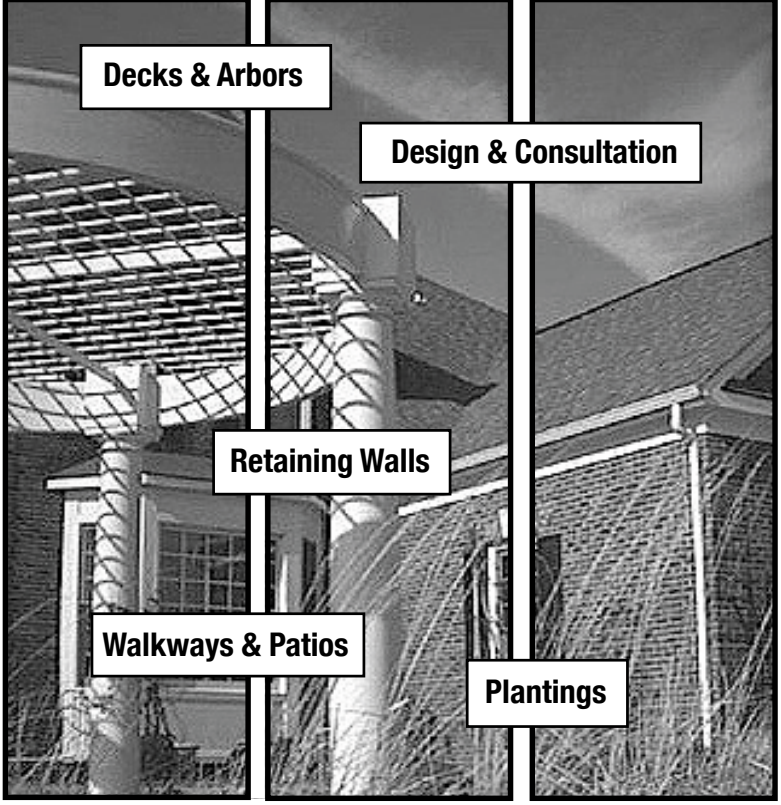


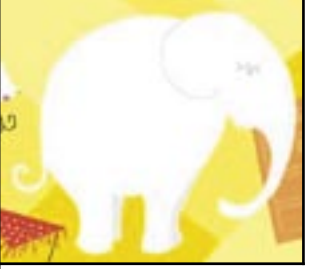
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## MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

The Loudoun County School Board has approved a change in attendance policies regarding Middleburg Elementary School.

In the past, students who lived outside of the Middleburg attendance boundary could only receive a special exception to attend Middleburg Elementary in a hardship circumstance. That rule has now been relaxed to allow Loudoun students from outside the Middleburg attendance area to attend Middleburg Elementary by special request.

Middleburg Elementary is located in the heart of the town of Middleburg at N. Madison Street. The school has the lowest student to teacher ratio in the county, and its faculty and academic programs have received wide recognition. Middleburg Elementary also boasts the highest parent volunteer rate of any elementary school in the entire county.

If you would like more information, then please contact Middleburg's principal, Gary Wilkers, at 703-771-6680.

## FOXCROFT SCHOOL NEWS



Beneath a placid gray sky, Foxcroft School graduated the members of the Class of 2006 Friday morning at the school's 92nd commencement. Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer awarded diplomas to 36 girls, who come from 11 states and three foreign countries and have received 122 acceptances to 87 colleges and universities.

The Hon. Ursula Griswold LaMotte, a 1959 alumna of Foxcroft and county legislator in Westchester County, N.Y., was the featured speaker and advised the graduates to find out what really interests them and pursue it, hold on to their high school friendships, expects bumps along the way and, especially, to always keep an understanding heart. Senior Class Speaker Michelle McAdam of Dallas, Tex, reminded her classmates to strive to be the best they can be while remembering to take time for fun and friendship. Foxcroft parent and Board of Trustees member William Weeks gave the invocation.

Adela Griswold of Middleburg, Va, received Foxcroft's most cherished student prize, the Charlotte Haxall Noland Award, for best combining the qualities that Miss Charlotte – who founded Foxcroft in 1914 – valued: high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishments and understanding. Griswold served as Student Head of School this past year, is a National Merit Scholarship Commended Student and was elected to the Foxcroft Chapter of Cum Laude Society.

Clara Bertozzi-Villa, a Bloomington, Ind. senior who was elected to Cum Laude as a junior, was the Class Valedictorian and also received the Pillsbury Award for scholarship, amiability, courage and wisdom. Lindsay Jennings of Ashburn, Va., was the Salutatorian and was induction Friday into the Cum Laude Society, along with classmates Nicole Baudouin (Mexico City), Caroline Haerberle (Ashland, Ky), Sarah Hinton (Res-

## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Adela Griswold of Middleburg graduated from the Foxcroft School Friday, May 26, at the School's 92nd commencement. She was one of 36 students from 11 states and four countries awarded diplomas by Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer.

Griswold, who plans to attend Duke University in the fall, also won Foxcroft's most cherished student prize, the Charlotte Haxall Noland Award. Given in memory of the School's founder, the award goes to the student who best combines the qualities that Miss Charlotte valued:

## MIDDLEBURG LIBRARY NEWS

Middleburg Library Advisory Board Inc is pleased to announce the winners of the 2006 book scholarship.

Chloe Grayson of Middleburg, VA graduated from Notre Dame Academy and will attend George Mason University. Ellen McWade of Middleburg, Va graduated from Foxcroft School and will attend Marymount College-Manhattan. Mona Botwick, President of the Middleburg Library Advisory Board presented each student with a check for \$400 to be spent on books for the Fall Semester.

Successful candidates must complete an application form, supply a current official high school transcript and live within specific zip code areas surrounding the Town of Middleburg. The Middleburg Library Advisory Board Inc provides supplemental support for activities of the Middleburg Library, a branch of the Loudoun County Public Library system.

## NOTRE DANE ACADEMY NEWS



Melissa Clough, a sophomore at Notre Dame Academy, was recently recognized with the St. Julie Billiard Award for Service, the school's highest honor. The award recognizes the student who most exemplifies a life dedicated to service to others and the values of St. Julie. Julie Billiard founded the sisters of Notre Dame, whose mission it is to serve. Melissa contributed more than 300 hours of service this past school year, including volunteering as a catechist at St. John the Apostle, her parish in Leesburg; Catholic Heart Workcamp; being a student ambassador at her school; and volunteering for numerous organizations and events in the community. The recognition, usually reserved for a junior, was given to a sophomore this year for only the second time in the school's 40 year history.

high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishments and understanding. Griswold also shared the Haythe Science Award with Caroline Haerberle of Ashland, KY, earned National Merit Scholarship Commended Student status and was elected to the Foxcroft Chapter of the Cum Laude Society. She served as the school's Student Head of School during the past year.



Kim and Linda Hart are also pleased to announce that their daughter, Celie, has graduated from Concord Academy in Concord, MA. Celie's Senior Thesis in History was a review of the 1862 Battle of Unison. Her Senior Thesis in Environmental Science was a website on the meaning of "Organic" products. Celie served as the head of the Women's Organization at CA and as Co-Captain of the Field Hockey Team. During a semester away at the High Mountain Institute in Colorado, Celie received her certification as a Wilderness First Responder. Celie will be working at the Backstreet Café this summer and will be attending Boston University this fall.



Kim and Linda Hart are pleased to announce that their daughter, Sarah Montana, has graduated cum laude from Barnard College at Columbia University with a double major in Theater and Religion. Her Senior Thesis in Theater, which received Departmental Honors, was to serve as dramaturge for the Off Broadway production of Goethe's Faust by the Target Margin Theater Company. Her Senior Thesis in Religion was a detailed analysis of the networking and communications structure of Al Qaeda. Sarah also served as the Co-Captain of the Columbia University Equestrian Team which won their IHSA regional championship this year. In July, Sarah will begin work as a paralegal for the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in the Special Victims Unit (the "real" Law and Order).

**Josh McLaughlin**

Josh McLaughlin recently graduated with honors on his outstanding academic achievements as a Scholar of the College of Arts and Sciences from the University of Montana where he made the Dean's List.

A 2002 graduate of Fauquier High School, he took a year to travel and climb Denali {Mt. McKinley, Alaska} with friends between high

school graduation and beginning his first year of university.

Josh, who graduated with a double major in Environmental Studies and Geography, will begin working with the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry this summer in Portland, Oregon.



Julie Hoppman of The Plains, graduated from the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, VA, Friday, May 26, at the School's 92nd commencement. They were among 36 students from 11 states and four countries awarded diplomas by Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer.

Hoppman, who captained Foxcroft's outstanding field hockey team last fall and played on the 9-3 lacrosse team this spring, will attend Springfield College in Massachusetts. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter



Emily Wheelwright of The Plains, graduated from the Foxcroft School in Middleburg, VA, Friday, May 26, at the School's 92nd commencement. They were among 36 students from 11 states and four countries awarded diplomas by Head of School Mary Louise Leipheimer.

Wheelwright, who plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, TN, was awarded the School's Eustis Prize by the School's English Department at the previous day at the annual awards assembly. The Eustis Prize, Foxcroft's highest English honor, is awarded in memory of Edith Eustis '28 to the girl who has shown the most outstanding interest and competence in the study of English literature. Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheelwright of The Plains.

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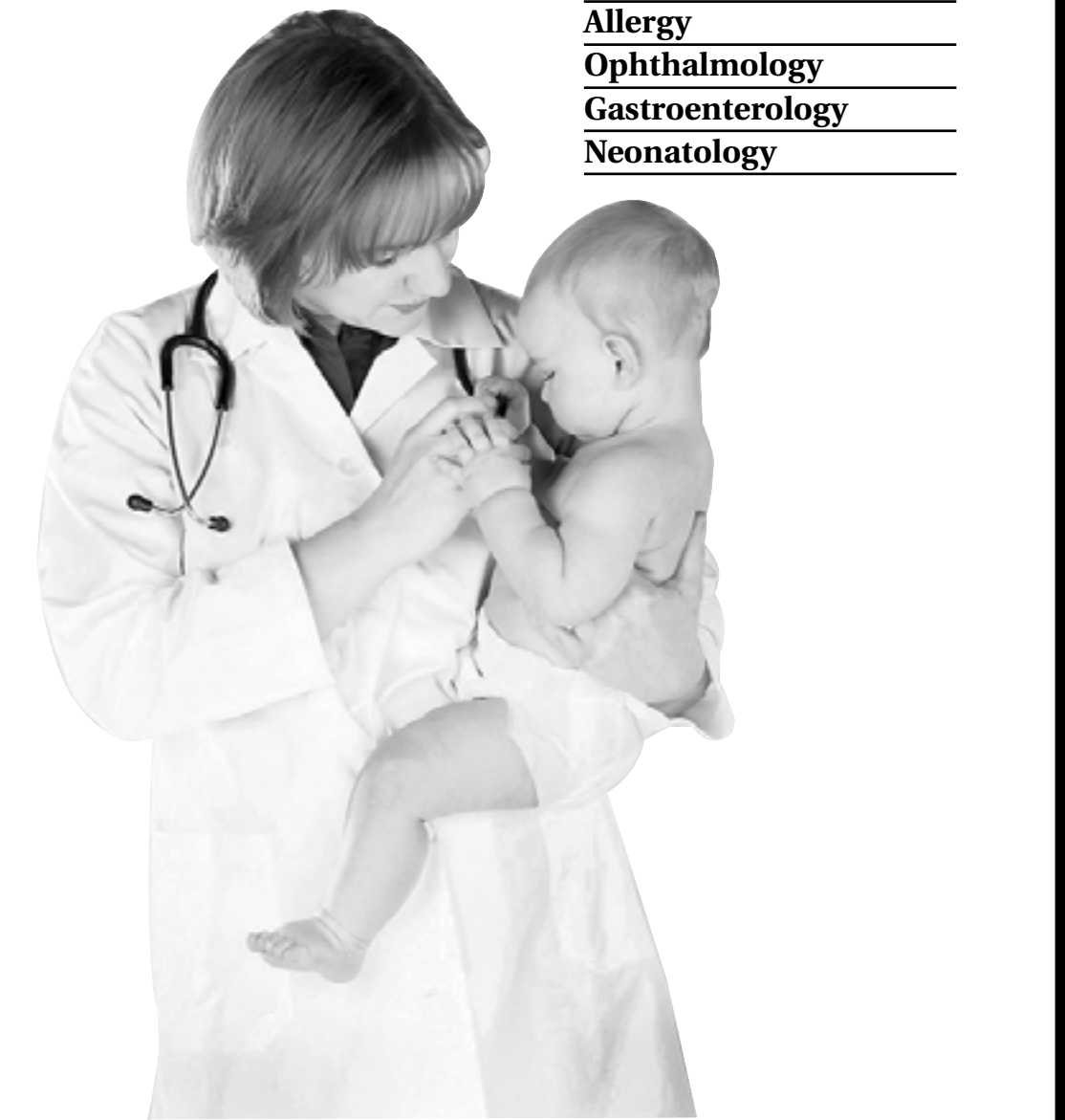
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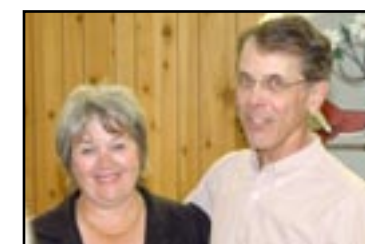


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Gates open at 4:00 pm and close shortly after the fireworks.

Tickets are on sale now. Visit [www.greatmeadow.org](http://www.greatmeadow.org) to view reserved ticket options, purchase tickets, find ticket outlets, or get more information on the day's events. To register for the Vermonster Ice Cream Eating Challenge or the Great Meadow Idol Talent Contest, call 540-253-5000 or for more information.

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#### July 2006

#### Saturday, July 1

Bat Walk from 8:00 to 9:00 PM  
Look for these flying mammals as they wake and start their evening bug hunt. Meet at the parking area by the fishing pond off Rt. 17.

#### Sunday, July 2

Celtic Music at "Skye Farm" between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. Robert Hadow, a former owner of this scenic property, named it "Skye Farm" after Scotland's Isle of Skye. Admire the tranquil view while listening to music by the Winchester Celtic Circle.

#### Saturday, July 8

Appreciating Venomous Snakes between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. The beauty, mystery, and drama of venomous snakes will be apparent from this display of snakes from around the world. Venomous snake expert Brad Ross will be available to answer questions. Cameras are welcome.

#### Saturday, July 15

Wildflower Walk from 10:30 AM to noon. Get better acquainted with local wildflowers on this easy, one-mile walk. Learn how to use a field guide to identify new flowers. Please bring water and wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the Bridle Trail parking lot. (1 mile)

#### Saturday, July 22

Flutter By, Butterfly from 10:30 am to noon. See and identify these colorful park residents with naturalist Scott Baron. Binoculars are helpful, but not essential. Please wear sturdy shoes. (2 miles)

Astronomy for Everyone from 8:30 to 11:00 PM. As the sky darkens, find out about U.S. space research from the NASA Jet Propulsion Lab's "Solar System Ambassadors." At dark, take a sky tour with Sean O'Brien of the Smithsonian's Albert Einstein Planetarium, and look for deep sky objects through large telescopes with the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club. If the sky is cloudy, only the NASA/JPL program will be presented, and the park gates will close at 10:00 PM.

### Sunday, July 23

Any Rattlesnakes Here? Between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. Rattlesnakes seldom crawl through Sky Meadows State Park, so here's your chance to see some and find out about them from wildlife biologist Marty Martin. He has studied rattlesnakes for over 25 years, so feel free to ask him about the animals he will have on display.

### Saturday, July 29

Hearth Cooking from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. See how your ancestors might have prepared and cooked their meals in 1860. Try your own hand at open fire cooking. Please wear only natural fabric clothing, (i.e. cotton, linen, wool).

### Sunday, July 30

Celtic Music at "Skye Farm" between 2:00 and 4:00 PM (See July 2)

### FOUR SEASONS OF OATLANDS' SUMMER EXHIBIT Popular Art Show Returns for the Eighth Year

Oatlands Plantation, a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will hold its annual "Four Seasons of Oatlands" Art Show & Sale. The show will run from July 9 through August 20, 2006. The show and sale is a benefit for Oatlands and there is no charge for admission to see the art. The show is located in the historic Carriage House on the property.

"We are so pleased to be able to hold such an exceptional show this year," states Oatlands Executive Director David Boyce. "Each year the show increases both its quality and diversity of art and...it continues to gain enormous support from the region's art community."

"We will have a wonderful representation of art in different media depicting Oatlands," explains Cindy Bridgman, Oatlands director of development, who organized this year's show. "We're especially pleased to showcase student artwork in support of art education in the community," Bridgman adds.

The criteria of the show will include images of the Mosby Heritage area, which encompasses Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Warren counties in Virginia and Jefferson County in West Virginia. The show will also include artwork from the endangered Route 15 corridor from Gettysburg, Penn. to Monticello, Va., called the "Journey through Hallowed Ground."

Shows over the past seven years have generated significant works of art and have depicted evocative and beautiful details of the property. More than 80 artists and 200 pieces were showcased last year. Besides capturing the artistic images throughout the Mosby Heritage area and the Route 15 corridor, artists are also invited to Oatlands all year, free of charge, to capture the many compelling images throughout its 360-acres of history.

The Art Show and Gift Shop are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The "Four Seasons of Oatlands" is open free to the public.

Proceeds from the art sale benefit Oatlands, Inc. a non-profit organization that maintains, exhibits and interprets the cultural and historical significance of the Oatlands property to the public.

Oatlands is located six miles south of Leesburg on U.S. Route 15. For more information, call 703-777-3174 or visit [www.oatlands.org](http://www.oatlands.org).

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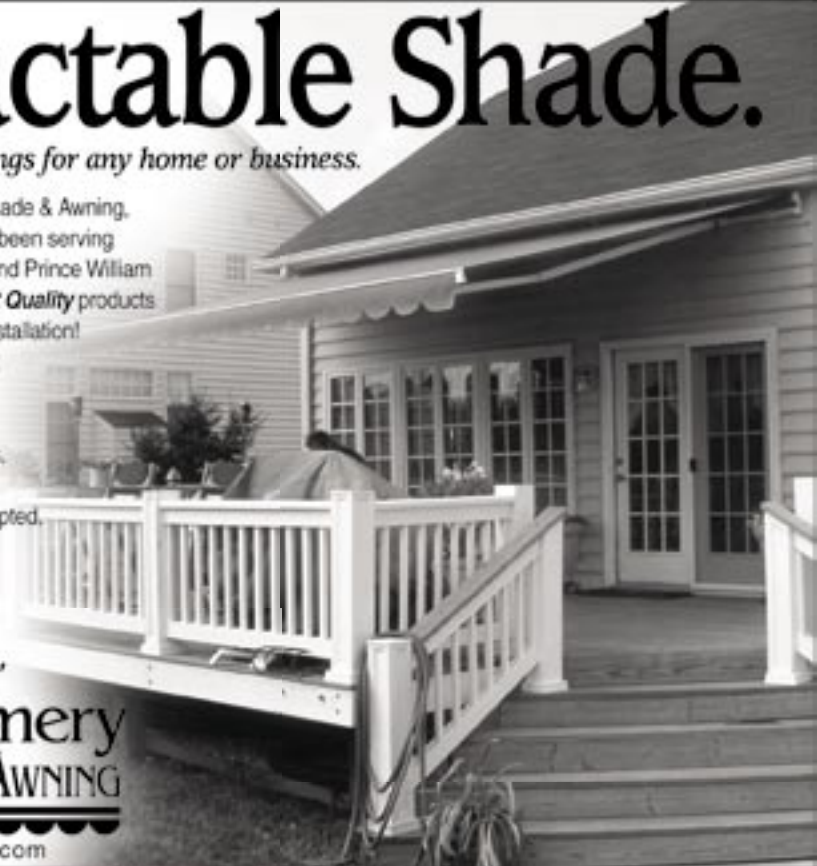
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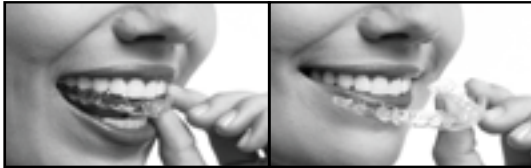
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**MAX** — Max is a bubbly 2 year old chocolate lab mix who was found in a ditch, skin and bones and hit by a car. He has fully recovered and is doing great! Max just completed a 6 week obedience class and was the star of his class! Max does well with



**BRAMLEY** — Katrina Survivor - Bramley is a young gal who we rescued from New Orleans. Bramley gets along well with other dogs, is well mannered and is a great watch dog. She is the perfect barn friend!

**MYLES**— Myles is an Otter Hound mix who came to us from a county shelter where his time was up. Myles is not comfortable around children though. He recently completed a 6 week obedience class and is very smart and well man-



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**SHORTY**— Shorty is an old fashioned short legged Beagle. He looks like he has Dachshund in him; his legs are super squatty— a very cute little guy! Shorty has a fun personality— he is shy when you first meet him but he loves kitties, kids and all other dogs.



**BIG BIRD** — Big Bird is a very sweet but shy Beagle. He loves other dogs and is very gentle. He came from a very sad place and he needs someone who is willing to be patient, loving and kind with him. Once he knows you, he is a love muffin!



**RUCKER** — A terrific young man. Rucker came out of a county shelter where his time was up. 1-2 year old Cattle Dog who is very smart, plays beautifully with all other dogs and loves everyone!



**ETNIE** — A lovely young lady who came to us with her 9 babies. She was in horrible shape but is now very healthy and happy! She recently completed a 6 week obedience class and did beautifully! Etnie would do best in a home with lots of activity or room to run. She is incredibly sweet!



**BAGEL**—A handsome chap— It's hard to understand why Bagel is still here! Bagel is housetrained, walks beautifully on a leash, loves car rides, is great with cats and plays well with all

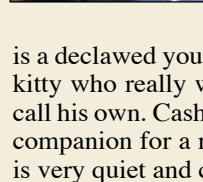
**PAPOOSE**—This little pony is quite attractive! He is a 1 \_ year old blanket Appaloosa POA that we recently rescued from a nasty livestock sale. Papoose has good ground manners and is a quick learner. He has tons of potential and a big future!



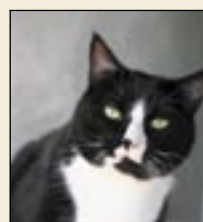
**HERCULES**— An absolutely gorgeous 12H bay pony. Hercules is 5 years old, recently castrated, and a terrific mover! He has terrific ground manners but has been mishandled so is learning to trust. He will make a great lead line / child's pony.



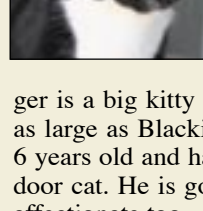
**KITTENS** —Puppy kitten season is here. Please call to find out about the little kidlets that have joined us!



**CASH** — Cash is a declawed young neutered male kitty who really wants a person to call his own. Cash would be a great companion for a retired person, he is very quiet and clean.



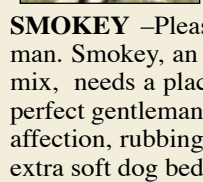
**BLACKIE** —19 pounds of kitty love! Yes, Blackie is a huge cat but very healthy and very affectionate. He and his brother are 6 years old and have always lived as indoor kitties.



**TIGGER** — Blackie's brother, Tigger is a big kitty too but not quite as large as Blackie! Tigger is also 6 years old and has lived as an indoor cat. He is gorgeous and very affectionate too.



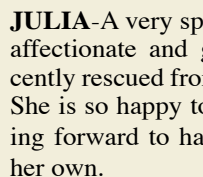
**BUDDY** — You simply don't get any cuter than this! Buddy is a 2 year old Bassett Hound mix from Alabama - a Katrina survivor. Buddy loves belly rubs!



**SMOKEY** —Please help this sad old man. Smokey, an 8 year old Shepherd mix, needs a place to retire. He is the perfect gentleman who adores kikkies, affection, rubbing his face on you and extra soft dog beds



**CYNTHIA** —Pit Bull, \_ hippopotamus! This is one cute dog! We have known Cynthia since she was a pup, she is a terrific dog. She is about 3 years old. She has grown up with tons of kids of all ages and truly adores them. Cynthia needs a home as an only dog.



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No one likes to think about it, but we live in an area that is crawling with ticks. There are about 200 species of these horrible little pests in the United States. The mid-Atlantic has the dubious honor of being home to a vast population of Deer ticks, a particularly dangerous type of tick that transmits Lyme disease. Lyme disease can cause lameness, swollen joints, fever, loss of appetite, fatigue and vomiting. It is critically serious and life-altering to dogs and cats (as well as to people).

Deer ticks, unfortunately, are extremely small. Some are so small that they are difficult to see. When a tick is buried in a pet's thick fur, it can be practically impossible to find these tenacious creatures. You should very closely examine pets for ticks every time they have been in areas of high tick exposure — paying close attention to the head and ears.

The best way to fight ticks, however, is to prevent exposure to them in the first place.

It is very important to limit where your animals go when they are outside. The areas they are in should be well-manicured. Ticks inhabit tall grasses and woods and avoid mowed lawns. If you go for walks with your dog, stay in open areas and avoid thick brush. And definitely don't let your dog or cat romp in uncut fields — it might look like fun for them (and it is) but the price of that fun could be frighteningly high.

Another method of prevention is to apply topical treatments. The problem, however, is that topical treatments require administering a toxin to your four-legged friend. It becomes an issue of balancing risks and benefits. If you use a topical treatment, read the entire label before you apply it and consult your vet if you have questions. You should also:

- Follow directions exactly
- Wash your hands
- Never give your cat a treatment designed for dogs

If your best efforts at prevention fail and you still find a tick on your pet, remove the tick immediately with tweezers. Do not remove the tick with your fingers as you can cause it to inject more poison. It can take hours for a tick to transmit disease, so just finding a tick does not mean that your pet is already infected. After you've removed the tick, clean the bite site, your hands and the tweezers with disinfectant. If you suspect that the tick may have already transmitted disease, place the tick in a small container and label it with the date, your pet's name, your name and your phone number so that your vet can analyze it.

Believe me, this kind of column is my least favorite to write. There are so many upbeat topics I would rather discuss! But I'm pretty ticked off, if you will, and I'm hoping I can help readers to avoid a few more cases of Lyme disease this summer. I promise my next column will be fun — it's going to be about Dog Day in August, which will be held on Saturday, August 5. Stay tuned!

*Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wagg, a shop for dogs, cats, and their people, in Middleburg and Fairfax.*



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