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PLESCOW APPOINTED TO FILL ROBINSON VACANCY

DAN MORROW

On July 12, at conference facilities at "Clyde's" restaurant in Broadlands, the Middleburg Town Council and staff met for a day-long "Vision Session," moderated by Tyler St. Clair, a member of the Leadership Development Team at the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

The exercise: "Thinking about the Town of Middleburg in 2025." What would the current members of Council want to change? What would they want to keep?

Two groups, each containing Council members and staff, "brainstormed" ideas at the all-day Saturday session. Though open to the public, only Council and Staff members attended the all-day Saturday sessions.

Weldon Cooper's St. Clair introduced and facilitated the discussions, then drafted a

formal summary of the proceedings in time for Council's Thursday, July 24, work session.

A further, one-day work session is anticipated to get everyone to agree on final draft of the "vision," and a plan to promote and implement it.

Council spent \$3,000 plus facilities and food costs for its long day at Clyde's. According to local management and marketing consultants similar exercises, conducted for both public and private-sector executives, can cost as much as ten times that amount, or more.

According to Town Administrator Jerry Schiro, Middleburg's sessions "... went well with great participation from the Council."

St. Clair's seminar, "Visioning & Goal Setting: Leading Your Community," has been well-received at meetings of the Virginia Mayor's League, and inspired a similar, four-day session last

year with the Herndon Town Council.

"Vision 1.0"

St. Clair's summary of input from both groups outlined nine key elements of the current Council's vision of the Town in 2025, beginning with almost universally shared ideas about "What Makes Us So 'Unmistakably Middleburg?'" In seventeen years, they hope, Middleburg will be:

1) "A small town that is a thriving, friendly, welcoming, safe and charming community."

2) "A historic identity that includes horses and fox hunting; an employment focus that has historically been service-oriented versus industrial in nature; the Site of Revolutionary War and Civil War battles; part of the "Journey Through Hallowed Ground;" a community with an exemplary architectural heritage; a place where Afri-

can Americans have played significant roles as business owners and in the horse industry."

3) "A preservation and conservation leader that ensures that the Town is a beautiful, historic, architecturally rich, vibrant village with well-defined borders, surrounded by green, open space."

4) A destination for shopping and dining and unique accommodations.

5) "The 'Capital of Horse Country' -- If it's horse-oriented, it begins and ends in Middleburg."

6) "A real town, with real people, that is the model of natural diversity that everyone is trying to achieve; diversity is valued and 'chiefs live among the Indians' -- where neighbors are neighbors, no matter what the size of their houses."

7) "A Green Community that is environmentally sound, sustainable, and paperless."

8) "A state of mind that

means caring for and giving to others; we are interdependent, rely on each other, and are committed to providing time and money for our community."

9) "Invested in remembering our past and planning for our future."

The "Brainstorm"

"Group Blue" at "Clyde's", including Council Members Darlene Kirk, Bundles Muddock, Trowbridge Littleton, Judith Plescow, Town Administrator Jerry Schiro and Town Clerk Rhonda North, came up with no less than 28 things they'd like to "keep" and 46 things they'd like to see "change."

Among the Group Blue more specific "keepers" were the town's elementary school, the Pink Box visitor center, a "buffer" between Middleburg and the eastern parts of the County, and small streets with no Upperville-style traffic calming measures.

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NEWS OF NOTE

ERIN PETERSON TO BE HONORED IN VILLAGE OF ST. LOUIS

Although much was lost when Erin Peterson of St. Louis was shot and killed last April in the Virginia Tech massacre, a small, historically Black village will gain a lot when Habitat for Humanity breaks ground to build a small group of modest houses in her name. Erin had deep roots in the St. Louis community where her father grew up and her grandfather still lives. Her desire to help others and her dedication to always 'give back' are perfect reflections of the Habitat for Humanity philosophy, making this gesture both appropriate and inspirational. The low-income houses that will be named for Erin will be built on five acres that Loudoun County's Habitat for Humanity purchased this year to establish a second five-acre subdivision in St. Louis, a Hunt Country village near Middleburg.

COLLEEN HAYDUK AND MARK HOUGHTON MARRIED AT OAKENDALE FARM ON JULY 19TH.



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SUCCESS SPEEDS ARTS INNOVATORS TO GREATER COMMUNITY SERVICE

Grateful for the tremendous support their arts initiatives have received, Kimberly Tapper and Tom Sweitzer recently announced that they will increase their focus on Loudoun Youth Initiatives and their Creative Youth Theater Foundation. As exclusive independent contractors to LYI, they will be able to work with more children, and continue to provide performance and grant opportunities to a diverse group of teenagers in Loudoun County. The unqualified success of Sweitzer and Tapper's arts initiatives during the past four years demanded that they think carefully about how best to focus their efforts. By providing performing arts opportunities to teenagers in both Middleburg, Virginia and Loudoun, Pennsylvania, Tapper and Sweitzer made a major contribution these communities as they broadened the professional possibilities of teenagers in these areas and offered their

passions in theater, music, dance, and other forms of personal expression. During these four years, over 350 teenagers were engaged in a combination of acting classes, benefit performances, and traditional theatrical productions between the two locations. The Loudoun troupe, always more inclined towards musical theater, produced a revue each year, culminating this April in a remarkable showcase of individual talent and achievement titled "Why We Sing." In the final year in Middleburg, two groups of teens were cast for the LYI projects, a middle school cast that revisited the bullying theme, and an upper school cast that focused on the ways we communicate and mis-communicate in our wired world. A new team of teachers was hired for the middle school group, Angelie Cook and Adam Martin. During this time, Tapper and Sweitzer had begun to reconsider the fundraising performance formula that is at the heart of the foundation. After considering many options, they determined that they could no longer personally sustain working with both groups at their current level of involvement. They also realized that they could reach more children by working exclusively with LYI as independent contractors. In Loudoun, the tightly-knit troupe had reached a point where the teens were graduating and pursuing other avenues in the arts, and rather than start over with a younger group, Tapper and Sweitzer decided to focus their attention on the promising developments in Loudoun County. Early on, the Middleburg troupe won acclaim with their full-scale production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" in addition to a variety of teen-oriented presentations. Then, Tapper and Sweitzer began to develop a new idea with Loudoun County's Loudoun Youth Initiative (LYI) in Virginia. LYI sponsored the Virginia CYTF team to work with a group of teens from schools throughout the county.

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LOUDOUN COUNTY GOVERNMENT RECEIVES EXCELLENT TECH GRADE

Loudoun County has been recognized as one of the most technologically advanced county governments in the United States, receiving the number one ranking in its population category in a national survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government and National Association of Counties.

The 2008 Digital Counties Survey found that Loudoun uses information technology in increasingly innovative ways to deliver service to the county's residents. Thousands of U.S. counties were invited to participate in the survey. Officials responded to questions that included more than 100 measurements and data points about online service delivery, infrastructure, architecture and governance models.

Loudoun County provides many services through its website, www.loudoun.gov. Some of the newer services include online bidding for items from the Loudoun County Surplus Store and an on-line job application system, which allows job applicants to create and save a user profile that can be easily updated and reused to apply for

jobs as they are posted on the website.

Other popular offerings on the website are the database of land parcels, Board of Supervisors meeting packets, maps, photos of animals available for adoption at the Animal Shelter, the online library catalog and online tax payments. The website also offers RSS feeds of headlines and news releases as well as webcasts of Board of Supervisors meetings and other programming that appears on Government Channel 23.

Another web-based service is the Alert Loudoun system, which allows residents to receive e-mails or text messages over their cellular phones or pagers. Subscribers can receive alerts in various categories, such as road closures, safety information, news releases, sports cancellations, emergency situations, and tax deadline information.

Currently, approximately three million users visit the Loudoun County website annually, viewing more than 27 million pages.

More information about the survey and the Center for Digital Government is available online at www.cendigital.gov.

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ty to write and produce a show for teens about the pressing problem of bullying. The show, "Normal," was highly successful and was seen by over 600 students, parents, and teachers from Loudoun and Fauquier counties. Tapper and Sweitzer were inspired by the breadth of their audiences and the potential represented by the opportunity to work with an expanding number of teenagers.

During this time, the Alcona troupe was renamed The Tom Riley Musical Theater Company to honor the radio personality who had been a CYTF board member and passionate supporter before his untimely death in 2006. It became a matter of course for this multi-talented company to take their performances to the DelCrosso Amusement Park as well as other performance spaces out in the community including the Miehler Theater.

The Artistic Directors and the Board of CYTF are grateful for the generous support of their friends and donors.

"With their help, we have guided many teenagers to higher aspirations for their lives. Many

have realized passions and are pursuing careers in the performing arts and others have discovered talents that are leading them in unexpected directions. Listed below are some of our students and their summer programs as well as what they pursued or will pursue after leaving CYTF. We are very proud to have offered so many teenagers a platform from which to pursue their dreams," agreed Tapper and Sweitzer.

Summer Programs:

Alex Harris of Middleburg, VA, Zach Weirich of Hoolesburg, PA, Keia Summers of Middleburg, VA, Nick Finocchio of Delwood, PA attended US Performing Arts Camps in Washington, DC.

Alex Harris also attended the Governor's School for the Performing Arts.

Keia Summers, Alethea Van Dam of Leesburg, VA, Keenan Jackson of Middleburg, attended North Carolina School of the Arts Summer Programs.

Brandon Wake of Alcona, Emily Jacoby of Sterling, VA, Culen Herter of Ashburn, VA attended

Camp Ballboy for Performing Arts in Pennsylvania.

Haley Noel of Galitpton, PA, attended Penn Park University for summer dance program.

Emily Dennis, State College, PA is working in commercials and recently had a small role in her first feature film.

Students in College:

Casey McCorkle of Bellwood, PA attended Clarion University (captain of dance team and studying communication/journalism and production).

Stephanie Liano of Alcona attends Gannon University.

Haley Noel attends Indiana University of PA (IUP) with a dance minor.

Levi Snyder of Alcona attends Penn State studying screenplay writing.

Keenan Jackson attends North Carolina School of the Arts studying film, production and direction.

Keia Summers attends Marsville College.

Jesse DeLozier of Alcona attended Shenandoah University studying music.

Boomer Rose of Pinedellville, VA attends Shenandoah University

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CIRCLE OF LIFE HUNT COUNTRY EVENT TO BENEFIT SOUTH AFRICAN YOUTH, ARCHBISHOP TUTU TO BE HONORED

For anyone who believes that we can benefit from those who went before us, the amazing entrepreneur Sandi Young is planning for her "Circle of Life" event at Coachman Farm, on September 20th, will be a most-attended evening.

Designed to connect good works, good deeds, good instincts and good will, this will definitely be a Hunt Country evening to remember, and Sandi has invited a group of African leaders to attend who perfectly reflect her sense of what it takes to really make a difference.

The difference they and the guests' generosity will make this year will benefit the Ubuntu Education Fund for the children of South Africa. Founder and President Jacob Lief described the success of the Ubuntu Education Fund as being how deeply the organization reaches each child.

Ubuntu translates from the South African as the belief that what makes us human is the humanity we show each other. The word is often used to describe a universal bond of sharing that connects all humanity.

"We empower vulnerable children and their families with the skills and resources they need to lead healthy, prosperous lives. Our life-saving HIV services and education programs guide 40,000 children through the crises of poverty, disease and abuse."

Ubuntu was founded in 1999 in the knowledge of Dr. Elizabeth, South Africa, a community composed of tightly clustered shack with scant public infrastructure, where only one-in-five adults

is employed and two-in-five are HIV positive.

Recognized as part of the fabric of life in Port Elizabeth, Ubuntu sees the tangible results of thoughtful growth every day. Their investment in people and best practices has produced a replicable model for grassroots-based sustainable development.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who will be honored at the "Circle of Life" event, is also a patron of the Ubuntu Education Fund.

"Ubuntu's grassroots programs are sliding down into the people who count," the Archbishop said. "You are not helpless, you are not ciphers that can be manipulated. You are people who can prepare your own thoughts given critical skills. And that is important."

Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, played a key role in ending apartheid in South Africa. He is often quoted stressing that it is small hands targeted to real community needs that are often more effective than large financial infusions that often never reach the people who really need help.

"Many large donors lack the on-the-ground knowledge to make their funds effective in the communities that receive them," he said to the Financial Times.

Tutu's support of Ubuntu rests on the organization's focus on literacy, technology and health.

"We could not possibly work to benefit a more important organization than Ubuntu," Sandi Young explained. "This organization is making a possible

for children who would have no chance at all to have a chance to change the world. I am so honored to be able to help them, and I know everyone here will be just as excited about this opportunity."

Known and respected for their strong business principles of accountability, Ubuntu founder and President Banks Gwasa described how they have developed a blueprint for socially responsible communities.

"Our success relies on our commitment to give people the means to improve their own communities," Gwasa emphasized.

"Given the needed tools, support and counseling, there is nothing these individuals cannot do for themselves," Sandi said.

After a childhood in the notorious ghettos of Soweto, it is no mistake that this profound story of overcoming all obstacles has become an entire life's work for him.

"It is simply impossible to describe Lebo M's talent and commitment to his country," Sandi explained. "When you meet him here and listen to him sing, you'll understand immediately who he is so powerful and how he has been able to focus the world's attention on what is needed in South Africa. He is, without doubt, a true life force. We are all grateful to have an opportunity to help him."

Anyone who knows Sandi Young will understand how seriously she believes in Ubuntu and how important it is that those who can help this cause have



Lebo M

Lebo M, the Grammy Award winning singer better known as Lebo M, is the voice and spirit of The Lion King. He will join the Duke Ellington School of Music Alumni Choir to entertain guests at the "Circle of Life" event. Lebo M, an alumni of the Duke Ellington School, is well known for his performances with Elton John, James Brown and many, many others.

"He's absolutely wonderful," Young said. "It gives me goose bumps to know he'll be here with the Duke Ellington Alumni Choir to sing 'Circle of Life'."

The Oscar nominated choral master is also a true humanitarian recently

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GOODSTONE CHEF TO COOK AT NEW YORK'S JAMES BEARD HOUSE



Christopher Carey, executive chef at Middleburg's Goodstone Inn & Estate, has been invited by The James Beard Foundation to cook dinner at the storied James Beard House in Manhattan. The dinner will take place on Monday, August 4th, 2008, commencing at 7:00 p.m. with an elegant butler-served hors d'oeuvre and wine reception. Chef Carey's five-course dinner, featuring exceptional Virginia cuisine and fine wines, will follow beginning at 8:00 p.m. Reservations can be arranged by calling the James Beard House at 212-627-2308 and are \$125 per person for members of the James Beard Foundation and \$165 per person for the general public. "I am so pleased to be invited to cook at the James Beard

House," said Chef Carey. "It is a high honor to do so and to be a part of the pantheon of chefs who have cooked at this celebrated place."

"We are so pleased to welcome The Goodstone Inn and Chef Carey to the James Beard House this summer," stated Izabela Wojcik, director of house programming for the James Beard Foundation. "We look forward to a wonderful evening highlighting the best of Virginia cuisine and fine wines."

The James Beard House was home to the Dean of American Cookery, James Beard, from 1970 until his passing at 81 in 1985. The multifaceted Beard, who established cooking schools and published over 20 important cookbooks, many of which are still in print, left a legacy of cu-

linary excellence and integrity to generations of home cooks and professional chefs. His name remains synonymous with American cookery.

For Chef Carey's James Beard Dinner Menu, he was inspired by the five uniquely beautiful and historic dwellings that make up The Goodstone Inn & Estate's guest accommodations. These include the elegant Carriage House, the quaint Dutch Cottage, the historic French Farm House, the stately Manor House, and the intimate Spring House. He chose to name each course accordingly, providing a "culinary tour" of the Inn.

Throughout dinner, Chef Carey will use ingredients, herbs and produce originating directly from The Goodstone Inn's organically maintained kitchen gardens and orchards. In addition to providing five-star-quality lodging, The Goodstone Inn also offers farm-to-table dining in its restaurant, Hilltoppers, ensuring the freshest and highest quality culinary experience possible for guests.

Christopher Carey is executive chef for The Goodstone Inn & Estate. In this role he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the culinary program. Honored as one of the Best Chefs of Washington, he was previously executive chef for The Ashby Inn of Paris, Virginia and executive chef for Clifton Inn in Charlottesville. He is a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, the French Culinary Institute in New York and has an economics degree from Fordham University.

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Among things they'd like to see change, improvements in the cost of living for seniors; more retail opportunities and downtown restaurants; a new Middleburg Museum; better preservation and use of historic Ashby Church; moving and improving Safe-way (the town's only grocery store); more parking, including, perhaps, an underground garage; and putting the entire town within the Historic District to prevent, among other things, the construction of "McMansions."

Their "Group Red" colleagues, Mayor Betty Davis, Council Members Kathy Jo Shea, Mark Snyder, Lisa Patterson, and Town Planner David Beniamino, came up with a remarkably similar list: 30 things to "keep" and 38 things to "change."

Among their more specific "keepers," were diversity, including continuing support of organizations like Windy Hill to help preserve it; promotion of an even more active volunteer community; continuing sound financial management; and a solid, professional, well-trained town staff.

"Group Red" wanted to see change for the better: competitive salaries and benefits for the town staff; an "intense revenue generating program;" computerization; a Middleburg Foundations that would "purchase retail space and other properties to help with rents;" water and sewer rates that would allow ongoing replacement and maintenance; expanded parks and recreational activities for teens; instant electronic communication, in-

cluding real-time electronic access to Council meetings, and perhaps, a "Second Life" on-line presence.

Next Steps

St. Clair has recommended and Council seems inclined to approve, another full day session to fine tune and adopt a final statement and outline a plan to promote and implement it. Key elements will include agreement on specific statements, already in draft form, on: community involvement; economic strength; communication; residential vitality; the preservation and maintenance of the town's historic character; a "green" environment; and future sustainability and infrastructure planning.

Part of St. Clair's approach at Clyde's was to get each attendee, as an ice breaker, to reveal something about themselves they thought the others didn't know. Schiro noted, "I think the setting gave the Council an opportunity to learn some things about each other they probably didn't know. I know certainly did."

Copies of the minutes of the visioning session, and St. Clair's final report are available at Town Hall.

Pescow Appointed to Council

At their Thursday, July 10, regular session, Council appointed Judith Pescow to serve the remaining two years of departing Council Member Karen Robinson-Payne's term.

Robinson-Payne, the Council's first representative from the Windy Hill community gave up her seat after her recent marriage and move to a new home outside the town limits. She was thanked publicly for her service by Council on July 24.

Pescow, a Realtor, Board Member of the Fox Run Homeowner's Association, and candidate for Town Council in 2006, has a long history of community service. Her husband, Stephen Pescow, currently chairs the Town's Planning Commission.

Pescow's appointment, on the eve of the town's projected "visioning" retreat, was the subject of some controversy.

Council Member Mark Snyder pointed out that Robinson-Payne's resignation from Council did not become effective until August 1, and there was no real need for Council to rush to make an interim appointment.

He suggested that Council take the time to seek out and listen to a number of potential candidates before acting. Newly elected Council Member Kathy Jo Shea agreed.

Other members of council

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He conviction that she is to work closely with her parishioners in the school is very important to her. She is a very energetic person, and her excitement at the prospect of doing God's work with her Middleburg church is infectious. She describes her hopes and plans for her new assignment.

She is married to Lee Seibert, pastor of Sydenhyster United Methodist Church in the field and she will commute to Middleburg from there. The Seiberts have four children, Thomas, Ronald, David and Brian and six grandchildren.

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FUNGUS AMONG US

THE PLANT LADY

KAREN REDMOND

On a rainy spring and summer has prompted a plethora of low life forms, primarily the fungal kind. Having folioled for months, much of the damage is done and the gardeners must now concern himself with late season clean-up and sanitary issues.

The apple and crabapple trees have been hard hit with cedar apple rust or Gymnosporangium juniper-virginianae. Rust needs two hosts to complete its life cycle and the common cedar or Juniperus virginiana is the primary host, a plant found all over the state. The secondary stage of life and final spore disposal is completed on the apple and crabapple trees, evident as tiny yellow spots on leaves that mature into yellow/orange lesions with tiny black dots in the center. By midsummer, small cup-like structures with tubes become evident on the undersides of mature leaf lesions which may also be seen on the fruit. There is no point in spraying at this stage of the cedar apple rust development, the critical factor in controlling it will be fall clean-up. Plan to rake and completely remove all fallen foliage from the area and include removal of any old fruit that remains on the tree for winter

(known in the trade as mummies). Apple orchards in the state spend considerable time removing any Juniperus virginiana, commonly known as Virginia Cedar in a two to four mile radius of the apple trees to help eliminate cedar apple rust. Juniperus horizontalis and J. scopulorum are also capable of hosting the rust and completing the first cycle of spore disposal.

Apple scab or Venturia inaequalis has left many trees defoliated, crabapples have been particularly hard hit and once again the damage is done and spraying with a fungicide would be a waste of time. The spores of apple scab are spread during late April through early June (from bud break to fruit set), and once leaves begin to fall, the battle is lost. A thorough clean-up of leaves in fall, doubled with fruit removal, will function as the best preventative. Older varieties of crabapples are hardest hit, but seem to overcome their premature leaf loss the following year as an abundance of new leaves return. Many of the new crabapple hybrids are resistant to apple scab. Peony leaves may also look a little worse than usual when we have experienced a rainy start to the year. The foliage will be liberally marked with irregular brown to black spots and this is known as peony blight or Botrytis pae-

oniae. A common problem from year to year, our high humidity in summer allows the spores to travel easily from plant to plant. It is critical that the stems and leaves are removed in fall and this simple practice will do more than any fungal spray. Foliage may be removed earlier but I prefer to let foliage mature as new eyes develop underground for the next year. I can watch for fall clean-up from experience, having left a peony bed untended one winter, the new shoots that emerged in spring developed black stems and subsequently black buds. The entire bed was stricken, never flowered, and looked horrible the rest of the year. The same bed was carefully cleaned last winter and flowered beautifully this spring.

In conclusion: our unusually rainy seasons leave us little choice but to concentrate our efforts on fall clean-up. Old leaves should be burned, composted or bagged and removed from the property. If your making your own compost, it should be turned regularly. I would check the temperature and consider the compost safe if the internal temperature reaches 125-degrees. All of this benefits your garden, the removal of rats, scabs, the awful blight and by all means, don't forget the mummies!

SUCCESS SPEEDS ARTS INNOVATORS
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studying theater.

Shelia Sakuma of State College attends American University.

Cheba Keanan of Albion attends Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Chase Fiore of Albion attends Carnegie Mellon University studying technical theater and production.

Cate Oliver of Poughkeepsie attends Coastal Carolina University.

William Krumich of Middleburg was accepted with full scholarship awards at Virginia Commonwealth University for theater.

Tully Saitre of Culpeper, VA, attends Chicago School of Art and Design.

Lowell Hutcherson of Warrenton, VA attends Denison University studying theater and music.

Angela Finelli of Albion will be attending Shenandoah University this fall to study musical theater.

Maria Fusco of Albion will be attending Point Park University this fall to study dance and education.

Jonathan Harris of Tyone, PA will be attending Point Park University this fall to study musical theater.

Lena Clark of Leesburg, VA will be attending Steven F. Austin State University to study theater and American Sign Language.

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AIVSON BROWETT

Believe it or not, I have yet to turn on my central air conditioning. While my electricity bill might be a little lower, the temperature in my kitchen is a little higher, and with the world's most inefficient oven, it rises even higher when I cook. So for the concluding hot months of summer, I turn to cold salads and move most of my protein cooking to the outside grill. But with the season's harvest in full swing, and the thermometer rising even higher, I find that cold soups are the perfect way to keep the temperatures, both body and ambient, down.

Not something usually thought of in the summer, soups are the perfect way to use fresh produce before it goes to waste. They are also very easy to make and can be whipped up in minutes—a perfect dish for surprise guests or a weekend potluck. Here I present three of the more common cold soups, using some of the season's freshest ingredients. Feel free to tweak the ingredients or amounts to suit your tastes, and attempt to come up with a recipe of your own (think corn or peaches, or melon, or roasted red pepper, or...). The varieties are limited only by the imagination. One disclaimer: some cooking may be required.

Cool-as-A-Cake Soup
Created by Alyson Browett

Cucumbers are related to zucchini, squash and watermelon, along with other gourds. The fruit originated somewhere in Southern Asia and has been cultivated for more than 3,000 years. Historically used for its healing purposes—compounds in its flesh help soothe skin and reduce swelling—the cucumber is rich in vitamin C, potassium and magnesium. This is a great dish for people looking for a low-carbohydrate, low-fat meal.

2 cucumbers, peeled, seeded, and finely diced

1 clove garlic, roughly chopped

1 cup vegetable stock

1 bunch green onions, white and green parts, roughly chopped

Juice of 1 lemon

1 avocado

½ cup Greek yogurt

½ cup sour cream (can use light or fat free)

½ cup chopped "fresh" dill

Salt and white pepper, to taste

Add one of the cucumbers, garlic, stock, green onions and lemon juice to a blender. Puree until smooth. In a bowl, mash the peeled avocado with a fork or potato masher. Stir the yogurt and sour cream in with the avocado. Whisk the cucumber "water" into the avocado mixture. Add the dill and the other diced cucumber to taste. Cool for at least two hours in the fridge. Serve garnished with a dollop of sour cream and a dill sprig. Serves 2-4.

Bright and Breezy Borscht
Created by Alyson Browett

Borscht, usually made primarily from beets, originated in Eastern Europe. Many borscht soups are served hot and contain meats and cabbage; however, there are innumerable variations of the bright pink concoction. This cold variant does require some cooking, but in its finished state, could be served as a dessert with a dollop of crème fraîche. If served as an appetizer, consider garnishing with dill for parties and serving with half of a hard-boiled egg on the side.

6 medium beets, leaves removed and not ball scrubbed

1 ½ tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1 cup vegetable stock

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon champagne vinegar

1 tablespoon honey

1 cup sour cream

Salt, to taste

Preheat oven to 400°. Place the beets in a baking dish and drizzle the olive oil over them. Cover the dish with aluminum foil, sealing the edges tightly. Roast the beets for at least one hour, or until very tender. Set aside to cool, but reserve the cooking liquid. When cool enough to handle, peel the beets (I recommend wearing latex or rubber gloves to prevent staining your hands pink). Dice two of the beets into small cubes, and roughly chop the other four. Place the four chopped beets, cooking liquid, stock, lemon juice, vinegar and honey in a blender and puree until smooth. In a bowl, whisk together the beet puree and the sour cream and add salt to taste. Add the diced beets and serve, as appropriate, as noted above. Serves 4-6.

Gaspacho
Created by Alyson Browett

There's not much to say about this salad-soup, other than YUM. Really, you can add any garden vegetable you like to this soup, and get a spectacular result. Gaspacho originated from Andalusia in Spain, and was traditionally a soup of bread, garlic, olive oil, salt and vinegar. Tomatoes and green peppers were introduced to Spain by Columbus, who brought them back from the New World around the turn of the 16th century. For my version, I like to combine the diced and pureed vegetables, and use all fresh ingredients (in other words, there's no high-sodium V8 in here).

10 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and finely diced

1 clove of garlic, roughly chopped

1 green bell pepper, finely diced

1 sweet onion (preferably Vidalia), finely diced

1 cup vegetable stock

Juice of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon white balsamic vinegar

Extra virgin olive oil

½ cup blanched and slivered almonds

1 teaspoon paprika

Salt, to taste

In a blender, puree four of the tomatoes and the garlic until very

smooth. In a bowl, combine the pepper, onion, lemon juice, and vinegar. Add the tomato puree and salt, to taste. Toast the almonds over medium heat in a sauté pan. Drizzle just enough olive oil over them to coat them, and then sprinkle with the paprika and salt, starting to coat. To serve, drizzle a small amount of olive oil on the gaspacho and top with the spiced almonds. Serves 4-6.

Do you have any ideas for the "Your Personal Chef" column? Do you want to see an article on a specific topic? Do you have a recipe you'd like to share? Are you wondering

how to replicate your favorite restaurant dish or make your favorite high-fat meal into guilt-free low-fat fare? Always wondered what a chermoula is but are afraid to purchase one? Email me at carlybrowett@gmail.com, and I'll try to include your comments and answer your questions in the coming months!

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Padraig Harrington won his second consecutive British Open last Sunday, the first player to accomplish that particular feat since Tiger Woods in 2005 and 2006.

The last player to double-up at the British before that? Tom Watson in 1982 and 1983.

No major tournament is as consistently inconsistent, as predictably unpredictable as the British. Harrington's final 283, 3-over-par, was 4 strokes better than runner-up Ian Poulter's 287. Fan-favorite Greg Norman finished tied for third with a 9-over 289.

Greg Norman was Tin Cup before Tin Cup, before Phil Mickelson, before anybody. The dashing, swashbuckling Aussie never met a shot he didn't like or conditions he didn't believe he could buckle through sheer force of will. The problem of course, for Norman, was he was so often wrong.

Sunday was no exception. With winds gusting up to 50 mph throughout the day, Norman far too often challenged the Royal Birkdale course, bogeying the first three holes out of the gate and another five through the rest of his round. It would have been

painful if Norman weren't so dare gracious about the whole thing, gritting his teeth and gamely answering the knuckleheaded "How does it feel THIS time?" questions after yet another Major meltdown.

Tied for sole possession of first place after 54 holes, Norman has seen seven of eight Major Championships slip through his fingers. You think golf makes YOU crazy? Most people would have wrapped a 7-iron around their own necks.

Not Norman. The guy was playing this particular British Open while on his honeymoon! Absolutely nuts... Speaking of nuts...

I was watching the ESPY's earlier tonight and I couldn't help but notice that the two best stories didn't even take into account the final score of a single game, didn't define winners or losers in the strictest sense of the word.

The Best Moment Award went to three young women, forever linked by a single game of collegiate softball. When Sarah Tucholsky, a senior player for Western Oregon, launched the first and only homerun of her career over the outfield wall, she was so stunned, she was so stunned, she briefly slowed after rounding first, unsure she'd touched the bag, and started to turn back, you know, just in case.

And then her ACL blew out. And she crawled, unable to stand, back to first, and hugged the bag in her arms.

Arcane, silly, ridiculous NCAA rules apparently prevented a pinch-runner from finishing her victory lap. So there she was, all five feet of her, stuck on first, the only homerun of her life stolen from her by a dirty twist of fate and the inmates running the asylum at NCAA headquarters.

Until two players from the opposing Central Washington team, of their own volition, with no prompting whatsoever, approached the ump, posed a simple question, and carried Sarah around the bases, stopping at each so she could gingerly drop her one could leg to the bag, all the way home.

Poetry. My other favorite moment was watching Kevin Everett walk, unaided, onstage to receive the Jimmy V Award for Perseverance. Everett, was the Buffalo Bills special-teamer who broke his neck in the first week of last season covering a kick-off and was told by just about everybody who knew anything about this sort of thing that his walking days were pretty much behind him.

Sometimes, it's a good idea not to listen to the

people who know better.

The rest of the show was fine, of course. There was a nice tribute to Brett Favre; he won the award for Best Record Breaking Performance for passing Dan Marino as the all-time leader in touchdowns thrown. The whole ongoing quarterback nightmare in Green Bay managed to steal a little bit of the luster from the presentation, but only a little.

Basketball player Candace Parker won the award for Best Female Athlete. If there'd been an award for most classically sculpted athlete, she probably would've won that, too. Wow.

And even the Redskins managed to sneak into the show, trading a 2009 second-round pick and 2010 sixth-round pick to the Dolphins for defensive-end Jason Taylor. Philip Daniels' blown ACL on the first day of training camp put the "Skins in acquisition mode, and Msrs. Snyder and Cerrato managed to land the biggest fish out there that was still available.

Will he push them over the top? Only time will tell. But he can't hurt. And at least we know he can dance.

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COUNCIL DRAFTS

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cit, however, pointed out that finding someone willing and able to serve has been very difficult in a town of roughly 600 citizens; that Plescov was actively engaged in the life of the Town, had run for office, and had already agreed to serve if appointed. Snyder abstained when Mayor Davis called for a vote on the appointment. Shea, clearly distressed about the process, if not the candidate, cast the only negative vote, later insisting that the entire matter be discussed formally at a Council work session.

Kirk Appointed Vice Mayor
By and unexpected 3-2 vote on July 10, Council Member Darlene Kirk was re-appointed Vice Mayor of Middleburg.

Council member Trowbridge Littleton nominated Kirk, for what, by all accounts, was expected to be a pro forma vote.

When Council Member Bundles Murdock asked Kirk if she "really wanted the job," Kirk asked Murdock, "Why?"

When Kirk affirmed her desire to serve another term, and Murdock demurred, outgoing Council Member Karen Robinson nominated Lisa Patterson for Vice Mayor.

In the ensuing vote, Robinson and Kathy Jo Shea voted for Patterson; Littleton, Snyder, and Kirk voted for the current Vice Mayor. Lisa Patterson and Bundles Murdock abstained.

\$144,000 Grant

Town Administrator Jerry Schiro announced in July that he had been notified that the Town would receive \$144,000 in grant funding "for pedestrian improvements" to the entrance of Middleburg Schools at North Madison and Marshall streets.

The grant requires "a 20% match from private or local funds," which Schiro believes can be used to outlays required for improving water lines crossing the same intersection. The recent discovery of a shelf of bedrock underneath the intersection added roughly \$22,000 to the costs of water system improvements there, bringing the total for the project, and the potential pool of matching funds, to roughly \$185,000.

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SUMMER TAKES OFF WITH SOME GREAT BOOKS

GOOD STUFF TO READ
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We have some great events coming up, so mark your calendars. Vicky Moon's new book, *Equestrian Style: Home Design, Couture and Collections from the Eclectic to the Elegant*, is now on sale. We have signed copies!

Breaking Dawn, the final book in Stephenie Meyer's incredible Twilight Saga, goes on sale at midnight at Books & Crannies on Friday, August 1.

We'll reopen the store at 11:00 p.m. for a Midnight Madness party and you can be among the first to buy this book at midnight. These are hugely popular vampire love stories--not that's not an oxymoron--and this final book wraps up all the loose ends and determines the fate of the main characters.

On August 9, we will host Ellen Crosby for brunch (11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) at the Middleburg Country Inn. She will discuss and sign her latest wine country mystery, *The Bordeaux Betrayal*. This series is set in Middleburg and environs and there are many familiar landmarks--and occasionally people--who make these books just right for us. If you can't make brunch, Ellen will be at Books & Crannies from 2-4 on the 9th.

A true story of murder, love, and headhunters.

Now The Hell Will Start tells the remarkable tale of Herman Perry, a budding playboy from the streets of Washington, D.C., who would up going native in the Indo-Burmese jungle--not because he yearned for adventure, but rather to escape the greatest manhunt conducted by the United States Army during World War II. Best selling author George Pelecanos calls this "a fascinating, untold story of the Second World War, an incendiary social document, and a thrilling, campfire tale adventure."

Feed the Hungry: A Memoir with Recipes by Nan Power, who was a caterer before she was a writer, is the story of her family told through the metaphor of food. And don't we all relate to that? The writing is lovely; the discussion of family and cuisine is entertaining and interesting. This is an altogether enjoyable book.

Art in America by Ron McLarty is a funny, heart-warming novel about a down-on-his-luck writer who gets an offer to write a historical play in the Creedmore, Colorado--or should we say "hysterical" play, because that's what enemies. David Baldacci calls this a "ribald, riotously funny but also poignant novel. You'll never look at the theater or the state of Colorado in quite the same way."

Pour yourself a glass of wine, a cup of tea or whatever is your preference

and settle in with The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein. This is a perfect book for Middleburg because it's about the inner life of an adorable, irrepressible lab terrier mix. Enzo is frustrated that he can't talk and has no possible thumbs, but he is an acute observer of life who longs for rebirth as a man. This book might make you cry, and it will make you laugh. This is an ultimately uplifting and beautifully written gem.

The Condition by Jennifer Haigh concerns someone with Turner's syndrome, a genetic condition that keeps the body from growing into adulthood. The repercussions of this "condition" are what this novel is about, how the family copes with one member's disability, and the toll it takes on their lives. It's also about coming to terms with who we really are and accepting ourselves just as we are.

Orchids as the mechanism for freedom--that is at the heart of The Disorder of Longing by Natasha Bauman. In 1890s Boston, Ada is strong-willed and independent, much to the dismay of her husband, who tries to keep her like a hothouse flower, just as he does his treasured orchids. When she gets a chance for an Amazon adventure, she jumps on it. Like its settings, this is a steamy novel full of rich prose and a real sense of atmosphere. Great summer

reading!

Robert Parker, perhaps best known for his Spencer mysteries, has written a wonderful tale of the Old West. In Resolution, he masters yet another genre. Just consider this little excerpt: "I had an eight-gauge shotgun that I'd taken with me when I left Wells Fargo. It didn't take too long for things to develop. I sat in the tall look-out chair in the back of the saloon with the shotgun in my lap for two peaceful nights. On my third night it was different. I could almost smell trouble beginning to cook." Doesn't that make you want more?

For young readers, we suggest Cowboy and Octopus--the next great pair to become a household name. Cowboy likes beans 'n' bacon and bacon 'n' beans. Octopus cats raw seafood. Octopus prefers knock-knock jokes, but Cowboy doesn't get them. How will these two ever be friends?

Jane O'Connor brings us another installment of Nancy Nancy, in Nancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words from Accessories to Zany. Can you say "parasol"?

And then we have United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds, Their Stories, Their Glories by Hudson Talbot. Yes, this book introduces us to the 50 birds who have the honor of being designated state birds. This book is adorable.

The Calder Game by

Blue Balliett and Brett Helquist is for readers ages 9-12. When Calder Filley travels with his father to a remote village in England, he finds a mix of mazes and mystery, including an unexpected Alexander Calder sculpture in the town square. Both the boy and the sculpture seem to be out of place, and then, on the same night, they disappear! Calder's friends Petra and Tommy must fly out to help his father find him. This mystery has more twists and turns than a Calder mobile with more at stake than first meets the eye.

There are also some wonderful books out for children and young readers.

For young adults we have Secrets of My Hollywood Life by Jen Calomita. What if? Your picture was taped inside teenage boys' lockers across America, your closets were bursting get them. How will these with never-worn designer clothing, and the tabloids constantly asked whether you were losing your "good girl" status? It's a glamorous life, but 16-year-old Kaitlin Burke, co-star of one of the hottest shows on TV, is exhausted from the pressures of her fame. So she decides to spend two months undercover as an ordinary high school student. But could it be that real life high school is just as harsh as cutthroat Hollywood?

The Calder Game by

the town-owned Health Center Building, which houses Middleburg's police headquarters as well as private tenants, appears to be a magnet. The town contracted with a pest-control company to have the bats removed in early July, with one tenant threatening to move out if the problem were not quickly taken in hand. At press time, the problem appears to have been addressed successfully, but neither the Town Administrator nor the bat-removal specialists have been able to identify precisely what about the Health Center is so attractive to the flying mammals.

Steps at the Red Fox Inn
A recent pedestrian accident on the sidewalk steps beside the Red Fox Inn led

to conversations between the Town, Scott York, Chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the owners of the Inn.

Legally, the steps are owned by VDOT, and are their responsibility. Given the special standing of the Inn in the center of Middleburg's historic district, the Inn's and Town's desire to maintain the "look and feel" of the historic site, and a general desire to avoid replacing the steps with an unsightly ramp, Schiro initiated discussions among all the key stakeholders. As of this month's Town Council meeting, no resolution had been reached, but, according to Schiro, talks were progressing nicely.

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A lot has changed during the past 30 years as Tri-County Feeds, Etc., has grown and expanded significantly. One thing remains the same—exceptional customer service continues to be the cornerstone of Tri-County Feeds, Etc.'s business. "We are dedicated to providing the very best service. We offer the products our customers need with the outstanding service they deserve,"

said Bill Jackson, president of Tri-County Feeds, Etc. "We are very grateful to our loyal customers who have made the past 30 years possible," he continued.

Bill Jackson began the business delivering bedding from a garage in 1978. It has evolved into a complete equine, farm, and companion animal shopping destination. In addition to feed, hay, bedding, and supplements,

Tri-County Feeds, Etc.'s new store, located at 7408 John Marshall Highway in Marshall, VA, now offers: English and Western Tack, Riding and Casual Attire, Horse and Pet Products, Footwear and Accessories, Jewelry, Artwork, and Leather Goods, Unique Gifts and Home Decor. New product lines continue

to be added to address the needs and desires of Tri-County Feeds, Etc.'s customers and the latest developments in the marketplace. "If we don't have exactly what you need, we can usually order it for you and are happy to do so," commented Jeri Noel Jackson, vice president. "If you haven't been in to the new store lately, we invite you to stop by and see all we have to offer," she added.

When asked what his vision is for Tri-County Feeds, Etc.'s next 30 years, Bill Jackson smiled and said, "Providing our customers with everything they need with a level of customer service that can't be matched anywhere and continuing to be actively involved in this great community in which we live." Tri-County Feeds, Etc. is open seven days a week and can be reached at 540-364-1891.

DERBYCROSS™ ANNOUNCES NEW HOME & NEW DATE

POPULAR NEW HORSE SPORT MAKES A MOVE TO MORVEN PARK

DerbyCross™, an innovative new equestrian sport, combines the speed and accuracy of show jumping with the bravery and endurance of cross country jumping. This year's DerbyCross™ event will be held at 3:00pm on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at Morven Park International Equestrian Center in Leesburg, VA, a marketing and media

company. "Here's how it works," says Howard, Equestrian Director for The Fork Stables, in Norwood, NC. "The course is a strategically designed combination of cross country questions such as ditches, logs and water, and show jumps. It will ask the horses to be brave over cross country fences and then careful over the show jumps, against the clock." The organizers are raising the total number of teams to seven this year—all vie for the top prize. Riders will incur four penalty points per dropped rail, four per fall at a fence and four per fall. The team with the fastest time and the lowest number of penalty points wins.

And, there's a twist. Each team must include one show jumper! The cross country section of the course will be easier for these team members and will drop to the Training level maximum height of 3'3", but the show jump section will go up. Way up. From 3'9" maximum height for the eventers to 4'6" (Level 7) for the show jumpers.



Riders currently scheduled to compete in this year's competition are: Stephen Bradley (US Olympian, finished 2 horses in the top 10 at Rolex CCI this year), Allison Springer (top US event rider - finished 13th at Rolex CCI this year), Sharon White (top US event rider; won the CIC at Bromont 2008), Pato Muenke (show jumper), Will Coleman (North American Young Rider Champion; top competitor internationally), Nate Chambers (top US Young Rider), Ashley Kehoe (top US Young Rider), and "We are excited about

this change of format," says event co-founder, Sinead Halpin. "We tried it out this way for the DerbyCross we ran last winter in Ocala and it was a huge hit with the crowd so we thought we'd try it again for this summer's event."

There is a lot of excitement around the change of venue as well. "We are so pleased to be able to hold the event at Morven Park this year," states Voorhees. "We've really been greeted with open arms by the staff there and look forward to being able to provide such a fantastic setting for our spectators, sponsors and riders. It should be a great day."

Returning this year as MVP Sponsor is The Fork Stables in Norwood, NC. A welcome newcomer to the sponsor list is Tri-County Feeds, Etc., your complete shopping destination in Marshall, VA who will be coming on board as a Silver Sponsor.

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GOOSE CREEK DEFEATS GOLDEN ZEBRA 10-8

THE VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL POLO CLUB HOSTS A SUCCESSFUL 20-GOAL EXHIBITION MATCH



The Virginia International Polo Club hosted two of the nation's most accomplished polo players, Adam Snow and Owen Rinehart, in a 20-goal match that took place Friday, July 4, 2008. Snow and Rinehart joined the Goose Creek and Golden Zebra teams, respectively, to showcase the highest

level of polo Virginia has seen in recent years. The Goose Creek team, made up of Snow, Maureen Brennan, Martin Zegers and Cole Zegers, defeated Golden Zebra, consisting of Rinehart, Gonzalo Picci, Charles Muldoon and Jay Fetter, with a final score of 10 to 8.

Goose Creek took the early lead in the first chukker, scoring two goals to Golden Zebra's one goal. Goose Creek kept their momentum, holding Golden Zebra to one goal or less in the second, third and fourth chukker. Golden Zebra made an impressive rally in the fifth and sixth chukkers scoring a total of five points but their efforts were not enough to surpass

Goose Creek. Martin Zegers, playing the number 2 position for Goose Creek, accounted for five of the 10 goals during the match. Snow, who played the number 3 position, scored the remaining five points. Every member of Golden Zebra scored at least once during the match.

Snow was named the Most Valuable Player and received a beautiful piece of equestrian luggage from Oughton Limited. The Best Playing Pony was awarded to Stars and Stripes, owned by Jamie Vere Nicol of Charlottesville and played by Rinehart.

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JOSHUA'S HANDS AWARDS THREE SERVANT'S HEART SCHOLARSHIPS

Joshua's Hands was established in 1999 in memory of Joshua Guthrie, who was an enthusiastic community volunteer. Joshua's years of service were cut short by his death at the age of 16. Joshua's Hands seeks to continue to be his hands of service in the community and to encourage others to serve.

In addition to teen safe driving programs, an annual Fall Festival that is free to the community, food distribution programs and educational programming, the organization established A Servant's Heart Scholarship to reward Loudoun County seniors for community service. The scholarship is essay based and expanded this year to the potential of three scholarships annually.

The 2008 recipients are from varied backgrounds with diverse interests. Lindsey Smith (home schooled) will attend Mercurhurst College in the fall and has dedicated her life to service. Her essay about her experiences in Zambia, Peru, and even here in Loudoun County touched the judges' hearts. Her attitude is summed up in her T-shirt that says, "How do you live? I live to make a difference."

Susan Gretzkowski (Potomac Falls High School) will attend the College of William and Mary in the fall. Her essay spoke of the things she has learned through service: "...control, discipline, and commitment not through selfish and direct conquest but through the often silent and meek means of servant leadership."

Greg Escobar (home schooled) captured the future of service when he wrote, "My hope is that those I mentor will in turn develop a heart for service and become mentors themselves." He offered a peek into his own Servant's Heart when he wrote, "We may not become famous for our generosity or philanthropy. In the end, no one may remember our names, but they will remember the name of Him on whose behalf we serve: the Lord Jesus Christ. A true servant's heart chooses to serve for the glory of His name."

Joshua's Hands proudly announces a \$1000 scholarship to each of our three winners. For more information about the organization or its scholarship efforts, please visit the website: www.joshuasHands.org



SUSAN GRETZKOWSKI



GREG ESCOBAR



LINDSEY SMITH

MARGARET FLETCHER WINS 2008 LIBRARY BOARD SCHOLARSHIP



Mrs. Margaret Leigh Fletcher was the winner of the 2008 College Book Scholarship sponsored by the Middleburg Library Advisory Board. Board President Dennis Cotter presented a check for \$1,000 to Ms. Fletcher at the library on June 17th. Ms. Fletcher graduated from Loudoun Valley High School and is planning to attend Virginia Tech in the fall. The College Book Scholarship, which the Advisory Board raised substantially this year from \$400 to \$1,000, is intended to assist a graduating high school senior with textbook costs in his or her first year of college. The scholarship recognizes academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, community and volunteer service, and love of literature. It is restricted to applicants living in the catchment area of Middleburg Library.

Previous winners have been graduating seniors at the following high schools: Fauquier, Loudoun County, Loudoun Valley, Notre Dame, Paul VI, Thomas Jefferson, and Wakefield.

MIDDLEBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Middleburg Elementary School Class of 2008

Congratulations to the recent graduates of Middleburg Elementary. Members of Mrs. Turner's class of 2008 included:

Tristen Bartuski, Eve Gallegos, Aaron Holmes, Jose Burra-Mendoza, James Macleod, Calvin Milligan, Kate Sandberg, Taylor Saunders, Alexius Simms, Cole Smith, Caitlin Tabacka, Adam Tett, and Alison Tett.

Alexius Simms was awarded the DAR Outstanding Citizenship Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Simms. The Outstanding Art Award was presented to Kate Sandberg, and the Outstanding Music Award was presented to Eve Gallegos. Kate is the daughter of Mr. and

Keep Loudoun Beautiful Essay Winners

Congratulations to three Middleburg Elementary students who were chosen as Keep Loudoun Beautiful essay winners. First grader Mitchell Longstreem, Second Grader Emmanuel Barre-Mendoza, and third grader Noah Mamula were chosen as school winners. Mitchell Longstreem and Noah Mamula's essays were also chosen as two of the top ten essay winners in the county. Their essays detail ways in which they plan to keep Loudoun beautiful and ways to help the environment.

DO YOU WONDER IF YOUR CHILD IS LIVING UP TO HIS OR HER POTENTIAL IN SCHOOL?

Does your child report that he or she is not able to complete standardized tests within the time allocated? Are teachers reporting that your child is not able to keep up with class expectations in reading, writing, or mathematics? Has the school system decided to wait and see before testing your child? Or has it been a couple of years and you need more current and updated testing? Educational testing services are now available locally.

Suzie Muir, of Tochtman Muir Educational Consulting, provides educational diagnostic services for students. Evaluations determine whether ability and achievement are commensurate. Often parents wonder if their child is living up to his or her potential. Testing can help determine. Recommendations and accommodations are also provided. Typically clients include students, preschool through graduate school, who are struggling in school. Students may have been experiencing difficulty with following directions, reading (decoding, fluency, comprehension), staying

on task, writing, math (calculations or applications), oral expression, listening comprehension, short & long term retrieval, or hypersensitivity to touch or sound. Many students are seeking accommodations such as extended time from the College Board (including SAT, ACT, PSAT). In addition, parents often seek independent testing when the public school system fails to determine eligibility for student services. Parents do not wish for their children to fall further and further behind so they seek outside testing so that their child can be more immediately served. Students that have been referred include those with gaps in learning, gifted and talented, learning disabilities, and attention deficit disorder. Others are tested for private school admissions requirements including WISC-IV, WAIS-III, and WPPSI-III.

Parents, schools and pediatricians have been responsive to flexible scheduling, informative interpretation of results and speedy turn around. One parent from Fairfax County Public Schools shared "My

daughter was found eligible for Gifted and Talented Program upon appeal with Suzie's findings." A Prince William County parent said, "My son was found ineligible for special education services in middle school. Suzie's report prompted the school system to reconsider." A parent of a child enrolled in a local independent school emailed as a result of the extended time afforded on the school Board SAT. "He is truly a success story and a child who many would have thought had no learning issues whatsoever. This will make a tremendous difference in his college choices and his ability to make dreams come true both academically and on the athletic field. A parent of a local home-schooled student emailed, "Now that Suzie has identified specific gaps in my daughter's reading skills, we know not only what to target but have been suggested effective interventions." Another parent emailed, "My daughter was found eligible for a language waiver in high school. This is a great relief for her and means that she won't have to try to pass French I for the third time.

Surely this will allow her to focus energy on other subjects."

A mother emailed, "For years I have been worried that my daughter had dyslexia. She was initially slow to grasp reading plus her father was diagnosed at an early age. We are pleased and comforted that the evaluation results revealed our daughter is reading on age and grade level." Another parent stated, "Thank you for the list of tutors, therapists, and reading list. We didn't know where to begin and appreciate the direction."

Within the past year Suzie has tested students from across the Washington DC metropolitan area. These include the following independent schools: Highland, Hill, Notre Dame, Wakefield, Madeira, Flint Hill, Gonzaga, Potomac, McLean, Woodberry, Christ Church, Episcopal, Saint Andrew's Episcopal, Beaver, National Cathedral, Edmund Burke, Gonzaga, Georgetown Day and others. Public school students including Loudoun, Fairfax, Fauquier, District of Columbia, Prince William, Montgomery and Prince George's have been served. Clients have traveled

from Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Florida, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Suzie has experience including University teaching (including Colorado State University, George Mason University, and The George Washington University) as well as teaching in K-12 settings (both special and regular education in private and public sectors). Her perspective is that of an educator — not a psychologist — which strengthens the report. She works in collaboration with a psychologist during the interpretation and analysis of the data and both sign off on the reports. Suzie grew up and went to school in the Middleburg area and lives with her husband and four small children in town.

Both weekday and weekend appointments are available. Please contact for further information about services, fees, and scheduling. Dr. Suzie Muir, Tochtman Muir Educational Consulting, 5 North Hamilton, Middleburg, Virginia 540-687-5616, smuir@va.gwu.edu.

Congratulations Wakefield Class of 2008

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MIDDLEBURG AREA STUDENTS HONORED AT FOXCROFT'S 94TH COMMENCEMENT

A dozen Middleburg-area students - including the class valedictorian, the top athlete, best rider, class speaker and winner of the School's most prestigious award - were among the 42 members of the Class of 2008 that graduated May 23 at Foxcroft School's 94th Commencement, held in Miss Charlotte's Garden on the School's campus.

The Class of 2008, which includes young women from nine states, six foreign countries and the District of Columbia, is an accomplished one, having received 125 acceptances to 80 colleges and universities, including Duke, the University of Virginia, Michigan State, William & Mary, New York University, the University of Southern California and Johns Hopkins.

Local graduates include Adrienne Teeley and Catherine York of Upperville; Michael Babus, Chelsy Coil, Sallie Dumont, Kara McCandless and Ainsley Treptow of Middleburg; Railey

Cooley of The Plains, Rachel Livermore of Aldie, Elizabeth Mann of Hamilton, Emma Meyer of Berryville, and Hannah Smith of Boyce.



lights, an a cappella singing group as well as a member of the Interim Committee, the Athletic Association and the JV field hockey, which she captained. She is the daughter of Valerie File of Upperville and Peter Teeley of Bethesda, MD, and plans to attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Teeley received the Charlotte Haxall Noland Award for best combining the qualities that Foxcroft's founder valued: high purpose, leadership, integrity, accomplishments and understanding. Teeley also took home the Hilary Somers Deely Drama Award and a Parent Association Award for her efforts on behalf of the senior class. She was senior class co-president and head of the Drama Club and Afternoon De-

Coil, who has an athletic scholarship to play field hockey at Michigan State next year, received the "Best Older Girl" Athletic Award and a Twelve Varsity Letter Prize for having played three varsity sports in each of her four years at Foxcroft. She was named 2007 All-Loudoun County Player of

the Year in field hockey by the Washington Post, and earned All-Met and All-Independent School League honors several times. In addition, she was the varsity basketball team's Most Valuable Player as a senior and was the lacrosse team's fourth-leading scorer this spring - and captained all three teams. The daughter of Bruce and Nan Coil of Middleburg, Chelsy also was Head of the Athletic Association and Octet, a student a cappella singing group and a member of the Foxcroft Riding Team that earned the Reserve Championship of the Tri-state Equestrian League.

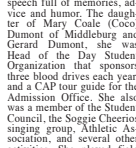
Livermore collected the largest and oldest award that Foxcroft presents: "Miss Charlotte's Trophy for Best Rider." A nationally-ranked eventer, Livermore also captained the Riding Team, competing in equitation, horse trials and jumpers competitions for Foxcroft, and was Head of Whipper-In, a select riding club. Livermore, who will attend James Madison University in the fall, also served as editor-in-chief of



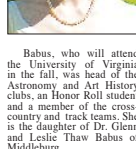
the yearbook and participated in the Soggie Cheerios singing group. She is the daughter of Lucia DiBenedetto Livermore of Aldie and David Livermore.



Dumont was the Senior Class's choice to speak at graduation and gave a lively speech full of memories, advice and humor. The daughter of Mary Coale (Coco) Dumont of Middleburg and Gerard Dumont, she was Head of the Day Student Organization that sponsors three blood drives each year, and a CAP tour guide for the Admission Office. She also was a member of the Student Council, the Soggie Cheerios singing group, Athletic Association, and several other activities. She played field hockey and lacrosse, serving as captain of the JV lacrosse team as a junior.



The daughter of Roy and Sally Mann of Hamilton, Lizzy Mann will attend Washington & Lee University this fall. She served as a CAP tour guide, a dormitory leader, and as prefect of the Old Girl/New Girl initiative and was a member of the Art Club, the Athletic Association and several of Foxcroft's clubs that help those in need. In addition, she played varsity soccer, field hockey and tennis.

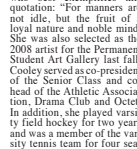


McCandless was a member of the School's High Honor Roll in all four of semesters she attended Foxcroft. A standout rider, she was a member of the School's equestrian and eventing teams, as well as Whippers-In. In addition, she was a dormitory leader, co-head of the Middleburg Humane Volunteers and a member of the Soggie Cheerios and the varsity tennis team.

Babus, who will attend the University of Virginia in the fall, was head of the Astronomy and Art History clubs, an Honor Roll student and a member of the cross-country and track teams. She is the daughter of Dr. Glenn and Leslie Thaw Babus of Middleburg.



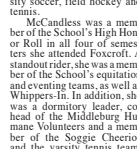
Cooley received the Studio Art Award and the Ida Lee Applegate Award, which is presented by Foxcroft's Board of Trustees to the girl who best exemplifies this quotation: "For numbers are not idle, but the fruit of a loyal nature and noble mind." She was also selected as the 2008 artist for the Permanent Student Art Gallery last fall. Cooley served as co-president of the Senior Class and co-head of the Athletic Association, Drama Club and Octet. In addition, she played varsity field hockey for two years and was a member of the varsity tennis team for four seasons. She is the daughter of Polly Cooley of Charleston, SC, and The Plains, and Andrew Cooley of Charleston, SC, and plans to attend the College of Charleston.



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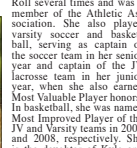
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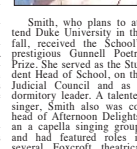
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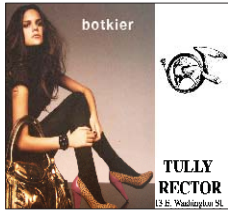
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

LIFE IN THE POND FROM 10:00 TO 11:30 AM
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DUSK WALK FROM 8:00 TO 9:30 PM

LOOK FOR DAYTIME WILDLIFE AS IT GETS READY FOR BED AND LISTEN TO THE EVENING CHORUS AFTER THE SUN SETS. WEAR STURDY SHOES, SOCKS, LONG PANTS, AND BRING BUG SPRAY FOR THIS EAST ONE-MILE HIKE ON BREAKMAN'S HILL TRAIL. MEET AT THE BRIDGE TRAIL PARKING LOT ON THE EAST SIDE OF ROUTE 17.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

CELTIC MUSIC FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM
JOIN MUSIC DUO CELTIC HEIR AS THEY CELEBRATE THE SCOTTISH-IRISH HERITAGE OF THE CROOKED RUN VALLEY.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

WILDFLOWER WALK FROM 10:00 TO 11:30 AM
GET SET! CAMP COOKING FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON
INTERESTED IN CAMPING? LEARN HOW TO USE A CAMP STOVE AND AN OPEN FIRE TO COOK YOUR CAMP MEALS. ENJOY YOUR CAMP-COOKED LUNCH! CALL THE PARK FOR A LIST OF WHAT TO BRING.

OWLS OF VIRGINIA FROM 4:30 TO 6:45 PM

JOIN KENT KNOWLES FROM THE RAPTOR CONSERVATORY OF VIRGINIA FOR A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME OF THE RAPTORS FOUND IN THE AREA. THEN, DISSECT THE PELLETS OF OWLS TO DISCOVER WHAT THEY EAT. FEE \$2.00/PERSON

OWL PROWL FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

HIRE UP THE SOUTHER RIDGE TRAIL IN SEARCH OF THESE NOCTURNAL HUNTERS. WRAP UP THE EVENING BY TRYING TO FIND AN ELUSIVE "OWL" IN A UNIQUE NOCTURNAL GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

MUSIC ON THE PORCH FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM
JOIN GUITAR AND FIDDLE DUO, KITCHEN GORILLA, AS THEY PERFORM NORTH AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN FOLK TUNES ON THE PORCH OF THE LOW WASH.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

FLUTTER BY, BUTTERFLY FROM 10:00 AM TO NOON
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LIFE ON THE FARM: FISH AND PRESERVED FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM
JOIN OUR VOLUNTEERS AS THEY DEMONSTRATE HOW TO PRESERVE FOODS THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY.

FULL MOON WALK FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

WATCH THE FULL MOON FROM THE PINEBERRY OVERLOOK. TAKE IN THE BEAUTY OF THE CROOKED RUN VALLEY AND LISTEN FOR EVENING WILDLIFE, AS YOU LEARN ABOUT THE "CROOKED RUN" WILDLIFE AND WEAR STURDY SHOES. (1.5 MILES, MODERATE)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

ORIENTEERING: THE NEXT STEP FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM
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ASTRONOMY FOR EVERYONE FROM 7:45 TO 11:00 PM
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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

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JOIN VOLUNTEERS BLISS AND JONAS AS THEY SHARE STORIES AND SONGS OF THE PERIOD AND DISCUSS THE REASONS AND CONSEQUENCES.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

MORE TOYS AND GAMES FROM 1:00 TO 4:00 PM
HOW DID CHILDREN HAVE FUN 100 YEARS AGO WITHOUT VIDEO GAMES? PLAY WITH SOME OLD-TIME TOYS AND LEARN ABOUT SOME FAVORITE CHILDREN'S GAMES THAT HAVE ROOTS FROM LONG AGO. ALL AGES WELCOME.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

CELTIC MUSIC AT "BRYCE FARM" FROM 2:00 TO 4:00 PM
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I always knew I was man's best friend, but it turns out that friendship is just the beginning! It seems that dogs often have a very positive impact on the health of our people. Some of the reasons for this are easy to understand, but others are very interesting and complex. Among the common sense reasons why we promote health in people is the fact that pet owners who take daily walks with their companions reap the benefits of exercise. It also makes sense that pet owners often have social experiences related to pets. We can make people seem friendlier and more approachable. Finally, it stands to reason that having a four-legged friend is a terrific mood elevator. It's hard for anyone to be unhappy while looking into our big eyes or holding a wiggling ball of fur!

It surprised me, however, to learn that we can actually help to control human blood pressure. In fact, studies show that living with a dog is sometimes as effective or even more effective than medication when it comes to keeping blood pressure in check. One UCLA study even revealed that heart failure patients had better heart function after a bedside visit from a dog. To take the phenomenon even further, according to U.S. News and World Report, pet owners are more likely to survive a heart attack than non-pet owners. The same U.S. News article stated that pet visits can increase endorphins, the body's painkillers, and decrease cortisol, which causes

stress. Numerous other studies prove that having an animal companion significantly improves depression, even in severely depressed people. Additionally, we often make wonderful therapy assistants, helping out in nursing homes, hospitals, and aiding those with disabilities. Many of us can even be trained to warn of oncoming seizures, while some of us can learn to "sniff" out disease before it is diagnosed.

We're also very good at helping people who are perfectly healthy. We have limitless unconditional love, we are patient "listeners", and we're never too busy to give you our time. In fact, many people report that in some stressful situations, our company is preferable to that of other people. Given all of this uplifting news, I have to wonder if people and dogs have only just begun to realize what a special relationship we have. Who knows what future research will tell us about the bond we share? I look forward to what the future holds, but for now, I'm just happy to know how truly important we are to the people who love us.

So give your dog a great big hug. It's good for your health!

Albert, a Jack Russell Terrier, is Chairman of the Board of Wylie Wag, a shop for dogs, cats, and their people, in Middleburg, Fairfax and Tysons. Email him at albertspawpals@gmail.com.



Goodbye Mystery

By Lisa L. Lohmeyer



We found him in a New Hampshire Mill
 A Golden Retriever, Coby, fluffy and playing with a ball
 My brother and I with a guard over when he'd be
 We returned, in the back of our minds thinking, "well one"
 He traveled in CA in style and visited us frequently
 When I longed for him, he arrived up staying with us for good
 My brother loved him but he knew not as much as we could
 Mystery was his name and his behavior the same
 Always trying to get his head in front for a pat,
 He whined and talked in his own way and always, always did that.
 We had Bentley, he was cute.
 Big Golden Retriever rescued from a puppy farm. That Mystery was mine.
 And made it a point to follow me all the time.
 He took to Pishow and could catch them with the goats.
 Making a leaping grab and would lay down and roll on it as if to say "it's mine - no mistakes"
 I'd get home from work and would be there at the bottom of that stairs at the garage door
 Tail a wagging, talking up a storm, I guess saying he's home! The house I share
 But towards the end when his legs gave out he couldn't climb them anymore
 You see, cancer got in his stomach and belly
 In the end it turned his insides into a kind of jelly
 But in life, he was a lover, a Casanova in the house
 All the neighbor's dogs, Coby, Bentley, Maggie would all visit and know where they stood
 The sled on the hill I guess was his local designation
 But he had his quirk and they would make us giggle in unmitigated
 He wouldn't walk on shiny floors. But with his runs he had the necessary ability to open doors
 In the fall, he liked to jump on the tops of pumpkins as an annual rite
 It could make a jack-o-lantern look quite a fright
 And he'd hide his Pishows in our yard
 Now, each time I see one, it's very hard
 He was a gentleman to all who visited our home
 As he waits you out our every room
 He'd stay close to our house and never run away, not even for a day
 He loved his house. He was great that way
 He loved his brother, all these
 That made sure he was always the last to go
 At times he'd interrupt my work and push me to play
 And I would scuff and push him away
 But what I wouldn't give for one more walk
 Or a just to sit and hear him talk
 He'd stare at me at night and put his paw on my hand as if to say
 "I got your back, no one getting in here - no way"
 I guess people may think I'm a little whacked
 Grieving so much for Mystery. Maybe I am cracked
 Spending days in a fog, inconsolable for a old dog
 But I tell you now, love them, hug them, and treat them well
 For few things in life give love unconditional
 For when their spirit goes, their essence is gone as well
 And all you can do is sit, remember and hope them well tell
 He went with my wife and I in his eyes and a Pishow under his paw
 That to do it I couldn't bear another day of suffering or to see one more fall.
 I wrote these words in an effort to heal myself, and maybe forget
 But it's for Mystery and my soul says "No not yet."
 May he live on in our memories in our hearts
 And I know they miss him every Saturday at the Farmers market
 Now my best friend is gone and those words appear like a old song
 Goodbye Mystery, You loved me well

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**Dakota
Middleburg Virginia**
Dakota consists of 85 private acres of open and rolling fields surrounded by
Middletown. Though only about 30 years old the farmhouse and main
house exhibit quality from the past featuring a reclaimed timber barn con-
verted into a massive family room overlooking two expansive ponds.
Well-designed home includes an impeccable custom kitchen, master
suite, lovely first floor master suite and 4 bedrooms. Additional finished
space below includes the media room, hot exercise facility and generous
storage. 3-car garage, in-law suite, 3-sail barn and generator. \$5,500,000.



**Oakfield
Upperville Virginia**
Just one of the village of Upperville, the property consists of 86 acres
of open and forested land with two sprawling ponds. The main house
is a rustic structure of extraordinary resources which has recently been
impeccably renovated to include a gourmet kitchen and pantry, a
generous first floor master suite and four additional bedrooms. The
home is bound by mature perennial gardens, scenic walks, streams
and panoramic views of the Blue Ridge and Bull Run Mountains.
Property includes a terrace house and stable. \$5,600,000.



**Firethorn Lane
The Plains Virginia**
Very special 2 acre property in the sought-after location
between Middleburg and The Plains. The main house has
been expanded and completely renovated including the new
master suite and two other generous bedrooms, a large
gourmet kitchen, lovely dining room, wrap-around porch, a
charming guest house, gardens and swimming pool. Great western
views from the elevated site. \$1,395,000.



**Longfield
Middleburg Virginia**
Built in 1986, scenic home with slate and metal roof, 4
bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, hardwood floors, and
near flagstone terrace, new heated pool and cabana, and
5-car garage. 96.75 gently rolling, mostly open acres with
mountain views. \$3,900,000.



**Creek Ridge
Middleburg Virginia**
French Country home built in 2007 on 25 mostly wooded
acres with frontage on Goose Creek and mountain views.
7,000 sq. ft., brick exterior, 6 bedrooms, 5 1/2 baths, top of
the line finishes, exotic cherry floors on main level, gourmet
kitchen, large rooms and 4-car garage. Perfect for enter-
taining. \$2,400,000.



**Old Oaks
Leesburg Virginia**
Classic Virginia home on 8.75 acres, minutes from
Leesburg and Greenway Home circa 1880 has been
completely renovated and shows beautifully. Great woodwork
and detail. 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage, lovely
formal hardwood gardens and guest house. Beautiful setting
\$1,950,000.



**Melmore
Middleburg Virginia**
Classic Williamsburg Colonial on 4+ acres in Middleburg
adjacent to a conservation parcel. There is a large back
yard overlooking the dock and spring fed pond. 4 bedrooms,
master bedroom has two separate baths, there are 3
fireplaces, hardwood floors and a finished lower level.
Lovely traditional home close to town. \$995,000.



**Foggy Bottom Road
Blumont Virginia**
Brick and siding colonial on 10 private acres, wonderful
mountain views, hard surfaced driveway to house 4 bedrooms,
4 1/2 baths, 3 fireplaces, 9 ft. ceilings, rear deck, balcony
off master bedroom, huge rec room in basement, attached
3-car garage, wonderful family home. \$699,000.



**East Marshall Street
Middleburg Virginia**
Gracious, well-maintained home in private, Middleburg
in-town location. Walk to shops and restaurants. Built
2002. Small, easily maintained, fenced yard, deck, rear
patio. Gourmet kitchen. Five bedrooms, four full baths, one
half bath, 10' ceilings on main level. One fireplace. 3,500+
square feet on four levels. Lower level could be an apt suite
or potential rental unit. \$674,000.

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