



COUNCIL TO SCHOOL BOARD: UPPERVILLE KICK OFF PARTY

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SAVE MIDDLEBURG SCHOOL!

DAN MORROW

Background: The January Budget

Amidst fears that Middleburg's century-old, 85-student elementary school might soon be closed, Town Council unanimously adopted a "Resolution in Opposition to the Consolidation of Middleburg and Aldie Elementary Schools" at its regular monthly meeting on May 8.

With Mayor Betsy Davis absent because of illness, Vice Mayor Darlene Kirk presided over Council's dispatch of a pointed message to the county's school board.

Noting that Middleburg Elementary is "... a shining example of the benefits of small class sizes ...", Council noted that keeping the school would also serve to keep

Though directly inspired by Martha Cotter, Terry Demanski, and Dave Quinback's impassioned remarks at Council's Thursday, April 24 work session, the school closing issue had been simmering since at least early January, when the Loudoun County School Board, by an 8-1 vote, sent a \$795 million fiscal-year-2009 budget to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Included in the doomed January proposal, however, were much-welcomed plans for full-day kindergartens at Aldie, Hillsboro, Lincoln and Middleburg elementary schools.

To the observant, the good news about kindergarten expansion contained clear hints of possible justification for future consolidations and closings.

Though Loudoun County had long hoped to extend full-day kindergarten instruction across the county, the four schools mentioned were operating at less than full capacity. They had been chosen for kindergarten expansion, in large part because they were under-enrolled and had room for extra children. Worse, the proposal had been passed by a slim, 5-4-1 School Board majority.

Estimates that a tax increase of just over 14% would be required to fund the \$73 million, 15%, year-over-year increase, soon led to talks of budget cuts.

Budget Cuts and New Ideas

By early April, real and projected concerns about County revenues led Superintendent, Edgar B. Hatrick, to recommend budget cuts of nearly \$49 million in the school budge. In the process he noted that for 2009-2010, he might well recommend closing of some of the county's "smaller elementary schools" and, in at least one work session, specifically mentioned Middleburg and Aldie.

Proposals also surfaced to increase class size, teach students from more than one grade in a single classroom, and limit enrollments.

By mid April, however, both Middleburg Elementary Principal Gary Wilkers and Aldie's Jennifer Reukert had been compelled to send letters to parents warning that budget cuts would require an increase in class sizes and the teaching of combined-grade classes. Two teachers had been cut from Wilker's staff in Middleburg and one from Reukert's faculty in Aldie.

On the bright side, by cutting a \$160 thousand line-item for electronic white boards, and a \$33 thousand appropriation for personal-digital-assistants for phys-ed teachers, the Board managed to save enough money to allow Superintendent Hatrick to add full-day kindergarten classes, but to only three instead of four schools. The Board left the choice of schools up to the Superintendent.

Middleburg and Aldie Parents Unite

Middleburg and Aldie parents soon joined others to protest what they saw as both bad short term policy, and disturbing signs of clear intent to close Middleburg and Aldie Elementary by the autumn of the 2009-2010 school year.

School Board and County authorities did their best to reassure the concerned parents. Leesburg Today's Margaret Morton quoted Public Information Officer, Wayne Byard on April 17. "It is real tentative," he said, adding the only thing set in stone was the grade combinations in several schools." Byard also noted that "at least a year's notice" would be required before actually closing a school.

Both Blue Ridge District County Supervisor, Jim Burton, and Priscilla Godfrey, the district's School Board Representative, vowed to oppose any

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com - muting to a minimum, serve the "mental well-being" of the community's children; prepare for the inevitable increase in enrollment as new housing develops around the Salamander Inn; and provide Middleburg's residents with "a visible program for their County tax dollars."

Council then formally urged the School Board to "recommit themselves to ensuring the educational viability of all Loudoun County schools by: 1) ... keeping the Middleburg Elementary School operations as they currently exist ...; 2) continuing the county's policy of "Open Enrollment" to allow any eligible child in the county to enroll in any school with room to accept them; and 3) implementing "... full-day kindergarten at the Middleburg Elementary School beginning in the fall of 2008.

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THE BLUE & GRAY BALL BENEFIT



At The Blue & Gray Ball Benefit for The John S. Mosby Museum Foundation, Manuel and Mary Johnson, Uylen and Bradley O'Leary, Daniel Morrow, Ursula Landrath and Ken Rietz enjoy the elegant and traditional festivities at the eighth annual event. Over the years, support for the event has contributed to the preservation and restoration of Brentmoor, the Spillman-Mosby House in Warrenton and to the efforts of the John Singleton Mosby Museum Foundation. The Brentmoor restoration will be complete by the end of this summer. Guests greatly enjoyed the formations of the Black Horse Cavalry at the Inn at Kelly's Ford. Photo credit to Patricia Melusky of Warrenton.

THE JOURNEY DESIGNATED
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA



Cate Magennis Wyatt, President of the Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership, and Nick Arundel, Chairman of the Journey's Board of Directors, celebrate a year of major achievement recently at their annual board meeting at Montpelier. The highlight of the year was undoubtedly President George Bush's endorsement of the Journey when he signed the 38th National Heritage Area into law. The legislation, S.2739, passed both the House and the Senate by significant margins. The ITHG NHA recognizes the unparalleled cultural, historic, and scenic resources within the nation's ITHG corridor, the only one that currently follows the Old Carolina Road (Rt. 15/231) from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania through Maryland to Monticello in Albemarle County, Virginia. "We owe Cate a tremendous debt of thanks for this achievement," said Arundel. "Without her leadership and perseverance, this simply would not have happened."

GENEROUS NURSERYMEN GIVE OF TIME, TREES AND TRIMMING



Middleburg and Upperville were the beneficiaries of kind gifts and assistance from Terry Martin, right, of Tree Movers who planted the Arbor Day tree, donated by Middleburg Beautification Inc., at Middleburg Elementary and Jack Eden of South Riding Nursery who brought a truck full of trees and decorative garden pieces to brighten Jump Into Spring and the Upperville Horse Show Kick-Off festivities.

U.S. WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM WILL
WEAR WENDY PEPPER'S PRETTY WORLD



Thrilled to be chosen as the designer for the 2008 U.S. Women's Soccer Team, Middleburg Designer Wendy Pepper is pictured above with team members from left, Natasha Kai, Brianna Scurry, Wendy Pepper, Stephanie Cox, and Shannon Boxx. All are wearing one of the many outfits Wendy will design for their 2008 season tour.



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WHOOOOO WAS THAT OWL IN THE PAINTING

Jay Burch had just moved to her Upperville studio and was driving back there from a Hal-Jensen Party about 2 a.m. in Indian Square costume dress when an enormous owl leapt from tall grasses at the side of the road into her headlights.

"I felt the car hit him awfully hard," Burch said. "I knew that it is extra bad karma to harm a powerfully mystical creature like an owl, so I stopped and wandered along the old country road until I spotted something white on a fence in the dim moonlight."

There, upside down, wings extended, was the owl. He was tangled in a barbed wire fence and thorny vines looking absolutely helpless.

Jay found a sheet in her car and as she gently put it over the owl so she could control his movements, a stranger stopped to help.

"He bit my finger with amazing beak power and resisted ferociously, but we got him untangled and wrapped snugly so his claws were no threat."

By the time she arrived at her studio a mile away, he had managed to wiggle out of the sheet and sat calmly in the seat next to her looking at her with an innocent gaze.

"I was stunned by his beauty," Burch said. "He was an ideal cage until morning because she feared the owl was seriously injured and that she would never catch him again if she let him go."

That night Jay called friends and contacts and found "The Blue Ridge Rapture Rehab," which she telephoned immediately and left a message.

All that night she sat with the owl and tried to soothe him with her voice and intention.

"I really felt it was an honor to be this close to such a huge, beautiful bird!"

Early that morning, Betty, drove up from Blue Ridge Rehab. Wearing thick gloves to handle him, she put him in a cage she had brought with her. Jay could see that his eye was injured.

As time went by, Jay learned

that an eye doctor for humans had volunteered to operate on the owl's eye. When she was invited to visit the owl as he recuperated, she met three other barred owls, some hawks and tiny owls in varying stages of recuperation.

After several months, Betty called Jay and invited her to join her and the ophthalmologist who had saved the owl's eye when the owl would be released.

"We met in a huge field near his territory and set him free. As we watched him fly to the tallest tree top, all we could say was 'Wow!'"

But the story doesn't end with the owl's release.

A year went by and one mid-summer afternoon, as Jay drove along an old dirt road, she suddenly stopped the car with a need to survey the trees closely.

"It seemed odd to me, but as I looked closely, not six feet away, were two baby barred owls on a branch to my left. Looking further, I spotted two more baby barred owls

perched on a branch to my right. They resembled finials or decorations on a gate to paradise. I was transfixed by how beautiful, how still and how close they were."

Then, from a tree much farther away, an enormous adult owl swooped in, fed each one and flew away.

"I am 90% positive that it could not possibly be the same owl I rescued, but it is within the realm of possibility. Why did I stop here? Why precisely at that moment?"

It is these thoughts and memories that form the origin of Jay's beautiful owl painting shown here. She has learned a lot about barred owls since she rescued one.

They are attracted to light and often signals a feast. Because of this, unfortunately, headlights attract barred owls.

They need low, swamp-like places for habitat and pine tree plants can disturb or ruin their territory. They fear one larger hawk and human activity.



She has also learned that there is real magic to be discovered if one makes a commitment to be sensitive and responsive to living with beautiful creatures and their habitat.

"If we make a commitment to protect these wonderful nature spirits and the hidden places they inhabit, I promise you, your life will be better."

DELIGHTFUL ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR PEACE & PLENTY EXTRAVAGANZA

POOL TABLE, TIFFANY LAMP, DELL LAPTOP, FABULOUS HOLIDAYS, ELIZABETH LOCKE AND MARILYN MONROE TO BE AUCTIONED

Ferocious live and silent auction will enliven Middleburg Humane Foundation's black-tie dinner dance Saturday June 14th at Peace & Plenty at Bollingbrook Plantation in Upperville, Virginia. Although the evening's festivities are always spectacular, the auction items this year are truly exceptional.

The popular annual event, chaired by Honore Rose Marie Bogley at her beautiful estate is always an evening to remember whether you enjoy dining at one of the most stunning estates in the Piedmont, meeting friends and new acquaintances who are devoted to the welfare of animals, seeing the imaginative classical and modern competitive tableaux or bidding on exceptional items donated by Foundation friends and board members.

Because Middleburg Humane Foundation is a private shelter it depends entirely on the grace and generosity of friends who enthusiastically support Director Hilkey Bogley's goal of creating a more humane and responsible community that all animals, large and small, have the right to safe and sanitary living conditions.

"Our annual benefit at Peace & Plenty helps us enormously as we work to protect all animals from abuse and neglect," Hilkey explained. "Animals depend on us for lives free from pain and fear."

Guests at the gala will also meet many MHP animals who are lucky enough to receive invitations.

This year, Whisper, a darling beneficiary of the Foundation's kindness, is the party co-chair dog. Rescued by MHP last November, the sweet, white fellow is deaf and visually impaired, but is now adored by a family in an awesome home.

Co-Chairs for the fourteenth annual include MHP President and Founder Hilkey J. Bogley; Rose Marie Bogley; Lea Ben Dov, Honorary Member; Elizabeth Wolf; John Zupersky; Honorary Party Co-Chairs are Dr. Jean Loomis, Dr. Andrea Russell, Dr. Jack Lowe, Dr. Janet McKim, and The Honorable John Warner.

In addition to games of chance, music by The Whelan Project and scrumptious catering by Back Street Café, the live and silent auction this year is well worth the price of admission.

Auctioneer Clyde Lamond will in-

terduce and describe the many items up for bid.

Among the many beautiful, exceptional, one and limited items is a limited edition photograph of Marilyn Monroe taken in 1965 by U.S. Army photographer David Conner on the orders of Captain Ronald Reagan. The image is from her first professional portfolio that helped her secure her first modeling and cover girl assignments. She changed her name from Norma Jean within a year of the photo session and reportedly attributed her "big break" to the photographs.

Auction tips for the photographs include a week on Chincoteague Island, a week on the Outer Banks and a week in Amsterdam.

A classically beautiful formal pool table, a leather sofa upon which one could recline in any English manor house, spectacular Elizabeth Locke earrings, both floating for four horses and a gorgeous clawfoot round oak table with six chairs are among the amazing number of items provided by friends of the Foundation.

Guests will also have an opportunity to bid on fine and landscape services, fine wine, fine art, equine and pet services of all kinds, golf lessons, delicious dining, Gold Cup juries, fabulous fashions, pet portraits, beautiful decorative objects, unique ceramics, flowers and plants and so much more.

Delicate decorations will be donated by generous designers who always create the exquisite style and settings that have become a hallmark of the MHP event.

"We are so grateful to each of the many individuals, organizations and enterprises who help to make this one of the most fun and exciting benefits of the year," Hilkey emphasized. "It is their many kindnesses and amazing generosity that allow us to continue to provide a safe haven for animals who, otherwise, would have miserable lives, or no lives at all."

The charming auction cover art featuring "Big Dog" who was rescued by MHP in November of 2007, is the work of local artist Robert Liberman. His painting will also be auctioned during the evening.

Advance tickets for \$275 per person are available from Middleburg Humane Foundation - www.middleburghumane.com, or 540-364-3272.



With 80% of Loudoun residents facing the empty bus transportation, drastically no question about Loudoun County needing a second hospital. And when you look at where most Loudoun residents live, there's really no question about Loudoun being the right location. It's the only real question is how quickly can HCA and have workable able to meet Loudoun's growing health care needs?

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NEWS OF NOTE

HISTORIC RENOVATION TAX CREDIT FOR PURCELLVILLE

Purcellville businessman Robert Lauten was recently approved by the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Historic Resources for a substantial tax credit for historic renovation work on the building at 131-133 East Main Street.

Directly across from the Purcellville Town Hall, the building houses Lauten Construction Company and Piper Dan's Celtic Shop.

It was formerly an antique store, an inn and boardinghouse, and also served as a stagecoach stop. It was originally the home of Valentine V. Purcell, the town's first Postmaster.

The work integrated well with Lauten Construction Company's historic renovation and general remodeling business and the extensive work the firm handled included interior and exterior renovations at

the site; removal of an old fuel tank; replacement of the main sewer line; installation of a new roof and gutters; construction of a new stone porch; heating and cooling systems; shutters and painting.

In 2006 the Town of Purcellville was successful in having the central area of the town, including the historic downtown, designated as a State and National Historic District. Those who renovate contributing buildings within the Historic District are eligible to apply for both State and Federal tax credits for those renovations.

The Town of Purcellville offered a Tax Credit seminar in 2006 for property owners, which started the ball rolling for Lauten.

Because his Main Street building is within the Historic District, the work he hoped to do on it when it was purchased in 2000, was done

to Historic Renovation standards to ensure that it would qualify for tax credits. Now that the tax credits have been approved, Lauten says the wait was "well worth it."

Nichelle Marshall in the Lauten office handled most of the paperwork for the renovation and said the process went fairly smoothly. "It is most important to keep good records," she said. "You need to understand fully all the information that will be required for approval so you can keep really detailed records during each stage of renovation."

For further information on the Town's historic district or the tax credit program, contact the Purcellville Planning Department at 540-338-2304.

SUMMER BRINGS SEERSUCKER THURSDAY TO SENATE AND TO THE PIEDMONT

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According to "The New Member's Guide to Traditions of the United States Senate" by Richard A. Baker, in the late 1900's, Mississippi Senator Trent Loft decided the time had come to revive a long-forgotten Senate sartorial tradition.

He selected a nice and warm Thursday in the second or third week of June and named it "Seersucker Thursday." Loft's goal was simply to cool down the club, predictable attire of senators, but it quickly gained popularity and members received warning in plenty of time to freshen up their seersucker suits.

In 2004, California Senator Diane Feinstein decided to encourage participation by the growing cadre of the Senate's women members.

"I would watch the men preening in the Senate," she said, "and I figured we should give them a little bit of a horse race."

The following year, eleven of the fourteen women senators appeared in Seersucker Thursday in monthly recesses as gifts from Senator Feinstein. Today, senators volunteer to make this annual fashion statement in a spirit of good-humored harmony to remind their colleagues of what other Senators considered mandatory summer attire.

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NEWS OF NOTE

10TH DISTRICT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

On the eve of the critical, 2008 Presidential election, Democrats and Republicans will choose candidates for election to the United States House of Representatives on Tuesday, June 10.

The 10th includes all or parts of Clarke County, Fairfax County, Fauquier County, Frederick County, Loudoun County, Manassas County, Manassas Park City, Prince William County, Warren County, and Winchester City.

The Republicans

Incumbent Frank R. Wolf (R) of Winchester faces a challenge

from Vern P. McKinley, of Ashburn.

Wolf

Frank Wolf, completing his 12th term, is the Dean of Virginia's House delegation. He sits on the House Appropriations Committee and serves as Co-chair of Congressional Human Rights Caucus. Born in Philadelphia in 1939, he attended public schools, earned a B.A. from Penn State University in 1961 and a law degree from Georgetown four years later. Before running for office in 1981, Wolf worked as a staffer at the Interior Department, and practiced law. He and his wife, Carolyn, live in Vienna. They are the par-

ents of five grown children.

Wolf campaign website: <http://www.wolfforcongress.com/>

McKinley

Vern McKinley is a lawyer, legal advisor and policy expert. Since 1999 he has consulted for the U.S. government, as well as those of China, Nigeria, Indonesia, the Philippines, Yugoslavia, Kenya, Sudan, Libya, Afghanistan, Armenia, Kosovo, and Tajikistan. Born in East Chicago, Indiana, McKinley attended George Washington High School and Downers Grove South High School, earned a degree in economics and finance from the University of Illinois at

Champaign-Urbana in 1985, and in 1995, completed a law degree in the evening program at George Washington University School of Law.

In the 1980's and 1990's he worked with the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, the Resolution Trust Corporation, and the Treasury Department's Office of Thrift Supervision. In 1985, he and his wife live in Ashburn with their son and daughter. McKinley's site: <http://www.mckinleyforcongress.com/>

The Democrats

Judy M. Feder of McLean ran against Frank Wolf in 2006. She

is running against Mike R. Turner, of Waterford, for the Democratic Party nomination.

Feder

Judy Feder is a Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University, Dean of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and a member of the Institute of Medicine.

Born in 1947, she earned a B.A. from Brandeis in 1968, her M.A. from Harvard in 1970, and her Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard in 1977.

Before taking her post as Co-Director of the Center for Health Policy Studies at Georgetown in 1984, she worked at the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute.

After a term of service in the Clinton administration she returned to Georgetown in 1995 as Research Professor of Public Policy. Feder also serves as a member of the National Academy of Public Administration; the National Academy of Social Insurance; as past President and a board member of AcademyHealth; and a Policy Council Member of the Academy of Public Policy and Management.

She lives with her husband Stan, in northern Virginia. They are the parents of two sons. Feder's website: <http://judyfeder.com/>

Turner

Colonel Mike Turner retired from the United States Air Force in 1997 after 28 years of service. Since then he has served as a fundraiser for non-profit organizations, including the American Red Cross and Junior Achievement, Inc. Until December of 2007, he was the National Director of Housing Counseling for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, the nation's largest network of nonprofit credit and housing counseling agencies.

He is also a national military commentator who has appeared on most major television networks including CNN, ABC, MSNBC, and Fox, and is a periodic contributor to Newsweek.com, National Public Radio, and both Boston and San Francisco public radio.

Born in 1956, Turner earned a B.S. from the United States Air Force Academy and an MBA in 1979 from Chapman University. He retired from the Air Force as a Command Pilot, with over 3,500 hours in the air as both a rescue helicopter and fighter pilot. In 1989 he was General H. Norman Schwarzkopf's personal briefing officer. He served on the Central Command staff in Riyadh and, at the outbreak of Operation Desert Storm, became one of two staff officers responsible for briefing the conduct of the air war to General Schwarzkopf and visiting senior command staff such as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense.

Turner's website: <http://www.miketurnerforcongress.com/flash.php>

COUNCIL

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plans to close the two schools. By April 28 a Task Force of Concerned Parents' was meeting at Middleburg Elementary School to plan and coordinate further opposition.

At the Tuesday, May 13, meeting of the County School Board parents armed with Middleburg Town Council's resolutions again spoke out against plans to limit the number of students allowed to enroll at Middleburg and Aldie and to compel the teaching of more than one grade in the same classroom. At press time, the fate of the two schools remains uncertain.

Changes in Council Membership

Council formally congratulated Kathy Jo Shea on her May election victory. She will replace departing Council Member Pam Lewis in June. Trowbridge Larkston and Brundley March were re-elected, along with Mayor Betty Davis who ran unopposed.

Miss Karen D. ("Candy") Robinson also reported a change in her status. To replace from her fellow council members, she announced she is now Mrs. Karen D. ("Candy") Paine.

Ashbury Church

In response to public comments calling for Council to do everything in its power to help preserve historic Ashbury Church on Jay Street, Council member Brundley March reported that the latest plan "to re-vitalize and restore Ashbury Church" had apparently fallen through.

Stories close to the project indicate that a consortium including Shannon and Shelby Kennedy and former Town Planning Commission member, Kevin Pansicello had been unable to reach agreement in private discussions with the church's current owner, investor, environmentalist and advocate for sustainable development, Maggie Bryant.

Cross-walk Enforcement

Signs have been ordered from the Virginia Department of Transportation to more clearly identify the town's cross walks for pedestrian drivers. "Destined for in-street installation, the markers have been fully approved by the town's Historic District Review Committee. Pending arrival of the new signs, the Middleburg Police Department reports intensified enforcement cross-walk enforcement. Drivers who fail to yield to pedestrians will be ticketed.

Salamanca Progress

Noting the increased passage of trucks filled with concrete through town, Administrator Jerry Schiro reported that more than a quarter of the concrete necessary to complete the Salamanca Inn has now been poured. Sealing has been completed along the Salamanca Road. Rough grading has been finished on the Salamanca Lane/Pandemonium Street extension, and private waterlines feeding the property's horse arena, barn, pool house, and maintenance building have been completed.

Budget

With two months to go in fiscal year 2008, the Town reports cash on hand totaling nearly \$1.9 million. Revenue from increased meals and occupancy taxes, real-estate and personal property taxes, and business licenses exceeded expectations.

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Painting by Duane Lantz

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EDITOR'S DESK

SUMMER EVENINGS OF MUSIC AND THE SPORT OF KINGS

Suddenly it's spring, moving much too quickly into summer, and our favorite outdoor evening activities are appearing on the calendar. If you haven't been to Twilight Fête at Great Meadows, make certain you make plans to attend this year. As you stretch out on your blanket on the lawn, you'll notice how quickly the friendly crowd welcomes children and how much fun it is to watch the fast-moving, colorful sport of Kung. The Polo Bear mascot always has treats to distribute and, if you don't bring a baguette, you'll thoroughly enjoy the delicious barbecue. This exceptionally laid back evening is yours to enjoy every Saturday night through the first week of September.

Bluesman Concerts, from the second week of July to the second week of August, provide the perfect reason to gather your family and friends, an old-fashioned picnic supper and your love of good music. Scheduled for Warrenton, Leesburg and Middleburg this year, these concerts are always fun-filled family affairs that will quickly become part of your summer traditions.

From Brambleton to Warrenton, from Leesburg to The Plains, Hunt County summers are a special treat for every member of the family.

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 letters via email: editor@mbec.com or P.O. Box 1768, Middleburg, VA 20118.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
I write to ask your readers for help to save Middleburg Elementary School. Recent budget cuts proposed by the administration of Loudoun County Public Schools will consolidate, separate, and close this wonderful historic school out of existence.
We would ask that the citizens of Middleburg contact our School Board representative Priscilla Godfrey and the LCPS administration to voice their support for our school. Please ask Mrs. Godfrey and the LCPS administration to include Middleburg Elementary School among the sites for all day kindergarten, and eliminate the proposed

combined classes.
These harsh effects will seriously hurt the students of Middleburg Elementary. Middleburg Elementary is a shining example of a community school which is an integral part of the town of Middleburg. Middleburg Elementary has always enjoyed incredible support from the town and the members of the Middleburg community and we are most grateful. Just this week a member of the Middleburg Farm Community Center, who has been a member of the Middleburg Farm School Board to read a resolution passed by the Council in support of Middleburg Elementary.
Please help us now; it is imperative that the community

send loud, clear messages to the School Board and the Administration of Loudoun County Public Schools. It's very easy! You can send an email to Mrs. Godfrey, our Blue Ridge School Board member, the rest of the School Board, and Superintendent Edgar Hartzel. Send them all the same message: "We support Middleburg Elementary School. Please help us again now. It's time to stand up and speak out; we know we can count on you!"
Sincerely,
Martha Carter

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HYPOCRISY

TOM PRATT

Columbian Free Trade Agreement
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REVIEW: SCALIA'S

JOHN FANNING

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I would like to bring to the reader's attention some facts that the press and the Bush Administration fail to publicize about the Free Trade Agreement. It's a shame that the Bush Administration is so hypocritical. It's a shame that the Bush Administration is so hypocritical. It's a shame that the Bush Administration is so hypocritical.

RULE BOOK - DO WHAT I SAY!

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THE ADMIRAL'S SON

DAN MORROW - (D)

And most, indeed nearly all, greeted with embarrassed silence, bordering on shame, those who wore their service or their patriotism, or their piety, on their sleeves or their lapels.

line at the pump is tied to the world wide price of oil. When that oil supply reduces, the price of our gasoline will rise. It is simply a matter of SUPPLY AND DEMAND. This is already having an effect on the price of food, construction and everything else in need of transportation.

None of us like the situation in which we find ourselves in Iraq. At this point it really does not matter how and why we got there. What matters most now is how we will disengage.

Ken Rietz, a resident of Delaplaine, is a former Deputy Chairman of the Republican National

States.

I will tolerate much from a downed flyer and prisoner of war, for I am well aware of both the debts I owe and to whom I owe them. But I, for one, will not tolerate insult and arrogance of that scale and scope.

McCain's self-righteous assumption of immunity from criticism for his words and behavior is no longer cute, or clever, honorable or forgivable. What was once couched as the straight talk of an ill-served and badly wounded hero, now borders on the ranting tantrums of a spoiled child of military privilege, the admiral's son, and grandson, and in this case, both.

McCain has earned much, but never the right to accuse men who are his equals, or better, of cowardice or ill will.

His ranting does a disservice to his peers, in uniform and out, to his betters, to his country; and to all those who will be forced to follow in his footsteps and clean up what he has left and promises to leave behind.

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Broadlands is the Wrong Location for the Next Loudoun Hospital

Is HCA Misleading County Government Officials?

In April 2008 HCA filed yet another land use application asking County officials to remove land it owns near a Broadlands residential neighborhood so that it can build a hospital. In this official County document, HCA claims the following:

- HCA/Broadlands will "introduce a cutting-edge, state-of-the-art laboratory—the first in Loudoun County."
 - HCA/Broadlands will "be the first hospital in Loudoun County to employ emergency personnel specifically trained and retained to serve the needs of pediatric emergency patients."
- HCA should know that both statements are false. Why would HCA misrepresent the facts to County government and to the people of Loudoun County?

Will a hospital in Broadlands—built five miles from the existing hospital—harm the future of health care in Loudoun County?

The Facts

- In June 2006 Loudoun Hospital opened the first cardiac catheterization laboratory in Loudoun County in February 2006.
- In June 2006 Loudoun Hospital opened the first pediatric emergency department in Loudoun County in May 2006 with pediatric emergency doctors board-certified in pediatrics, trained in pediatric emergency care, and nurse certified in pediatric emergency care and pediatric advanced life support.
- With the exception of a specialized psychiatric unit, HCA/Broadlands will not offer any new services to Loudoun County residents.

HCA-Broadlands Duplication of Hospital Services

*Based on services provided for by HCA-Broadlands and Broadlands in Compliance of Public Health (COPH)

Proposed HCA-Broadlands Services	How Loudoun Existing Services	Proposed HCA-Broadlands Services	How Loudoun Existing Services
Angioplasty Services	yes	Medical/Surgical Acute Nursing Care	yes
Catheter Care Services	yes	Medical-Telephony Unit	yes
Catheter Catheterization Services	yes	Minor Procedure Services	yes
CT Scan	yes	Obstetrics	yes
Diagnostic Imaging Services	yes	Outpatient Services	yes
Emergency Department	yes	Pharmacy	yes
Intensive Care Services	yes	Physical Therapy Services	yes
Laboratory Services	yes	Surgical Services	yes
Urology	yes	Ventilator Services	yes

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PASTIMES

HUMMINGBIRDS LOVE BAT FACE CUPHEA

THE PLANT LADY



KAREN REXRODE

One group of plants has increased mightily over the years and consistently proves its worth, these are the cupheas. I'm pleased with their performance over the summer and I'm sure you will appreciate their durability through the heat. Cuphea comes from Greek kypheos, meaning curved and refers to their curved seed capsules. Naturally we prefer them for their unique flowers and the fact that they never fail to please. With 260 species, the majority of which are annuals, our fascination with them will last for many years. Most are from Mexico while others grow in Guatemala, Bolivia and south to Brazil.

One of my favorites is Cuphea 'Bat Face'. The flowers have petals that reflex, two of which are over-sized and look much like large ears. Allen Lucy contends that the name 'Monkshoe' might be more appropriate. The center of the flower is dark purple while the outside petals are a gorgeous scarlet-red. Plants tend to mound, sometimes in

a sticky kind of way, a reason to use Cuphea 'Bat Face' as an accent amongst other annuals. Their petals are of such an intensity in the blue-red category that they fail to work with many of the common purple petaled annuals, like petunias. For partners consider the red leaved annual Hibiscus acetosella with its purple-red foliage and the geranium 'Stad Ben', an old variety with intense red flowers that match the cuphea perfectly. Plop in Verbena 'Imagination' for its rich purple flowers and underplant with purple leafed basil.

Another cuphea that I'm totally enchanted with is C. 'Firefly'. This hybrid is derived from C. procumbens and C. ilavea. The oversized flowers are fascinating to see up close. Particularly so through a macro lens on your camera. The 5 petals are held in place by the thinnest of petal points before they flare out. A beautiful rose-

red, it blends well with various pink pentas and setreases, the jointed purple leaved tradescantia relative. Like other cupheas, the plant mounds with loosely arching stems.

There is also a more familiar cuphea known as firecracker plant or cigar plant. The tubular flowers persist all summer and are tiny cylinders of rose-purple. This high mounding cuphea is a great edge of pot filler and never looks tired or finished. Accent it with Ipomoea 'Blackie' and its dusky purple leaves which weave through pink pentas and the ivy leaved geranium 'Global Merlot'.

There are other cupheas to consider this year, a few minor players, best placed as fillers in pots. Their vigor and un-flinching floral show make them major components for summer color. The hummingbirds find them irresistible as well.

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CHRISTMAS IN YOUR MOUTH: RED BERRIES AND GREEN SALADS

ALYSON BROWETT

Red, ripe, juicy and sweet. Ah, strawberries. Green, tender, crisp and flavorful. Mama, baby salad greens. Spring has sprung and we are full swing into one of my favorite times of the year, when salads become a mainstay of my menu. And there's nothing sweeter than to add strawberries to those menus, whether they accompany the salad or stand on their own in a dessert. Some of my fondest memories involve strawberry picking in my backyard or on one of the local farms. The ripe ones just fall off into your hand, and half of them go into your mouth. I love it when they're still warm, right off the stem. These newbie lettuces are best right after they've been picked as well. I've been known to eat a whole pound by myself.

While not as many as when I was a kid, fortunately there are still local farms around that produce both of these Spring delicacies. Check in with Great Country Farms in Bluemont (<http://www.greatcountryfarms.com>) or Halls Farm in Delaplane (<http://www.hallsfarm.com>) for their pick-your-own strawberry availability. For spring greens, lettuce and spinach, check with Crooked Run Orchard in Purcellville (<http://www.crookedrunorchard.com>). Stonybrook Farm in Hillsboro (<http://www.stonybrookfarm.org>), or stop by Market Salamander or the Home Farm Store for freshly picked greens from local producers. And, as always, check with the local farmers' markets on Saturday mornings in Middleburg and Thursday evenings in Purcellville.

Besides adding a bit of sweetness to your salads, strawberries are a wonderful addition to morning cereals, afternoon snack yogurt or after-dinner-splurge ice cream. Speaking of ice cream, if you're not sure what you think are a few top strawberries, wash and dry them well, hull them, then spread them on a parchment paper-lined baking tray and stick them in your freezer. In a few hours, you'll have perfectly frozen berries that you can place in freezer bags and store for up to one year. They won't be crisp when they thaw, but boy are they good in the middle of winter over ice cream or cake! You could even use them in the recipe provided below by Market Salamander Pasty Chef Jason Reeves. Enjoy the season!

Grilled Flank Steak, Spinach Salad and Warm Bacon Dressing

Created by Alyson Browett

Mmm...yum. You can't go wrong combining red meat, pork, spinach and a good ol' smoky cheese. This meal pairs great with any type of red wine - from a lighter Pinot Noir to a heavy Bordeaux. Or try your favorite ale!

1 (about 2 lb.) flank steak

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

1 tablespoon olive or vegetable oil

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 cup spinach pepper

8 cups baby spinach, washed and dried

1/2 medium Vidalia onion, sliced thin

4 oz. blue or gorgonzola cheese,

crumbled

1/2 pint strawberries, washed, hulled and quartered

6 strips thick-cut bacon

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon red wine vinegar

Dash salt and pepper

Preheat the grill and clean the grates. Place the flank steak in a casserole dish and rub it with the vinegar, oil and salt and pepper. Set aside and let rest outside the refrigerator for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cook the bacon over low to medium-low heat in a sauté pan, rendering the fat. When crisp, drain the bacon on paper towel-lined plate and reserve the fat; there should be a scant 1/2 cup. Grill the flank steak about 15 minutes per side, or until desired doneness (about 145° for medium-rare). When finished, let the steak rest for 10 minutes. Crumble the bacon. In a bowl, combine the spinach, onion and crumbled bacon. In a small sauté pan, whisk together the bacon fat, Dijon mustard, red wine vinegar, and salt and pepper to taste. While the dressing is heating, slice the flank steak across the grain into thin strips. Pour the dressing over the spinach and toss to coat. Divide among four plates, top with some steak, the cheese and strawberries, and serve with your favorite red wine. Serves four.

Spring Greens, Grilled Chicken and Herbed Goat Cheese Dressing

Created by Alyson Browett and Christine Neuberger

Another great meal for the warmer weather. But be careful! This dressing is completely addictive. Pair this with a sirloin steak or pork chops for a wonderful meal.

2 cups herbs, roughly chopped (basil, cilantro, parsley, rosemary, thyme, tarragon, whatever!)

1 small clove garlic, roughly chopped

1/2 shallot, roughly chopped

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

2-3 oz. goat cheese

8 cups watercress, arugula, spring mix, or spinach (the spiciness of the watercress or arugula works well)

1/2 pint strawberries, washed, hulled and quartered

1 medium jicama, peeled and cut into small strips or cubes

1 ripe avocado, cubed

1 - 1 1/2 lbs. chicken thighs (can use breast, but I prefer the juiciness of the thighs)

Preheat the grill or a grill or sauté pan. In a blender, combine the herbs, garlic, shallot and olive oil. Pulse until blended, then puree until liquid. If you still have chunks, keep blending or pass through a sieve to remove any stringy herb remnants. Reserve 1/2 cup of the herb oil as a chicken marinade. Coat the chicken in a dash or plastic bag and let sit at a few minutes at room temperature. Meanwhile,



which the goat cheese into the remainder of the herb oil until smooth. Set aside. Grill the chicken thighs, watching for flare-ups (if on a gas or charcoal grill, until an internal temperature of 165° is reached (about 15-20 minutes). Let the meat rest for at least 10 minutes. In a large salad bowl, combine the greens and the dressing, tossing to coat. Divide the greens among four plates and top with the strawberries, jicama and avocado. Slice the chicken into pieces and divide among the salad. Drizzle with any remaining dressing and dig in! Serves four.

Strawberry Torte

Created by Jason Reeves, Pasty Chef, Market Salamander

Using tall wine glasses layer the following starting at the bottom of the glass:

Vanilla Pudding (recipe follows)

Fresh Strawberries (slices)

Lavender Croutons (recipe follows)

Strawberry Infusion Syrup (recipe follows)

Whipped Chantilly Cream (recipe follows)

Repeat one more layer of each item, then top with half a strawberry and a lavender blossom for garnish. Enjoy!

Strawberry Infusion Syrup (make a day ahead)

8 oz. water

6 tablespoons sugar

8 oz. strawberries (chopped small)

Boil the water and sugar until the sugar has completely dissolved. Pour over the strawberries while still hot. Cover and chill overnight. Strain out the strawberries, keeping only the syrup that remains.

Lavender-Honey Croutons

2 cups flour

1.5 teaspoon baking powder

0.5 teaspoon salt

3 tablespoons fresh lavender leaves

1/2 cup milk

Sauté 1 cup sugar

Sauté 1 cup butter

2 each eggs

1/2 cup butter

1/2 cup wildflower honey

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Ask any teenage girl who Stephanie Meyer is and you will probably get a breathless sentence about the marvels of *Twilight* and *Eclipse*—young love stories involving vampires. In the case of *Twilight*, this is true. But there is ever what it really seems, and now with *The Host*, she has tackled adult science fiction with gusto. The story is set in a dystopian future, very similar to *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* and incorporates one of the more unusual love triangles. Suppose you are the only human left in this creepy, terrifying, sexy and ultimately compelling story.

Jeff Shaara is one of our major authors of military fiction. His *Steel Dawn* is the second in his trilogy of novels about World War II. General Dwight Eisenhower once again

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These are the two main strands of the pivotal moment, the less interesting and masterfully written.

Need something a little less interesting than *Band of Brothers*? By James Patterson. This book describes what it might be like to come face to face with the imaginary figure of Hitler.

A child. This is a love story, as the title implies, but it has a little magic thrown in for good measure. It's a real antidote to the harsh realities of the world.

The same goes for *Swine Noir*: A Novel Pig Tale, the newest romp by Jimmy Buffet. There are so many things to love about this book, get beyond it, but that gives you an idea of what to expect in this crazy book. A boy named Barley is nine years old, and he lives with his mother in his Tennessee home and moves—*together* with his mom, his two sisters, and their pet Rumpy, to a new home in New York City. His new residence on the top floor of one of New York's finest hotels, where his mom works as a pastry chef.

Barley's life in the city is one of the hotel's strictest rules, and as Barley and Rumpy learn about life in the city, they also live in fear of the hotel's disciplinary staff. Barley's hotel e-vo!d chess is on their list. Yes, it's a children's story, but adults will enjoy it, too. After all, it is



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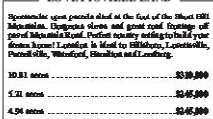
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There was a time not too long ago when the New York Knicks were an actual professional basketball team, a legitimate member of the National Basketball Association, an almost guaranteed contender for the Eastern Conference crown on a nearly annual basis.

Pat Riley, and Jeff Van Gundy after him, turned the Knicks from perennial disappointment into one of the most dominating teams of their era. Sadly, their best

years coincided with Michael Jordan's evolution to superior being, a period of time during which MJ proved the only thing he had in common with the rest of us mere mortals was a genetic proclivity for male pattern baldness.

During this era of Knicks ascension, (B.D., or "Before Dolan" as Knicks fans like to think of those good old days), the team was defined by a foaming-at-the-mouth devotion to defensive fundamentals.

Some people would equate the Knicks' "defensive fundamentals" to something

closer to "assault and battery," but they, who's writing here?

The other thing the Knicks had going for them in those halcyon days was an uber-talented Georgetown product by the name of Patrick Ewing.

Now, I loved Patrick Ewing and the Knicks. A group of us drove from Columbus, Ohio, to Cleveland on more than one occasion to watch those monsters dismantle the Cavaliers like bears do a honeycomb. We took great pleasure in not only the game but in making more noise, between the 8 or 10 of us, than

all the Cavs fans combined. Looking back, we may have been a tad unpleasant.

Regardless. Once, after a game, we all raced down to the tunnel the players used to escape the court, hoping against hope that one of our heroes would notice us, just look in our direction, maybe even God forbid, acknowledge us. It was surprisingly easy to get down there, but by the end of the game the combined effects of our increasingly belligerent heckling and the manner in which the Knicks had so thoroughly emasculated the hometown Cavs had driven most Clevelanders from the building.

What happened next was nothing short of miraculous, and will live in our collective lore forever. Patrick Ewing, the original Beast of the East, noticed us. I don't know if he heard us or saw us first, but the end result was the same. He ambled over, slapping hands with a few of us before, with a deft and seemingly indifferent pinch of his fingers and flick of his wrist, he removed the wristband from his left arm and sent it skyward toward us.

What none of us expected, no great surprise given the amount of yellow beer we had consumed during the preceding four quarters, was that the wristbands worn by Patrick Ewing during a game were large. The man stands over seven feet tall! The wristbands you and I wear are simply not cutting it! Sew a pair of the things together and you could make a strangely funny pair of compression shorts, for a person of more average dimensions! Duct-tape one end and you could present one of them to your wife as a trendy new purse! Hell, with one end sealed up you had yourself a nice hat!

What none of us could have possibly known, yellow beer or not, was that the wristbands Ewing used were made of some material surely based on alien technology. There's simply no other explanation for the amount of fluid just one of them had been able to absorb. Think a sea sponge crossed with a chamomile cloth, all held together with elastic threading.

Incredible.

The wristband landed on us like a smelly water-ballooning, drenching all of us in tepid, concentrated, salty, smelly, Ewing-ness.

None of us could have been happier.

This memory came flooding back to me while I was watching the Cavs battle boldly yet in vain against the

Celtics this past Sunday in the Eastern Conference Semifinals Game 7. It was a good game, to be sure. Maybe not as great a game as LeBron James would have you believe but good.

I think the memory was triggered by the images of LeBron knifing through defenders in the paint, seemingly oblivious to their attempts to throw off his shot or hinder his progress to the basket.

I'm near certain it was triggered by the fact that on these seemingly endless forays to the hole I don't think LeBron dribbled the ball once within 20 feet of the basket.

Honestly,

If the refs aren't going to call traveling on certain players, the league should give those players personalized backpacks in which to keep the ball safe in traffic. Maybe they could use those things parents have that allow them to carry their children around in the front. The wife tells me they're called Baby Byrns.

David Stern should love 'em. He could market the hell out of the things and they would keep his league's star players' hands free while they tried to maneuver their way to the basket.

I don't think anyone has traveled 31 miles greater impunity since Ewing's retirement than LeBron.

Unless of course he ends up playing for the Knicks.

If that happens I'll be just another case of a New York Knickerbocker playing sound, fundamental basketball.

Switching gears real quick, Major League Baseball needs to institute an instant replay rule, if only to determine whether a ball hit out of the field of play is a homerun or a foul ball. Blowing that call, like the ump did in Sunday night's game between the Mets and Yankees, broadcast on national television, isn't "part of the game." Just because the retrogeeks, those self-described purists, call it "charming" doesn't make it so.

It's ridiculous. When everyone in the stadium, including the announcers, and everyone at home can see the call is blown and the ump then swears and yells at reporters after the game for having the temerity to question their impression of the Three Blind Mice on the baseball field, it isn't part of the game.

It's a blot, a stain, an oozing pustule of a sore on the game and it's got to be lanced.

In the meantime, I need to track down that wristband and see if it's still moist.

PERFECT MATCH CREATES MIDDLEBURG POLO ACADEMY

When a well-traveled and highly successful Middleburg lawyer volunteered to help polo players and Buddhist monks with their immigration applications, she had no idea that her understanding of immigration law would lead to romance, serenity and the establishment of the Middleburg Polo Academy.

Irene Tognini met her future husband when she donated legal services to one of his friends. Once introduced, she decided to take polo lessons with Daniel and within a year and half, they were happily married.

Last year when their two sons, Tenzin and Tieren, were approaching the age when they could learn to ride, the couple decided they would teach their sons to ride by teaching them the legendary sport of kings.

"It's a wonderful way to learn superior horsemanship and sportsmanship," Irene explained. "That's why it made so much sense to establish the Middleburg Polo Academy so others in our area could enjoy the sport as a family activity as we do."

Daniel Tognini, a native of Argentina, has been playing polo for over 25 years. He has played internationally in Malaysia, Switzerland and Belgium as well as regularly in Santa Barbara, California and Palm Beach, Florida. He plays regularly at Great Meadows and at many neighborhood polo fields.

Middleburg Polo Academy offers world-class polo training for the young and for the young at heart.

"At the heart of our philosophy is our desire to create a family friendly environment," Irene continued. "We teach using authentic Argentine training methods and our exceptional horses are individually chosen for their good temperament and for their enjoyment of polo schooling."

Irene, a tall, classic beauty was born in California and grew up in Florida before she went to Florence, Italy to study fine arts and scenic design. She traveled around the world with theatre companies and performance artists designing installations as an artist in residence in many fabulous places before she realized that what she really loved was the business side of the arts.

That realization led her to law school and after she passed the Florida and New York bars, she started to build out her loft in New York City.

"I'm also a carpenter," she said laughing. "So I'm very handy to have around. When any of my friends needed help, I pitch in happily."

One friend who was working at the Metropolitan Museum in New York was in need of help raising the last portfolio of funding for a show. Irene had often been on the development side of the arts and she was glad to help.

"I loved working at the Met, and before my volunteer assignment ended, I took my resume to the legal department and said, 'If you ever need anyone to tie the general counsel's shoes, please call me.'"

Fortunately, new non-profit FASB rules had just been instituted and the Met needed to enlarge their house counsel staff to establish protocols for FASB compliance. Irene's specialty is not-for-profit law, so she was a perfect candidate for the position.



After her Metropolitan Museum assignment, Irene spent a short time in South Korea and was in private practice in the United States for a time before she was recruited for a position as general counsel for a company in the Dulles corridor in April of 1997.

She met Rico Vargé of Vargé International in Middleburg when he was a vendor to her firm. Rico was then president of Great Meadows Polo. Daniel's was the pro at Great Meadows and Rico was his patron. Suddenly, the pieces of her life today began to fall neatly into place.

Daniel Tognini grew up in a small town, Lobos, about sixty miles west of Buenos Aires. He began riding at three years of age and his grandfather taught him what he calls "the artmanship" of horses. He grew up riding and training for polo in the Argentine tradition and by the time he was eleven, he was responsible for a string of five horses.

Well known for his extraordinary natural instincts and connection with horses and the game, he has traveled the world playing polo. In 1987, while playing at Great Meadows he fell in love with Virginia.

The intense, disarming and ruggedly handsome professional player travels constantly during polo season, and works diligently with Irene to ensure that "El Relincho" (which means the laugh of the horse) the farm he and Irene purchased in Fauquier County is running well. Their clients include many international polo teams and high goal players and Daniel maintains a string of outstanding polo horses for his own use in competition, for lease and for schooling.

Lessons for inexperienced and experienced riders began in May and will continue through October at Middleburg Polo Academy. Students range in age from three to sixty-three years. All day polo camps are also offered in July and August.

"This is our second year," Irene said. "Last year we were thrilled and amazed at the response and enthusiasm from the community. We were busy all summer and many of our students have become proficient at the game. In fact, we are very excited that our students will be showcased in exhibitions at Great Meadows during Twilight Polo this summer."

To learn more about Middleburg Polo Academy, please visit www.middleburgpoloacademy.com or telephone 540.687.0734.

CHRISTMAS IN YOUR MOUTH

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Sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. In a pot, combine the milk and lavender leaves over medium heat. Heat to a simmer, then remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. In a mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs until light and fluffy. Alternately add the flour and milk mixtures into the whipped butter mixture until just blended. Pour into a greased loaf pan. Bake at 325°F until a toothpick comes out clean when inserted into the cake, about 30-40 minutes.

When the cake is cool, cut into 1" squares. Melt 1/2 cup butter and 1/2 cup of wildflower honey together. Toss the cake squares in the honey-butter mixture and spread on a sheet pan. Bake in a 350°F oven until lightly toasted.

Vanilla Pudding

16 oz. milk

7 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons cornstarch

2 1/2 tablespoons egg yolks

1/2 tablespoon butter

1/2 teaspoon vanilla paste (available at Market Salamander)

Combine 10 oz of the milk and 2 tablespoons of the sugar together with the vanilla paste in a pot over medium heat. In a bowl combine the cornstarch, remaining milk, and

sugar, and whisk in the yolks. Temper the hot milk into the yolks by adding a little at a time, and return everything to the pot and whisk constantly over medium heat until the pudding thickens and boils. Boil the pudding for one minute. Strain into a bowl placed in an ice bath, whisk every now and then until the pudding is cool. Cover tightly and chill until ready to serve.

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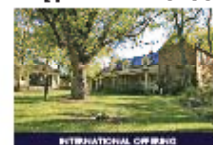
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PIEDMONT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SELECTS 2008 SPRING COMMUNITY GRANT AWARDS

The Board of Directors of the Piedmont Community Foundation (PCF) is pleased to announce the selection of the 2008 Competitive Community Grant Awards.

The Waterford Foundation has been selected to receive the \$800 grant from the Peter M. Howard Memorial Fund. The purpose of the grant is to assist with funding for signage to serve as a gateway into the 144-acre historic Phillips Farm within the National Historic Landmark District of Waterford, Virginia. Nancy Dams, Executive Director of the Waterford Foundation, Inc. said, "It is with great pleasure we received the news of being a grant recipient of Piedmont Community Foundation. The Phillips Farm is an incredible asset for all of the members of the greater Loudoun community to enjoy. Being able to greet visitors as well as inform them of the property's ground rules is an attractive way to enhance the experience for both the visitors as well as the Waterford Foundation." This is our second grant from the Peter M. Howard Memorial Fund. The fund was created as a memorial endowment by the Howard family in June of 2005 and restricted for use in preservation of historic properties and open space.

Dodona Manor, The George C. Marshall International Center, has been selected to receive the \$800 grant from the Piedmont Community Foundation General Fund following a unanimous vote by the PCF directors.

The grant will fund historic Dodona Manor in improving the health of its natural environment. The property of the manor house including historic trees, lawn and grounds was described as "in desperate need of maintenance and attention," in the grant application. Recognizing that Dodona Manor is a centerpiece for community activities, the PCF is pleased to assist in breathing vitality into one of Leesburg's most cherished green spaces.

The Community Music School of the Piedmont (CMS) has been selected to receive a \$1000 grant for student scholarships to expand access to music education and performance opportunities to those who might not otherwise have afforded them. The grant amount available from the Children and Families area of the PCF Community Fund endowment was \$600 this year; however, the PCF directors added another \$400 from their unrestricted fund in order to provide the entire \$1,000 amount of the grant project. Steve DeLong, PCF Grant Committee Chair, said, "The directors voted to extend the extra support because of their belief in the value of distinguished quality music education being accessible to youth in the community. The CMS is recognized by the Virginia Commission for the Arts as a valued arts organization in the community and the state for providing a high level of artistic quality, providing access to the arts and having responsible management."

SHEILA JOHNSON HONORS MENTOR AND FRIEND WITH \$4M GIFT

When Sheila Johnson arrived at the University of Illinois in 1966 with a scholarship to study music, she had already been the beneficiary of kind guidance and friendship from her violin teacher, Susan Starrett.

Starrett made certain Sheila would continue to have personal support and a professional mentor by telephoning her friend, Dan Perrino, who directed the Illinois Youth Music Program and was the assistant dean of students at the University. Both Starrett and Perrino played tremendously important roles in Sheila's life, and recently she honored them by endowing two chairs at the School of Music in each of their names.

The Daniel J. Perrino Chair of Jazz Studies and the Susan Starrett Chair in Violin will allow the school to attract "the most talented and sought-after faculty in our two signature programs, strings and jazz studies," according to Director Karl Krueger.

"Our hope is that her gift will ensure that future generations of students in our School of Music will leave Illinois with the memories of a great experience, as well as the knowledge and drive to follow Sheila's footsteps and become a positive force for change in their world," Chancellor Richard H. Beeson added.

At the announcement, Johnson called Perrino a "dear, dear friend and a man of extraordinary character."

Starrett, Johnson's orchestra director at Proviso East High School and a University of Illinois graduate, was the first person to recognize Johnson's music talent. She encouraged her to play the violin and helped her win a scholarship to the University of Illinois.

When Johnson arrived at the University of Illinois, it was not a diverse campus. Diversity was common and blacks were not served in local restaurants. Perrino and his wife, Margorie, introduced her to other talented students and invited her to their home to give advice or visit. They have remained lifelong friends.

According to Johnson, Starrett was always there when she most needed guidance. "Other than my mother and brother, no one has been a greater constant in my life than Susan," she said.

As a violinist Johnson played for the Chicago Civic Symphony and with various string quartets. She taught music in New Jersey and in Washington, D.C. and formed the Young Strings in Action Orchestra that performed worldwide.

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YOUR HORSE'S HEALTH: UNDERSTANDING EQUINE ACUPUNCTURE

BY ALISON A. SMITH, DVM,
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With all of today's advanced veterinary technologies, why are so many horse owners and veterinarians traveling back in time and utilizing the ancient Chinese practice of acupuncture? When used in conjunction with conventional veterinary medicine, this holistic therapy can be an effective technique for relieving pain and improving function in horses.

Acupuncture, which originated from traditional Chinese medicine, is the healing science of putting needles in specific points on the body in order to treat disease or relieve pain. It is based on the principles of Yin and Yang and strives to restore balance and harmony to the animal.

From a position of harmony and balance, the horse's body is better able to deal with insults and stresses, and can return itself to normal.

The theories behind acupuncture were developed thousands of years before modern science identified the function of internal organs as they are currently understood. Therefore, a disconnection exists between the modern understanding of organ function and disease pathology, and the traditional Chinese medicine view. For example, unlike in Western medicine in which consciousness resides in the head, in Chinese medicine, consciousness resides in the heart. Clearly, the sophisticated understanding of how the body operates in health and disease

was lacking in the earliest acupuncturists, who date back as far as the Neolithic period of 12,000-2000 BCE, but these healers saw results and eventually developed the techniques that we use today.

Acupuncture is performed by applying pressure to acupoints, which are specific locations on the surface of the skin that affect the channels on which "Qi," defined as life force and energy, flows through the body. Many acupoints correspond to a local area, a regional area and/or a specific organ and channel.

Stimulating these acupoints, which are sometimes located far from the site of symptoms, helps the animal's body to heal itself by balancing its own vital energies.

Prior to initiating the acupuncture therapy, the horse's medical history is recorded and a physical exam is performed that includes the palpation of points. Point selection is unique to each horse and is based upon the results of the initial exam as well as the desired goal of treatment. Unlike in Western medicine in which multiple horses presented with the same apparent disease would receive exactly the same conventional treatment, in Eastern medicine, these horses may receive very different acupuncture treatments based on their individual makeup and personality.

After the initial examination, the acupuncturist selects from among many methods to stimulate the points. These options include "dry needling," in which small steel needles are used, acupuncture

which involves injecting fluid into the point, and electroacupuncture, which consists of electrical stimulation being delivered through a dry needle attached to an electroacupuncture machine. Moxibustion, in which an herb called Moxa is burned at 400 degrees Fahrenheit and placed near the acupuncture point, can also be used, as well as bleeding, which involves inserting and removing a needle from a point in order to allow the release of excess blood. The frequency and duration of additional sessions are based on the horse's condition and the goal of the therapy.

There has been much debate among scientists as to if and how acupuncture works. The Western thought is that the treatment stimulates the internal pain inhibitory system which alters the processing of harmful stimuli through the release of endorphins. These endorphins block the transmission of pain from the nerve endings through the spine and on to the brain. The pain is still occurring, but the signal is not being transmitted so the animal does not feel it. From a traditional Chinese medicine perspective, acupuncture does more than relieve pain - it restores balance by freeing the flow of Qi which circulates along a predetermined path through the body three times per day. Pain is believed to be due to an interruption in this flow either as the result of a blockage or an inability to circulate the pain resulting from the disruption by facilitating movement along the channel and reestablishing harmony.



So how can acupuncture help your horse? Acupuncture is very good at restoring function. It has been shown to be effective in treating chronic pain and musculoskeletal disorders such as lameness and is also beneficial for colic (although it will not fix a surgical colic), eye problems, respiratory disorders, arthritis (an abnormal deficiency of sweat), behavior problems, anxiety, neurological issues and immunorelated conditions. It is sometimes difficult to predict exactly how a western-diagnosed disease will react to treatment as the diagnostic and therapeutic approaches are different, but acupuncture can be a very helpful technique for maintaining the health of your horse and improving its quality of life.

To schedule an acupuncture appointment or consultation at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, call (703) 771-6800.

Dr. Smith is a clinical assistant professor in anesthesia at Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center. She can be reached at smitha@vt.edu. To view her on-line profile, visit www.equimedicenter.net. Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center is a premier full-service equine hospital located in Leesburg, Va., that offers advanced specialty care, 24-hour emergency treatment and diagnostic services for all ages and breeds of horses. One of three campuses that comprise the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, the center and its team of equine specialists are committed to providing exceptional treatment to patients, superior service to clients and cutting-edge research.

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NEW MARE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Matthew Mackay-Smith of White Post and James Tregrow of Middleburg were elected to the Advisory Council at the bi-annual meeting of the Middlebury Agricultural Research and Extension Center.

"Dr. Mackay-Smith and Mr. Tregrow bring to us many years of experience in the horse business and demonstrated enthusiasm for the nutritional research work of the center," said Bruce Stuart, the council's chairman. Dr. Mackay-Smith, a Hall of Fame veterinarian, is an accomplished endurance rider and for many years the medical editor of Equine Magazine. Tregrow now owns the horse training facilities of Hickory Tree Farm, located across the road from the MARE Center. His horse, Reddick, recently won the grade II Commonwealth Stakes at Keeneland.

At the meeting, Sharon Quisenberry, dean College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, stated, "We are enthusiastic about the research potential of this unique 420-acre center. Northern Virginia is home to the state's largest concentration of horses engaged in all-

most every equine performance discipline, and this is an ideal location for equine research programs."

In other actions, the council heard a report from Dr. Ray Gore, Paul Mallon Distinguished Professor of Agriculture, on the state of the MARE Center and its research opportunities, and re-elected members Mary Mills Abel Smith (Vice Chair), Frances Dunlavy, Eve Thompson and Catherine Wosicki to three-year terms. Donnelly, Heatherlawn (1996) Edward "Bud" King, Bobby Egan, Sam Beau (1997), Fred "Freddy" Wetzel, Jr., Marlene Smith, Taylor, Johnny Bell (1998), Rodney Jenkins, Sanjo, Franklin F. "Paddy" Wang, Jr., Demetra (1999), George Morris, Carol Durand, Joseph of Class (2000), Eugene R. Masche, Lt. Colonel John W. Russell, Bobby Burke, Untouchable, (2001), Harry R. Gill, Clarence L. "Honey" Craven, Calypso, Glen Pever (2002), J. Russell Stewart, Sr., Sam Spring (2003), Stonewall (2004), McLean Matt and For The Moment (2005), and Conrad Hornfield (2006).

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BUSY DAYS AT MIDDLEBURG'S MARE CENTER

Many exciting things have kept the staff busy at Virginia Tech's Middleburg Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Middleburg. Delegations from Wakefield School and another from Oran have visited to learn about the important agricultural and equine work done at MARE, and the Center participated in Loudoun County's Volunteer Fair where they explained their many volunteer programs.

Nine students from Wakefield School visited the Center as part of the school's Discovery Week. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders who are studying Hands on Horses made the MARE center part of tours to many horse facilities in the county under the direction of Brenda Gray and Inogen Rex. Shea Port, equine Extension Agent for Virginia Cooperative Extension Northern District ex-

plained aspects of equine research and education. Students were keenly interested in the mares and in a honeybee swarm that has taken up residence in one of the barns.

On their way to attend a business meeting at the Virginia Tech campus, members of the OTW (Group of Companies from Oran stopped for an informal visit at the MARE Center. OTW is a consortium that includes financial service, commercial vehicle, special equipment, electronics and home appliance companies.

OTE member Said Al Rabie, director general of private universities and colleges in the ministry of higher education; OTE Chairman Sheikh Saad Sahal Balwan Al-Mubhani; OTE Managing Director Cyrus Nevania and General Manager OTE Group Anindha Sen were escorted to the MARE Center by John E. Dooley, vice

president for outreach and international affairs at the University. Virginia Tech is partnering with OTE to establish a university in Muskat, Oman with a science and technology-based curriculum for undergraduate and graduate studies.

The visit was arranged by Dooley and Shelley Duke, chairperson for Virginia Tech's Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center in Leesburg, Virginia as a courtesy to Sheikh Balwan who has a personal interest in equine care and innovation. The MARE Center's participation in Loudoun County's Volunteer Fair provided an opportunity to give volunteers a closer look at the many programs the center runs that provide volunteer positions. The Center is honored to welcome volunteers who wish to support research and extension activities.

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The Goodstone Inn & Estate announces the appointment of Simon Smith as general manager for the luxurious, intimate property located just outside historic Middleburg, Virginia. A seasoned hotelier, Mr. Smith comes to his new position with over a decade of executive experience in leadership positions for prestigious properties in England and the United States. Mark Bett, owner of The Goodstone Inn, made the announcement.

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome Simon to The Goodstone Inn & Estate and Hilltoppers Restaurant," said Mr. Bett. "He is superbly prepared in all aspects to position us as the preferred luxury lodging and dining choice in the greater Northern Virginia and Washington, DC region and beyond, and will be a wonderful addition to the Middleburg community."

In his new role as general manager of The Goodstone Inn & Estate, Simon Smith will oversee all aspects of the historic property, including operations for the Inn and the 255-acre estate. Additionally,

he will oversee the sales and marketing initiatives, guest services programming, and food and beverage functions, including the new Hilltoppers restaurant at the Inn. Mr. Smith joins The Goodstone Inn having served previously as director of lodging and the restaurant manager for the signature property located in Walland, Tennessee. During his eight-year tenure the property, Blackberry Farm, achieved the Relais' Gourmet status and Condé Nast's designation as "1 in Service in the World."

Previous to this, Mr. Smith served as restaurant manager for the Four Diamond Bours Head Inn at Charlottesville, Virginia. While at the Inn, he was responsible for overseeing the property's restaurant bar and lounge operations. He held the same role at Meadowood Resort, a Relais & Chateaux property in Napa Valley, California, where he successfully built a superb wine program.

Simon Smith gained his vast viticulture knowledge working within the wine industry in France

for the cellars of Louis Jadot Winery, located in the Burgundy region. While there he assisted in all areas of production and winemaking, and traveled with Louis Jadot's winemaker throughout France.

Earlier in his career, Smith worked with Graveyard Manor, the stately country home located in West Sussex, England, expanding his culinary knowledge and serving as house manager and director of the wine program. He has also been employed by the gracious Hambleton Hall Hotel in Rutland, England, an elegant Relais & Chateaux property where he worked along side Aaron Patterson, Chef de Cuisine, who became one of Smith's mentors.

Simon Smith was destined early in his life to become a hotelier. He spent his formative years traveling the world with his family and visiting luxury hotels. Mr. Smith graduated from West Kent College, located in Tonbridge, England, with a degree in Hotel and Catering International Management. He and his family are relocating to Middleburg.

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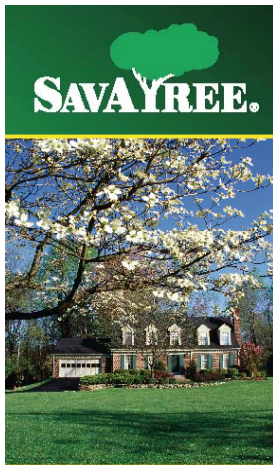
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Enquire customer built French chateau on a private acre in Middleburg. Features over 7000 sq. ft. of living space, marble floors, 3 fireplaces, chef's kitchen. In extraordinary quality and decor, pool, magnificent gardens. All in pristine condition \$2,350,000

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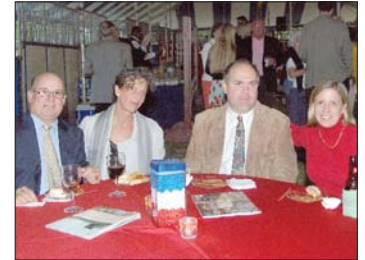
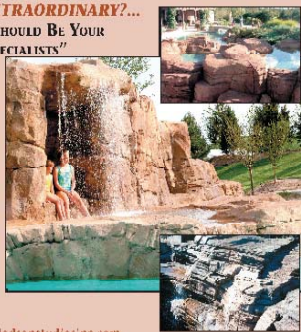
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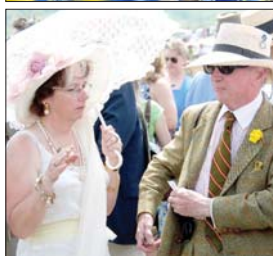


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MAY 31, 2008
THE CHERRY BLOSSOM BREAST CANCER FUND IS HOLDING ITS SECOND ANNUAL BAKE SALE ON SATURDAY, MAY 31, IN FRONT OF THE MIDDLEBURG SAFETYWAY. PARTICIPATION BY ALL MIDDLEBURG RESIDENTS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. YOU CAN DONATE BAKED GOODS (OR CASH) WHICH CAN BE DELIVERED TO THE SAFEWAY AT 8:30 ON SATURDAY MORNING, OR CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THELMA SWAIN'S HOUSE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON (CALL 687-6430 FOR DIRECTIONS). OR YOU CAN STOP BY THE SALE ON SATURDAY TO PICK UP SOME WONDERFUL HOME BAKED GOODS TO ENJOY

GREAT MEADOW TWILIGHT POLO

MAY 31, 2008
JOHN GOBIN RETURNS TO RIDE GREAT MEADOW TWILIGHT POLO. EIGHT-GOALER BRINGS EXCEPTIONAL TALENT & EXPERIENCE

ONE OF THE NATION'S MOST RESPECTED AND HIGHEST RATED POLO PLAYERS, JOHN GOBIN, RETURNS TO MANAGE POLO AT GREAT MEADOW THIS YEAR. "WE ARE REALLY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO ATTRACT PROFESSIONAL TALENT LIKE JOHN GOBIN TO HEAD UP OUR POLO PROGRAM AGAIN THIS YEAR," SAID DR. PHILLIP A. KARBEL, PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT MEADOW POLO CLUB WHICH OVERSEES GRASS AND STADIUM POLO AT GREAT MEADOW IN THE PLAINS, VIRGINIA. THE SITE HAS BECOME MOST KNOWN FOR ITS TWILIGHT POLO PROGRAM WHICH PROVIDES POLO AND ENTERTAINMENT EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER. THIS YEAR MARKS THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF POLO IN VIRGINIA, WHICH WAS FIRST PLAYED JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM GREAT MEADOW AND SPECIAL MATCHES ARE PLANNED TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL.

"POLO PLAYERS ARE RANKED WITH A HANDICAP," KARBEL EXPLAINED. "HANDICAPS RANGE FROM NEGATIVE TWO TO PLUS TEN. GOBIN IS RATED

10-GOALS IN THE ARENA AND HAS ATTAINED A SEVEN ON THE GRASS. HE HAS PLAYED IN THE HIGHEST MATCHES IN THE COUNTRY--THE U.S. CUP, WHICH, WHEREAS THE FAIRFAX COUNTY OPEN AND IS THREE-TIME CHAMPION OF THE U.S. ARENA CUP."

GOBIN, RANKED AS ONE OF THE TOP TEN AMERICAN POLO PLAYERS IN THE UNITED STATES, IS THE FINEST TOP LEVEL PROFESSIONAL POLO PLAYER TO HEAD UP A VIRGINIA POLO CLUB. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AT THE AGE OF 15 IN FARMINGTON, MAINE, IN THE ARENA. AT 17 HE WENT TO ARGENTINA TO TRAIN FOR TWO YEARS AND HAS PROFESSIONAL CAREER BEGAN A FEW YEARS LATER PLAYING WITH ENGLISH PLAYERS GREGORY KENT, LARRY BLUM, AND, KAREN KARBEL. GOBIN, A MEMBER OF THE VIRGINIA POLO ASSOCIATION, IS MAINTAINING A WINTER HOME IN WELLINGTON, FLORIDA WHERE HE PLAYS PROFESSIONAL POLO.

MIDDLEBURG, GOBIN TO THE PREMIER VIRGINIA TWILIGHT POLO AND ARENA EVENTS - THE SPRING AND SUMMER GOLD CUP MATCHES, IS ALSO HOME TO THE ARENA, TRAP AND GRASS POLO. LAST SUMMER MORE THAN 10,000 FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS FROM THE REGION GATHERED AT GREAT MEADOW FOR THE ANNUAL TWILIGHT POLO AND ARENA EVENTS. THE EVENT WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL YET, WITH A RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE OF 10,000 PEOPLE. GOBIN STATED AFTER THE MATCHES: "THE TWILIGHT POLO AND ARENA ARE A SPECIAL EVENT FOR THE REGION."

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THE TWILIGHT POLO AND ARENA AT GREAT MEADOW BEGIN FROM SATURDAY, MAY 31 THROUGH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUGUST 9 WHICH WILL BE A NIGHT OF BLUE. KARBEL IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREAT MEADOW POLO CLUB AND GOBIN IS THE MANAGER. THERE ARE ALSO A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEASONAL TWILIGHT POLO MATCHES AND ARENA ARE AVAILABLE BY REQUEST. MATCHES BEGIN AT 8:00PM AND THE FIRST MATCH STARTS AT 7PM.

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MORVEN PARK SPORTING ART SHOW AND SALE

MAY 22 - 2P, 9:00P
THE MUSEUM OF HOUNDS & HUNTING NA IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE BERESFORD GALLERY OF UNIONVILLE, PA., WILL PRESENT THE 2008 SPORTING ART SHOW AND SALE IN THE HISTORIC COACH HOUSE AT MORVEN PARK OVER MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. HAVING BEEN ON HIATUS FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE RETURN OF THE MHHNA SHOW HAS BEEN EAGERLY ANTICIPATED. THE EVENT IS WIDELY REGARDED FOR PRESENTING A PREMIER COLLECTION OF WORK FROM HIGHLY ACCLAIMED CONTEMPORARY SPORTING ARTISTS.

THIS YEAR'S ROSTER INCLUDES MEVERLY WENDE, JULIE KIRK, NANCY PELLATT, LARRY WHEELER, RICHARD HUBBARD, PEGGY KAUFFMAN, LINDA LUSTER, BETH CARLSON, SCULPTOR J. CLAYTON BRIGHT, WROUGHT IRON ARTIST ERIC ZANOTTI, AND OTHERS - ALL WITH EXCITING NEW WORKS SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE 2008 EXHIBITION ROSTER FEATURES AMERICAN HOUNDS BY JULIE KIRK (SEE BELOW AND ATTACHED). IT IS AVAILABLE FOR \$15.00 AND CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE EVENT OR THROUGH WWW.MHHNA.ORG OR BY CALLING 703-777-2414. PROCEEDS FROM THE SHOTGUN AND A PORTION OF THE ART SALE PROCEEDS, GO TO BENEFIT THE MUSEUM'S EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE ART AND TRADITIONS OF MOUNTED HUNTING IN NORTH AMERICA.



"WE ARE THRILLED TO BE BACK AT BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC MORVEN PARK," SAYS ELIZABETH BEER OF THE BERESFORD GALLERY. "IT'S THE PERFECT SETTING TO REVEAL OUR LIBRARY OF FINE SPORTING ART TO THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE SEVERAL OUTSTANDING PIECES TO PRESENT AND WE'RE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE MUSEUM OF HOUNDS AND HUNTING THROUGH OUR SUCCESS."

MARION MACHUGA, CHAIRMAN OF THE MHHNA, WELCOMES MR. BEER'S PRESENTATION. "THE MACHUGA COLLECTION INCLUDES WORK FROM THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY, AS WELL AS WORK BY SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE SPORTING ARTISTS OF THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES. THE ARTISTS' WORKS ARE BEING SHOWN AT THE MUSEUM AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISPLAY OF CONTEMPORARY ART IN THE MUSEUM."

MORVEN PARK HOSTS THE VIRGINIA FOX HOUND SHOW ON SUNDAY, MAY 25, FROM 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. THE SHOW IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A DAY OF FAMILY FUN IN AN EXHIBIT OF THE MOST FAMOUS AMERICAN HOUND. VISITORS CAN WATCH AMERICAN HOUNDS PRESENT THE HOUND EXHIBIT, FROM THE GAITING, TO THE WALK, TO THE CHASE, AND ATTEND THE SPORTING ART EXHIBIT AND SALE.

THE SPORTING ART EXHIBIT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FRIDAY, MAY 23, FROM 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM, SATURDAY, MAY 24, FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM, AND SUNDAY, MAY 25, FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOW, CONTACT THE BERESFORD GALLERY, 850-242-1867, WWW.BERESFORDGALLERY.COM, OR VISIT US AT MORVEN PARK, 703-777-2414. ADMISSION IS FREE.

RAIN FOREST FESTIVAL

MAY 31, 2:00P, 8:00P TO 10:00P
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SUNDAY, JUNE 1

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SATURDAY, JUNE 7

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
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ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYONE FROM 8:00 PM TO 11:00 PM
FIND OUT ABOUT U.S. SPACE RESEARCH, TAKE A SKY TOUR, AND LOOK FOR DEEP SPACE OBJECTS THROUGH LARGE TELESCOPES. IF THE SKY IS CLOUDY, A SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL BE PRESENTED AND THE PARK GATES WILL CLOSE AT 10 P.M. BRING YOUR CHILDREN - HOUR EARLY FOR A SPECIAL "JUNIOR ASTRONOMER" ACTIVITY.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

HEARTH COOKING FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
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SATURDAY, JUNE 14

THE NATURAL WORLD THROUGH ANCIENT EYES FROM 10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
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SUNDAY, JUNE 15

DEERFIELD COUNTRY FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
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FRIDAY, JUNE 21

LEARN FROM BUTTERFLIES WITH MARY ALEXANDER AND STEVE MALONE OF THE WASHINGTON AREA BUTTERFLY CLUB. LEARN THE BASICS OF BUTTERFLY REARING AND VISIT THE BUTTERFLY REARING ROOM. BUTTERFLIES ARE BEING REARED IN THE BUTTERFLY REARING ROOM.

LEARN FROM THE FARM: BREAD AND BUTTER FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22

COME JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL "JUNIOR ASTRONOMER" ACTIVITY. WEAR YOUR GEAR, LAUGH UP YOUR FISHING SMILE AND GET READY FOR AN EXPERIENCE YOU WON'T FORGET.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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MONDAY, JUNE 29

THE MOUNTAIN BLAKE HOUSE TOUR
THE MOUNTAIN BLAKE HOUSE WAS THE HOME OF THE BLAKE FAMILY BEFORE AND DURING THE CIVIL WAR. ON JUNE 29, 2008, YOU'LL GET A Glimpse INTO THE LIFE OF THE MOUNTAIN BLAKE FAMILY ANCESTORS. THE HOUSE WILL BE OPEN FOR VISITATION FROM 1:00 PM TO 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

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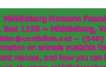
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Sheltie is a 3-4 year old Sheltie Collie/Shepherd mix who is very sweet. She gets along fine with other cats and would be happiest on lots of acreage or a farm.



Hayley is a 9 month old Presa/ Rottweiler mix who is currently in obedience classes and is learning fast. She is very sweet and sociative with other dogs.



Gemma is one cute little dudel! She is a Gorgi/ Shepherd mix who loves everyone: cats, kids & other dogs. Gemma would be a great friend for anyone!



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back by popular demand... Catapalooza will be returning to the Loudoun County Government Center on Tuesday in June!

In honor of Adopt-A-Shelter Month, cats and kittens from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter will be at the Loudoun County Government Center in Leesburg looking for new homes on Tuesday in June from 11am to 1pm.

Cats now outrank dogs as America's #1 pet, and it's easy to see why. They are affectionate, playful, and fun, and don't require as much daily maintenance as their canine counterparts. Cats are perfectly content to stay in one place, and don't need to be walked for exercise. They can be left alone for longer periods of time, and they enjoy spending the relaxing time at home while you are at work.

Indoor cats are great companions, and can live in their late teens or early twenties with proper medical care, good nutrition, and lots of love. Cats can live with dogs and other cats, as well as human friends of all ages. The joy of stroking a cat has been shown to reduce stress!

"I'm really looking forward to the event," says

Mom, a 2 year old gray & white cat currently available for adoption at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter. "Now that my kittens have all gone to new homes, I am ready to find a new home for myself."

One year old Christian echoes her thoughts. "Some people think black cats are unlucky, but I disagree," he says as he relaxes in his sheepskin bed. "Anyone would be very lucky to adopt a wonderful guy like me."

In addition to meeting these great cats, visitors to Cat-a-palooza will enjoy giveaways and free samples for their favorite feline!

So if you think you're not a cat person, think again! Come to Cat-a-Palooza, in the lobby of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison St., SE, Leesburg, Tuesday in June from 11am-1pm.

For more information on the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, or to view cats available for adoption, visit www.loudoun.gov/animals. The Loudoun County Animal Shelter is located at 1000 Charles Town Pike, Warrenton, VA 20197.



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